ington. He cut his throat with a razon Comptroller Tracewell decided the claim of Swift & Co. for beef furnished to the army

at Ponce to be lust. Judge Parnell, in Raleigh, N. C., refused to grant an injunction to prevent the con-solidation of the various lines of the Seaboard Air Line, and immediately after the consolidation was effected.

The Eastern Furniture Manufacturers' Association met in Philadelphia, and decid-d to advance prices ten per cent, on certain

Dr. Edward H. Williams, senior partner of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, died at Santa Barbara, Cal. Adjutant General Case, of Michigan, re-

fused to comply with Governor Pingree's demand for his resignation. A seven-story apartment bouse, owned by

stroyed by fire. John Branch fell into a vat containing potting water at the Shotwell Tannery, in Manchester, Virginia.

Morris Mandelstein, in New York, was du

F. M. Etheridge, a prominet lawyer at Dallas, Texas, killed Edwin O. Harrell, auother lawyer.

A strike began at the Park and Oxford collieries, near Scranton, Pa. Chairman Mark A. Hanna, of the National Committee, has issued the formal call for the assembling of the National Republican Con

vention in Philadelphia on June 19th, Senator Hoar introduced a resolution de fining his interpretation of the American policy in reference to the Spanish Islands now under American dominion

Leading officers of the army have united in an appeal for funds with which to lift the mortgage on the home of the late General Lawton, in California.

Chairman Burton, of House River and Harbor Committee, announces that there will be no river and harbor bill at this session of

The Secretary of Agriculture has ordered quarantine against cattle affected with Southern fever.

The President sent to the Senate the treaty negotiated by the powers at The Hague las

Mrs. Sanderson testified in her own defense in Marshall, Mich., denying the story that she fed ground glass to her husband. The main building of Buchtel College, in

Akron, O., including all the laboratories, was destroyed by fire. The yellow fever hospital at Santiago was destroyed by a fire that was probably of in-

cendiary origin. Samuel Gompers was unanimously reelected president of the American Federation

M. J. Meagher, an elephant trainer, was

killed by an elephant at Sellersville, Oh President H. C. Simmons, of Fargo Col-lege, dropped dead in Fargo, N. D. The Masonic Temple in Richmond, Va., a

handsome building, will, it is said, have to be sold for debt. The Grand Lodge will likely become the purchaser. Dr. James L. Angeli said that but for the

Monroe Doctrine the European powers would be dividing up South America as they are partitioning Chica. The steamer City of Kansas was burned to the water's edge while lying at her wharf at New Madrid, Mo. The passengers had a

The Federation of Labor decided to return to the system of assessing all members of trades unions for the purpose of aiding

strikers. Dr. S. M. Jenkins, accused of malpraetice, was killed in court by Hugh Wheat, the brother of an alleged victim.

Fowllowing the news of the failure of the New York Produce Exchange Trust Com pany in New York, there was a wild panie on the New York Stock Exchange, money going up to 125 per cent, until the clearing-house came to the relief of the situation by lending ten millions at six per cent.

The Pennsylvania Ballroad's plan for pensioning aged employes will be put in effect January 1, 1900. There will be 950 employes retired and pensioned on that date.

The committee of the National Republican Committee was well pleased with the Auditorium in Philadelphia, where the Republican Convention will be held. Henry Weller pleaded guilty of murder in

the second degree in Somerset, Pa. The Broadway National Bank, of Boston was so involved in the failure of the John P. Squire Company that It was obliged to clo

its doors, and the bank examiner was appointed receiver. There was a bad railroad wreck on the Northern Pacific near Lewiston, Idaho, in which two engineers were killed and other

members of the train crows fatally injured. Mrs. Alice Throc morton was arrested in Richmond on the charge, preferred by her ousin, Mrs. Hill, of forgery.

Mrs. Jacob Hendrickson, of Woodbury, N. J., received a fetter from her sailor husband, whom she had mourned as dead. At Moorefield W. Va. Lemuel Kohne was sentenced to life imprisonment for the mur-

der of John Sager. Unrequirted love led Joseph Ripker, of Charleston, W. Va., to commit suicide at Middletown, Va.

The debate to the House of Represe tatives on the Currency bill closed with dra-matic incidents. Some of the Democrats themselves objected to unanimous consent ro Lill proposed v the Democrats.

The Sepate Committee on Privileges and ections heard arguments for and against the seating of Senator Quay, of Pennsyl-

Pire caused a loss of \$8,000 at the Washington Industrial Home School, on the Ten-No insurance.

William Euclid Young, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, who was expelled, sued for \$200,000 damage

Waleback barge No. 115, with a crew of nine men, went down in the storm on Lake Three small children of Samuel Reynolds.

of Nicholasville, Ky., were burned to doub. Mrs. Mary Smith, an aged widow, was burned to death at her home, near Hanover, Pa.

Former Congressman James Nelson Pidcock died at his home, in White House, N. J. Oliver Dean, of Wilmington, took two

boxes of Rough on Rats and died. Chief of Police Murphy was killed by a burgiar in Fargo, N. D.

Builroads, both east and west of Chicago, are contempiating a general advance of fre 20 to 40 per cent, in freight rates. The retail price of many articles will be raised in

The steamer Arthur Orr, which was supposed to be on the rocks in Lake Huron, has been found at anchor, badly damaged by the storm. No lives were lost,

A fireman was killed and two other men injured in a fire that destroyed the Duluth Boot and Shoe Company's factory, at Du-

inth. Minn of Geistweit, accused in Lebanon, Pa., of wife murder, was acquitted, on the pien

The centenary of the death of George Washington was observed at various acthroughout the country. The most and or ste ceremonies were held, under Muson auspices, at the tamb of Washington, at Mr. Vernon, where President McKinley delivere the cration. Benator Dopew was the orator at the exercises in Washington. There were also inspiring exercises at Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, and in New York.

GLOOM IN ENGLAND.

NO JOY OF CHRISTMASTIDE IN MANY

LONDON WITHOUT NEWS. Friends and Relatives of the Soldiers and

Others in the Besteged Towns Nearly Worn Out with Suspense-Feurs That They Have Heen Reduced to the Point of Starration. London, (By Cable,) - England continues shrouded in gloom. There is mourning in

hundreds of homes, and suspense and anxiety in thousands of others. The holiday eason makes the burden of grief in the stricken homes all the harder to bear, when contrasted with the joyful festivals of the past, when fathers, sons and brothers, now dead or wounded, were near their loved ones. It was a sad, instead of a merry, Christmas in Old England.

The suppression of news by the authori-ties makes the anxiety barder to bear. No news is now taken to mean bad news. The War Office received a number of despatches. The fact that they are not made public shows, from the experience of the last few weeks. that the news contains nothing encouraging for the British arms.

As day after day passes and the Boers maintain their siege of Ludy enith, Mafeking and Kimberley, it is obvious that the situation of the beleaguered garrisons and residents must be getting worse. The suspense of the people who have friends and relatives in those places is terrible, and many women and not a few men have been made ill by the strain. A week ago the commanding officers in the besieged garrisons reported that soldiers, residents and refugees bad been put on half rations.

The War Office has received the following from General Forestler-Walker, the British Commander at Cape Town.

"Cape Town.—Methuen wires that he has received a rude reply from General Cronje respecting his representations as to Lieuten-aut Chandos-Role-Gell, saying that this officer is regarded as a spy. General Cronje also states he will hold no further communiation with Methuen."

That the Basutos can no longer be held in ck is becoming apparent to the British authorities. The chiefs, as well as their fol-lowers, have lost confidence in the British. Boor successors are baying effect upon them. Bloodshed is arousing savage instincts. bellion among the blacks, as wel as the whites, is spreading. Once aroused, blacks will likely attack, rob and marder both Boers and British.

BRINGING HOME MAINE DEAD.

Battleship Texas Leaves Havana with Bodies of 151 Victims.

Havana, (social.)-The removal of the dead of the Maine was not accompanied by any erromonies over the bodies as, newly offined, they were piaced in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until all was com

At 10 o'clock 20 wagons formed a procession carrying 151 coffins to the Machina Wharf, passing through unfrequented streets. The bodies reached the wharf at 11,30 o'clock under a strong guard from the buttleship Texas, were placed aboard two seam lighters before daylight, and were taken to the warship at 6 A. M. All the sodies were thoroughly disinfected.

A difference was found between the num ber of coffins entered on Chaplain Chidwick's ist, which was 151, and the actual number of coffins exhumed. Search was made through all the 22 graves in which the coffins were buried, but the missing three were not found. Father Chidwick said the differmee could be explained by a clerical error at the time of interring, as he was very busy at the wharf, giving instructions and identifying the bodies, and could not superintend very detail. It was also quite possible that after ordering portions of two different bodes to be placed in different coffins they had carelessly been put into one coffin. It was a'so impossible for Father Chidwick superintend the actual piscing of all the necessitated by the decomposition of the bodies. He adds that the list gives two bodthe decomposition of the

es as unnecounted for.

The superintendent of the cemetery, who buried the bodies, says that owing to all the remains not being buried the same day it is quite possible that a mistake was made in unting. He was certain no bodies were lost. Captain Green also says he does not believe any bodies went astray.

Persons who were desirous of photograph-

ing the proceeding at the cemetery were not allowed to do so. The work was conducted quietly and decorously, under the directions of Father Chidwick. The old coffins were carried away and burned.

BULLER LOST LITT MEN.

Revised Total of Killed. Wounded and

Missing at Colenso.

London, (By Cable.)—General Buller's revised list of losses at Coleuso, just published shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded I'wo hundred and twenty-seven are reported missing, and of these about 40 are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This nakes a total larger than General Buller's original estimate.

Royal letters, signed by the Queen, are bing circulated by the Archbishop to the Bishops of the Anglican dioceses, author-izing a collection in the churches throughout England on January 7 to aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

The Admiralty has decided to dispatch mother naval brigade of 700 men to South Africa.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michae Hicks-Beach, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the Cabinet

regarding war expenditure. Raised the German Flag. Washington, (Special,)—The following statement is made by the official German

authorities here: "A press telegram of the 13th instant, from Apin, via Auckland, reports that the German consul in Apia has solemnly proclaimed the pending annexation of Upolu and Savail by Germany to a number of Samoan chiefs on board the German man-of-war, and the t

on the Supreme Court. F. M. Etheridge, of Dallas, Texas, Kitts E. O. Harrell.

on the same day he beisted the German flag

Datias, Texas, (Special.) - F. M. Etheridge, a prominent lawyer in this city, shot Attor-ney Edwin O. Harrell, who is equally well known, four times in a crowded elevator in the North Texas Building, Harrell died later at his home.

Harrell had a pistol half cocked in his hand as he felt in the lobby in front of the levator shaft. Etheridge is in custody. The men were employed as counsel on opposite sides in litigation involving cotton mill property and quarreled concerning pro-

Mormons in South Carolina.

Charleston, S. C., (Special.)-Mormon elders, two at a time, seven years ago, began to visit the great swamp section of this state, and made many converts among the Esptist backwoodsmen near Ridgeland. They now have so large a following that they have established a church, at which eight Mormon elders were at work severa weeks ago. The delegation to the state legslature has been asked by the orthodox peo ple of Hampton county to work for a law to attreate the ciders, and say that "prompt legislation may save them from having the mob violence that some sister states have lately had in trying to rid themselves these disgraceful parasites."

FAME THE ONLY LEGACY.

General Lawton Diet a Poor Man-A Mortgage on His Modest Rome. Washington, (Special,)-General Lawton a poor man, although but youd his circle of immediate friends knew of the small pecuniary return that had con to him from his life work in behalf of his country; therefore, some of these friends have thought proper now to come to the aid of his family, as is shown by the following statement, addressed to the American

Washington, D. C. Major General Henry W. Lawton, United States Volunteers, whose death occurred at Sau Mateo, Island of Luzon, on December 19, 1899, has left little but his good name as a legacy to his wilfe and children. A piece of property purchased by him as a home in California has a mortgage of half the pur-chase price still outstanding and unliquidated. The undersigned have voluntarily associated themselves together for the pur pose of raising funds to pay off the indebted-Contributions will be thankfully received by them, and be devoted to the object bereinabove set forth.

The aid of the newspapers of the country is requested.

Contributions will be received by any one of the following: H. C. CORBIN.

Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
JOHN F. WESTON,
Acting Commissary General, Washington.
WILLIAM LUDLOW.

Brigadier General, Havana, Cuba. WILLIAM R. SHAFTER, Major General, San Francisco, Cal.

Senator Fairbanks introduced a bill granting a pension of \$2,000 a year to the widow of General Lawton. Representative Landis, of Indiana, introduced a similar bill in the House. Mr.

Landis represents the district from which Lawton's first regiment was recruited. Mr. Landis desired to secure immediate consideration for the bill, and a request to this effect would have been made had not the rules imperatively required that the bill first go to the regular committee. Moreover, a bill of somewhat similar tenor has been introduced for pensioning the widow of the late Guy V. Henry, who was governor general of Porto Rico.

Senator Fairbanks saw the President lu regard to the return of General Lawton's body to the United States. The senator suggested that the funeral services be given something of a national character.

SUBMITS AMERICAN TREATY.

French Minister Says It is Advantageous

to His Country.

Paris, (By Cable,)—A bill submitting the Franco-American reciprocity treaty to the approval of the French Parliament was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies.

The Government, in an elaborate pream ble, makes a point of setting forth the kindly disposition of the American Government, which has enabled the negotiations to be brought to a successful conclusion.

The preamble goes on to explain that the treaty is the result of two years' work. It says that, while pressed to retaliate against the restrictions of the Dingley tariff, the Government deemed a resort to diplomacy preferable, in view of the "our traditio sympathies for the Republic of the United States and due consideration for our true economic interests. After pointing out that France under the

treaty obtains the unique concession of favored-nation tre tment, and describing this as "a peculiarly gracious concession, preamble compares the respective advantages gained by the contracting parties, saving: "Only 4 per cent, of American products, value of 25,000,000 francs (about #5,000,0 0) benefit, the American gain being 1,077,450

58 per cent. of French products, value 16,-940,000 francs (about @32,000,000) benefit, the French gain being 5,219,294 france (\$1,050, 00) and nally." After particularly calling attention to the important fact that the concessions obtained by France are exclusive and should tremer dously increase French exports, white, at the same time, the treaty is so arranged as

francs (about \$220, 00) annually, while of

to prevent an American invasion of Preach markets, the preamble concludes as follows: "The Government at the White House, in signing with us this treaty, have shown their desire to reserve to French commerce the at fruits of the tariff concessions which the Dingley bld authorized to be granted to for-

eign powers. 'This action gives the treaty a value it would be impossible to infounderstand and nakes this document a work which should draw closer at the same time the economic elations of the two peoples and the political amnities of the two Republics."

ELEPHANT KILLS TRAINER.

Suddenly Becomes Unruly and Pierces His Victim with His Tusk.

Columbus, O., (Special.) -M. J. Meagher, an elephant trainer, better known as "Patsy Forepaugh," was instantly killed by an ele phant at Sellsville. The elephant, known an 'Aid." has been in captivity for twenty yours, and was never regarded as vicious. steagher led the elephants into the training circle for their daily exercise, when "sid" became unruly, and the trainer jabbed the animal with his stick "Sid" became furious and hurled the trainer to the ground with his trunk. The elephant then fell on his victim, pierced Mengher's Lody with one of his tusks, on which was a brass ball six inches in diameter.

California's Golden Jubilee.

San Jose, Cal., (Special,).-The golden jubilee of the founding of California's goveroment was celebrated here. The chies feature of the proceedings was the repr. dection of the inauguration of Peter H. Bur nett, the first governor of the State. The part of Governor Barnett was taken by con, who read the original inaugural address delivered on that occasion.

Not a Relief Fund.

Washington, (Special,)—The Secretary of the Treasury has notified the Interior Department that the appropriations relating to Alaska, under the control of the Treasury, are so specific that they cannot be applied for the relief of Alaskan natives on Kodials Island, who are reported to be in destitute conditton.

Bods vof Maine Victims.

Washington, (Special.) -- Secretary Long called at the Waste House and informed the President that the bodies of the vi-time of the Maine disaster would proba ly reach Washington Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, for burial at Arlington. The President will attend the burial services, if nothing occurs to prevent.

War on "Rate Cutters." Chicago, (Special.)—Chicago druggists have joined hands with the National Association of Retail Dru trists in the war on jo!

bers who sell to

Defaulting Cashler Arrested. D's Moines, in., (Special.)—State Auditor Merriam received telegraphic advices that Jeremiah Kendrick, defaulting cashier of the Chizens' State Bank, had been captured to the East. Kendrick disappeared months ago, \$14,000 short in his eash, and his capture is through efforts of the Guaranty Surety Company of New York, Mr. Merrian is not informed where the capture was mad Kendrick will be brought to lown for trial.

Terrifle gales and snow storms swept the Western lakes. A blizzard swept over Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. In some parts of Minnesota milroad trains were snowed an.

LAWTON KILLED.

THE AMERICAN GENERAL WAS SHOT THROUGH THE BREAST.

WAS ON THE FIRING LINE.

He Laughed at Warnings a Moment B fore-At the Head of His Men-Defeat of the Insurgents at the Cost of the Life of the Commanding General-Grief in Washington.

Manila, (By Cable.) - Maj.-Gen. Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his He was shot in the breast and died troops.

General Lawton started from Manila with cavalry, under Captain Lockett, and battalions of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-seventh Infantry, under Lieutenant-Colonei Sargent, for the purpose of capturing San Mateo, where Geronomo was said to have 200 insurgents.

General Lawton, with the Thirty-fifth Infantry and four troops of the Fourth Cavalry, occupied San Miguel on December 11 without a fight. The insurgent commander, General Piodel

Pilar, who made his headquarters there with supposedly the largest force of insurgents north of Manila, was believed to have divided his men into scattered bands.

It was while pursuing one of these bands that General Lawton met his death. San Mateo is on the east bank of the San Mateo River, northeast of Maulia about 30 miles. It is on the road from Mariquina to Montalban, and is also connected by a road with San Jose.

THE REPORT CONFIRMED.

Confirmation of Lawton's Death Received from General Otis.

Washington, (Special.)-The War Department received the following official con firmation of the killing of General Lawton near san Mateo, Luzon

Manila-General Lawton, engaged in driving insurgents from San Mateo section of country, northeast of Manila, killed instantly. A great loss to us and his country. "OTIS.

General Lawton's death was a great shock to the officers of the War Department, to nearly all of whom he was known personally. Hitherto his tuck in battle had been marvel-He had been in hundreds of skirmishes and midnight attacks. He was regarded as a man of action and of spiendid courage, but was not considered reckless. He never exposed his men without due consideration of the risks and the stake. His men knew this, and would unhesitatingly follow his lead under what seemed to be the most desperate

The Indians came to know him as the most ctive, vigilant, wary and determined of foes, and his pursuit and capture of Geronimo, the famous Apache chi-ftain, has gone down to history as one of the most remark able campaigns ever undertaken with the small force in hand. General Miles picked out Lawton to lead the chase after the In-dian chief, and for three months, day and night, without a pause through all sorts of vicissitudes of weather and personal suffering, Lawton hung on the trail like a bloodhound till the game was run to earth, and for the first time in a quarter of a century Southeastern Arizona was pacified.

Secretary Root and the President each exed his profound grief at the confirmation of the report of the death of the gallant general,

SORROW IN WASHINGTON.

President Grieved at General Lawton's Death.

Washington, (Special,)—The President's first intimat on of the death of Gen, Lawton was given by the Associated Press. The despatch was sent to the White House while e Cabinet meeting was in progress, and was immediately sent into the Cabinet room where it was received with expressions of profound sorrow and regret. It was learned at the War Department that instructions had on received from the President to prepare General Lawton's ecomission as a brigadier general in the regular army.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S PAY.

He War Allowed Too Much Money While Acting as Rear Admiral

Washington, (Special,)-Mr. R. J. Tracewell, the comptroller of the treasury, has revised the action of the auditor for the Navy Department in the claim of Rear Admiral William T. Sampson for pay as rear admirst while performing the duties of that

grade In making the readjustment, Comptroller Tracowell finds that Rear Admiral Sampson was allowed \$549 too much by the auditor for the Navy Department in arriving at the differences in pay in the various grades which Admiral Sampson held.

The Comptroller holes that an officer of the navy nominated for advancement in number, in pursuance of section 1506, Revised Statutes, which advancement is not pucurred in by the senate, and who receives an ad interim appointment for such advancement while his case was pencing before the Senate, is not entitled to the pay of the grade to which it was proposed to promote

The Comptroller also holds that there is no law authorizing the payment of the pay of rear admiral, U. S. N., to an officer be that grade because he performs the duty and orded the rank of said grade

Spain's Gracieus Act.

Washington, (Special.-The Spanish government has undertaken to continue the payments, which it was pledged to make under the treaty of 1834, and the State Department has been notified that the governent at Madrid has drawn two drafts for the payment of the interest due on what are nown as the "perpetual rentes of 1834. These drafts cover the arrears of interest for the years 1898 and 1899, the payment having been suspended upon the outbreak right of the Spanish government under in ternational law to refuse to be bound by the treaty of 1834, and its action is regarded by the State Department as peculiarly gracious.

TOO PRIENDLY TO THE BRITISH.

Resolutions Asking Superintendent An drews, of Chicago Public Schools, to Resign. Chicago, (Special.)-Public advocacy of Great Britain's side in the South Afr'cau war by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of public schools in Chicago, was the cause of resolutions being introduced in the City

Council, calling for his resignation, or his immediate suspension and removal from his position by the Board of Education, should he ignore an invitation to step down. For a New Cable Line to Cuba. Washington, (Special.) -- Among the reso utions introduced in the Senate was one by Senator Stewart, authorizing the Commer-cial Cable Company to lay a cable between the United States and Cuba on the terms and conditions usual in such cases. The resolu-tion was referred to the Committee on Rein-

tions with Cuba, of which Senator Platt, of Connecticut, is chairman. Commonwealth's Attorney Onsted. Ronnoke, Va., (Special.)—Commonwealth's Attorney Edward Lyle, who was elected as state Senator, was ousted by the Roanoke City Council, and Everett Perkins was elected as his successor. The action of the City Council was based on the advice of City Solicitor Moomaw.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Captain Sigabee has arrived at Havana or

the battleship Texas to arrange for the re-moval of the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster to Washington.

Aguinaldo, in diaguise, accompanied by several of his generals, left Manitong. Ten thousand rifles, three field guns and quantities of ammunition, which the Cubans in the district of Holguin had secreted under

palmleaf blinds, were surrendered to the Americans. Governor General Brooke is indignant over reports representing him as having protested against the order of the President re

lieving him of the military governorship of Cuba. Eighteen hundred released Spanish pris

ners have been received in Manila, over two thousand more are on the way

General Young reported the killing of Gen Pilar, the destruction of Aguinaldo's body-guard, and the flight of the insurgent leader n disguise. He also reported the pursuit of Gen. Tino, who is taking American prisoners

MacArthur, at Bayambang, reported the capture of Mabini, the ablest of the insurgent leaders, and director of the insurrec

The province of Cagavan surrendered to Capt. McCalla, of the cruiser Newark.

Advices from Hong Kong, probably through the Pilipino Junta, state that the so-called Filipino government will be changed to a dictatorship; that a force of United States marines were defeated at Vigan, and that Manlia newspapers admit that General Lawon is missing. Manila advices, however, report General Lawton, at San Miguel.

General Otis reports that organized resistance no longer exists in Luzon, and that American troops are engaged in running down robber bands. Two thousand Spanish prisoners have been secured in Northern

Band of Filipino guerrlins are firing upon the army wagon trains, locting towns, cap-turing soldiers who leave their commands. and otherwise making life miserable for the

The Republicans have carried Ponce, Porto Rico, by 1,700 majority.

EMBERS IN KEG OF POWDER. A Kentuckian and His Three Children

Suffer a Peculiar Death. Louisa, Ky., (Special,)-At Alliance Post-Mee, Floyd county, Neison Hamilton was pouring out some powder from a keg, wher his four-year-old son picked up a small amount and tossed it into the fire. The explosion threw some embers into the pile of powder, and a terrifle explosion followed.

The father and little son and two older hildren who were in the room were knocked usensible. The ceiling was lifted from its place, the walls spread, and the upper part house came down and stopped about half way on the walls, thus fastening all the doors securely. When the oldest daughter regained consciousness sufficiently to realize that the house was in flames, she tried to open a door, but at once saw the hopeless ness of such an effort, and began to scream

A neighbor arrived in time to burst in door and get the tortured persons out, but they were so badly burned that all died within a few bours.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

In the Italian Chambers the resolution declaring that the national honor was compromised by the recall of the warships from China was defeated, Sir George Kirl, atrick died at Ottawa,

Premier Silvela, of Spain, says that Spain will, on no account, cede her African possessions, A cyclone did great damage at Mozam-

Canada.

bique, Portuguese East Africa. The Sultan has accepted Professor Rieder's educational plans, which indicates a great gain in German influence in Turkey,

Walter Hauser, Radical, of Zurieb, was lected President of Switzerland for 1900. Dr. Lieber caused a sensation in the Reich tag by criticizing the Emperor's speech at Hamburg. As the fate of the naval bill depends upon the Centrists, Dr. Lieber's remarks were very significant.

an address to the Chamber of Deputies, de clared that so far as China was concerned Italy did not want to enter upon the path of territorial occupation. Dr. Lieber, the Centrist lender in the Ger.

ter of foreign affairs, in

man Reichstag, was attacked by a crank as he entered the House, who struck him with his fist. The assailant was arrested. Count von Buelow, minister of foreign afairs, stated in the Reichstag that the Samoan agreement contained no secret of any kind, Five thousand people were killed in a evere earthquake that shocked the Japanese

coast and the islands adjacent during No vember. The British steamer St. Helens, Capt. Luckham, was wrecked on a rock in the

China Sea, and five of her crew were All the rivers in Germany are frozen over. and the temperature in Berlin was fifteen

legrees below zero. The Congress of Peru has approved the extradition treaty with the United States, The Colombian revolution is said to be

FIELD OF LABOR.

Indianapolis boss barbers want to raise the cale of prices so that the misimum charge for hair cutting can be uniformly 25 cents, as it once was, with 15 cents charge for Sun day shaving. The journeymen have been given to understand that a uniform increase of the hair-cutting scale will mean a corres-

ponding increase in the wage scale. In Michigan the wages in the woods range from \$26 to \$35 a month and board. have offered as high as #40, and it is thought that \$45 will be paid before spring. these prices help enough cannot be had. The copper and from miners are also clamoring for help. The result of this is that the laborer is quite independent, and if the price paid on the quality of board does not suit him he

If I were a delegate to the convention of that gigantic body politic, the American Federation of Labor, at Detroit, I would vote for the re-election of Samuel Gompers as president of the Federation. I would vote fo him at the election because I believe that he is an honest man. I would vote for him be cause he is a man of the largest experience as a labor leader. I cannot think of any other man who is his equal in this respect, would vote for him because he is a capital presiding officer. I would vote for him because he stands for progress in labor union-ism. I would vote for him because he is a strong and persuasive speaker at public meetings.-J. Swinton, in New York World.

Labor will receive quite a boom in Congrees during this session. Besides killing the trusts evils, Representatives Roberts and Lovering, of Massachusetts, will propo sendments to the Constitution which will give Congress the power to establish uniform ours of labor in the manufactories throughout the United States. Another bill, by ators Harris, of Kansas, and Clay, of Georgla, will be introduced which will give Con gress the power, if passed, to lay and collect noome taxes, thereby making the working-

man's taxes lighter. Rev. Dr. S. C. Smith, pastor of the Peo-ple's Church, at St. Paul, Minn., has made nother vigorous protest against women wage-earners, particularly in the factories.

NINE MEN DROWNED.

Whalebeck Barge Foundered on Lake Superior Rau Into a Fierce Gale and Broke Away From Her Tow.

Chicago, Ill., (Special.)—A dispatch from Sault Ste, Marie, Mich., to the Lake Marine News Bureau says:

Whaleback barge 115, which has been

missing on Lake Superior since Wednesday last, was given up for lost, with her crew of The steamer Colgate Hoyt, which had the

lost barge in tow, gave up the search for her and passed down through the locks bound for Lake Erie. The tug Vigilant, which was also searching for the 115, likewise gave While it is likely that the Whaleback Comany will send out its steamers from Duluth in a further search, the crew of the Hoyt

have no doubt but the barge went down in the great storm of Wednesday. The Hoyt Captain's Statement. "After starting out from the head of Lake Superior," said the captain of the Colgate Hoyt, "we ran into a furious cold northeast gale. For 40 hours we bucked into the seas, and finally we succeded in getting within 10 miles of Pick Island, where we got into com-

paratively smooth water, the wind being off "I then changed my course to the southward, running parallel with the shore in order to keep under its protection. I had been on this course for about an hour when, at five minutes to six o'clock, Wednesday morning, I went in to breakfast. At that time I saw the lights on the barge all right. Five minutes inter I was told that the tow ine had parted, and No. 115 was drifting out

into the lake. "I immediately put the Hoyt about, and for four hours I zigzagged back and forth over the course, but not a thing could I see of the barge. I kept up the scarch until dark, when I ran down to Whitefish Point, There I met Captain Smith, agent of the whaleback fleet at the Soo, who was on the tug Vigilant. The two of them joined in

"We kept at it until the weather proved too much for us, when we came back, fearing we might be caught out on Lake Super for in a heavy snowstorm. We had only 40 tons of coal, and were in danger of running out of fuel,"

During the gale on Tuesday, when the Hoyt was pulling the barge into the great northeast storm, the erew could see the men on the barge pumping water that was colored with iron ore. This would have indicated that something was wrong, but no distress signal was displayed on the barge and it was thought that all was well, particularly after the boats had run into smooth water. How soon after breaking away from the Hoyt the 115 went down cannot be guessed. The lifeboat and everything on deck of the barge was either washed away or frozen so light to the deck that it could not be moved.

The lost vessel was built at West Superior in 1891 by the American Steel Barge Company, and was 256 feet long and eam. She carried about 3,000 tons of iron ore, and was valued at about \$50,000. is the first of the whaleback fleet to founder and the second to be lost, the first one having been pounded to pieces against the veland breakwater just a year ago. With the rest of the whaleback fleet the lost barge passed to the Rockefeller interests in the general shakeup of vessel property in October. There was no insurance on either vessel or cargo.

CONVENTION PRELIMINARIES.

Republican Sub-committee of the National Body at Work in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, (Special.)—Republican Na-tional Committeemen Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, and H. C. Payne, of Wisconsin, who are members of the sub-committee on convention of the Republican national executive committee, arrived here, to make preliminary preparations for the convention to be held in this city next June. Samuel F. ssenden, of Connecticut, accompanied them.

their headquarters at the Hotel Walton, and will be in the city frequently until the convention shall have adjourned. They also engaged quarters at the Walton for Chairman Mark Hanna and Secretary Dick, of the executive committee. Accom-modations for the delegations from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Connecticut were also secured by them

Shortly after their arrival the committee-

Messrs, Manty and Payne have established

men held a short cenference with members of the local committee on convention, Three Children Burned to Death. Nicholasville, Ky., (Special.)—Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reynolds, aged six, three and one, respectively, were burned to death They had been locked in the house while Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were

on a visit to a neighbor. The parents returned in time to see the house collapse.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE Potter Palmer was born a Quaker farmer in New York State and grew up to early manhood as a keeper of horses and cattle

Prince Metternich has decided no longer

has a good deal of difficulty in Paris with the

writing of his manifestos. His French is

Empress Eugente's reader and companion

o retain the control of the famous Johannisberg vineyards, and has obtained the Emperor of Austria's consent to their being cased. Agoneillo, as he calls himself, the French epresentative of the "Philippine Republic,"

and a titler of the soil.

in her exile, Mme, le Breton, is dead at the age of 82 years. She was a sister of General Bourbaki, and married the son of the captain who conveyed Napoleon I, from Elba to France. Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, bears uch a striking resemblance to Congressman Roberts that the two might readily be taken

the same cast of features, wear mustaches trimmed alike and their curly buir might be duplicate wigs. The anonymous "Australian" who gave £10,000 to the Mansion House Transvan! War Fund is said to be Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart, one of the richest Australian merchants and andowners, a prominent subscriber to the Crimean fund and later to that for the relief of the Lancashier cotton famine.

Sir Henry Irving makes a good point in

for twins. Both are of the same build, have

study of Shakespeare," he says, "the taste of the nation will benefit, the language will become more exact without losing its clas-ticity and the priceless heritage of our English tongue will be preserved to the world in its purity. Michael Davitt during his days in Parifament did nearly all his literary work in the House writing-room, where slience is en-

the Ladies' Home Journal.

Maria Agnesi, at least for the Italians, is he most illustrious among women scientists. It was she who was called the oracle of seven anguages.

Mrs. Louisa J. Cabel, of Lowell, Me., is a

justice of the peace, prosecutes pension claims and personally manages a farm and conducts an express busines Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale will not on cupy the pulpit of his church in Boston again

until spring. Dr. Lyman Abbott will be the supply for the month of January. M. Jules Cambon will sail for America to resume his duties as Ambassador at the end of December, Mme, Cam on and her daughter have decided to remain in Paris, owing to their delicate state of health.

Christine Nilsson recently paid a visit to her native town in Sweden. She had a cordia reception, but did not sing in public, and she has now returned to her home in Paris.

KEYSTONE

LATEST NEWS GLEAV

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OUR EDUCATION

Annual Report of Dr. Smalt s Superintendent of Political No Allusion to the the School Approp Franklin Suddenly Bed

The report of Dr.

uperintendent of P. e past year has be chiefly remarkable for Schaeffer makes no re Governor Stone in cu' appropriation, except time the revenue m ation of the appropria order that township established. It does n Intendent of Public 1 propriation as made by \$5,500,0:0 per annum. tion is necessary, but The report shows that year ending June 5, 189 tures of the 2493 school amounted to \$20,009 749,713.38 comprised in the 27,068 schools of was spent for texth was devoted to the c tenance of school is number of pupils at 1,152,352, an increase of and the average numbers 858,177. There schools, an increase and forty superintend ucational affairs of the female teachers were ous as male teachers. ary of the former was had also suffered a with the previous year. follows: Male tenchers per month, \$44.27; inc teachers, 19,469; average crease, 61 cents. The

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Outlaws Terrify! What appears to be an Weish Mountain thieves ively in Northwestern (Northeastern Lancaster department of West Ch the theft of a wagon b Walter Ash, in West Can the nocturnal visitors w frightened away while in a horse from the stable. was stolen from the stal farmer residing near the a set of silver-mounted has hiele was taken from the bor, Jacob Greenlent. front feet marked with mark of the Pequen Valle ciation, of which Mr. Ober A fine buggy was stolen holtzer, of West Cain, a !at the same time a horse a from the stable of his Holmes.

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officers of the medical d

nounced: Major Morris I to Fourth Regiment. First F. Potteiger, assistant so Regiment, First Lieutens qubar, assistant surgeon ment. First Lieutenaut assistant surgeon to First 'to Lieutenant A. F. Bronson to Eighth Regiment. First or Drumbeller, assistant sands to Eighth Regiment, First giment. The follodaced on the retired list King, Twelfth Regimes late captain Company A. Daniel P. Packard, late tant, Fifteenth Regiment Regained His Sp John Burkett, of Frank who was a mute for five r

power of speech through

years ago he was emplo

near Bradford and one d

into the tank. When he re injuries he was speechless till Thursday. He was bark when he slipped and f ing on a tie. The acciden kett that he began to cu little frightened that he He was so elated and so for again lose his voice that I and talk to himself. His became stronger, and be well as ever he did. Misunderstood and A neighbor informed Maworth, residing near Gle death of a near relative.

was conveyed in such

Swatsworth supposed it re

band and that he was the

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worth sank to the floor, a

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rived it was found that Mrs. Swatsworth was 5 leaves a large family. Avoided One Train, Kills John Moran, aged 65 year of Mt. Carmel. killed at Alaska by a Res press train. Moran had train approaching on the and to get out of its way s the express. He leaves all

Howard S. Markel, a yes risburg, died at the hosp received on the Reading a brakeman and after tur dopped on the track and draft of cars. Lost Foot But Sat John Hazden, a ratiwsy vorking in the Glenwood

when his foot was caught

Brakeman Killed

approached, and in order is transfer threw himself to on d the wheels of the cars b Killed on His First Day W. A. Sloan, a brakema frog in the Alleghen) pards, Pittsburg, and was t was his first day as a rail 15 years of age and married

Torturers' Victims

Mrs. Andrew Lockwood, nasked burglars, is in a cri er home in Bell's Tunnel she suffered a relapse.