The tobacco growers of North Corolina have agreed to sell none of their product to American Tobacco Company for five

A. S. Van Wickle & Co., coal miners at Coleraine, Pa., have advanced the wages of their men two per cent.

It is reported that forty thousand miners in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania have decided to strike, Thomas McDowell, the first mayor of Sac-

ramento, Cal., died at South River, N. J., aged eighty-three. Henry Smith died in Bockbridge county-Va., aged eighty-nine. He had 262 descen-

Captain Charles I., Steele, of the Eighbeenth fufantry, died at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

Some Egyptian cotton was received in South Carolina, the first ever sent to that

Mr. Ryan made another move at Norfolk in the Senboard Air Line matter.

Major J. C. Bryant died at Newport News, Va., of pneumonia.

Francis P. Owings, of Chicago, presented an indebtedness of over five and a-half mil-lions of dollars in Chicago, the largest schedule for liabilities for discharge ever known under the nutional bankruptey acr.

Deputy Sheriff Alfred Henry, while feeding the prisoners in the Howeil county (Mo.) jall was dragged into a cell and killed. All the prisoners in the jail escaped.

At Spruce Creek, Pa., Charles Robinson found John O'Neil in his house with his vife, and killed him instantly. The American Steel and Wire Company

has advanced the wages of its men at Crown Point, N. Y., ten per cent. Three men were fatally scalded by the ex-plosion of a boiler on the yacht Caperon at

Delaware City. Professor Enoch Howard Vickers, of West

Virginia, was married at Tokio, Japan, De-Miss Maud A. Cleary and Mr. Edward J.

Brady, of Garrett Park, Md., were married The arm of Jacob Crumbling, a farmer

living near Wrightsville, Pa., was blown off The Tygart Valley Bank, at Philippi, W. Va., was robbed of a large sum by burgiars.

Pive men of a section gang of nine were killed by a train near Oxford, N. J. Negotiations have been closed in Detroit which, it is contended, will be the beginning of the end of the Independent telephone

movement. The annual convention of the Virginia State Hortfoultural Convention was held in

Captain J. W. Murphy, cashier of the Third National Bank of Columbus, Ga., shot and killed the teller, P. T. Shutze, and then killed himself, soon after the bank opened, William Gurley, proprietor of the Indiana House in Phoebus, Va., was arrested charged

with killing Joseph New, a soldier at Fort Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has written letter to the Democratic committee of Mecklenburg county, N. C., on the race

Fred Sibeley, of Taylorville, Iil., was sentenced to prison for life for compileity in the murder of Mrs. Jane Brunot.

The old frigate Saratoga started out from Philadelphia with boys of the Pennsylvania

The marine department of the Boston Chamber of Commerce identifies the steamer wrecked at St. Marys Bay, Newfoundland, as the Norwegian steamer Parran which sailed from Baltimore January 5 for Sydney, C. B. Judge Waddill, of the United States Court

in Norfolk, Va., denied the injunction asked for by Mr. Thomas F. Ryan to prevent the consolidation of the various lines of the Seaboard Railroad system Two bids were made for constructing the

rapid transit road in New York, Mr. John T. McDonald's being for thirty-five millions. Nearly a bundred people at a wedding dinner in Chicago were made violently ill by

eating chicken cooked in a copper kettle. James Weich made an attempt to assassin-ate Judge William Lochren, of the United

States Court at St. Paul, Minn. Negotiations are in progress for the con-olidation of Chicago tallors who work for

the wholesale trade. Louis August, the Fort Monroe soldier, convicted of murder, committed suicide at

Newport News, Va. Nick Gilligan, accused in Norfolk, Va., of murdering his sweetheart's father, surren-

The rod employes at the American Steel and Wire Works at Cleveland went on a

The National Convention of the United Mine Workers was opened in India apolis. Rates on all trans-Atlantic lines have been raised ten per cent, or more,

Boiler makers in Buffalo, N. Y., went on a Joseph Leach, of Baltimore, a private in Company B, Fourth Artillery, was found guilty, at Topeks, Kans., of killing Corporal Thomas Finnell, the verdict being "Guilty,

without capital punishment.' The formal presentation by the women of South Carolina of a gold medal to Lieuten-

ant Victor Blue was made on board the battle-The remains of General Dabney H. Maury. after lying in state in Richmond, Va., were

taken to Fredericksburg and there buried. N. K. Goss, a merchant of Edenburg, O., was killed in his store by burglars. Three tramps were subsequently captured by a

H. H. Tammer and Frederick C. Bonfils. editors of the Denver Evening Post, were shot by W. W. Anderson, an attorney, James House, a lunatic, leaped from the

second-story window of a sanitarium at St. Louis and killed bimself. The authorities of Mount Vernon, Y., think they have found powder stains on the

night gown of Mrs. Aifred Morrison, who was shot by her husband. Frank Davis was sentenced to the peniten

tlary for forty-five years in Carbondale, Ill., for murder.

Edward Haynes shot at his mother-in-law in St. Louis and killed his wife. Jacob Shudin killed his wife and com-

mited suicide in Knoxville, Tenn.

John Barrett, ex-United States minister to Siam, in a speech in Chicago, named Senator Hoar as the United States senator whose anti-expansion speech was cabled to Hong Kong and placed in the hands of the Filipi-

Mrs. Elien C. Cameron, died suddenly at the Carter House, in Charlestown, W. Va. The Baltimore and Ohlo Southwestern reported to be spending a million and a-half in shortening its line between St. Louis and

Lieutenant Samuel Howard, the last sur-

vivor of the crew of the Monitor during her battle with the Merrimac, died at his home,

J. L. Blackford, the Central Railroad de-tective, was sent to prison for three years for bigamy by Judge Vall in Elizabeth, N. J. Shortage in bituminous coal is necessitat-ing the closing down of manufacturing con-

While his wife was in court in Philadel-phia prosecuting her husband for non-sup-port, the latter kidnapped their four-year-old child.

THREE DEAD.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN A REN. TUCKY HOTEL.

THE FINISH OF A FEUD.

Several Men, Including Two of Those Killed, Hit by Stray Bullets-Ethelbert Scott, a Nephew of Ex-Governor Bradley, Killed-He and Colson Had Been Enemies Since Spanish War.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special.)-The outbreak t'int was feared because of the attendance of so many excitable politicians at the legislative contests occurred Tuesday. As a result three men are dead and four wounded, one perhaps fatally. The dead: Ethelbert Scott, Luther Demarce, Charles Julian, The wounded: B. R. Golden, perhaps fatally; Harry Mc-Eweng; W. O. Redpatch, Chicago; Col. David G. Colson, former Congressman from Eleventh district of this State.

Colonel Colson did the killing. The trouble grew out of the renewal of a fend between Colson and Scott, who served together in the army last year.

The tragedy took place in the crowded lobby of the Capitol Hotel. Two of the dead mon and two of the wounded were shot by Colonel Colson is in jail, charged with

nourder, but he claims soif-defense, Colson was shot in the arm, but not seriously hurt. After the shooting he went to the residence of Chief of Police Williams, near by, and gave himself up. Later a war-rant was aworn out for him by Clinton Fogg, who witnessed the killing. Fogs says Coison shot first.

Scott, who was the first killed, was a nephew of ex-Governor Bradley. Demare was assistant postmaster at Shelbyville and a prominent Republican politician.

Charles Julian, who was at first thought to be but slightly hurt, died later from shock and loss of blood. Julian was a prominent and wealthy farmer.

The death of Julian is most remarkable, He walked to his room unaided. His cousin, Judge Ira Julian, examined the wound and congratuiated him on his escape. Doctors were busy with the dying and Julian waited, He was bleeding to death, however, and when the doctors turned attention to him he

was past recovery.

Capt. B. B. Golden, who is thought to be fataily wounded, is a lawyer who lived at Barboursviile, and was captain of a Kentucky company during the Spanish-American War. He made a statement in which he said no words passed between Scott and Colson before the shooting and that Colson fired first. Golden and Colson had had trouble before,

W. O. Ridpatch, of Chicago, sustained a broken leg by the lifeless form of Scott falling against him as it rolled down the stair-

Colonel Colson is in a highly nervous state resulting from excitement attending the tragedy, and, as he has never fully recovered from a stroke of paralysis sustained last year, his friends are greatly concerned over his condition.

Accounts of the killing differ. It is impossible to give accurate details further than that while Colson and a party of friends were standing in the southwest corner of the hotel lobby Scott came into the hotel, and when near Colson the firing began. Scott, after being shot, walked backward toward the stairway looking to the barroom and fell down the stairs dead. His body rolled over against the barroom door, and as it did, Colonel Colson, who had followed, shooting at every step, fired one or more shots into it.

Examination of Scott's body shows that he was shot at least six times. The fact that a part of the bullets were of 38 and part of 44 caliber indicates that he was shot by somebody besides Colson or that Colson had two revolvers. Witnesses to the killing say that Denmaree was directly between Scott and Coison when the shooting began and that he was killed by the first bullet fired. He was shot twice, once through the breast.

Colonel Colson, who killed Scott and who is charged with the killing of both Demarce and Julian and with shooting Golden, has long been a prominent figure in Kentucky politics. He served two terms in Congres and declined a renomination at the hands of the Republican party of the Eleventh district accept the co. the Fourth Kentucky Regiment in the Sp ish war. Scott was a lieutenant and Golden was captain of a company in Colson's regiment, and the trouble which led to the trag-

edy began then A feud sprang up between Colson and Scott while the troops were in camp at Anniston, Aia., and in which it is said by Colson's friends that Captain Golden was a warm partisan of Scott. The trouble be-tween them at that time culminated in a me ting between them in a restaurant, which resulted in Colson being shot by Scott.

The regiment was shortly afterward mustered out of the service as a result of the feud between the officers and the serious charges and counter charges which they had made at Washington against each other as

When the killing occurred the city was thrown into a state of the greatest excite-ment, it being supposed at first that it was result of a clash growing out of the political contests on trial in the Legislature.

Those in the immediate Coison party de-

cline to talk about the tragedy. While it is generally understood that several others were engaged in the shooting, no names are

The bodies of the dead were removed to undertaking establishments, and all the physicians in the city were summoned to attend the wounded. Hundreds of people flocked to the scene of the shooting.

Profound sorrow exists over the accidental killing of Demaree and Julian, and the feeting against Colson among their friends is exceedingly bitter.

Centreville, Md., (Special.)-Mrs. James Burriss, of Spaniards Neck, this county, died at the home of her stepson, aged 72 years, from the effects of injuries received by tahing down states about two weeks ago. In falling she broke her hip.

Frederica Mora, fiscal of the Supreme Court of Havana, has been removed from

TO HAVE AN EXPOSITION.

Charleston (S. C.) Business Men Formally Launch the Project.

Charleston, S. C., (Special.)—At a large and representative meeting of business men held here the industrial exposition project was launched by the appointment of a com-

mittee for preliminary work.

The plans now considered contemplate a grand State or interstate exposition to be held in Charleston in 1901. One of the most otable features of the meeting was the raising of \$1,500 in 15 minutes for the ex-penses of the Investigation ordered. The exposition idea has already been indorsed by the Governor.

The Fourth Victim.

Huntington, W. Va., (Special.)—Hiram
Eitls died from effects of injuries received
on New Year's day during the burning of his brother's home at Blue Sulphur, this county. This is the fourth death from this fire.

Brakeman Fatally Injured.
Morgantown, W. Va., (Special.)—In a
freight wreck on the Baitimore and Ohio
Railroad, 15 miles north of here, Brakeman Harry Schulty was fatally injured and 16

cars were demolished. Eight additional deaths from the plague were announced at Honolulu since the last BURIAL OF LAWTON.

Making Arrangements for a Fitting Funeral for the Gallant Soldier.

Washington, (Special.)—According to arrangements already made by the War Department, the remains of Major General Henry W. Lawton, U. S. V., who was killed at Sao Mateo, Luzon, December 19 last, will be interred in the National Cometery at Arlington with full military honors, the day after they reach this city. Previous to inter-ment, troops to compose the funeral escort, which will consist of one regiment of infantry, one regiment of foot artillery, a squadron of cavalry and two mounted batteries of artillery, will be assembled in this city to escort the remains from the church, where the funeral religious services are held, to the

Major General Wesley Merritt, commanding the Department of the East, has been charged with the execution of these orders. General Merritt has been formally designated to command the escort.

The remains of General Lawton are on the troopship Thomas, and are expected to arrive at San Francisco about the 1st of February. Mrs. Lawton is a passenger on that ressel, and the final arrangements for the funeral will not be made until the authorities at Washington have ascertained her wishes in the matter. It is settled, however, that the remains will be brought to Wash ington on a special train, in charge of Major General Shafter, who will be accompanied by an aide. The itinerary of the train will not be determined until the wishes of Mrs. Lawton are known. It is probable that the trip will be made so as to permit the body to lie in state for a short time at Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

TRAPPED IN AMBUSIL

First Mishap to the American Troops-Two Men Killed.

Washington, (Special.)-The first unto-ward happening in the highly-successful campaign now going on in Luzon is an-nounced from General Otis:

Manila. - A pack train of twenty ponies. transporting rations between Santo Tomas and San Pablo, Laguna province, escorted by fifty men under Lieut. Ralston, Thirtieth Infantry, was ambushed Saturday. Two men were killed, five wounded, and nine are missing. Pack train lost. Lieut. Raiston and thirty-four men returned to Santo Tomas with the killed and wounded. The affair is being investigated.

Doret, with the Forty-fifth Infantry, struck the insurgents in Batanges Mountains pre-pared in ambush to meet them. He killed eight, wounded three, captured seventeen, including one spaniard, and six rifles. His casualties-two men slightly wounded. (Signed.) OTOK.

CROP REPORT FOR 1899.

Statistics Showing the Acreage, Value of

Wheat, Corn and Oats. Washington, (Special.)-The statistician of the Department of Agriculture has made public his final estimates of the acreage, production and value of the crops of 1599. The values are based on the average farm prices on December 1.

The wheat acreage was 44,592,516, the production .47,3.3,846 bushels and the value \$319,545,255, the average yield per acre being 12.3 bushels, and the average farm price per bushel on December 1, 58.4 cents. The corn acreage was \$2,105,357, the production 2,076,143,933 bushess, and the value

\$629,210,110, the average yield per acre being 25.3 bushels, and the average farm price per bushei on December 1, 3, 3 cents. The acreage in oats was 26,341,380, the 796,177,713 bushels, and the production value \$198,167,975, the average yield per acre being 30.2 bushels, and the average

farm price per busnel on December 1, 24,9 The barley erop is estimated at 78,381,562 bushels, the rye crop at 23,961,741 bushels, the buckwheat crop at 11, 94,473 bushels, the potato crop at 223,783,232 bushels and the hay crop at 56,653,756 tons

RUMORED NAVAL SCANDALS.

Stories About Captain McGowan and Commander Very. Boston, Mass., (Special.)-A letter re

ceived from a naval officer at Manila, dated December 12, says that two scandals in the United States squadron are causing general is the shooting of a Filinian or board the Monadnock by Captain McGowan because the man climbed over the side of the vessel forward instead of aft, as demanded by naval usage. It is maintained that the captain intended to fire over the man and scare him, but he was hit in the hip, and died soon afterwards.

The other subject of comment is the fact that Commander S. W. Very, of the Castine up to the present time, has had every officer on the vessel, with one exception, under sus pension, and one of them has objected.

ANTI-LYNCHING MEASURE.

Treason to the United States. Washington, (Special.)—Representative White, of North Carolina the colored representative in the House, introduced a bill "for the protection of all citizens of the United States against mob violence," etc. It provides that all persons shall be protected from being murdered, tortured or burned to death by mobs known as "lynching bees," whether spontaneous or premeditated, and all parties participating, aiding or abetting in such affairs are made guilty of treason against the United States government, and subject to prosecution in the United States

TWO YOUNG LADIES DROWNED.

Their Horse Stumbled While They Were Fording Cheat River.

Parsons, W. Va., (Special.)—Two daughters of Rev. G. N. Day were drowned in Safford Fork of Cheat River, six miles above here. They were about fifteen and eighteen years old, and were crossing the river on horseback. The animal fell down, throwing them from his back. One clung to the bridle and the other by his tall, and were being thus drugged out when the horse feil nd time. The father saw the accident, but his skiff sank before reaching his chil-

NICARAGUA WILL ARBITRATE. Ready Settlement of Any Trouble With

the Canal Company. Washington, (Special.)—It was stated by officials authorized to speak that there is ab-solutely no basis for reports that the State Department has received assurances from Costo Rico and Nicaragua of a willingness to lease territory to the United States for a hundred years or more for the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal, Nicaragua, it is learned, has practically admitted, in principle at least, the doctrine of arbitration as the means of settlement of any trouble between it and the Maritine Canal Company.

ESTIMATED BOER LOSSES.

Reported to Approximate 6,435 Men, Including 3,000 Casualties. Renaburg, Cape Colony, (Special,—Carefully compiled figures from Republican sources, some of which have been investi-

cilian family named Giordano.

gated and found to be correct, show the Boer losses up to date are, approximately, 6,425 men, including 2,000 casualties during the slege of Ladysmith. Fatal Fire in New Orleans. New Orleans, (Special.)—A fire, which started in a barroom in the old St. Mary Market neighborhood soon after midnight, caused the death of four members of a Si-

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS.

Washington State Valleys Swept by Rag-

Ing Torrents.
Tacoma, Wash., (Special.)-A downpour of rain for three days, together with a pre-vailing chinook rain, is melting the snow, and has suddenly flooded several Western Washington valleys and a great portion of Latah county, Idaho. Hundreds of farms in Puvallup Stuck and White River Valleys are under water, and the mountain streams are raging torrents.

The streets of Kent, lying on the banks of White River, are flooded, and for a distance of three miles below the town the river is

The county bridge has been washed out at Sumner, and two others are damaged. The Stuck has cut a new channel for itself across the Maloney fruit farm, and into the Puyal-Green River left its banks at Canton, and

tore out a long piece of track along the mountain side, where the work of rebuilding is slow and dimenit. A special from Kendrick, Idaho, says three children of Charles Hamblin and two Chinamen are reported to have been drowned

A Northern Pacific freight train was caught by the rushing waters in the canyon between Moscow and Kendrick and swept into the raging torrent. The train crew escaped. A passenger train is reported caught between the floods below Kendrick.

Kendrick, a town of about 600 people, aituated on the flat where the Potlach and Bear Creek converge in a narrow canyon, suffered the most. With a rush the water engulfed the town, and 30 frame business houses and a number of dwellings were soon floating down the Potlack River. So rapid was th rise of waters that many people were caught in the flood and rescued with difficulty. Communication with the flooded district by wire or rail has been completely cut off, and details as to loss of life are unobtainable

when last heard from before the wires went down was in imminent danger of being swept away, and a large tramway elevator filled with wheat was early carried away.

Lewiston reports that the Snake and Clear-

The town of Juliaetta, also on the Potlach,

water rivers are rising rapidly, and threaten to overflow vast territory.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Captain McCalla writes in high praise of Captain Leary's administration of the Island of Guam. Secretary Root will appoint a commission

to devise reforms in the Cuban judicial methods. General Otis reports a vigorous pursuit of the insurgents south of Mantia. The Fitt-pinos have been driven from several positions during the last two days, losing 245 killed and wounded. The American losses were Lieut, Cheney and four men killed and twenty-four others wounded. Gen. Otls says

expected that Cavite and Batangus

provinces will soon be cleared up. Men have been found languishing in Cuban prisons who have been waiting years to be tried. General Wood says summary measures will be necessary to prevent further suffering.

In a fight between Col. Bullard's troops and the insurgents, on the Santo Tomas road, twenty-four insurgents were killed and sixty taken prisoners. One American wa killed and two officers slightly wounded. The delegations appointed to lay before

the officials at Washington the special needs of Puerto Rico salled from San Juan for the United States. Coal has been found near Santfago de Cube which develops a remarkable degree of heat,

WITHERS WALLER DEAD.

Was the Owner of a Famous Ducking Ground. Fredericksburg, Va., (Special.)-Mr. Withers Waller, owner of the famous ducking grounds on the Potomae, at Wide Water, died at his home, Clifton, near that place. He was in the seventy-third year of his age. Mr. Waller's ducking grounds were visited several times by ex-President Cleveland and other noted lovers of the sport, and it is said that he entertained more noted men on fishing and ducking excursions than any man in the state. He leaves a widow and eight daughters.

CARRIED OUT HIS THREAT.

August, the Convicted Fort Monroe Sold

ler, Committed Suicide Newport News, Va., (Special.)-Louis August, the Fort Monroe soldier, who was convicted in Hampton, of the murder of Annie Benedict and sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment, hung himself with a towel in his cell. He was found after he had been dead several hours. August said Saturday that he would commit suicide rather than go to the penitentiary, but little attenion was paid to the threat

Three Persons Burned to Death.

New York, (Special.)—Three persons were burned to death in a fire in a dwelling on Pine street, Corona, Long Island. They are Elizabeth Campbell, forty-nine years old; Jennie Campbell, twenty-four years old, and Archie Campbell, ten years old. "he cause of the fire is unknown.

George Gould Invests in Cotton Mill. Charlotte, N. C., (Special.)—Intelligence was received here that George Gould, the New York millionaire, has become a stock-holder in the Louray Cotton Mills, at Gastonia, to the amount of \$250,000. It is also stated that another subscription of \$150,000 from a Northern capitalist has been sent the promoters of the new mill. These subscrip tions, it is believed, will raise the capital stock of the mill to \$1,400,000.

Found Dead in Bed. Parkersburg, W. Va., (Special.)—Thomas Jackson, an eccentric individual, an Englishman by birth, who came to this country about five years ago, was found dead in bed in a small shanty back of the county jail. Upon the finding of the body a coroner's jury was called and rendered the verdict that "death was the result of heart failure." Upon searching his room \$185 was found in a purse under his pillow. The deceased was employed in the Ohio River Railroad shops here. The money which he left will be for-warded to England, where he is survived by

Sent Up for Forty-five Years Carbond e, Iil., (Special.)—Frank Davie charged with killing his wife and a sixteen year-old girl, who were encamped on the edge of Murphysboro in a tent, was found gulity, the jury fixing the penalty at forty-five years in the penitentiary. Davie is about thirty years old.

a daughter, aged 13.

Preferred Death to Hydrophobia. Chicago, (Special.)-Frank Conrick. retary of the Builders' and Trades Exchange committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Conrick was bitten by a dog one week ago, and dread of hydropho bia, it is thought, had unsettled his mind.

A Jealous Husband's Crime.

St. Louis, (Special.) — Edward Haynes son of Russ Haynes, a prominent citizen of Salem, Ill., shot at his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frank Arbert, without effect, and fatally wounded his wife. After the shooting Hayner gave himself up. Mrs. Haynes, who is thirty years of age and five years older than her husband, comes of a well-to-do and promi nent family. Haynes was of a very jealou disposition, and for some time he and his wife had been living apart.

Peter Dunkie was arrested near Henpeck, Ind., on the charge of murdering May Woi-

PUERTO RICO.

The Report of Special Commissioner Carroll-Recommends Territorial Form of Government.

Washington, (Special,)-Henry K. Carroll pecial commissioner for the United States Puerto Rico, under appointment by the resident, to investigate the civil, industrial, financial and social conditions of the siands, has made his report. It covers all the in portant facts about the island. One of the greatest needs is good roads.

The crops most generally raised are, in the order of areas occupied in 1896: Coffee, 121,176 acres; cane. 60,884 acres; tobacco 44,222 acres. Coffee cannot be raised with out shade, as in Brazil. The coffee bushes need five years for full development, under the shade of banana or other trees, and continue bearing twenty-five, and even to fifty, Bananas give both shade and fruit the first year. Coffee farms are exempt from taxes for the first five years. The grades of coffee are among the finest. The fruits of the island are such as are common to tropical countries. The raising of cattle is an important and lucrative industry. The daily wages of the common field ranges from thirty-five to fifty cents, native Commissioner Carroll recommends that

the Constitution and the laws of United States be extended to Puerto Rico, and that a territorial form of government similar to that established in Oklahoma, be provided; that the legislative power shall xtend to all regulations for the exercise of the elective franchise; that the legal voters of the island be permitted to elect a delegate to Congress; that a commission consisting of three persons, who shall be natives of the island, and two of the United States, be appointed by the President to revise the codes at the jury system be adopted; that the banking and patent laws of the United States extended to the island, that a court of claims be established to adjudicate all claim to property, secular and ecclesiastical, aris ing under the treaty of Paris: that the rule adopted by the military government as to the Spanish silver coins be retired and the coins of the United States be substituted; that the lottery be prohibited, and that th governor general and the legislature be required to provide for universal and obligatory education in a system of free schools where English shall be taught, and that an agricultural experiment station be established for the island.

NO GROUND FOR SEIZURES.

British Admit American Goods Were Not Liable—State Department Satisfied. Washington, D. C., (Special.)-Ambassa dor Choate is prosecuting his efforts to learn just where the provisions are that were

Maria and the Beatrice. He has reported that the goods on the Maria are in the tomhouse at Durban, subject to the disposition of the owners.

The goods carried on the Mashora are believed to be still on board that ship at Cape Town, but, owing to imperfections in the ship's papers, it has not yet been possible to clear up the facts in that case. The Beatrice is at East London, and the British govern-

seized off Delagoa Bay on the Mashona, the

ment is trying to learn from its officers the status of the cargo. It is authoritatively stated that there is no difference whatever between the govern-ments of the United States and Great Britain as to the legal aspects of the selzures of goods in these three cases. The British government has admitted without reserve that these goods were not liable to seizure. That has given complete satisfaction to the

State Department. It does not follow that the department accepts as binding the view of the British gov ernment as to the conditions under which flour and food stuffs may become contra band, but the department prefers to follow the usual role of international law and avoid passing on hypothetical cases, and contenting itself with the full acceptance of its views by the British government in the present in

FARMERS AND THE CENSUS.

An Effort Will be Made to Get Complete Returns From Them. Washington, (Special.)-The efforts which

s making to induce farmers to prepare statements of their operations for the calen-dar year 1899, so that they will be ready to reply definitely and accurately to the enumerators' questions next June, are bearing Some farmers have forwarded copies of statements to the Census Office, accompan-

ied by inquiries as to their completeness and The first, and one of the best, of these statements came from a woman, who operates a farm in Pennsylvania on her own ac-count. The paper shows not only the acre-age, quantity and value of each crop, but

contains also a good inventory of livestock and a detailed statement of the quantity and value of the miscellaneous articles produced If every farmer would imitate this woman the agricultural report of the twelfth census would be a marvel of completoness and ac-curacy, and would also show the entire pro-ductive strength of the United States in food products.

CAN DEFEND HIMSELF. Roberts Will Have Opportunity to Speak on the Floor of the House.

Washington, (Special,)—Chairman Tay-ler, of the Roberts committee, and Representative Littlefield, of Maine, are preparing the majority and minority reports, respecfiled together on Saturday. It is not expected that the case will be called up in the House until next week. The debate is expected to occupy two or three days. Mr. Roberts will be given an opportunity to be heard upon the floor in his own defer Mr. Littlefield and Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, who will sign the minority report, are hopeful t iat the mode of procedure which they favor—to a low Mr. Hoberts to be sworn in and then expel him—will be followed. The majority of the committee, on the other hand, are confident that their report will be adopted, and that Mr. Roberts will be excluded without being sworn in.

HE CLAIMS MILLIONS.

George W. Bailey, of Martinsburg, Expects to Share in a Large Fortune.

Martinsburg, W. Va., (Special.)—Geo. W. Bailey, of this place, claims he is an heir to a \$90,000,000 fortune, awaiting to be claimed in England. He claims that his share of the fortune amounted to \$15,000,000 before his brothers and sisters died, and since their death he is sole heir to the entire fortune. Mr. Balley is seventy-seven years old, and has one child—a son, Jesse E. Balley, of Hagerstown, Md. He inherits the estate

through his grandfather, who was an Eng

Egyptian Cotton for South Carolina Charleston, S. C., (Special.)-The first im portant shipment of Egyptian cotton for south Carolina cotton mill was received at Clover, in York county, from Alexandria, via Boston. The new cotton mili at Clover will use Egyptian cotton exclusively, its managers claiming that the Sea Island staple has not the "strength and slikiness" necessary for the "superior yarn they are to make."

Masked Men Kill a Barkeeper Leadville, Col., (Special.)—Two masked men held up Golob's saloon on Harrison avenue. Jerry Ryas, the bartender, refused to throw up his hands and was shot twice by one of the robbers, dying instantly. The robbers fied. TO EXCLUDE ROBERTS.

Final Decision of House Investigating Committee-Two Were in

Opposition. Washington, (Special.)-The special committe of the House of Representatives to investigate the case of Brigham H. Roberts,

of Utab, reached a final conclusion. On the polygamous status of Mr. Roberts the committee was unanimous and agreed upon a formal statement of facts. On the

question of procedure to be adopted the committee was divided. The majority, consisting of all the mem-bers except Littlefleid of Msine and DeArmond of Missouri, favored exclusion at the Mesors, Littleffeld and DeArmond will make a minority report favorable to

seating Roberts on his prima facts rights and then expelling him.

The statement of facts as found by the committee is as follows:

We find that B. H. Roberts was elected as a Representative to the Fifty-sixth Congress from the State of Utah, and was at the date of his election above the age of 25 years; that he had been for more than years a naturalized citizen of the United States and was an inhabitant of the State of

Utab. "We further find that about 1878 he married Louisa Smith, his first and lawful wife, with whom he has ever since lived as such and who, since their marriage, has borne

him six ohildren. "That about 1885 he married, as his plural wife, Cella Dibble, with whom he has ever since lived as such, and who, since such marriage, has borne him six children, of whom the last were twins, born August

That some years after his said marriage to Cella Dibble he contracted another plural marriage with Margaret C. Shipp, whom he has ever since lived in the habit and repute of marriage. Your committee is unable to fix the exact date of this marriage. It does not appear that he held her out as his wife before January, 1897, or that before that date she held him out as her husband or that before that date they were reputed to be husband and wife.

"That these facts were generally known in Utah, publicly charged against him durcampaign for election and were not

denied by him. "That the testimony bearing on these facts was taken in the presence of Mr. Roberts and that he fully cross-examined the witnesses, but declined to place himself on the witness stand."

The culminating session of the committee followed many prolonged executive sessions which left no doubt as to the attitude of the several members, with the exception of Mr. Miers, of Indiana, who has been out of the city. He returned, and it was determined to bring the matter to a direct issue. cordingly, when the committee met Mr. Mc-Pherson, of Iowa, offered a resolution for the exclusion of Roberts. Mr. DeArmond immediately sproposed a

dentials, and providing for his expulsion. There was no discussion beyond informal remarks, and the vote was first taken on Mr. DeArmond's substitute, Mr. Littlefield joining him in the affirmative and the others voting in opposition.

substitute, recognizing the constitutional

rights of Roberts to take his sear on his cre-

The vote was then taken on Mr. Me-Pherson's motion to exclude, resulting as follows: Yeas-Tayler (Ohio), Frear, Morris and McPherson, Republicans; Lanham and

Nays-Littlefield, Republican; DeArmond,

Miers, Democrats.

Democrat.

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Chairman Tayler was authorized to prepare the majority report. It will be ready in a few days, and the prospects are that the subject will be brought before the House early next week. Mr. DeArmond will submit the views of the minority. He will include an exhaustive review of the law, covering about seventy typewritten pages, prepared by Mr. Little-field. The main point of this is that the

the House, and that the only constitutional remedy is to admit and then expel on the

House cannot add to the requirements pro-

vided by the Constitution for admission

Frankfort, Ky., (Special.)—The Legisla-ture met in joint session to make a final comparison of the journals of the two houses in the matter of electing a United States The journals showed that Blackburn had received 77 votes to 53 for Bradley, and

Speaker Trimble, who presided, declared Blackburn duly elected, to succeed William

Blackburn Now Senator.

Mr. Bryan was present and applauded when Blackburn was declared elected. Blackburn was escorted to the hall and made

No Demand Made.
Parls, (By Cable.)—The statement in the London Morning Post that the Washington Administration has received letters from France, Germany, Great Britain and Russin demanding knowledge of the intentions of the United States as to the "open door" in China and the future of the Philippines, was news to the Foreign Office officials here.

heard of any such action.

gotiations were in progress with the United States for the conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship, and also a treaty providing for extradition and the resumption of normal relations.

They said it was the first time they had

New Treaty With Spain.

Madrid, (By Cable.)—In the Senate the
Premier, Senor Silvela, announced that ne-

ready been taken with a view to the conclu sion of a commercial treaty. NINE MEN SCALDED.

He added that preliminary steps had al-

Explosion of a Boiler Tube on the Government Yacht Caperon Wilming on, Del., (Special.)-A tube in the boiler of the government yacht Caperon,

exploded, scalding nine men, three of whom so seriously that they may die, Bold Bank Robbery. Philippi, W.Va., (Special.) - Robbers forced an entrance into the Tygart Valley Bank of this place, and, blowing open the safe, s cured between \$5,000 and \$6,900,

lying in the canal locks at Delaware City

Daughter of Andrew Johnson. Chaitanooga, Tenn., (Special.)—A special to the News from Greenville, Tenn., says Mrs. M. J. Patterson, the only child of Andrew Johnson, is critically ill at her home

80 years of age. New Post for Captain Sigsbee. Washington, (Special.)—Orders were is-sued formally detaching Captain Sigsbee from the command of the Texus and assigning him to the head of the Naval Intelliger

there and not expected to live. She is over

Chattanooga, Tenn., (Special.)—W. I., Allison, while prospecting for minerals on Lookout Mountain, discovered live skeletons in a cave fifteen miles from this city. There is a difference of opinion whether they are skeletons of Indians or of miners who dis-appeared from the ore mines at Rising Fawn several years ago.

A Free Library Also for East Orange New York, (Special.)—Andrew Carnegies has given \$50,000 to East Orange, N. J., for a public library, on condition that the city appropriate \$5,000 each year for its maintenance. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Stickler have given \$50,000 to found a free library in Orange, N. J. SAYS HOM

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Chicago, (Special.) United States Minister time publicly named Forest University as whose antiexpansion Hongkong and subset of the Filipino soldi-

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