WILL BUY ISLANDS.

STATE DEPARTMENT WANTS DANISI WEST INDIES.

TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

Officials in Washington Tell Why Other Propositions Fell Through - King of Denmark Was Apprised of the Plan Made by Private Partles to Get the Territory.

Washington, (Special.)-One of the most important results of the exposure and supselon of the schemes for the purchase of the Danish West Indies through private persons and syndicates is that the United States Government will shortly make to Denmark a proposition for the purchase of the islands. the negotiations to be solely between Secre-tary Hay and the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs. It was ascertained from official sources that the United States will take the initiative on the suggestion of King Christian of Denmark, and will endeavor to have an appropriation at this session of Congress purchase.

Another Important development of the recent transactions is that it has been demon strated to the King of Denmark that he was the victim of conspirators acting in concert in this country and Denmark desiring to utilize the sale for private galo.

Information to this effect, there is every reason to believe, has been transmitted to the King of Denmark by this Government as explanatory of the failure of Congress to make an appropriation for the purchase o the islands, which was regarded by the King as a condition precedent to official negotiations. The State Department learned some time ago that there was a ring in the Danish Foreign Office which actually gave to Captaln Christmas and his assistant manipula tors an option on the sale of the islands Officials here say that this is possible with out the knowledge of the King, and would explain why the Danish Minister at Wash ington has taken no part in the negotiations. Any representations of doubts as to the pro priety of the business methods of Captain Christmas and his agents which might be sent to Denmark by the Minister here would never get beyond the very Foreign Office ring which was promoting the scheme

through Captain Christmas. The Danish Foreign Office officials in the deal, for instance, could represent to the King that the news from America as to a prospective sale at \$3,500,000 or \$4,000,000 was mere newspaper talk, and that, as a matter of fact, the negotiations were proceeding on the basis of the value of the islands as determined by the King. This basis, it is learned, was much less than \$3.500.000.

Officials here say that it is likely that the King was willing to close out the transaction for, say \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000, which would have left a margin of speculation of \$1,500,-000 for the Standard Oil Company's Christmas syndicate. It is believed that the King was always given to understand that the margin of profit of the sale of the islands would be too small to permit of any specu-lations. Officials here now also admit the probability that the schemes of Christman were largely aided by the Standard Oil inwhich is particularly potent on Denmark and which has establishment worth millions of dollars in Denmark and in the Danish Autilles

That the King of Denmark has been made aware of the crooked work recently in progress is conclusively demonstrated to the State Department by the fact that Minister Stevenson, the American representative at Copenhagen, has advised the department that the King is now willing to renew the negotiations on the basis of a concrete proposition from Secretary of State Hay.

The State Department is in possession of the report of Mr. White, Secretary of the London Embassy, of the valuation placed on the Islands by the King. Mr. White having gone to Copenhagen for this information at the request of the State Department.

The new situation will, therefore, tak shape in a short time by the introduction of a bill in the House appropriating a specific sum for the purchase of the islands.

WOMAN SHOT WHITTINGTON.

MORE CUBAN FRAUDS. POSTMASTER THOMPSON, AT HAV

ANA, NOW SUSPENDED

Havana, (By Cable) .- The extent of the ostal frauds is far greater than originally Besides taking in the Postal De spected. partment, the frauds seem to include the cal office at Havana and various other flees throughout the island and also to have extended to outside points which have been used for the sale of some of the old issue of stamps that were ordered destroyed The result of the investigation at the local postoffice is the suspension of Postmaster Thompson, who was installed in April of last year. He will remain at his own house for the present. Moya and Mascaro, stamp sellers in the main office, have also been arrested and further arrests are expected. As many as six others have been placed under the closest surveillance, and they will be arrested as soon as their services can be spared. As a mafter of fact, if they were all to be suddenly relieved of duty it would not be

possible to carry on the Postal Department of Havana. Mesars, Reeves and Reynolds, the auditors of the Postal Department, are still under arrest at their own rooms in charge of detectives. Special quarters will, however, be prepared in some fortress, where all the prisoners will be taken as soon as arrested. Monday's arrests and the suspension of Mr. Thompson did not take place until after dark. There is a perceptible excitement at

the postoffice, where no one knows who may be the next to be singled out. E. G. Eathbone desires it said that there i no truth in the report circulated in the Uni-

ted States that there is friction between the military authorities here and the Postal Department. On the contrary, the most complete harmony prevails between General Wood and himself, consultations taking place between them daily. He also says he loes not consider it proper in the present circumstances to give out interviews for publication and has so answered all applicaons for personal statements that have been abled him from the United States.

Mr. Sheridan will temporarily fill Mr. Phompson's place. It appears that the frauds ramified in almost every possible direction; even the rented boxes have been made a ource of illegitimate gain.

Every additional revelation increases the amazement of the Americans here. The Cubans seem to be immensely pleased. They declare that the Americans can no longer bonst in Cuba of their superior hon-

esty when in government employ. General Wood devotes several hours daily to postal affairs, hearing the reports of special agents and conferring with Mr. Rathbone and others having any knowledge of the matter. As yet it is impossible to say how many persons will be implicated.

New York, (Special,)-The Brooklyn Engle

ablishes the following from Washington Postmaster-General Smith was informed that the surety company that furnished bonds for Treasurer Neely is prepared to make good for the shortage to the amount of the bond as soon as evidence is produced showing its liability. Burt A. Milier, man-ager of the department of Cuba for the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, had a talk with Postmaster-General Smith in regard to this subject. Later he said: "We will make no attempt to evade payment if it is shown that Neely is a defaulter

His bond was only \$30,000. Neely gave no collaterial security whatever other than a personal one, as we accepted as our protection the fact that the President bad enough confidence in him to give him this responsible position. "Our company also supplied, the bond for

Director Rathbone. This amounts to only \$10,000.

Washington, (Special.)-Edward Thompson, the suspended postmaster of Havana, is one of the best known men in Indianapolis, where he stood high in general estima tion. He served for 25 years in the Indianapolis postoffice and was postmaster under the Harrison administration.

He was assistant postmaster for some years prior to the Cleveland administration which retained him in the postoffice in a subordinate capacity. He served in the Civil War in General Harrison's command. He was appointed postmaster at Havana six months ago.

COTTON GROWERS ORGANIZE.

AGUINALDO WRITES.

HIS ALLEGED PROCLAMATION IS CIR-CULATING IN MANILA.

URGES FILIPINOS TO FIGHT.

celares the Peace Committee Was Un authorized by Congress-It Also Advises His Countrymen to Welcome Commission and Ask for What Form of Government They Desire.

Manila, (By Cable,)-A proclamation, purorting to have been issued by Aguinaldo and dated May 4, from Poliilo Island, one of the Philippine group, east of Luzon, is circulating in Manila. It says the committee appointed by Presi-

dent McKinley was appointed without the authorization of Congress, and that, hence, it cannot treat officially. It urges the Filipinos not to surrender

their arms at the instigation of the committee and on promises which Congress may not ratify, and also urges the Filipinos to enthusiastically welcome the commissio when it arrives in the towns and provinces asking boldly for the form of government they most desire, as the Americans permit freedom of speech.

The proclamation closes with asking the Filipinos to still strive for liberty and indeendence, and again warns the com against deception.

In the Catarma fight, Island of Samar, May 1, about 700 of the enemy attacked the men of the Forty-third Infantry. The Americans killed 209 of the rebels by actual count Only three Americans were wounded. Maj. John C. Gilmore and 100 men of the Forty-third Regiment were ambushed May 6 near Pambugan, Samar. Seventy-five of the aemy were killed, and there were no Amorican cavualties.

The transport Lennox has returned here after landing four troops of the Eleventh Cavalry to reinforce Col. J. Franklin Bell. Two troops, Maj. Hugh T. Sime command-ing, were landed at Legaspi and proceeded scross the country to strengthen the garriion at Ligno.

They found numerous entrenchments nanned by insurgents between the towns, and were two days on their way, skirmish ing and dismounting constantly. Their only loss was three horses. The officers report that they killed 40 insurgents, but the natives loclare 80 were killed.

MANILA MAY REVOLT.

Rumors of Native Uprising in the Philip pine Capital-Meetings Broken Up.

Manila, (By Cable).- A rumor in circula ion last week of an outbreak in Manila among the natives was seriously discussed by some of the local papers, and attracted nore general attention than has usually seen the case with this sort of thing.

Many Filipinos left their American em ployers with the apparent intention of joinng some such movement. Their action taken in connection with the arrest of sev eral natives for carrying concealed weapons and the dispersion of several suspicious

gatherings, gave color to the reports. Officials have been active, but are not in clined to think an uprising will be attemptd. They believe the Filipinos lacking in the necessary courage, especially in view of the fact that the natives feared to attempt the demonstration at the time of Genera Lawton's funeral, although they had made careful preparations and many Filipinos had ome to Manila for this express purpose.

A paper found among the captured effects of Gen. Pantaleon Garcia asserts that the United States Congress has done nothing for the Filipinos and that, therefore, all Fil pinos who are working for Americans must eave their employers immediately or suffer

the penalty of treason. One report is that the Filipino junta is endeavoring to incite an outbreak in order to show the civil commission that the war is still being pursued.

It does not seem probable that the peace proposals which Senor Buencamino, at one time a member of the Filipino government, has drawn up for submission to Aguinaldo and the other Filipino leaders will have

etary, he will assign many duties hereto

fore devolving upon the adjutant-general

This step is taken in view of the increasing

mportance of the post of Governor-Genera

detail, and will devote himself largely to

Forty-third Volunteer Infantry.

MAFEKING RELIEVED.

Boer Forces Have Raised the Siege

Garrison.

London, (By Cable) .- Mafeking has been

rolleved and London is mad with joy. All night thousands paraded the streets shout-

ng the praise of Baden-Powell, who is now

The news of the relief came from Pretoria,

It is likely, however, that the langers were

combarded by the British relief column

It is officially announced that General

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Mrs. Howard Gould has collected one of

he finest libraries of works on the English

Colonel Dalgetty, whose name is associ-ited with the defense of Wepener, was born

n 1868 and saw active service in South Afri-

It is not often that a man is found with

"Although I do not agree with all his doc

rines," said President Hadley, of Yale, the

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Gor Lounsbury, of Connecticut, is overall

asebalt enthusiast, and never misses a game

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one is now. We all exaggerate; we all use very' when we do not mean it. Truth is the

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MR. CLARK RESIGNS.

Unneual Proceedings in Montana Contest Cass-Is Reappointed by Acting. Governor Spriggs.

Helena, Mont., (Special.)-Acting Gov ernor Spriggs appointed W. A. Clark, o Butte, United States Sepator to serve unt he next legislature shall elect his successo Senator Clark's resignation was early in the day with the governor and he was appointed by Governor Spriggs to'suc-ceed bimself. Mr. Clark's reasons for resigning were fully set forth in the speech h delivered in the Senate. Governor Sprigge has all along been a friend of Senator Clark. during his candidacy for the Senatorship and since, although hs preserved the utmost impartiality in his office of lieutenant-gove nor and president of the Senate during the

enstorial campaign. Governor Smith, a partisan of the Daly people, left the state two weeks ago for Cal ifornia to attend to some mining cases in which he is retained as attorney. At that time there was no thought of Senator Clark resigning. The resignation just filed came as a surprise to the people of the State, who had no inkling of the coup prepared. Governor Spriggs received a great many tel grams from all over the state urging him to appoint Senator Clark, alleging that he was the real choice of a large majority of the Democrats and a large proportion of the Republicans as well

SENATOR CLARK RESIGNS.

Montana Millionaire Arraigns IIIs Ene mics in the Senate.

Washington, Special.)-Mr. Clark, of Mon tana, fairly swept the Senate with surprise by a formal announcement that he had sent his resignation as Senator to the governor of Montana,

The announcement came without previous notice, and probably not half a dozen persons in Washington knew that it was to be made. Mr. Clark struck just at the instant the iron was hottest. Mr. Chandler, chair-man of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, had given notice that at 1 o'clock he would call up for consideration the resolution unanimously reported from the com mittee, declaring Mr. Clark not to be en titled to his sent in the Senate. A spirited contrst over the resolution was expected.

EDWARD PHILLIPS KILLED.

Shot by Deputy Sheriff Carrickhoff in Harrisonburg.

Harrisonburg, Va., (Special.)-Ed. Phil-ilps, aged about 55 years, was shot and in-stantiy killed here by Deputy Sheriff E. J. Carrickhoff. The officer had a warrant for Phillips' arrest on a charge of felony. The latter made his home in Brock's Gap, and when it was learned that he was in Harrisonburg visiting his mother Deputy Sheriffs Switzer and Carrickhoff proceeded to the house to make the arrest. When Deputy Carrickhoff came upon Phillips suddenly the latter resisted arrest. Carrickhoff had a 38caliber Colt's revolver in his hand, and in the scuffle which ensued he fired two shots.

SIX LIVES LOST.

In an Explosion in Lee Mines of Tom' Creek Coal Field.

Norton, Va., (Special.)-Six or more lives were lost in an explosion in Lee Mines of Tom's Creek coal field, which occurred about 6 o'clock. It is the opinion that the disaster was caused by dynamite, which was being used in blasting some rock, and ignited the dust in the mines.

At the time the explosion took place, as far as known, only four men were in the mines, but soon afterward a number of men endeavoring to investigate and remove the dead were overcome by the after-damp, and two of these lost their lives.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

John Redmond and John Dillon appeared on the same platform at an Irish demon stration at Manchester, Eng., and declared for a united Irish party. Mr. Redmond, in his speech, said that Lord Salisbury has

misrepresented Irish claims with cynical and brutal frankness, Fifteen thousand Mohammedan weavers met in Benaires and protested to the India

government against the plague regulations.

HOTEL BLAZE.

CHICAGO DISASTER RESULTS IN DEATH OF THREE PEOPLE.

14 SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Early Morning Confingration Destroy: a Hostelry in the Windy City-Several Gallant Rescues Were Reported, the Meroes in Which were a Porter and Several Policemen.

Chloago, Ill., (Special.)-Three persons were killed and 14 were injured in a fire which destroyed the Hotel Helene, at 110 to 114 Fifty-third street. Five of the injured

will probably die. The dead : Charlotte Peterson, dining-room girl; found in her room, burned to a crisp. Lens Pearson, found burned almost beyond recognition in room with Miss Peterson. S G. McNaddin.

The seriously injured: W. E. Horn, burned about face and hands and body, leg broken, will die; E. E. Tarbux, lurned about the body, recovery doubtful; Elizabeth Florence, internally injured and skull fractured, un conscious, recovery doubtful; E. B. Alien, both ankles sprained and internally injured in jumping from third-story window; Mrs. T. Allen, back broken and internally injured. umped from third-story window, will die Helen Joseph, badly bruised and overcomby smoke; Stella Nellwolski, chambermaid. jumped from first floor, overcome by smoke and injured internally; L. James McNell, porter, burned about face: Sarah Hutchinson, high school teacher, injured in falling from second floor; James Costin, fireman, out by falling glass; Mrs. Bruce and baby, overcome by smoke; Thomas Morgan, polle man, back injured, and Mrs. Adelia Lawson, badly bruised.

The loss to the building and furnishings was \$40,000.

The destruction of the hotel was replete with daring rescues and narrow escapes, it which James McNell carned himself the title of hero. He was a porter in the hotel and the first to warn the sleeping occupants of their danger. He carried Helen Joseph down a swaying ladder from the third floor, and then, amid the cheers of the onlookers, re-turned to the second floor, where a woman was lying unconscious, her clothing on fire. He carried her to the window and dropped her into the arms of Policeman Wolf.

The effort and the heat were too much fo McNeill, and he staggered back into the The people below thought smoke. was lost. A policeman mounted to the shoulders of a brother officer, and, clambering over the window ledge, caught Mc-Nell by the feet and dragged him from the McNeil was passed down to the room. ground and soon recovered consciousness. The rescue of a woman and her baby aroused the enthusiasm of the crowds. Mrs. Bruce, with one arm around her infant, was elinging with the other arm to the ledge of a second-story window. Smoke was pouring out and Mrs. Bruce seemed to be on the point of failing. Her fingers were relaxing, when suddenly three policemen, carrying a blanket held taut among them, rushed into the flames, which were then darting from the basement windows, just in time to catch the woman and her child, saving them from almost certain death. Mrs. Bruce was badly burned, but had succeeded that two men were killed and seven injured, three fatally, by the explosion of the boller in protecting her baby. There were many other narrow escapes and exhibitions of of a locomotive on the Illinois Central Bail-road at Dubois, Ill. courage during the burning of the structure. as there was only one entrance to the building, which compelled the greater number of the guests to make their exits as best they quit work. could through the windows.

The rescues were nearly all accomplished before the firemen arrived. The blaze spread so rapidly that, had the people in the hotel been compelled to await the arrival of the hook and ladder company, more lives would have been lost. The policeman and others on the ground early, however, were able to secure ladders from a paint store nearby, and by this means saved many of the guests from death.

The fire started in the basement and spread with the greatest rapidity. But for the heroic action of Porter McNeil every person in the building would undoubtediy have perished.

A FATAL DRIVE.

THE NEWS.

The Masonic Order in Topeka, Kan., Is LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM interested in the presention of Christian Scientists who attended the widow of a OUS PARTS. Knight Templar. The woman died of peri-

PURE FOOD CONFER

Secretary Hamilton Meets Agent neys and Chemists at Harrish

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Firemen Were Kept Busy.

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Ex-Dairy and Food Commission

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Sawmill, in South Williamsport, the being Daniel Hill. He was struck by

ning and instantly killed. Charles

another employe of the mill, was him Among the buildings struck we Church of the Annunciation and h

Street Methodist Church. The dama

A barn owned by John Shuitz was

by lightning and burned to the ground

A peculiar freak of lightning even East Third Street. While Dr. H. M.

was driving down the thoroughlan

ning struck his buggy, demolishing

tor and the horse escaped uninjared.

Dangling head downward between of a mule, John Sharp, aged 13, wash over a mile of rough road at Makano

to a shocking death. He was a wate engaged with workmen opening a set

between Primrose and Treates.

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dicate that the boy was shot by apla who was seen in the vicinity with all

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sided at Jersey Shore. Marks was in

Quarryman Killed by Explosion While Edward Everett, 39 years of

was operating a steam drill in a stone

at Ruchsville, he struck a charged

been made last autumn, but which for

reason failed to explode. An explosion lowed. One of Everett's legs and the of his head was blown away. Deathway

Locomotive Shops for Dabels

Boys Offended the Clown-

Officials of the Buffalo, Rochester

Pittsburg Railroad announced that D

had been decided upon for the loss immense new locomotive shops of the The buildings, together with the peer

sidings, will cover twenty acres,

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Mason Killed By Lightning John W. Smith, a stone mason, us it by lightning while at work on a chimit

The wife and two small children of Fr Whitmoyer, of Screno, were poisoned in

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State in Brief.

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KEYSTUNE STA

Elizabeth Longnecker sued Zion Evangelcal Church, of Mannheim, Pa., and filed bill claiming that the church secured \$5,000 in county bonds from her by fraud.

Jefferson Leake served notice on Rev Thomas Simonton, of Lower Valley, N. J. that he would sue the preacher for marrying his minor daughter without his consent.

The Chinese of San Francisco have retained attorneys to contest in the courts the right of the health authorities to compel them to submit to inoculation. Lorenzo Nadder, from Buda Pesth, landed

n New York on Saturday, was easily swindied out of all the money he had, and then asked to be deported.

Prof. Roy Wilson White, of the law de-partment of the University of Pennsylvanis, was brutally murdered by unknown parties in Philadelphia.

Several city councilmen of Shamokin, Pa., were convicted by a jury of conspiracy in connection with the street paving contracts. A secret meeting of vaudeville theater nanagers was held in Boston, it is claimed. for the purpose of forming a trust.

The fight between the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the Allied Building League was called off.

Martin Frey, of near Newville, Pa., killed his brother-in-law, George Collins, in a quar-

Gardiner S, Williams, a veteran professor of Cornell University, died of paralysis. A proclamation of outlawry was issued at Fayetteville against Thomas Fort.

Alois Coulter was assassinated in his barn. ear Marlington, W. Va.

Miss Dora Wolfe was sworn in as mail carrier at Bipley, W. Va. The granite strike in Westerly, R. I., was

ettled. A letter of commendation prepared by the olored pastors of Macon has been sent to Ex-Governor MacCorkie, of West Virginia. Horace S. Clark, of Mattoon, has been minated for Congress by the Republicans

of the Nineteenth Illinois District. The Washington Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Kings County Court in the case of George C. Lawrence appellant, vs. the Times Printing Company and the Associated Press, respondents from Kings county.

Both the Yosomite Valley stages-one go ing each way-were held up at night by lone highwayman at Rig Neck Flat.

The 18th quadrennial session of the Methodist Protestant Church Conference of the United States opened in Christ Church, Atlantic City. Dr. J. W. Hering, of Westminster, Md., presided.

The St. Louis Presbyterian Assembly recommended to Congress that no more ap propriations be made to national expositions in this country unless they be closed on Sunday.

The Missouri House of Delegates passed the bill to revoke the franchise of the various St. Louis street railway companies in case they failed to run cars in compliance with terms of city ordinances. Reports have been received to the effect

Two hundred employes of the Driggs

Seabury Gun and Ammunition Company

It was declared that the plot to blow up

the Welland Canal probably originated in

The Iowa City Vogel Building was dam-

aged \$50,000 by fire. Insurance unknown.

mine, the once-famous gold producer of Tuolumne county, California, to an English

syndicate have been practically completed. The price is said to be \$850,0.0.

trades, the telephone and electric light line

factory of Harberger, Homan & Co., Phila

According to Acting Commissioner Mc-

Sweency, the largest number of immigrants

delphia, remains practically unchanged.

men and the girls employed at the cigar

The strike situation of the

Negotiations for the sale of the Rawhide

New York,

He Had Beaten Mrs. McKenna With Club.

Memphis, Tenn., (Special.)-Three men-Edward Whittington, Dennis Brogan and Thomas Coleman-said to be coal miners from West Virginia, entered the lunch-house of T. F. McKenna, at the corner of Adams and Front streets, and became involved in a quarral with the porter. McKenna and his wife interfered and

Mrs. McKenna was badly beaten with a club in the hands of Whittington. She ran behind a counter and procuring a revolver. shot Whittington through the back of the neck, killing him instantly.

Brogan then advanced menacingly toward her and received a bullet in the face, which Hoke Smith, Hon, Pope Brown, president the physicians say will prove fatal. Cole-man escaped without injury. Mrs. McKenna is in jall.

RAILROAD PROJECT.

Surveying Corps at Work Between Clarks burg and Philippi.

Belington, W. Vn., (Special.)-A surveying corps is at work between Ciarksburg and Philippi looking up a route for a railroad. No statement has been given out as to who the projectors of the road are, but it is pretty certain that it is the Baltimore and Ohio and that the officials of that monster system are trying to steal a march on the promot ers of the line, which is now on paper, to connect the West Virginia Central and Pitts burg with the Short Line Railroad.

ROUTED INSURGENTS.

American Scouts, Ambushed by Fillping Put Them to Flight.

Manila, (By Cable),-Five bundred insue gents, half of whom were armed with rifles ambushed 80 scouts of the Fortieth Volunteer Infantry in the hills near Aquasan, it the northern part of Mindanao.

Americans routed the natives, kill-10gr 51. The American ensualties were two killed

and three wounded.

CROWDS AT PASSION PLAY.

Rehearsed With Great Realism at Oberammergau.

Oberammergau, Bavaria, (By Cable,)-A tended by 4,000 persons, many Americans being present.

The tragedy of the Crucifixion was never before so realistically represented. It was an all-day performance, with Bobleal tab leaux of the scenes preceding the Cruchts

Herr Anton Lang, the Christus of this year's production, is a man of fine presence and devout, thoughtful demeanor.

Ownership of Ba Iroads.

Washington, (Special,)-The Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate hears arguments on Senator Pettigrew's bill for government owpership of the railroads. Judge Lewis, of Cumberland, Md., and Mr. Lusk, who w a for several years connect of with the control of the rails ads of Australia and New Zea and. Both were favorable to governmental control.

Sullivan's Island Fort fications.

Washington, (Special).—Tre conference of the two consets of Congress have reached an agreement on the differ news on the Fortifi-tia ion bill. The senate amendment appro-priating \$133,000 for the purchase of build-ing sit s on S movan's island, Charl stop, S. C., is related.

Georgia Planters Will Try to Secure Bet- that of a man who hurries to get on the ter Prices. Macon, Ga., (Special.)-The Cotton Grow-

ers' Convention held at Macon was one of the largest conventions of representative planters and business men ever held in Georgia.

convention was called for the purpose The and representatives of commercial bodies. of effecting an organization of the cotton To Lieut,-Colonel Crowder, his military see planters which would enable them to secure a better price for cotton.

Five hundred delegates were present, representing every county in the State and omposed of planters, warehouse men, manufacturers, bankers, merchants and lawyers. The convention was addressed by Hon. of the State Agricultural Society; Hon, J. F. Hanson, Harvey Jordan, I. B. English

and others. The organization of the Georgia Cotton Growers' Association concluded the conven-tion. Harvey Jordan was elected president. tion. F. M. Langley vice president and N. R. Hutchinson secrétary-treasurer. An execu

tive committee was chosen composed of three representatives from each Congres sional district.

Fatal Explosion of a Mine.

C ifton, W. Va., (Special.) - An explosion of firedamp in the Camden-Spilman mine killed Charles Varian and several others. The tipple and several mine cars at the mouth of the mine were blown away and demolished, and several persons narrowly escaped from flying debris. A flash of powder ignited the gas.

Drug Store Wrecked.

Chicago, (Special.)-A terrific explosion at 4 P. M. wrecked the third and fourth floors of the Dale & Semplif drug store in the heart of the business district here and seriously injured three men.

The explosion was due to escaping gas. Every window in the Luilding was shattered and many persons bit by falling glass. A fire followed the explosion, but it was quickly extinguished,

Bogus Stamp Story Discredited. Washington, (Special.)-The officials at the Postoffice Department generally discred the report that counterfelt Cuban stamps to

value of \$2,000,000 were manufactured dress rehearsal of the Passion Play was at- at Muncle, Ind. According to a Matement prepared at the department, the total value of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal ords supplied Neely was slightly less than \$1,003,0.2%. The last shipment of stamped paper sent to Havana, so far as the departut is aware, was made August 19, 1899.

uch an appropriate name as Miles Long, of Westminster, Md. The appropriateness lies in the fact that the Mr. Long has the repu-Two freight trains on the Lackawanns ollided, and Engineer William Eschenbach ation of being the tallest man in the State was killed.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

other day, 'I regard Herbert Spencer as the greatest philosopher of the present era, and The United States officials in Manila an usely watching the suspicious movement. of the Filipinos, and precautions have been taken to prevent any attempt at an outbreat in that city. Many Filipinos have left their American employers, and an order was tound among the captured effects of General G orch stating that all Filipinos working for Americans must quit immediately or suffer when he thought society would be perfect by the statement: "When it is truthful. No the penalty of treason

The Porty-third Vo unteer Infantry occupled the town of Hilougos and Maasin, on the Island of Leybe, and in opposing the hading of the Americans the insurgents met with heavy loss a.

much weight with the natives. Buencami-no's reputation, gained in former wars, is hundreds in India.

The second ballots in the municipal elecwinning side. He was in disfavor with the tions in Paris give the Nationalists a sweep-Filipinos even before the collapse of their ing majority in the new municipal council government, owing to a widespread suspiand the Waldeck-Rousseau ministry a seriion of his loyalty to his colleagues. ous rebuff. Last week General MacArthur received a large number of officials, Consuls, officers

Mail advices from Colombia state that the revolution is increasing and that Panama is liable to fall into the hands of the revolutionists at any time.

Emperor Francis Joseph, in an address at Budapest, spoke of the good relations be-tween Austria-Hungary and all the powers, especially Russia.

volve considerable decentralization. He will give to his staff authority in matters of Seventy-three out of two hundred and sixteen cases of the bubonic plague in Sydney, N.S. W., have proved fatal.

The Ashantis in the Gold Coast Colony are The town of Hilongos and Maasin, Island reported to have secured the co-operation of of Leyte, have been occupied by troops of eight other tribes in a determined effort to fight British rule. The

Anti-taxation riots were continued in Bar-Filipinos opposed the landing of the Americans and sustained heavy losses. The celona, Seville and Valencia, Spain, Troops were ordered to clear the streets.

Ahmed Pasha started from Constantinople with new proposals for the settlement of the indemnity claims.

The Norwegian ship Superb was abandoned dismasted, her crew being saved by the British bark Seafarer.

H. T. Norie, manager of the Union Bank of Scotland, committed sulcide at his home in Edinburgh.

The Japanese Crown Prince Yoshih'to was married to Princess Sada Ko.

hence there is little doubt of the authenticity of the information, although the British War Professor Dietzel, a German political conomist, predicts the "downfall of the Office has not yet received any definite word. United States" as a result "of the enormous The Boer version is that when the langers increase of American manufactured exports and forts around Mafeking had been severea factor steadily undermining protection ly bombarded the slege was abandoned, a ism. Britisk force from the south taking posses-

Marshal Martinez de Campos has summed up the situation in Spain by declaring that the ministry must govern or resign. Domonstrations against the taxation schemes are general throughout Spain.

Queen Victoria returned to London apparently in good health.

FIELD OF LABOR.

Wheeling hod-carriers earn \$2.50 per day. At Cleveland the painters have secured a 6 per cent, advance in wages, and the lath-ers an increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day. A new constitution embodying a declaration favoring independent political action has been adopted by the United Wood Car-

vers' Association. Initiation fee of local unions under the jurisdiction of the Kings County (New York) | petitor. district of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and joiners will be raised to \$20 from and after May 15.

In Germany 1.057,938 acres were seeded to sugar beets last year. The yield was about eleven and a quarter tons to the acre, and the sugar results 12.7 per cent.

It is stated the International Union of Bricklayers and Masons has a gross mem-bership of about 70,000. The jurisdiction of the union over the craft extends through the United States and embraces Canada and Mexico. There is no affiliation between it or its subsidiary unions with any other labor organization.

Thore are in the United States today nearly 1,400,000 union men, according to the most authentic sources of information. Fort Worth (Tex.) paperhangers get \$2.80

per day.

James Bartley, of Staunton, Found Dead

in a Surrey. Staunton, Va., (Special.)—Elmer Britt, his wife and her brother. John Rowe, bired a surrey after midnight, James Bartley being the driver. Most of the party, it is said, were drinking. They drove to Basic City and returned at 6 o'clock, all but Rowe, who was left behind, lying on the back seat of the surrey. Bartley was dead. At a coroner's inquest evidence was to the effect that in . quarrel Rows struck Bartley on the head three or four times with his fist, as a result of which Bartley died.

STRUCK BY A LOCAL FREIGHT.

One Brother Killed and Another Seriously Injured.

Parkersburg, W. Va., (Special).-Adam and Carl Eckhart, brothers, aged 18 and 25 years, respectively, employed by the Par-kersburg Chair Factory, while returning home about 7 o'clock were struck by a local freight train near the Baltimore and Ohio shops, the former being instantly killed and the latter seriously injured.

Mules for South Africa.

New Orleans, (Special.) - The steamer Monarch sailed for Cape Town, Africa, with 1,500 mules, and the steamer Corinthia cleared for the same port with 1,450 mules. all the animals being consigned to British army officials,

Fire at Parls Exposition.

Paris, (By Cable.) -A fire occurred at the Exposition. The flames were discovered in the basement of the Chateau d'Etau, The fire was extinguished after an hour's hard work.

Roanoke's Cotton Mill.

Roanoke, Va., (Special.)-The Roanoke Sotton Mill will be in operation in a few months. The stockholders elected officers for the first year.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The government officials are vigorously oushing the investigation into the alleges sostal frauds in Havana. A dispatch from that city says that one of the culprits has made a confession which implicates others besides Charles F. W. Neely.

The House, by a majority of one, unscated Mr. Crawford, Democrat, of North Carolina, and seated Mr. Pearson, his Republican com-

"Jurisprudence" was the topic discu at the final day's session of the American Social Science Association.

President and Mrs. McKinley gave a dinner at the White House in honor of Governor Roosevelt.

The managers want Congressman Shiveley of Indiana, to become Bryan's running mate, but he prefers to be nominated for governor of Indiana.

The House passed the Grand Army Pen-sion bill and the bill to increase the appropriation for the National Guard from #400, 000 to £1,000,000.

The Shah of Persia conferred the decoration of the Grand Cordon of the Lion and Sun on Minister Bowen.

In the Senate Mr. Teller made an argument in behalf of his resolution of sympathy with the Boors.

the boy was dragged over the nony until his cries censed in death. We animal was finally captured. Sharp' ever received at an American port in one day arrived at the Barge Office in New York was battered almost shapeless. Wednesday.

The Missouri Republican Convention Cinir Rosensteel, aged 5 years, a Michael Rosensteel, of Bessemer, was adopted resolutions indorsing President Mckinley and denouncing trusts. unconscious in a field near his homet Two persons were killed and 15 injured bullet hole in his head. The lad was five fatally, in the burning of the Hote home, where he died without regaining Helene at Chicago.

Nearly all St. Louis street car lines began operations with non-union men.

«The anti-imperialists are considering the project of holding a National Convention soon after the Kansas City gathering. The Southern Industrial Conference

Chattanooga indorsed the Philadelphis Commercial Museum.

The directors of the National Tube Con pany declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1% per cent, on the preferred stock and a quarterly dividend of 114 per cent. on the common stock.

The Childs' Dining-Hall Company, capital \$1,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church voted to increase by two its board of general superintendents, thus adopting the majority report of the commit tee on episcopacy.

Former President Cleveland, accompanied by E. C. Benedict, boarded the steam yacht Oneida for a two-weeks' cruise in the West Indies, including a visit to Havana.

The body of Charles N. Bertram, a theatrial manager of New York, who had been missing since April 24, was found in the bay.

Thirty-seven Japanese were arrested in New Whatcom, Wash., who are alleged to be paupers and who are endeavoring to secure entrance into the United States. The stocking factory of Morgan & Men-

zles was totally destroyed by fire at Wilkes-barre, Pa. The loss is \$60,000, covered by

insurance. William Willis, a negro, who shot and killed Alexander Whitney at Augusta, Ga., was lynched by a mob about twelve miles from that elty.

A quarrel between children at Dunmore, Pa., was followed by Mrs. Mary Pace, mother of cno of the children, making a unious attack on Mrs. Sylvester Bellows ther of the other child, with a butche knif .

Charles H. Cole, former president of the Globe National Bank of Boston, was senenced to eight years' imprisonment for mis appropriating funds.

Gaines, which starts off at the raised barrels a day. It is located on the Busi-lonse, on which a gusher was strucks. The Municipal League of Philadelphia calls upon Mayor Ashbridge to either disa vow all connection with the alleged attempts Seven citizens of TurtleCreek, charged a inciting a riot over the use of a schoolin as a smallpox hospital, were given a be to intinidate Mr. Wanamaker or resign hi

office. A certificate of reasonable doubt was given in New York by Judge Fitzgerald in the case Over three thousand pounds of give and 1,000 pounds of dynamic, stored isi-nile from Kane, exploded, breaking a dows, shaking houses and causing ave thousand dollof Kellogg, the convicted Dean Company operator.

George Galin, of Newport News, Va., was arrested on the charge of attompted assault on Miss Mattie Ellis in Elizabeth City county. An attempt was made to kill Father Kion owski, pastor of the Polish Independen

Catholie Church, in Wilkesbarre, Pa. The big Street Fair and Carnival at Rich nond, Va., was opened with speech-making and other exercis

The Kentucky Now in the Navi-Another new powerful battleship of added to the navy, when the Kentak sister of the Kearaarge, the only windle in the world with superimposed until was placed in commission at the shipped at Newport News, Va. Captain Colory Chester is her commander. Churchill D. Webster, a lineal descendant of Daniel Webster, died suddenly at his home in Richmond. The front of August Martin's saloon, in Wheeling, W. Na., was blown away by dyna-