mers Made Happy. Seldom has a total eclipse of the sun or curred under better conditions for observa tion than the one which was visible Monday parts of North America, Europe and

Clear and beautiful weather provalled throughout almost the entire belt of totality. This not only afforded the astronomer ideal conditions for making scientific ob servations, but heightened the effect of the wonderful spectacle on the millions of persons who gazed at it merely as a sublime phenomena of nature.

Astronomical parties were scattered thick-

ly throughout the totality belt, which began the Pacific Ocean just west of Mexico and extended through Mexico, Louisiana. Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, theneerossing the ocean to Portugal, Spain, Al-glers and traversing Northern Africa to the Red Sea, where it ended. The belt was 55

The United States Government had three stations for observing the eclipse in this ecunity. These were at Pinehurst, N. C. where the station was in charge of Prof. Asron N. Skinner: at Barnesville, Ga., in charge of Prof. Milton Updegraff, and at Griffin, Ga., in charge of Prof. Stimson J Brown, Captain C. H. Davis, superintend. ent of the Naval Observatory at Washington, was in communication with these offi cials by telegraph.

Remarkably auccessful results were schieved. The conditions at Pinchurst were particularly favorable, though hoped-for observations of the periodicity of shadow bands could not be taken,
At Barnesville the corona flashed out in

double fan-like form of great beauty. Sev-eral solar prominences were distinctly ob-

The United States Government also had a station in Tripoli, Northern Africa, where excellent results were obtained. At Algiers a weird effect was produced. The color of the sea was changed from deep blue to gray and the trees became purple. The corona and shadow bonds were observed under

rarely favorable conditions. Crowds of sightseers went to Norfolk, Va. for the great spectacle. Among them was President McKinley, who made the trip from Washington on the dispatch boat Dolphin. The temperature fell, and at the period of totality there was a drop of 1% degrees. The corona, with the planets Mercury and Venus

shining near, was seen to great advantage. As the sun was darkened a weird effect was produced at many places. This led to some scenes of excitement, colored people in the South being especially affected.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Wiped Out Valuable Business Property in Apalachicola.

Apalachicola, Fla., (Special.)-A disas trous fire broke out in the residence of Mrs. Broughton. It spread to the Methodis Church and from there to the business portion of the town. In less than three hours three blocks were entirely consumed. The following is a partial report of the losses:

The Methodist church, the residences of Mrs. Broughton and Dr. Willis Hicks', offices of J. H. Lovett & Co., the store of Patton and Hall and all intervening shops to R. Collins' store, on the corner of Centre and Market streets.

The fire crossed Market street to the buildings occupied by Drs. Alexander Hoffman, Moore and Willis Hicks, Messrs. Murat Hendry and Rice, Warren, A. H. Hopp, E. A. Flateur & Co., Dr. Rush Lichenfelt, A H. Gendberg, the residence of J. S. Hatchcock, the Times office, John Cook's bar and adjacent buildings. From here the fire leaped across Centre street and consumed everything from the Central Hotel to the icehouse on the wharf. Everything on the water front from the telegraph office to Rugge & Sons, on Water street, was consumed. The customhouse was consumed and a very few of the records were saved. The splendid armory, recently built at a cost of \$18,000, also was destroyed.

A COMMISSION CENSURED.

It Acquitted a Filipino Who Wa Accused of Murdering a Soldier.

Washington, (Special.)-The Secretary o War has received the official record of the case of Rosario Espiritu, a Filipino who was tried by a military commission at Manila in June last on the charge of having murdered Private George A. Wagner, Company P. Fourteenth Infantry, by sheeting him with a revolver and by stabbing him with a bolo. The commission, after being in session two months, found the Filipino not guilty of the The commanding general of the Depart

ment of the Pacific disapproved the findings of the acquittal, but ordered the release of the prisoner. In his review of the case be

says:
"In this case the evidence was abundantly sufficient to sustain a conviction, and the tailure of the commission to so find is at tributed to complications arising during the trial, resulting from wholly immaterial and

Blinded by the Eclipse.

Lancaster, Pa., (Special.)—Mrs. H. C. McAllister, of Conestoga Center, near here has became blind in one eye as a result o gazing too long at the cellpae of the sun She watched it closely for a long time, both through smoked glass and with the naked Her sight became dim the next day and grew steadily worse until she is unable to see with that eye,

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Collector of Customs Elies, of Havans Cuba, states that since he took charge of the department more than two hundred Cuban employes have been discharged for fraud. The second instalment of General Young's

report of his operations in Northern Luzon as made public, The wife of Col. C. R. Greenleaf ha

opened a library in Manila for American oldiers and sailors. The Filipinos sent out a story to the effect

that five hundred Americans had been sining by them at Catubig. The natives of Mindoro Island, one of th

Philippines, beheaded the boatswain and his accompilees of the brigantine Navarro who had mutinled and killed the captain his wife and the mate. General Wood has warned the Cuban civil

governor of Santa Clara province, Cuba, that if he attempts to corrupt the election he will be dismissed and punished.

A government teamster in Manila dies from the bubonts plague.

General Wood has ordered that every department in the government service in Cuba s overhauted. The soil_.tor's bureau Havana has been abolished.

FROM WASHINGTON.

After a conference with the Boer peac envoys, Secretary Hay gave out a statement declaring he had told them that the Presient had gone as far as he could, under the Hague convention, to bring about peace, and could not interfere.

The gift of the Daughters of the America. Revolution of a wreath of immortelles for the tomb of General Miranda was gratefully scknowledged by the Venezuelan foreign

The Postmaster General has accepted the supervising architect's design for the pub-lie building at Annapolis.

WAR MAY BE OVER.

FORTS AROUND THE TRANSVAAL CAPITAL ABANDONED.

PRETORIA IS EVACUATED.

British Nearing Transvant Capital - E. pected to March Into Town Without Opposition—President Kruger is Said to Havo Fied From Transvant Territory to Lydenburg.

London, Eng., (By Cable). Pretoria is to fall into British hands without the firing of a shot. It is believed in London that Johannesburg will also yield.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez say that Johannesburg has already surrendered. but this is not fully credited in London.

says that "all the forces have been dismissed from the forts around Pretoria. President Kruger is now at Watervalboven." British officers, according to the same dispatch, "are now at Johannesburg dictating terms of sur render.

Further light on the situation is shed by the London Daily Mail, which publishes a dispatch from the Earl of Rosslyn, one of its correspondents who was a prisoner at Pretoria, but who, as a civilian, appears to have been released. The dispatch was dated at Pretoria, and said: "Pretoria will be occupied in about two hours, without resistance. Everything is quiet, but crowds are waiting expectantly in Church Square for the arrival of the British." Burgomaster de Souza, the Earl states, was authorized to receive the British,

The London War Office has made public no dispatch from Lord Roberts as to the present situation at Johannesburg or Pretoria. It is believed in the British capital, however, that there will be no further oppo sition to the occupation of either city, and that, in the language of one dispatch, "the war is over.

It is rumored in Berlin that Johannesburg has been blown up, but there is no confirmation of this.

Watervalboven, to which place President near the junction of the Delagoa line with the road to Lydenburg, from which it is 40 miles distant. The latest move of President Kruger therefore seems to indicate a decison to transfer his capital to Lydenburg, as it has been reported he would do. Lydenburg is described as in an almost inaccessimountainous region and wonderfully well adapted to defense. For some time it has been rumored that the cannon and provisions at Pretoria have been in process of transfer there.

FILIPINOS RUSH TOWN.

Five Americans Killed, Officer and To

Men Missing.
Manila, (By Cable.)—On Tuesday night the Filipinos rushed San Miguel, Province of Bulacan, Luzon, garrisoned by three com-panies of the Thirty-fifth Volunteer Infan-

try.

They swept through the surprised town, shooting right and left, killing five Americans and wounding seven. Capt. Charles D. Roberts and two privates are missing. Filipino dead were discovered,

San Miguel is a few miles from Manila. While a band under the escort of troops of the Forty-sixth Infantry was moving from Hang to Silang, within 25 miles of Manila, it was attacked by Ladrones, three of the party being killed.

Lieut. Jens E. Stedje, of Company L, Forty-seventh Volunteers, commanding a scouting party in the southern part of Albay Province, had several engagements with the natives, in which 17 Filipines were killed and 23, including a captain, were captured. Six explosive bombs and a number of valuable Filipino documents also fell into the bands of the Americans. The scouts burned the town of Yubi, the headquarters of the natives. Sergeant Brickley was killed during a slight engagement near Higao, Province

of Albay. Scouts of the Thirty-sixth and Thirtyfourth Regiments captured 32 rifles and 500 counds of ammunition in the l'angasina

Major March's van of the Thirty-third Regiment has arrived at Aparri from Benguet, after the hardest of mountain travel-ing. The men were exhausted and ragged having followed persistently on the support Aguinaldo trail. They had several encounters with the Filipinos, but found no signs of Aguinaldo.

To Prison for Life.

Welland, Ont., (Special.)-The three con icted dynamiters-Dullman, Nolin and Walsh-were taken to Kingston, there to serve their sentence of life imprisonment. The prisoners were handcuffed together and scurely guarded. A great crowd saw their departure. Dullman and Walsh were surly the latter complaining that the handcuffs hurt him. Nolin was particularly chatty, remarking to the sheriff that "It was a beau-'ul morning." He also told the ladies near him that he was sorry to leave them.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Bliss Carman, the poet, is making a study of old French Canadian folk songs and stories for translation into English verse. Professor Brander Matthews has been sked to deliver a series of lectures on the odern novel before an association of Lonion clubs.

"Davy" Stephens, of Kingston, Ireland, ans sold newspapers for 54 consecutive years, and more famous men and women have been nong his patrons than any of his rivals can

bonst. Alfred Vanderbilt is more of an athlete than most of his family. He is a splendid horseman, a good polo player, is as skillfu at golf as he used to Le at tennis, and is a

first-rate hand at hockey. Republicans of the First Maryland district at their convention had a large banner ineribed with the names of the President and

their Congressional Representative. anner read: "For McKinley and Mudd." William Dean Howells, the novelist, is a

work upon another book of poems, Great Britain's new Minister to Denmark

William Edward Goschen, is a brother of the First Lord of the Admiralty, and was for-merly attached to the British legation at Washington. J. M. Barrie, as the author of "My Lady

Stootine," has appropriately purchased and ent at his own expense a large quantity obacco to the Highland Brigade, now fighting in South Africa.

ere are only three members of the original McKinley Cablact of three years ago still in office—Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury; John D. Long, Secretary of Lipton, owner of the yacht Shamrock, by the Navy, and James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture.

Lord Roberts is the only man living entitled to wear two Victoria crosses.

M. Edouard Bocher, who died at the age of 90, to Paris, the other day, was for many years the confidential adviser of the Orleans family and the centre of most the Oricanis

lots during the past 40 years. Archduke Otto, who is next in line for the operial and royal crowns of Austria-Hungary after Franz Ferdinand, is the latter's younger brother. This young man is a true Hapsburg. His reputation is anything but enviable, but he is fortunately married to a daughter of Prince George, of Saxony, and has one son. The best lawyers in Europe

TRAINS COLLIDE.

DISASTROUS PREIGHT WRECK AT DOVER, DEL

Dover, Del., (Special.) -At 3,30 P. M. at Dover, Del., on the Philadelphia, Wilmingon and Baltimore Raliroad, a division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, occurred the nost disastrous railroad wreck that has ever happened at this place. The north-bound ocal freight was slowly pulling in at Dover, preparing to take water, when the heavy north-bound Norfolk strawberry freight train came thundering at a high rate of speed in the rear, telescoping eight heavily loaded refrigerator cars.

Two cars were converted into splinters. Steel rails were broken like pipestems. Eight cars were piled upon one another, taking fire from the buried locomotive, flames leaping high in the air. The fireman was saved, but The news from the Transvaal capital the engineer was fatally injured. Five comes in a dispatch from that place. It tramps were buried beneath the wreck, three of whom were saved after prodigious efforts of townsmen and the local fire company, though one of them afterwards died. Another had both legs and ribs broken; another was burt in the shoulders, while the podies of the other two have not yet been found

The local fire company fought the flames for three hours with only one line of hose, and the nearest fireplug half a mile away.

The wrecking train arrived from Claytor about five o'clock and proceeded to clear the tracks. Superintendent Holliday came upon the scene and gave it his personal supervision. The two trains were composed of more than one hundred heavily loaded refrigerstor cars, and the collision was terrific. The heavy cars were thrown about like rubber balls. Thousands of people visited the scene

ROBBERS GOT DROP ON SOLDIERS.

Robbery of Stages by Two Masked Men In the Yosemite Region.

Raymond, Cal., (Special).—One of the coldest robberies ever committed in Callfornia occurred when three of the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company's stages -a private conveyance--- and two soldiers were held up by two highwaymen. The holdup occurred at a point two miles this side of Kruger has retired, is 140 miles northeast of Grub Gulch. Sergeant Buchanan and an-Pretoria on the Delagoa Bay railroad. It is other trooper of Troop F, Sixth Cavalry, en route from San Francisco to the Yosemite National Park, had gone ahead of the cavalry to make arrangements for selecting a camping place. The highwaymen suddenly ap peared, masked, and getting the drop on the soldiers, took away their guns and held the troopers until the stages arrived. The rob bers handed the drivers of the singe a card, reading:

"Black Kid-They fooled me on the Big Oak Flat road, but you can't this time,"

The robber then took a hat belonging to T. H. Griffiths, of the Southern Pacific Company, a passenger on the stage, and collected \$150 from the passengers, after which he or m the passengers, after which he ordered the driver to go on. Each stage was successively held up, the robbers getting about \$350. The mail and express matter were not molested.

"EXHIBIT A" IN RUBBISH.

Paper that Means Thousands to South Carolina Comes to Light.

Washington, (Special).-Senator Tillman eceived from the Governor of South Caroion an important paper recently discovered in an old rubbish pile at the State Capitol at Columbia, which may cost the United States Government something like \$500,000. The long-lost document, which mysteriously disappeared from the files over thirty years ago, is pronounced genuine by Mr. Tillman, and it is his intention to proceed at once to secure an adjustment of war claims pending on the Federal Government and his State.

The important discovery is the long-lost paper known as the Black Voucher, exhibit A." setting forth in detail the claims of South Carolina for supplies and moneys expended in the Revolutionary War, the wars

of 1812 and 1836 and the Mexican War.

The claims mentioned will be used to offet the claim on the State of South Caroline by the United States Government for the payment of \$248,175 for bonds and \$340,000 for ordnance stores seized in the arsenal at Charleston at the outbreak of the Civil War.

CLOUDBURST IN THE SOUTH.

early Three Inches of Water Fell Three Quarters of an Hour.

Meriden, Miss., (Special).-A cloudburst ver this city resulted in much damage to municipal and private property. The downpour lasted forty-eight minutes and regis tered 2.78 inches at the signal station. This is believed to be the greatest precipitation for the length of time on record. Ten min utes after the rain begun the streets were flooded, and twenty-minutes after hundred of stores were a foot deep in water.

A large portion of the store of Three Foo Brothers gave way beneath the weight o

water and flooded the floors below. Rad Fire at Tampa

Tampa, Fla., (Special), -A disastrous fire that will involve a loss of at least \$200,000 broke out in the building on Franklin street occupied by the dry goods house of Cohn, Friedman & Co., and at one o'clock the block and the Jackson block, adjoining were in rules. The latter block was occupied by Vatterlin & Co., dealers in shoes and Mason & Co., dry goods, whose stocks are practically ruined. Cohn, Friedman Co.'s stock is valued at \$125,000.

To Cover Neely's Case. Washington, (Special).—After an extended debate the Senate to-day passed the bill providing for the extradition of persons who have committed certain crimes in Cuba from the United States to the Island.

riminal shall be punished under the laws of Cuba as administered by Cuban courts.

amended, the bill provides that the alleged

FOREIGN AFFAIRS. William Peel, Unionist, was elected to the English Parliament in place of the Marqui of Lorne. The election of two war candidates by large majorities the past week will robably determine the government to foregeneral election before the war fever

abates. A schoolboy named Brener, nine years old, committed suicide in Berlin. The French Minister of War announced in

he Senate that the officer who gave the pollticians the letters of Detective Tomps on the

Dreyfus affair had been cashiered.

Representatives at Fekin of the foreign powers have notified the Chinese foreign office that if the Chinese secret society. known as the "Boxers," is not immediately suppressed the powers will land troops

Cecil Rhodes and other South African millionaires are about to develop a big mining enterprise in German West Africa.

his American admirers. The proposed marriage of the Austrian heir presumptive, Archduke Francis Ferdi nand, and the Counters Chotek, wordes the Emperor Francis Joseph, and he has tried to prevent it because the children of such a union could not succeed to the throne under the Hapsburg house laws.

The maroon squatters were evicted from

the crown lands in Eingston, Jamaica. The French Parliament reassembled. The government was interpellated as to its policy and the effect of the recent Nationalist vicory in the municipal elections. tion of Dreyfus agitation was also disc The Chamber of Deputies, by three successive votes, declared confidence in the govern-ment.

MERRY WAR.

ARMED POLICE CAPTURE THE FORT

OF CHICAGO SOUATTERS.

NOVEL FIGHT OVER LAND. Captain Streeter, Who Claims Owner ship, Defled the Authorities with a Little Army of Seventy Men and Two Gat-Hag Guns-Park Police Fired Upon by

Chicago, (Special,)-Three hundred police officers of the city of Chicago, headed by Chief Kipley, and every man bearing a re-peating rifle, marched from the East Chicago Avenue Station, on the North Side, to the foot of Superior street, where Captain George Streeter had fortified himself on a strip of land created by the washing up of soil from the bed of Lake Michigan, and which Streeter claims as his property by right of discov-ery. In the entrenchments were about sev-enty men, armed with rifles and two Gatling guns. Earlier in the day a party of Lincoln Park officials had been fired upon by pickets around the improvised fort, and a boy, fourteen years old, had been wounded severely in the right leg. A horse driven by the park officials had been killed.

At 3,30 o'clock "Brigadier General" Niles and four of his men, perceiving the overwhelming force of police approaching, climbed over the emplacements of their improvised fort and offered to surrender to the park police, providing they were protected. The surrender was accepted, and the park policemen started on foot toward the police station, followed by an immense crowd. Those in the crowd pushed and jostled Niles roughly, and he suddenly whirled around and tried to bayonet one of his persecutors. A rough-and-tumble fight ensued, in which Niles' rifle was wrenched from his bands and clubs were freely used on the erstwhile "brigadier general's" head. He was knocked down and was about to draw a revolver when he was manacled and dragged off by the officers. The four men with him were also roughly handled in the melee.

The remainder of Streeter's force, seeing the fate of their leaders, deserted their guns and escaped in the throng. The police at once took charge of the fort, with its entire store of arms and ammunition. Captain Streeter was not found in the

The shooting resulted in a call upon the

city officials for the arrest of the occupants of Streeter's Fort, but the city authorities declined to take the initiative, owing to the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States once declared the land to be a part of the territory of Illinois, It was finally decided to mobilize 300 police

officers, under the leadership of Chief Kipley, and to march against the squatters and demand their surrender. Sheriff Magerstadt went with the chief of

police, and it was planned that in case of refusal to surrender that the sheriff should immediately swear in the 300 police officers as deputy sheriffs, again demand the surrender of Streeter's force on the ground of riot and disorderly conduct, and proceed to arrest the occupants of the fort, regardless of

A fireboat, with a Gatling gun aboard, was dispatched up Lake Michigan to make a demonstration from that side, and to cut off the escape of Streeter's men by means of their yacht.

It had been determined early in the day, at a conference between the acting mayor and corporation counsel, that in view of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that the land claimed by Streeter is territory of the State of Illinois, the city police forces could not legally precipitate a battle with Streeter's forces. Counsel expressed the opinion that the matter could only be settled by the State authorities who control the park police, a large number of whom are stationed in Lincoln Park.

Captain Streeter claims to own the land, which, were the title clear, would be worth between thirty and fifty millions of dollars. In 1885 Captain Streeter and his wife were stranded on a little sandbar a few yards from the shore at the foot of Superior street. The spot was not down on the maps, and the doughty navigator laid claim to the land and declared his right, being the whole population, to elect himself to all the offices, which he, in framing a constitution, deemed the territory in need of. As the years passed by the dumping of all sorts of refusearth washed up by the lake formed a large tract, now 180 acres in extent, and Captain

Streeter became a man of importance With his importance and the increased value of the lands his troubles began. Thetract became connected with the shore, and owners of adjoining property resented the presence of Captain Streeter and the retainers he had gathered about him. They carried the matter into court. The Supreme Court of the United States decided that the land was within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois. Streeter thereupon offered the district to the federal government. year ago he organized, under the name District of Lake Michigan," a territorial government, and elected himself chief ius tice and to other offices of importance. police, however, descended on him and his army of fifty men, and since then up to the present time the captain had lived in

another part of the town. The preparations to retake passession were made with great secreey, and it was not until dawn that the police were aware of the invasion. Patrolman O'Malley saw a small schooner anchored off the shore when daylight broke, From the boat Captain Streeter landed his men, who had heisted the United States flag. The patrolman tele-phoned Inspector Heidelheimer of the occurrence. The inspector resolved to make no move in the matter until after a conference with the law department of the city and in consequence the invaders, or right-ful owners, as they claim to be, were left unmolested, while the police figured out a

Patal Explosion of a Mine.

Cifton, 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 of the mine were blown away and demolished, and several persons narrowly escaped from flying debris. A flash of powder ignited the gas.

DOG MANGLES A BOY.

Big St. Bernard Shakes Lancaster Lad Into Insensibility.

Lancaster, Pa., (Special),-While Peter Kirsch, a tweive-year-old boy, was watching the decoration of the soldiers' graves in the cometery connected with St. Joseph's Catholic Church he was attacked by a large St. Bernard dog belonging to Father Christ, th rector.

The animal first seized both of the boy hands and threw him to the ground. The dog grabbed the boy by the thigh and shook him like a rat.

Sentenced to Be Hanged.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special),-In the Circuit Court, Judge Hughes sentenced John Mooney and Frank Friday to be hanged at the State penitentiary, at Moundsville, on July 13. Mooney and Friday, on March 1 last, while attempting to rob the home James Hervey, shot and killed him. They were convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Big Gold Producer Sold.

enix, Ariz., (Special.)—The Congress gold mine, sixty miles north of Phoenix, has been sold for \$1,500,000 to a New York syn-dicate, reported to include Warner Miller and John Mackay. It has been regarded the principal gold producer of Arizona.

THE NEWS.

The formal completion of the new Ken coard Air Line was celebrated at Richmond with elaborate ceremonies, marking the end of a week of festivities tendered by the directors to a party whom they conveyed over the line in two special trains. A golden spike was driven by an infant son of the oresident, the party was welcomed by Mayor Taylor and Governor Tyler, and an elabor ate banquet was given at night by the Seaboard officials.

A bold stage robbery occurred in Grut Guich, California. Two masked men held up two troopers and went through the passengers on the stages following them. Mail and express matter were not touched.

A disastrous freight wreck occurred on th W. and B. at Dover, Del. The wrecked ears took fire. Five tramps were buries under the ruins, three of whom were rescued although one afterwards died.

Smith Alford, whose brutality is supposed to have caused his wife's death, was tarred feathered and painted near South Bridge The cruiser Varing, built by the Cramps

for the Russian government, had a success ful trial trip off the Delaware capes. Colonel Eli B, Sutton, of Detroit, Mich. cused of complicity in the state military candal, was acquitted. Blanchard H. Maul, twenty-one years old

student at princeton University, commit-The Naval War College at Newport, R. I

one formally epened for instruction. Irens Van Horn was killed by lightning is

intre Valley, Pa. The United Confederate Veteraus closes their reunion at Louisville, and will mee next year in Memphis. A resolution rectp rocating the kind words of General Sickles toward the men of the Confederacy was adopted after a lively discussion.

Referee Nusbaum, in hearing the easigninst the Ice Trust in New York, ordered the production of the books. Evidence was given by independent dealers to show how the trust raised the price.

The Southern Ballway stockholders me in Richmond, Va., and authorized the issue of a fourth supplement to the company first consolidated mortgage deed.

The three pegroes-Stirling, Ivory and

Perry-were held by the coroner's jury in Philadelphia for the murder of Prof. Ro-Biscoe Hindman, of Louisville, was elected

mmander-in-chief of the United Sons Veterans. The Philadelphia grand jury held Tower an William A. Lantell responsible for the

freight wreck in the tunnel.

etta, O.

An epidemic of black canker rash ap peared at West Derby, Vt. Three death were reported. Della May Fox, the actress and soubrette

as committed to the insane asylum at As toria, L. I. Five persons were killed and three injured by the explosion of nitro-glycerine in Mari

About twelve hundred workers in gas fix are factories in New York are on a strike. Frank Preston, who was arrested on the charge of being one of the men who robbed the bank at Williamsburg, Va., was dis charged, there being no evidence agains

George Huggins and J. Roney Cunning

am, while driving home at night from Sum

mit Bridge, Del., went through an open draw

and both were killed. The annual meeting of the William Cram; Sons' Shipbuilding Company was held in Philadelphia, and a quarterly dividend of

in Norfolk, Va., of the killing of Lillie Ful-ler, and sentenced to one year in the city Judge Cantrill, of Frankfort, Ky., issue

William Ingram, colored, was convicted

a bench warrant for the arrest of forme Governor Taylor, who is in Indiana. Captain W. T. White, assistant superin tendent of the Virginia state penitentiary

died at his home in Hichmond.

Constable Hurricane Branch had his man hunt in Nansemond county, Va., withou interference. The great solar eclipse was observed with musual success in various parts of the outh. The government had expeditions at Barnesville, Ga., and Pinehurst, N. C.; the Johns Hopkins University had observers the latter place, and other universities had expeditions at various places, all of whom

sured good photographs and valuable cientific data. Judge Morrow, of the United States Court San Francisco, granted an injunction to pre-vent health authorities from discriminating against the Chinese in precautions again

the plague. Bishop Moore, of the Roman Catholic Die se of St. Augustine, Fin., was stricker while preaching a sermon in Allegheny, Pa A cargo of purple ore was brought to Pall ndelphia that had been dug from the site o the ancient city of Telmessus.

Fire broke out in the Heela branch minn Houghten, Mich. One of the men wa Henry K. List, president of the City Bani ding, W. Va., died at the age of my

inty-nine. Sheriff Tyler, of Grant county, Utan, and

utlaws. The mills of the York Haven Paper Com ny, at York Haven, Pa., were y fire. Mrs. Frank Wilson, the largest woman in

Pennsylvania, died at her home in Easton. John C. Cass was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment in Lynn, Mass., for An elephant from Bostock's eirens fol

from the train while en route to Newark New Jersey.

Judge G. W. Jeffers, judge of the Munic pal Court in Wheeling, W. Va., and formerly mayor, was found dead in his law office. He en missed for more than a week, and a search revealed his decomposed remain

in a room in the rear of his office. Timothy B. Blackstone, formerly president of the Chicago and Alten Railroad Company, died in Chicago.

At the auniversary meeting of the American Unitarian Association in Boston, a move-ment was started and a committee named for the organization of an internationa council of religion.

A large force of police raided and captures

the fort set up by Captain Streeter, the Chi ago squatter, on a strip of land washed up by Lake Michigan in front of Chicago. The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterians adjourned after the appointent of a committee to raise a twentieth

century million-dollar fund. A fire of incendiary origin destroyed 13 The Methodist General Conference adopt ed the minority report, which leaves the in-junction of card-playing, dancing, etc., in

the Book of Discipline. William J. Glimore, manager and owner of the Auditorium in Philadelphia, som ou his place and announced his retirement. Louis Ruger, seventy-three years old, wa

coining counterfeit money. Brother Andrew, of St. Mary's College, at leimont, N. C., was killed by a circular say while sawing wood. James Fitzharris and Joseph Mullett, the

Irish Invincibles who arrived in New York after being released from an Irish prison, were ordered to be deported.

RUSSIA BLOCKED.

AMERICAN AND OTHER FORCES NOW

IN PERIN.

SITUATION HAS IMPROVED Many Diplomats Believe that the Promp Action of the United States Minister and the Other Foreign Representatives Ray Checked, for the Time Being, Russin's

Designs. Shanghai, (By Cable,) .-- The detachment f over three hundred international blue

jackets has arrived at Pekin. Twenty-three warships are now at Takunine Russian, three British, three German three French, two American, two Japanese

and one Italian. In addition to their crews, the Russians have on board their warships 11,000 troops from Port Arthur, with field equipment Fourteen thousand Russian troops are held n readiness at Port Arthur.

London, (By Cable,) The Vienna corres

pondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "An active exchange of dispatches is going forward among the great powers relative China. The colossal superiority of Russia's representation at Taku is regarded as significant. The Triple Alliance advocates united action by Europe to protect common

Washington, (Special,) - Minister Conger, at Pekin, reports to the State Department that the arrival of 350 guards for the lega-tions of Russia, France, Great Britain, Italy Japan and the United States has had the effect of improving the situation. He says that Pekin is much quieter, but that the Box ers are still active in the surrounding coun

It is hinted in diplomatic circles here that the sudden increase of activity on the part of the Boxers is nothing more than part of a well-conceived plan by one of the great European powers to secure a permanent lodgment in Pekin, and to seize a position giving it full control of the great Pel-Ho River, the approach to the Chinese capital. It is further intimated that the plan has proved abortive, owing to the alertness o the other European powers represented in Chinese waters, but particularly to the readiness of the United States Minister, Mr. Conger, and the American Rear Admiral on board the Newark, which at once gave the movement an undesired International aspect and so tended to prevent the particular nation concerned from aggrandizing itself at the expense of the interests of the other na-Therefore, it is assumed that the excitement will rapidly abate, and the Boxers will disperse, temporarily, at least,

The nation referred to in the Washington dispatch is Russia, whose designs upon Chine have been manifest for some time. It has been reported that Russia is preparing to send over one hundred thousand troops into Northern China by the Trans Siberian Railway, and the fact, as reported in the Shanghal dispatches, that there are 11,000 troops on nine Russian warships in Taku harbor, clearly shows the Czar's intentions to eneroach upon China.

KILLED HIS STEPMOTHER,

Man Murdered Her in Cold Blood Recause He Didn't Like Food. New York, (Special), - Charles A. Naulty, 21 years of age, murdered his stepmother, Mary Naulty, in cold blood while the family of three was sitting down to their evening

meal at their home, in Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Naulty was thirty years of age. She and young Naulty had never been able to get along harmoniously since her marriage. He often found fault with the meals. He objected to the coffee; Mrs. Naulty chided him, and he left the house after the quarrel. When young Naulty returned in the evening he had with him a revolver, which he had purchased during the day. He went into the dining-room, where his father and stepmother were sitting at the table. He found fault with the food again, and left the room. Returning to the doorway, he pulled out revolver and pressed the muzzle to Mrs. Naulty's temple, firing before she could move or before the astonished father could do anything to attract the young man's attention. As Mrs. Naulty's head dropped back young Nanity fired a second, which passed through her eye into the brain. She

Wife Killed, Husband Drunk. Shamokin, Pa., (Special), -Patrick Fian-nery, sixty-four years old, was arrested on suspicion of having choked and kicked his wife aged sixty-six years, to death at their home here. The couple had been drinking heavily, and neighbors say they saw Flannery assault her several times. Mary Cavanaugh, a daughter, called at the home late in the day and discovered her father rocking himself near the corpse of his wife in the kitchen. He was drunk, and the police had no trouble in arresting him.

was killed instantly

Aimed at Postoffice Employe Washington, (Special), Senator Chand-er introduced a bill prohibiting employes of the Government, under the civil service from organizing associations which are used for the promotion of legislation. The bill is simed at the postal cierks, whose organiza-

tions are interested in bills before Congress-Diaz Honors M'Kinley

Chicago, Ili., (Special.)—A special dis-patch from the City of Mexico says : President Diaz has designated 100 picked rurales to attend the Pan-American Exposiguard to the President of the United States.

Deficit In Porto Rico

Washington, (Special,)-The total receipts of the Porto Rican Treasurer for the month

of April, 1900, were \$105,869,18. The total payments for the month were \$186,510,77. which shows a deficit for the month of #80.641.50. Six Months for Holland. Washington, (Special) .- Jay G. Holland who several days ago pleaded guilty to the

charge of libeling United States Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, was sentenced to six months in jan, \$200,000 For Union Seminary. Richmond, (Special.)-The trustees of the Union Theological Seminary here raised \$200,000 for additional buildings.

Death of Samuel E. Wheatley Washington, (Special).—Samuel E. Wheat-iey, ex-Commissioner of the District of Columbia, died from the effects of a stroke o paralysis. He leaves a widow and seven

Killed by Lightning

Allentown, Pa., (Specil).—IroneVan Horn aged thirty years, daughter of Jacob Van Horn, a farmer near Centre Valley, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Mormons Settle in Wyoming. In a caravan including 170 wagons and a large herd of cattle, the first Mormon colony from Utah has arrived at its destina-tion in the Big Horn Valley, Wyo. The pligrims started from their former homes about six week ago.

House Will Not Take Up the Army Bill. Chairman Hull of the House Committee on Military Affairs, at Washington stated definitely that owing to the late-ness of the session it would be impossible to consider the bill is increase the efficiency of the army.

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LATEST NEWS GLEANED IT

OUS PARTS.

REWARD IN MORRISO Chester County Commissi

for Capture of the Marderer Accused of Murderon An

Wife at Pittston Samuel E

Montgomery County, Shorts

In order to encourage the offiinvestigation, and in hope of mystery which for ten days i main subject of discussion in the the Board of Commissioners in reward of \$500 for informations to the arrest and conviction of or murderers of Stella Morris return home of District Attorney Baldwin from a trip West, then murderer will be renewed in ough and systematic manner, yet hope that he will be appraise is a firm feeling on the part have been working upon the case of the witnesses who had be about the scene of the tragely so day, have not told all they kage ward may produce a clue which an arrest. "Wash" Morrison. an arrest. Wash Morison, ho of the dead girl, has returned to Sharpless farm. Daddy hor found the dead body upon his from a fishing trip, is stopping a pacents.

Skuri Cleir With Ar. John Perkiski, of Pilistin, is i John Perkiski, of this a being charged that during a call wife he battered her skull with physicians say she cannot rethat Perkiski desired to send one dron on an errand, when the wife A quarrel arose, and Perkiski be raged that he ran out of the b up an az that was lying int rushing back into the house ag leged, dealt his wife a hiove head. A terribio gash was lafte the woman lay on the floorings condition blood flowed prefuse wound. Perkiski evidently the had killed his wife, for he made to strike her a second blow, and ax to the floor. Shot in Quarrel.

Samuel B. Shupe, of Evanstar twice through the abdomen. Edhis only son, it is said, quar father over an article that was y the house. Mr. Shupe, it is eject his son. The shooting wounds are of a dangerous d fatal results are feared. These years of age, disappeared afis ing. Mr. Shupe, the victim, the late war, a member of Zou G. A. R., of Norristown, and auctioneer in Montgomery Co forty years. He is about 65 p has a wife and four children time Mr. Shupe has been in ill although usually of a jorial de irritability due to his illness m Lost, But Happy. A 9-year-old boy, after leading

along the railroad on May 25. police he lived in scranton b alm in the place. Then he police he lived in Erodericks, st was the same. Sent back to confided to the officers that boathouse on the river, but to boathouse. His last utterate grandmother will come for him, his name as Joe Middevitch. Litigation Over Sanifary 0 A bill in equity was filed at the tary's office, Harrisburg, by W. for Edward Patton, John Hocker, Charles Shoemaker

Thomas against the city of Harr

Controller Gough and City Tree

to restrain the latter from pay

of Scranton a merry hunt to fi

remains lost and happy.

ent sanitary officers for we 1899, at which time the mayo other men as sanitary officers ments being rejected by scie Miner's Wages Inc. The returns as made by the the Schuylkill Coal Exchang the wages to be paid miners of May and the first half of Ju at 1 per cent, below the \$2.50 ha I per cent, better than the wag

ing the preceding four weeks. are also promised better working Cut in Twain in Collid On the Scottdale Connecting linky engines collided, de Brakeman Henry Dayton, 6 caught under the wheels and leg cut off. Mike Kerdeski, a l er, who was riding on the pilot

engines was cut in twain, dying Seventeen-year Locusts The cleada pest, commonly "seventeen-year locust," has number of points along the ew miles from Pittsburg. Avalon, the residents have be off at night with lanterns and c

Child Drowned in Cast Helen, the 5-year-old daugh Titus Walter, of Bethlehem. with companions, was drown Canal at Freemansburg. Misstep Caused Dea Harry Fields, aged 21 years, made a misstep and fell headle ore roaster at the Lebanon Pm

Treasurer Barnett's First The first monthly report of urer Barnett shows a balance of at the beginning of business the school appropriation for fiscal year became due.

ing his neck and causing death

DEWEY AND VICE-PRES Advairal Would Not Decline Nomination at Kauss

WASHINGTON, D. C. (800) prospect that more than number of delegates to the Convention will be be Bryan, Admiral Dowey all leading politicians here nation of the Nebraskan fo The Admiral makes it old

Insyltable.

The Admiral makes it clear in the Admiral makes it clear in the new pang of regret or disappoint name is not presented in the Convention. Indeed, he has it pented what he said a long time became President.

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He has no personal despinee, but he is in the hands and is apparently willing to any place to which they may at a personal sacrinee.

Senate Orders Caban The United States Senate resolution for an investig

Committee on Cuban Afairs, postal and other irregularities ing the committee to visit is sary, to pursue the inquiry, of the committee are sensite Conn.), Chairman, and MacCullom, Davis, McMillan, Cus., Tellier, Money, Taliafare is