the Statement of Henri If He Sent to Emperor William olen from the Embassy at Paris Protests.

to the premier, M. Waldeck-Rous-u, classing as another falsehood a statement of M. Henri Rochefor n the Instransigeant that he (Dreyfus) and sent to Emperor William of Ger-many in 1894 a letter stolen from the German embassy at Paris, and which, annotated by the Emperor, constituted formal proof of the crime "for which I have been twice unjustly condemned," and adding:

"My innocence is absolute, and legal on of this innocence by a revision I will seek to my last breath. I am not the author of the bordereau annotated by the Emperor, which is a forgery, nor of the original, authentic bordereau, written by Esterhazy to save Henry. All the principal authors iniquitous condemnation are ve. I am not despoiled of all I still retain that of every man to defend his honor and have the proclaimed. I, therefore, have the right to ask you to order an in-

onel Picquart has written to M. Waldeck Rousseau warmly protesting against the inclusion of himself in the amnesty bill. He says he does not wish to owe his rehabilitation to such measure, and indignantly repudiates the rumors that compensation will be offered to him, now that he has n amnestied. He declares that, in er to demonstrate the falseness of such stories, he renounces his appeal to the State Council against the decree placing him on the retired list, thus disposing of the accusation that he is seeking advancement or decora-

CARS CRASH IN CROWD.

One Killed, Two Injured Near the Broadway Ferry, in Brooklyn.

New York (Special).—As a result of a trolley crash near the Broadway ferry, Brooklyn, one woman was killed outright and two were fatally injured. Several other persons sustained painful injuries. The accident occurred at half-past six o'clock, just as a great crowd of Christmas shoppers were merging from the ferry house. ditan avenue car was standing on the track at the terminus, and a lewton car was waiting for it to start The motorman of the latter car lentally pulled off the lever and the conductor at the same time set the trolley pole on the line. Instantly the car plunged forward with such orce as to knock the car in front of it clear off the track, sending it full 150 feet into the street. An unknown woed in black was caught beneath the car and instantly crushed to death. Two other women, who were just boarding the rear platform of the Metropolitan car, were so badly crushed that they cannot live.

30,000 Philippine Lepers.

Washington (Special).—An appended report to Gen. MacArthur's review of the civil affairs of the Philippines past fiscal year, gives rather startling facts regarding the intion and prevalence of leprosy in the islands. According to the tes of the Franciscan Fathers, says Maj. Guy L. Edle, the writer of the report, there are no less than 30,000 lepers in the archipelago, the major portion of these being in the Viscayas. Leprosy was introduced in 1633, when the Emperor of Japan sent a ship with 150 lepers on board to the Philippines as a present, to be cared for by the Catholic priests.

orgin Irain Wreckers.

Rome, Ga. (Special).—A passenger train on the Chattanooga, Rome and Rallway was wrecked at Mil-The train was running at full when it suddenly took the side track and crashed into a dozen box cars. The switch had been thrown en for the purpose of wrecking the their lives by jumping.

London, Ky. (Special).—Two men were killed and two wounded at Faris Histillery in Clay county, 12 miles from ere. Four members of the Sizemore on one side and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young on the other, engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Sizemores were killed and two of the Sizemores were probably fatally wounded. An old feud was the cause

Mardered by Robbers.

Bonham, Tex. (Special).—At Gober, a few miles south of here, J. J. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was murder-ed by robbers. His body was found in the yard badly bruised, and the flesh burned from his breast and arms. It supposed the bandits burned their victim in an effort to force him to tell where his money was hidden. Two arrests have been made.

Bold Attempt at Robbery.

Patterson, N. J. (Special).-Annie and Carrie Burg, sisters, engaged in the milinery business here, were attacked on Main street, near their home, by a robber, who attempted to seize a tchel containing \$1300, which one of em carried. The women were knocked down twice and severely handled by the footpad. Their screams atthe footpad. Their screams ate arrival frightened the robber, and he made his escape.

Boy Kills His Father.

Chicago (Special).—To shield his mother from abuse and to save himself m a beating with a poker. Albert ertson, aged 17, shot and killed his avenue. Young Albertson was arrested.

Killed as He Had Killed Three Others. Middlesboro, Ky. (Special).—Gillis shason was shot and killed by Charles Wilcox, of Harlan county. Wilcox was slightly wounded. Johnson was shot our times, death being instantaneous. ason is reputed to have killed three

Kidnappers Let Him Go.

Kalamazoo, Mich. (Special).—Hobart Clayberg, a 17-year-oid boy, whose father, John B. Clayberg, is a promi-nent citizen of Helena, Mont., was kid-napped in this city by two men. The boy was blindfolded and compelled to Mattawan, a distance of les. It became so stormy that the mappers released young Clayberg at attawan after relieving him of the all sum of money he had in his ckets. The boy telegraphed here for the and was brought home during anght. The sheriff and a force of pulles have been working on the saface Clayberg's return

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The New York jury in the case of Louis H. Hilliard, who died at Bellevue Hospital, gave a verdict that he came to his death from injuries caused by Davis, Dean and Marshall, the nurses. The accused were held for he grand jury.

Myles McDonald and Thomas Ken-nedy, a pair of gamblers in New York, had a pistol duel, the result of which was the mortal wounding of Edward Courteney and George Price.

In his address before the Southern Educational Association, Professor Branson attributed the backwardness of education in the South to the lack f co-operation.

Andrew and Elizabeth Noel, of Jackson township, Pa., were arrested on the charge of burning their house to defraud the insurance company.

The threatened strike on the Wilkes barre and Wyoming Valley Electric Railway was avoided, a compromise eing amicably agreed upon.

D. A. Jennings, of Columbus, Ohio, sued 20 people of Washington county, Ind., for \$200,000 damages for persecuting him and his family. A fortune in government bonds was

a hermit, who died near Fletcher, Ohio. The Red Mountain stage was over

turned near Ouray, Col., and six pasngers precipitated over a cliff. William Westlake, widely known as an inventor, died at his home in Brooklyn.

Prof. Moses Colt Tyler, of Cornell University, died at Ithaca, N. Y. William H. Smythe, grand secretary of the Masonic Order in Indiana, was

shot and seriously wounded in his office in Indianapolis. He says a woman At the second quarterly meeting of

the American Physical Society, held in New York, Prof. Rowland, of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, was re-elected president.

Samuel D. Miller, whose son was abducted from Indianapolis, Ind., by the boy's mother, recovered the child at Lawrence. Mrs. Lulu C. Jenkins, whose husband

was lynched in Ripley county, Ind., will receive \$4000 damages from the ondsmen of the Sheriff. Abraham Johnston and his wife, an

aged couple, were tortured and robbed at their home, near Marietta, O. Mrs. Mary Kennedy was burned to eath and several other women were

injured in a fire in Chicago. Michael Maloney, a farmer, died at his home, in Lenox township, Pa., at

the age of 107 years. John F. Welshaus, a former resident of Shepherdstown, W. Va., died sud-

denly in Chicago. The general meeting of the American Chemical Society was held in Chi-

The wife of Samuel D. Miller, son of former United States Attorney General Miller, kidnapped her seven-year-old son, who, with his father, was living son, who, with his father, was living at the home of his grandfather in Indianapolis. The couple have been living apart, but are not divorced.

The fifth annual convention of the National Commercial Teachers' Federation was opened in Detroit. W. C. Stevenson, of Port Deposit, Md., president of the federation, made an address on the progress of commercial

Mr. Bryan, in a speech at a Jefferson banquet in Lincoln, Neb., said that whether he would ever be a candidate for office again was a question which must be determined by events.

Charles H. Cramp says he received cablegram announcing the signing of the contract with the Turkish Minister of Marine for the construction of a cruiser.

Deputy John Usher and Charles Bowline, a saloonkeeper, were killed, and Birch Hillen wounded, in Mayfield, Ky., as the result of an effort to arrest

Physiologists of the University of Chicago announced as the result of experiments made upon turtles that salt causes the heart to beat.

Handsome Elk, a dangerous Indian, side of South Dakota, beat his squaw near-box ly to death and scalped another Indian

Colonel Asa Bird Gardiner surrendered his office as district attorney of New York to Eugene A. Philbin under protest.

Prof. D. W. Batson, dean of Ken-tucky Wesleyan College, resigned on

unt of his opposition to football playing. Mr. Cleveland wrote a letter to the Atlanta Journal stating that he did not

vote for McKinley at the recent elec-Rev. Dr. Thomas Murphy, an eminent Presbyterian clergyman and ec-clesiastical writer, died in Philadel-

phia. Frank Corcoran, while skating on head, and the Queen of Cambria was Louck's Dam, near York, Pa., broke cut down to the water's edge. She

through the ice and was drowned. The strike of the miners at the Enterprise colliery, in Shamekin, was set-

The new Rocky Mountain smelter started up at Florence, near Pueblo, Mr. Bryan, in a greeting to political

friends in Kausas, says, "The princi-ples of Democracy still live, and the policies for which the fusion forces fought will yet be vindicated." There is growing doubt as to Mr. Ad-

dicks' ability to capture one of the Del-aware senatorships, to be filled when the legislature of that State meets in

The pony supposed to have been rid-den by one of young Cudahy's ab-ductors has been found in a barn 23 miles south of Omaha, where it was abandoned.

Hughes Dillard, a well-known resident of Martinsville, Va., was probably fatolly shot by a negro. The latter probably escaped lynching by flight. Mrs. Sarah Frank, of Brooklyn, N.Y.,

took a dose of paris green in mistake headache powder, and died an hour afterward. The Agricultural Department anounces a successful experiment near

Hartford, Conn., in the growth of Sumatra tobacco. Noble Lindsey, president of the First National Bank of Alexandria, died sud-

denly after a few hours' illness. Senator Hanna attended a dinner given to 1500 poor people at Cleveland by the Salvation Army and made a

short speech. Mr. R. B. Cooke has been elected traffic manager of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad ompany, with headquarters in Nor-

Farmers around Newport News are adeavoring to have the study of agintroduced into

Becat se Louis Lombardo persisted in singil s love songs in serenading his sweethear. In Brooklyn, he was shot in the head by the girl's father.

ANARCHISTS CRIME.

Attempted Assassination of the Chief of Police of Barre, Vt.

ITALIANS LAY IN WAIT FOR HIM.

le Had Expelled the Anarchists Who Had Attempted to Break Up a Ball Given by a Socialist Society--Two of file Assailants Have Been Arrested and Identified .- Condi-

Barre, Vt. (Special).-Chief of Police Patrick Brown is in a critical condition, with small hopes for recovery, on account of three bullet wounds inflicted by Italian anarchists. The chief had been called to a hall in which an Italian socialist society was holding a ball, to queil a row. Several persons were driven from the hall. The chief was shot from ambush on his way to the station. Otto Bernaccio and Luigi Sassi have been arrested and identified by the chief as being connected with the attempted assassination.

The row at the socialists' ball oc-

curred at about midnight, when several persons with were known to be anarchists appeared at the hall. Fists, lubs and revolvers were used, and the police were summoned to put a stop to the disturbance.

After considerable difficulty the combatants were separated and disarmed, and the anarchists were expelled. This seemed to settle the difficulty, and the police withdrew. As Chief Brown was making his way along a lonely street he heard a shot as a bullet whistled by his head. This seemed a signal for a fusilade from different directions, and the chief started to run, at the same time trying to open his coat to get his own revolver. Then two bullets struck him, and as he fell, a third found lodgment in his body. In their excitement after the first shot three men had ap-peared, and the chief recognized them all. When they saw him fall the men all. When they saw him fall the men ran away. The chief became uncon-scious, and for an hour he lay where he had fallen in the snow, exposed to bitter cold.

At the end of that time a passerby saw the man and assistance was called and the chief taken to his home, where he recovered consciousness and was able to tell who his assailants were, After some search in the Italian quarter the police found Otto Bernaccio and Luigi Sassi, and placed the men under arrest.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The President tendered to Fred Rittman, of Cleveland, the fourth auditorship, made vacant by the murder of

Arguments were made before the Senate committee in favor of establishing the proposed standardizing bureau.

A cablegram from General MacArthur announced the death from dysen-tery of First Lieutenant Walter T. Stack, Forty-Seventh Volunteer Infan-

Chairman Hull, of the House Milltary Affairs Committee, expressed con-fidence that the Army Reorganization Bill would pass. The resignation of Mr. D. A. Gros-

venor, of Maryland, brother of Con-gressman Grosvenor, of Ohio, and who has been deputy auditor of the Treas ury, has been accepted by Secretary Gage. The German Government has

ented claims to the United States Government for damages to German subjects in Cuba during the insurrection prior to the Spanish-American War. No action can be taken looking to the return of volunteers from the Philip

pines until Congress shall have made provision for their replacement. The amended Hay-Pauncefote Treaty be sent to the British Cabinet

through two sources, Lord Pauncefote and Ambassador Choate. Mr. Charles H. Cramp gave his views

GALE OFF BRITAIN'S COAST.

Many Wrecks Reported in the Channel-Bari Founders.

London (By Cable).-There has been damage has been wrought ashore. The telegraph lines are down in many

The British bark Pegasus, which sailed from Queenstown December 26 for Sharpness, has foundered off Penarth Roads. One man of the crew was landed at Cardiff. The fate of the rest is unknown.

The British bark Queen of Cambria

Tocopilla on August 30 for Falmouth, parted her towline and the force of the gale blew her across the bow of the British bark Crown of India, which arrived at Falmouth on December 27 from San Francisco. The latter vessel suffered damage to her has been beached and is leaking.

Used Drastic Methods.

Wichita, Kan. (Special) .- Mrs. Carrie Nation, president of Barber County W. C. T. U., entered the Carey Hotel barroom, and with a stone smashed a \$300 painting and a mirror valued at \$100. Mrs. Nation broke mirrors in two saloons at Kiowa, Kan., months ago, and declared there is no law under which she can be prosecut-She was lodged in the county jail, charged with malicious destruction of property.

Washington (Special).—George von L. Meyer, of Massachusetts, who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Draper

as ambassador to Italy, called up

President to pay his respects. He was accompanied by Senator Lodge. Invited to Grand Rapids Grand Rapids, Mich. (Special).-The Common Council of this city unanimously adopted a resolution extending Mr. Kruger an official welcome and the

dom of the city. In acordance with this action the city clerk sent the folwing cablegram:

President Kruger, The Hague:
We extend greetings, and most urgently request you to visit our city and meet more than 30,000 of your country-

(Signed) COMMON COUNCIL, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dance Leads to Tragedy. Middlesboro, Ky. (Special).—Frank Davis, Buck Chadwell, Estepp Morgan and Richard Davis quarreled at a dance at Wainut Hill. A pitched bat-tle ensued, in which Frank Davis was killed, Morgan and Dick Davis were mortally wounded, and Chadwell

slightly wounded. Church Wrecked and Paster Injared.

St. Joseph, Mo. (Special).—Fire caused by the explosion of an air-tight stove, partially destroyed the Providence Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. J. L. Leonard, the pastor, was fatally burned.

A bill for an effective State arbitration law is being considered by a number of St. Louis labor representatives. Over 800 men, says the Salt Lake Tribune, will eventually be employed at the big mechanical plant the Rio Grande Western will establish in that

CLAIMS AGAINST CUBA.

If Pressed, the Situation Will Involve Com plexities.

Washington (Special) .- In view of the declination of the United States to consider Germany's claims, growing out of the Cuban insurrection and the perations of American troops in Cuba uring the war with Spain, it is expected that European Governments aving claims against the island will await American withdrawal and then present them to the succeeding gov-

ernment for settlement.

This is one of the questions in connection with the foreign relations of Cuba which deeply affect the United States, as, in case Cuba declines to satisfy the claims, a European Government may adopt forcible measure for their collection, which would be extremely distanced to this country. tremely distasteful to this country. the interests of peace for the United States and Cuba, Administration officials say, it is desirable that American ontrol of the foreign relations of the island should continue even after the Cuba government enters into opera-

BOERS OUTWIT ENGLISH.

Renewed Activity in London Over Situation in South Africa.

Cape Town (By Cable).—A squadron of Yeomanry, which had been following the Boers from Britstown, ported to have been entrapped. were several casualties, it is said, and the remainder of the force was captured

It is reported that the British are now pressing De Wet in the Lady-brand District. The Boers have blown up a culvert south of De Aar.
The Ladybrand district borders on the northwestern part of Cape Colony and commands the boundary line of the Cape for some distance. The Cale-

don River divides the two districts, and if De Wet were allowed a free run te could easily cross the Caledon and threaten Cape territory. General Kitchener has left Naauwpoort and gone northward. The rapid concentration of troops in the disturb-ed districts through the personal en-

ergy of General Kitchener has allayed

local uneasiness. London (By Cable).—The Govern-ment still does not issue anything indicating a belief in the gravity of the situation in South Africa, and a majority of the correspondents at fown do not treat the invasion of Can-Colony by the Boers as a serious mat-They say there is too great readiter. to take an alarmist view of the situation. Practically no colonists have joined the invaders. The government has taken care to keep their stocks of ammunition low, and it is believed that

only a few effective arms are in the possession of anti-British colonists. The correspondents add that the damage done to the railways and telegraphs of the Colony was slight and

as been repaired. The Government is represented as taking the most elaborate precautions to prevent the situation from developing seriously, and the incursion has expedited the recruiting for the various irregular corps to a marvelous extent. while many villages and towns are forming volunteer guards and constructing intrenchments.

Boutelle's Resignation.

Washington (Special).—The resigna-ion of Capt. Charles A. Boutelle, of Bangor, Me., as a member of the House for the Fifty-seventh Congress, will be tendered about March 4, according to an understanding with President McKinley. The resolution passed by Congress a few days ago, authorizing the appointment of Captain Boutelle to the retired list of the Navy, with the rank of captain, will be effective before that time. The President, however, will not make the appointment till th resignation from the House occurs.

Two Killed in Making Arrest.

Mayfield, Ky. (Special).-Two men Mr. Charles H. Cramp gave his views on American shipbuilding before the suit of a tragedy that occurred in this Deputy John Usher and Charle Bowline, a saloonkeeper, were killed, and Birch Hiller received a bullet in the head. Usher and Sheriff Sam Douthitt went to Bowline's house to arrest Hiller. He resisted, and Usher procured a revolver and fired at him. a recurrence of storms and violent Bowline then fired a bullet through gales in the Channel and considerable Usher's heart, and was himself shot dead by Sheriff Douthitt.

Fatal Rusaway Accident.

Flint, Mich. (Special).—In a runa-way accident Dr. George W. Howland was killed and G. H. Quigley, a promi nent business man, fatally injured. The men were driving home to dinner, when the horse took fright and ran away, overturning the buggy. The ocfalling on a large rock. Quigley struck on his head on a stone walk, fracturing his skuli. Dr. Howland, whose side was terribly crushed, died in less than

\$62,000 in a Raffie.

Sioux City, Ia. (Special) .- B. M. Bills, a jeweler, of Vinton, Ia., held the winning ticket which entitled him to possession of the magnificent stone mansion put on the market four months ago by its owner, John Pierce, to be disposed of in this manner. sidence is in the fashionable part of Sieux City and cost \$62,000. It was built in 1893. Forty thousand persons held tickets, and they were scattered all over the United States. The drawing took place in the Union Depot in the presence of a large crowd.

A Father Shoots His Son Great Falls, Mont. (Special).-Jacob Werten shot and fatally wounded his on John. Werten had threatened his wife, and treated her badly, and the son interfered to protect the mother. The father drew a revolver and fired a ball into the boy's neck. The son is paralyzed, and will die. Werten sur rendered to the authorities.

FIELD OF LABOR.

St. Louis has 800 union team drivers Louisville telephone girls have organized. The union label has at last invaded

England. Cincinnati team drivers demand a ten-hour day. A needle machine turns out 1,500,000

needles a week. In 1835 Indian elephants fetched \$225; now they run up to \$4000 apiece. Female compositors in Paris are not legally permitted to set type at night. There were 2,042 brotherhood car

The wages of common-school teachers in Minnesota are 22.28 per cent. higher than a year ago. The Parliament building in Welling ton, New Zealand, is the largest wood

penters in 1881; there are nearly 69,

en structure in the world. Calcutta (By Cable).—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the Viceroy of India, in the course of a speech, said that since the appearance of the bubonic plague, in 1898, 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore State.

ALGER AFTER MILES.

The Ex-Secretary of War Revives the Beef Controversy.

COMMISSARY GENERAL EULOGIZED.

Gen. Alger Writes a Magazine Article in Which He Makes an Effort to Convict General Miles of Unsoldierly Conduct, and Winds Up by Lamenting His Promotion to Be Lieutenant

New York (Special).-The North American Review in its next issue will contain an article on "The Food of the Army During the Spanish War" by ex-Secretary of War Russell A. Alger. General Alger opens his article with a reference to the statement made by Gen. Nelson A. Miles before the Dodge Commission and alleged newspaper in-terviews in reference to the "embalmed" beef charges. He censures the commander-in-chief for refusing to be sworn in testifying and for not having made a report of the alleged improper food long before that time. Continuing, General Alger says:

"Upon Commissary-General Chas. P. Eagan the charges fell with the suddenness and sharpness of a blow from an assassin's knife out of the dark. General Eagan had been an officer of the regular army for 36 years. He had risen from a second lieutenancy to the highest rank in the commissary department to which his ambition could aspire. Gallant and fearless on the battlefields of the Civil War and the hostile Indian plains of the West, he had a record for soldierly qualities of which any officer might well

General Alger then tells of General Eagan preparing and reading his statement before the Dodge commisdon, and says:

"Had General Eagan submitted his nanuscript to me he would undoubted ly at this writing still be in full pos-session of the rank and privileges of the office of Commissary General of the United States Army. As it was, even the self-prejudicial and intemperate presentation made by General Fagan convinced the commission that there was no foundation in fact for the charges and insinuations deducible from the terms 'pretense of experi-ment' and 'embalmed beef.'

In conclusion, ex-Secretary Alger says: While the allegations of General Miles were not based upon fact and were conclusively disproven by two separate tribunals, unimpeachable in their composition and methods of investigation, the irreparable damage had been done. A brave, honest and faithful officer, suffering under the lash of such cruel, unwarranted and unjustified imputations, while exonerated from the heavy odium of these charges exonerated was, as a result of them, sacrificed on the altar of his own passion, righteous in its existence, but inexcusable in its

expression. "Besides this, a false impression had een created throughout the country as the food furnished the army, which may never be removed. The charges of General Miles, twice proven false in spirit and substance, are, therefore, the more belnous in their effect. the present Congress promoted General Miles to be Lieutenant-General and has thus far failed to give to General Shafter the rank of major-general to retire upon in his old age, and this, after his magnificent campaign at Santiago, as well as his former distin-guished services."

MILLIONS FOR EDUCATION.

States in Union Expended \$197,000,000 or Schools During the Year. Washington (Special).-The of the National Bureau of Education

ontains some interesting statements on public education. Massachusetts, Nevada, California and New York, in the order named, still lead the other States in the amount of money spent per capita for public education. The sparsely settled condition of Nevada makes public schools in that State expensive, Massachusetts is credited with spending \$5.07 per capita; Nevada, \$4.96, and New York, \$4.03. South Carolina is credited with \$3.96. However, growth of public education expendi-

greater proportionately than in the North In Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, West Virginia and Flori-da a decrease is shown in the number of public school children between the ages of 5 and 18 to each 1000 of population, compared with 30 years ago. All

tures in the South has been

of the North Atlantic States show a During the last year the various States expended \$197,000,000 for public education. Thirty-three millions of this went for buildings and permanent plant, \$128,000,000 for salaries and the

balance for maintenance.

Funds for Inaugural Expenses. Washington (Special).—It was an-nounced that the \$50,000 guarantee fund, authorized to be raised for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the ceremonies attending the second inauguration of President McKinley, has practically been completed. The fund is used for all preliminary expenses of the inaugural committee, but the subsecribers usually are fully repaid out of the receipts derived from the inaugural ball, the promenade concerts in the Pension Office and the sale

of privileges.

Mexican Troops Cut Up by Vaquis El Paso, Tex. (Special).—Mexican croops in Sonora, Mexico, were recently attacked by a band of Yaqui Indians, and four officers and about thirty men were killed outright. Col. Francis Peinade, one of the leading officers of the army, was shot through the stom-ach and seriously wounded. The Mexleans were fired on from ambush near Lamisa.

Sinned to Remedy an Evil.

Frankfort, Ind. (Special).-Charles Miller is under arrest on charges of safe-blowing and forgery, and insurance companies are investigating the burning of his fine residence, which may result in other serious charges. He is manager of the A. J. Miller Dry Goods Company, and is the son of A. J. Miller, one of the wealthlest resi-dents of the community. He admits the robberles and forgerles. He blew open the safe in the crossopen the safe in the dry goods store of M. B. Thrasher, but was frightened by the force of the explosion without securing anything.

Mckinley's Niece Weds.

Youngstown, Ohio (Special).—Miss Mamie Stambough, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Daniel Stambough, and Philip Gerald Cook, a lawyer of Clarendon, N. Y., were married at the Stambough home, this city. The bride is a niece of President McKinley.

Plague Kills 25,000 in One District.

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Latest News Gathered From All Parts of Pennsylvania.

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN BURNED

n a Vain Effort to Save Her Daughters, Mrs. John Herring Sacrifices Her Own Life at Sigel-Morris Eck Shot at Thieves and Got a Bullet in His Side -- The Sharon Steel Company Will Spend \$10,000 on a Plant.

Two children met a horrible death from fire at Sigel, a small hamlet, near Brookville, and the mother, in her frantic attempts to save her babes sacrificed her own life. The house which was burned was that of John Harriger, a lumber jobber, who away at work in the woods. away at work in the woods. When Mrs. Harriger and her two sons arose and went down stairs they found the lower part of the building in flames. The mother rushed back up the stairs and succeeded in saving the 3 months old baby by throwing it out of the window. The flames had, by this time, gained great headway, and dense vol-umes of smoke filled the rooms. It is supposed that the unfortunate woman, in attempting to find the other little ones, became confused and suffocaed. She was not seen after leaving the window, and her charred remains were found near those of her two daughters, who were aged 5 and 7 years.

Morris Eck, night engineer and watchman at Daeufer's brewery, Alientown, had a thrilling experience with burglars. He discovered a man trying to break into the hotel connected with the brewery. Mr. Eck was just about to shoot at the fellow when he was surprised by a shot which struck him in the left side. The bullet came from a fellow who was acting as sentry for the robbers. Mr. Eck fired again when another shot came from the sentry, the bullet going through Mr. Eck's cap. The two robbers then escaped.

Morgan Spangler, aged about 71 years, was found dead in the woods about two squares from his house, at Blandon, by William C. Lloyd, o Phoenixville, who is spending the holi days at Mr. Spangler's home, ceased was last seen alive at the depot, with his son, John, who spent Christ-mas with him. Afterwards he went into the woods where he was engaged in chopping trees. Death was due

Joe Metchesi and John Farro attend ed the celebration of a Hungarian wed ding at Scott Haven and quarreled about paying for the beer. Metchesi drew a revolver and shot Farro in the right groin, inflicting a wound that will likely prove fatal. The groom at-tempting to disarm Metchesi was shot in the arm, after which the shooter es caped. It has been announced that the Sharon Steel Company will spend \$10.

000,000 in erecting new works at South

Sharon, The original intentions of the

ompany were to use about \$5,000,000 F. H. Buhl, president of the company "We will need 3000 new house to accommodate our men. We cannot start our works till these are built." A queer contribution to the conscience fund was received by Director Wilson, of the Pittsburg Public Works Department, S. B. Hady, of 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, sent two cents for crossing a city bridge some years ago. Hady said that he had joined the ago. Hady said that he had joined Dowleites, and was determined

right every wrong which he had com-Michael Maloney, a farmer of Lenox township, is dead at his home at the age of 107 years. His death was recorded in the office of the Register and Recorder. It is the only instance in the history of Susquehanna county where the death of a person at such an advanced age is a matter of record.

Mr. Maloney was a native of Ireland. The semi-centennial of the founding of the Bishop Bowman Home for Aged Women at Lancaster by the lat-Bishop Samuel Bowman was celebrat ed at the Home. Dr. E. V. Gerhart president of the Reformed Theological Seminary, and Prof. J. P. McCaskel, principal of the Boys' High School, delivered addresses.

The Valley Forge Park Commission, of which Edward A. Price, of Media, is a member, has decided to ask the Legislature for the sum of \$73,200. Of this amount, \$60,000 is intended for the condemnation of additional land, not exceeding 300 acres, for additions to the park.

Mrs. Annie O'Neill, of West Chester was badly burned in her efforts to ex tinguish a lamp which had been overturned by a cat. But for the prompt assistance of Jerry Cummings Mrs. O'Neill would have lost her life, as her clothing was all ablaze. Henry Neider, pit boss at Tarr, was

held up by two colored men about a mile from Mt. Pleasant, and after a struggle, robbed of \$85. A colored man named Jones was arrested and iden-tified as one of the men, and is now in the Mt. Pleasant lockup. Charles Swink, of Bartonsville, fell from his wagon and the wheels of the vehicle crushed his skull, causing in-

stant death. Deceased was the road supervisor of the northern district of Hamilton township. A trolley car at Scranton, in charge of Superintendent Patterson, and non-union crew, was attacked strikers and heir friends. Mr. Patterson was injured and the crew was

forced to abandon the car. The Delaware and Hudson Company has purchased three collieries with an annual capacity of over 600,600 tons.

John M. Kulp, aged about 60 years, a farmer of Plumstead township, while

eating dinner, was choked to death by a piece of meat that lodged in his At a meeting of school superintendents at Wilkes-Barre, it was agreed that in the matter of teaching penmanship the opinion of experts should be

followed. The 2,500 employes of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at various coilieries about Pittston returned to work upon being assured that they would be paid semimonthly.

"I wonder what is the secret of Bid dieton's popularity, anyway? He seems to be a prime favorite everywhere, but I never could understand why." "You see, whenever any one gets off a conundrum with a catch in it he is always smart enough to ask the ques-tion which will turn the laugh on him."

How He Makes Himself Useful.

"Count, your family is of noble lin-

eage?"
"Of course! I tell you in our family archives we have many unpaid debt certificates which have been superanINSURANCE THAT DIDN'T INSURE.

A Policy Which Resulted in the Saving

"The tendency of the insurance business nowadays," said a veteran solicitor of this city, "Is to make the policles as simple and free from restrictions as possible. Nearly all of the old reservations have been stricken out, and even the famous 'suicide clause' is absent from a good many of the newest forms. That reminds me, by the way, of a remarkable case that occurred some years ago in a neighboring State, and was indirectly assoclated with the very tendency to which I have just referred I will give you the facts briefly, without mentioning names. A young man, who was a member of a very excellent Southern family, and whose future was regarded at the time as exceptionally bright and promising, had his life insured for \$6500 on the day of his marriage. Soon after, for no apparent reason, he began to dissipate heavily, and It presently became apparent to everybody that he was going to the dogs. By successive steps he lost his position, his friends, his health, his selfrespect-lost everything, in fact, that a man can lose in such a downward career. His wife, after a heroic struggle, was forced to obtain a divorce; his family finally abandoned him to his fate, and in that pitiful plight he capped the climax by committing a deliberate murder in a drunken brawl

"It seemed certain that he would be convicted, and little or no effort had been made to arrange for his defense, when the agent who had insured his life happened to remember that the 'hanging clause' was omitted in the form of policy he had taken out. The old forms contained a reservation voiding payment when death was inflicted 'as a punishment for crime,' but in the process of simplification it had been stricken out. In other words, it was clear that the company would be stuck for \$6500 in case the unhappy man went to the gallows, and the agent, who was an enterprising fellow, at once bestirred himself to avert such an expensive tragedy. He hired the best lawyer in town to conduct the defense, drummed up witnesses, did missionary work with the press, and, to make a long story short, the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter. The young man was sent to prison for a term of years, and, failing to pay his next premium, the policy was cancelled. He was afterward pardoned, and I believe he is still alive. I don't know whether the company ever rewarded its faithful representative, but he certainly deserved a medal as big around as a wagon wheel."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Facts About Tired Eyes.

Dr. Lofton, a prominent English physician, says there is a popular notion that it is much more dangerous to tire the eyes by use than it is to tire any other organ of the body. It is not . necessarily injurious to the legs or the arms or the brain to become tired, for proper rest may restore all these to their normal condition. The same is

true in regard to the eyes. Proofreaders, sewing women and mechanics, who use their eyes for a long time upon near objects, must of necessity weary the muscles that adjust the eye to vision; but if the weariness is compensated for by rest at proper intervals there will be no harm done to the eyes, for they are so constructed that they can bear maximum fatigue as well as other parts of the body. Education would cease, all mechanical work would soon have an end if the eyes of our school children and of certain kinds of workmen were never tired. Eyes are never overworked, even if they feel very tired when the task is done, if their natural power and freshness return after the proper intervals of rest during the day and

sleep at night.

Wants Her Money Clean. A woman who lives on South Sixteenth street has a great horror of filthy lucre. She is thoroughly imbued with the idea that all sorts of germs and microbes lurk in dirty money, and when she gets solled bank notes she washes and irons them, after which process the greenbacks come out bright and beautiful. She also washes all sliver and copper coins that fall into her hands, after which she lays them on the carpet to restore the lustre. One afternoon recently, while so engaged in her kitchen, with the door wide open, a neighbor's dog ran in, and, picking up a half dollar in its mouth ran out again. All efforts to locate the animal failed until evening, when its master returned home. Then the dog suddenly appeared, and, rushing up to its master, laid the half dollar at his feet. It had carried the coin in its mouth for nearly four hours.-Phila-

delphia Record.

No Rank For the President's Will.

The wife of the President of the French Republic has no more official rank than the wife of an English bishop. Unless as hostess at the Elysee actually discharging that function, she may be overlooked by royal and imperial strangers who call on her husband. They give no offence when they ignore her. The Grand Duke Vladimir, therefore (says our Paris correspondent), goes out of his way to-day, and without any protocal obligation to do so, in paying a visit to Mine. Loubet. He told M. Loubet on Sunday at the shooting party at Rambouillet that he wished to pay her "ses hommages," and asked when he might hope to find her in. The President said she would be greatly flattered and that he knew she would be at home to-day .- London News.

Cabbages to Germany. Think of American cabbages being transformed into sauerkraut in Germany! But that is exactly what is now being done.

The attention of German manufacturers of sauerkraut has been to the large, firm heads of co raised in this country, partic Michigan. There the head only large, but the crop is big one-notably so this se as there is more than enough consumption the farmers aring the foreign demand and tens of thousands of heads