BRITISH NOW OCCUPY AMSTERDAM,

General Kitchener Reports that De Wet's Attempt to Invade Cape Colony "Has Evidently Completely Failed" -- Major Howard, of the Canadian Scouts, and Five Other British Officers Killed.

London (By Cable).-The War Office received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Middleburg, in the Eastern Transvaal, and relating chiefly to operations in that part of the

"French reports that the town of Piet Retief, February 22, that the result of the columns sweeping the country east is that the Boers are retreating in scattered and disorganized parties to the number of some 3000 in front of him. Amtser-dam and Piet Retief have been occupied and troops are protecting the Swazi fron-tier. French will push on, but is much

"Summary of total losses inflicted on the enemy up to February 16: Two hun-dred and ninety-two Boers known to have been killed and wounded in action, 56 taken prisoners, 183 surrendered, one 15-pounder gun, 462 rifles, 160,000 rounds of small ammunition, 3500 horses, 70 mules, 3530 trek oxen, 18,700 cattle, 155,400 and 1070 wagons and carts cap-

'Our casualties: Five officers and 4t men killed and a officers and 108 men wounded. I regret to say that Major Howard, a very gallant officer of the

Canadian scouls, was killed February 17.
"Plumer reports that Colonel Owen captured De Wet's 15-pounder and pomponi February 23, as well as 53 prisoners and a quantity of ammunition. We had and a quantity of ammunition. We had no casualties. Enemy in full retreat and and a quantity of annuntion. We use no casualties. Enemy in full retreat and dispersing, being vigorously pursued. De Wet's attempt to invade Cape Colony has evidently completely failed. The Weekly Dispatch says it learns "on good authority," that a special Cabi-nee council has been summoned to con-

sider a communication from Lord Kitch-ener to the effect that General Botha had sent an emissary admitting that he was outmaneuvred and asking for a meeting with a view of arranging a general sur-

### CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

#### Some of the Work Being Done By the National Legislature.

The Senate passed the bill which re-leases the appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1903. It was amended by providing an appropriation of \$250,000 for a
government exhibit at the Charleston
Exposition to be held next December.
Before the bill passed amendments were
adopted closing both expositions on Sun-

Hoffecker, of Delaware; Wise, of Virginia, and Daly, of New Jersey. Those who pronounced eulogies upon Mr. Hoffecker, of Delaware, were Senators Kenney, McComas, Allen and Heitfeld. Those who paid tribute to Mr. Wise, of Virginia and Senators was paid tribute to Mr. Wise, of Virginia and Senators was senators. Virginia, were Senators Daniel and Tur-ley. Tributes were paid to Mr. Daly, of New Jersey, by Senators Kean and

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill. with Senate amendments, was presented to the House. The amendments, except that appropriating \$100,000 additional for seeds and those applying to the reor-ganization of the bureaus of the Agri-cultural Department, were disagreed to.

The House adopted a resolution to investigate the pay of its employees, as a result of the condition of affairs uncarthed during the debate on the Deficiency Bill, and the Speaker appointed a

committee to make the investigation.

Mr. Dayton, of West Virginia, introduced a bill in the House to amend the copyright law by omitting the pro-vision requiring that the printing of copies deposited with the Librarian of Congress shall be done from types. ngress shall be done from types se

The House devoted its time Friday to unanimous-consent legislation and priwate claims and private pension bills, in-cluded in the latter being one for the widow of Gen. Henry W. Lawton for

The Senate passed the Postoffice and the Diplomatic and Consular Appropria-

The House adopted a resolution of inquiry into the holding of employes of one position and drawing salary for an-

The House passed the Sundry Civil Bill and began the consideration of the General Deficiency Bill.

The Senate had under consideration the Postoffice Appropriation Bill.

Senator Gallinger offered an amend-ment to the Army Appropriation Bill by which post exchanges can take the place of army canteens.

# AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Two volumes of testimony in the Cuban postoffice scandal were submitted to the Senate, the new features being statements by General Rathbone and former postmaster at Havana Thompson.

The Senate Committee on Relations with Cuba considered propositions defin-ing the relation between that island and the United States.

The remains of 33 soldiers who died Cuba were buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

Seven eager candidates have already filed applications to be Consul-General

Wildman's successor. The President has selected Capt. Wm. Crosier, of the Ordnance Department, to succeed the late Professor Michie at

West Point as professor of natural and experimental philosophy. The Secretary of War detailed Capt. Charles G. Treat, Artillery Corps, to be commandant of cadets and instructor of tactics at the Military Academy, with the rank and pay of lieutenant colonel, to succeed Lieut. Col. Otto L. Hein.

The Secretary of the Interior submitted to the Senate treaties between the

States and the Choctaws and Chickasaws. Senator Morgan submitted a minor-ity report declaring that the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty should not be a condition precedent to the building

of the Nicaragua Canal.

The President sent to the Senate the commation of Brigadier General Shafter to be major general.

Black walnut canes were given to the Cabinet members by President McKinley. The canes were sent the President from Illinois and were cut from a walnut tree on the farm formerly the property of Abraham Lincoln in Haristown township. Macon County Ill.

own township, Macon County, Ill.

An effort to obtain an appropriation to
ontinue the pneumatic tube service in
lew York, Boston and Philadelphia

Congressman Mudd thinks the Mc-Comas-Elkins ship canal project far less practicable than the scheme he formu-

### NEWS IN PRIEF.

By an explosion in one of the build-ings at the City Gas Works, in Rich-mond, Va., Mortimer Hogan was killed, one end of the building was blown out and six men were injured, but none se

Three more women were attacked and nearly killed in Denver by some mys-terious person, who has been waylaying one women on the streets of that city. Three professors of political economy published a report strongly criticizing the dismissal of Professor Ross, from

Stanford University. The North American Trust Company

has absorbed a number of other trust companies and will conduct business on an extensive scale. Rev. Henry Blatchford, for 69 years a

missionary among the Chippewa Indians, died at Odanah, at the age of 93 years. Carroll E. Boreman, nephew of ex-W. Va., of typhoid fever.

Lottie Kane was sentenced in Harrisonville, W. Va., to five years in the penitentiary for infanticide. The Universal Steel Company was in-

porated in Jersey City with a capital of \$300,000. Five inches of snow fell in Atlanta and

other parts of Georgia and Texas. Salvatore Giovanni was found shot through the heart in Chicago, with Carlo Battesta, supposed to be his best friend, standing over him. It is supposed to be

A letter was received by Edward Cudaby, Sr., which is believed to have been written by Pat Crowe, offering to surrender if offered protection from

The Delaware House of Representatives appointed a committee to investi-gate alleged charges of corruption in onnection with the senatorial election.

The jury was unable to agree in the case of Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy, who was tried in New York on the charge of mur-dering Dolly Reynolds. It was reported in Charleston, S. C.

that the Fertilizer Trust had bought out the Charleston Mining and Manufactur-

The Northern and Southern Presby-terians of Missouri agreed to joint con-trol over several Presbyterian colleges Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indi-

ana, was elected president of the Daugh-ters of the American Revolution. The University of Pennsylvania cele Potter delivering the oration.

Isaac Shaffer died suddenly on the street in Hanover, Pa., from heart discase John Valentine Peterman died at his

me, in Martinsburg, W. Va. Thirty flouring mills located in Mary land and Pennsylvania have formed a

ibination as the Eastern Milling and Export Company. Thomas Vital, colored, accused of assaulting a thirteen-year old white girl, was lynched by a moh in Lake Charles,

Arthur Fuller, 21 years of age, was convicted in Chatham of attemptin felonious assault on Miss Mattie

Former United States Senator Stephen White, of California, died at his me in Los Angeles. Fire in the business section of Atlanta

destroyed property valued at nearly half The jury in the case of Frank Hamilton, charged with killing Leonard R. Day in Minneapolis, Minn., brought in a verdict of manslaughter, with a

recommendation for mercy. John P. Squire & Co., with a capital \$7,500,000, was incorporated in Trenton to do a pork-packing business in Boston and other Eastern points, absorbing about a dozen concerns.

The Italian steamer Jupiter was lost at sea. The captain and engineer are supposed to have perished. The rest of crew were rescued and landed at

# Foreign.

Minister Conger has cabled to the State Department at Washington that the Chinese court has agreed to all the punishments named in his demands. General Kitchener reports a severe en-gagement between Methuen's forces and the Boers, in which the British lost 3 of-ficers and 13 men killed and 5 officers

and 25 men wounded.

Major T. J. Atherton, second in command of the Prince of Wales' Royal Lancers, sued his wife for divorce. President Steyn and General De Wet sued a joint proclamation declaring that

the war was not over and accusing the British of barbarous practices. The Russians sustained severe losses in an engagement with the Chinese headed by the military governor of Mukden,
Mr. Brodrick informed the House of
Commons that the Boers in the field

numbered 20,000, and that in January there were 16,000 Boer prisoners. The Viscount Hinton has instituted proceedings to eject his younger step-brother from the possession of the earl-dom and estate of their father.

The people of Finland protest against the scheme to Russianize their country.

The situation in Venezuela is reported

The situation in Venezueia is reposed to be quite critical.

Cardinal Vaughan has issued a declaration against the anti-Catholic oath taken by King Edward.

An American soldier, possibly Loys Darrell, of the Seventh Cavalry, charged with the murder of Henry L. Crouch, a private of the same troop, in Cuba, was arrested in South Africa.

arrested in South Africa. The opinion is expressed in Berlin that Russia is working to establish the closest relations with the United States.

The Marquis of Headfort contradicts the report of his marriage to Rosis Boote. The Russian battleship Tzarevitch was launched at La Soyne.

# Our New Possessions.

Washington's Birthday was observed in Manila by a procession of the Fed-eralists and a celebration in the open which was attended by thousands of

have been sold to the natives in several provinces of the Island of Luzon. The Federal party in Manila gave a banquet at which Washington was eulo-gized, and Governor General MacArthur assured the Filipinos that "under the American flag injustice and oppres-sion are impossible.

Francisco Reyes, the Italian consul at Manila, and Manuel Peypoch, consul for Uruguay, were arrested for aiding the Filipino insurgents.

A joint commission has been proposed by Secretary Root for General Wood's opinion to revise the Cuban tariff.

The government buildings at Iba, capital of Zambales province, have been burned, the jail alone escaping the flames. The Twenty-fourth Infantry's supplies were destroyed by fire.

# LOOKING AT NEW STAR.

One of the Brightest Which Has Appeared in Centuries.

IT IS FLARING UP VERY RAPIDLY.

The Heavenly Visitor Can Be Seen About 8 P. M. West of Capella, Which Is In the Zenith -- Dr. Anderson Thought the Color of the New Star Was Bluish White-Seen in Maryland.

Boston (Special).—One of the most aportant astronomical discoveries in several years was announced by the telegram received at the Harvard College Observatory from Rev. Dr. T. D. Anderson, of Edinburgh, which stated that he had discovered a new star in the Constellation Persens.

With great interest, Dr. Pickering,
Mrs. W. P. Fleming, curator of the as-

tronomical photographs, and other members of the staff at the Harvard Observatory observed the star through the clouds and examined Harvard's priceless set of photographs of the sky with important results as to its history, magnitude and spectrum.

When the average reader understands that such a star as this appears in the sky suddenly he will comprehend the great value of the collection of 100,000 photographs at Harvard, which reveal the condition of the sky, as well as the weather will permit, on almost every day of the year.

By reference to the charts of that section of the sky where the new star was reported to be the Harvard astronomers were able to say that the star on February 19 was fainter than the magnitude 10.5; and this result was confirmed by photographs taken on February 2, 6, 8 and 18. This technical statement means that

photographs taken before February 19 did not reveal the presence of the them may throw additional light on this point; but the photograph of February ing considerably short of that of the

was difficult to see it with the naked eye, but within four days it had flared up greatly. It is said to be the bright est new star which has appeared it three centuries. The position of the heavenly visitor is right ascension 3 hours 24 minutes 24 seconds and decli-nation plus 43 degrees 34 minutes.

### UNDER TAFT AND CHAFFEE. Washington's Birthday, Bishop First Named Will Be Governor and the Latter

Will Succeed MacArthur.

Washington (Special).-According to the latest advices from the Philip-pine Commission, the time for the esablishment of civil government in the Philippines is near at hand. It was Americ stated at the War Department that gether, the civil government will be established as soon as Judge Taft reports that the conditions in the silands, justify such action. It is generally understood that Judge Taft will be the first civil governor of the Islands, and that Gen. Chaffee will succeed Gen. MacArthur in command of the military forces to be retained there to assist in the maintenance of order and the enforcement of the laws. It is not likely, however, that there will be any finmediate change in the military command, or that there will be any material reduction in the military strength for many months to come.

## CHINESE ATTACK THE GERMANS. Two Hundred Celestials Killed in the Fight-

Germans Outnumbered. Tientsin (By Cable).-Several hundred imperial Chinese troops attacked 50 Germans west of Paotingfu. The Ger-mans were hard pressed, fought a rearguard action and eventually drove the Chinese back. The Germans had one

fice, though satisfied with what it is pleased to consider the immediate result of Count Von Waldersee's action, regards the Chinese back-down with some spicion. The officials here believe it not to withdraw his orders for the expedition, and to hold it over the heads of the Chinese until their professed submis-

Montgomery, Ala. (Special).-Bessie and Alice Wilkes, aged 16 and 18, respectively, were cremated in a fire at the home of their widowed mother, Mrs. Wilkes, at Prattville. The charred remains of one of the young girls was found in the hall. The other was found in the han. The short was found with a mattress over her head, which she placed there in endeavoring to protect hersell from the deavoring to protect hersell from the flames. The mother, in saving the life "Nick" Chiles. Mrs. Nation's husband is coming to Topeka to help his wife with the enterprise.

Washington Honored Abroad. Berlin (By Cable).—United States Ambassador White and Mrs. White kept

open house for American visitors in honor of Washington's Birthday. The American colony in Berlin celebrated the evening with a supper and dance at the Savoy Hotel. At all other Ameri-can embassies in Europe except that in London there were similar celebrations. The usual one in London was omitted on acount of mourning for the Queen.

official communication relates that the statements published in London to the effect that Denmark has definitely re-fused the offer of the United States to purchase the Danish West Indies for 12,000,000 kroners are untrue. negotiation for the sale are proceed-

# \$500,000 Fire at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—Fire in the Markham House block resulted in a loss of \$500,000. Among the buildings destroyed were those of the Arnold Hat Company, the Draper-Goggins Shoe Company, the R. N. Fickett Paser Company and three new residences. Shoe Company, the R. N. Fickett Pa-per Company and three new residences. per Company and three new residences. The flames spread to buildings of the Gramling-Spalding Shoe Company, the McConnell-Christopher Dry Goods. Company and the Binkers-Davis Hardware Company, which were burned. ware Company, which were burned. The fire was caused by an explosion of an oil tank.

# All the Powers Agree.

Washington (Special).-Our government has now received assurances from nearly all the powers represented by military forces at Pekin of their entire agreement with the United States government as to the inexpediency of resuming offensive military operations in China while the peace negotiations are in progress. Much apprehension is felt here as to the outcome of the negotiations on the next point—amount and manner of payment of indemnities. nent has now received assurances from

THE SENATE SUMMONED.

President McKinley Issues the Proclamatio for an Executive Session.

Washington (Special).—The Presi-dent issued the following proclamation calling a special session of the Senate or executive purposes: By the President of the United States

America. A PROCLAMATION. Whereas, Public interests require that ened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next to receive such communica Now, therefore, I, William McKin-ley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and de-clare that an extraordinary occasion re-quires the Senate of the United States

to convene at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of the body are hereby

act as members of that body are hereby reuired to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the 23d day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and of the independence of the United States hundred and United States the one hundred and

WILLIAM McKINLEY. By the President: JOHN HAY,

### CONSTITUTION OF CUBA.

Secretary of State.

#### One Copy Send to General Wood, Another Placed in Records of Convention.

Havana (By Cable).—The Cubar constitution first submitted by the Central Committee to the Convention at the public session of January 21 was signed Thursday. One copy was sent to Governor General Wood and the other placed among the records of

the Convention. The attendance was not large, fallopening day and not equaling the at-first time.

The star then shone so faintly that it sions. The members affixed their signatures, the president and vice-presi-dents leading off, the delegates follow-ing and the two secretaries signing nd the two secretaries signing Senor Cisneros created a sensa

tion by refusing to sign. He said: 'Cuba is now independent, and I can see no reason for sending this con-stitution to the United States for acceptance. The United States govern ment has no right to pass upon it for it is a distinctly Cuban document and was drawn up by this Convention, which has assumed the responsibility of establishing the Republic

As the delegates retired Senor Ta-mayo remarked "We are all Cubans and Senor Cisneros replied. Americans we will fight them to

Then he turned toward the press table and, shaking his fist at American newspaper men, he said:-"The Americans are like the monkey, When the monkey closes its paw or Subsequently he said he would sign the copy of the constitution that had been filed with the records of the

Convention, but would wait until the other had been sent to Washington in order to avoid any possibility name being attached to that also. Senor Capote, president of the Con-vention, delivered the document to General Wood. The latter could not say whether he intended to forward it immediately to Washington or to wait until an agreement had been reached as to the future relation between Cuba and the United States.

# DECIDED IN MRS. NATION'S FAVOR. One Case Against Her for Saloon Smashing

Dismissed by a Topeka Judge. Topeka, Kan. (Special).-A decision man killed and seven wounded. It is estimated that the Chinese lost 200 in killed and wounded.

London (By Cable).—The Foreign Office smashing the Senate saloon two

weeks ago.

Judge McCabe in dismissing the case held that, since Mrs. Nation had malice toward the proprietors of the place and destroyed it in abating a pub-lic nuisance, she was not guilty of ma-

cious destruction of property.

Mrs. Nation is to enter politics and to become the editor of the Smasners Mail. She has refused tempting offer to lecture, and will remain in Topeka to help elect a "clean man" for mayor at the spring election. These matters were announced by the crusader. Mrs. Nation, who has decided to become a citizen of Topeka, at least for a time.

was enthusiastic "We decided," she said, "to nominate clean man-a man who does not

# Large Water Tank Bursts.

Richmond, Va. (Special),-A wooden tank containing 50,000 gallons, the reservoir of the water works of the town of Abingdon, exploded with great force. Anderson Cook, colored, engaged in filling a deep ditch containing iron delivery pipe, was washed down hill 200 feet through a wire fence, tear-ing away the calf of one leg and causing probably fatal injuries. A machin-ist also was injured. The tank was on a frame 100 feet high and 500 feet from Copenhagen (By Cable).—A semi-badly inundated.

# Rear Admiral Sampson IIL

Boston (Special).—Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, commandant of the Charlestown Navy Yard, is ill at his home at the yard. Captain Charles J. Barclay, captain of the yard, is acting

# Resignation of Spanish Cabinet

Madrid (By Cable) .- General Azcarraga, the premier, presented the resignation of the Cabinet to the Queen Regent and will probably be charged with the task of reconstructing the ministry. The responsibility for raising the state of siege will be left with th Children Stricken by the Plague.

## Cape Town (By Cable).-A white child died here of bubonic plague and three white children have been attack-Sword for Captain Evans.

Washington (Special).-The tation of a sword to Captain Robley D. Evans, of the Navy, was the occasion of a speech by Speaker Henderson, of the House of Representatives, paying a glowing tribute to "Fighting Bob" and to the American tar in general The sword was presented by the people of Iowa in recognition of his command of the battleship Iowa during th battle of Santiago Bay. Speaker Hon-derson referred to the thrilling events Dr. Mayo G. Smith, the inspiration of the character of The Doctor in Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad," died in Colorado Springs.

Dr. Mayo G. Smith, the inspiration of derson referred to the thrilling events of that naval engagement. Capt. Evans made a graceful reply to the presentation speech sentation speech

# BIG STEAMER GOES DOWN.

122 Persons Probably Perish With the Rio Near San Francisco.

EXPLOSION FOLLOWS COLLISION.

Captala Ward, a North Carolinian, Goes Down With His Ship Trying to Save Passengers Engulfed a Short Time After Striking Obstruction-Italian Fishermen Give Valuable Aid.

San Francisco (Special).—The Pacific Mail Company's steamship City of Rio de Janeiro, while entering the harbor from the Orient in a heavy fog, struck a sunken rock and went down in about fifteen minutes in 30 fathoms of water off Fort Point Fort Point. A large number of lives are known to

have been lost, but owing to the confu-sion following the terrible accident and he failure of those who managed to get ashore to report their safe arrival at the Merchants' Exchange or the Pacific Mail offices it is impossible to fix the exact number of those who went down with the vessel, although it is said that more than the respective of the same of the same

than 122 persons perished.

Capt. William Ward, the ship's master, an old employe of the company, went down with his ship.

Purser John Rooney, who had the passenger list and roster of the crew, is

Ten bodies have been recovered—a white women, I white man and 7 Chimese. The most prominent passenger on the steamer was Ronneville Wildman, United States Consul-General at Hong-kong, who was acompanied by Mrs. Wildman and two children. It is thought

As near as can be learned there were as follows: Cabin passengers, 29; second cabin, 7; steerage (Chinese and Japanese), 58; officers and crew, 107. The following have been accounted for: Rescued, 79: bodies at the morgue, 10:

otal, 89; missing, 112. Quartermaster Frederick Lindstrom gave the clearest idea of the sinking of the craft. He said the Rio struck Mile Rock, against which a stiff current was setting. The rock is in a line off Fort Point with Point Lobos and about twohirds of a mile from the San Francisco

Lindstrom said the vessel struck head m, crushed in her bows and began to

At this juncture there is reported to have been some sort of an explosion, something similar to that which occurred when the ill-fated Colima plunged to the bottom of the Pacific off the Central American coast some years ago, taking down with her 180 souls. Men from the Rio found themselves in the water, struggling to grasp a piece of wreckage, and it seemed hours before boats from passing craft and a gasoline launch cruisong the floating wreckage and res-

cued the survivors.

San Francisco (Special)—So far as can be ascertained from reliable data 128 lives were lost in the wreck of the Pa-cific Mail steamer City of Rio de Janeiro. Some fishermen found a packet containing the papers of Purser Rooney. Among them was the passenger list and a bunch of cancelled tickets, and as there were names on the list whose cancelled passenger tickets did not appear among those recovered, it is assumed that they laid over either at Yokohama, Kobe or Honolulu. That they were not on the vessel at the time she went down

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BURNED. Large Institution for Soldiers' Orphans at Scotland, Pa.

Chambersburg Pa. (Special).—A fire, which had its origin in the electric light department of the Scotland Soldiers' Orphans' Industrial School, destroyed the entire building, entailing a loss of at least \$,5,000. The fire was as sudden as it was unexpected. Engineer C. E. Mickey observed flames shoot from the rear of the switchboard, and almost instantly the room was in flames. A fierce gale was blowing at the time, and parks were earrie tration building and to the roofs of houses in Scotland, half a mile away The administration building was saved by the boys' fire brigade of the school. In drawing the fires from under the lers to prevent explosion. Engineer

### Mickey was badly burned, but there were no other casualties. **HUNTINGTON LEFT \$70,000,000** 1 The Amount of Inheritance Tax Paid by the

Estate Indicates This. New York (Special).—In order to take advantage of the 5 per cent, re-bate which is allowed upon the pay-ment of inheritance taxes within six months after death the executors of the will of the late Collis P. Huntington paid to the State \$665,000. The execupaid to the State \$605,000. The execu-tors estimated that the tax which would be assessed against the State would amount to \$700,000, and by pay-ing the tax last week a rebate of \$35,000 was secured. Much surprise was ex-pressed yesterday at the amount of the tax which the executors have deter-mined is due to the State. It indicated that the Huntington fortune approxi-mated \$70,000,000.

Shot During an Initiation. Kokomo, Ind. (Special) - Milton Haney was accidentally shot by a wo-man member of the local tribe of Daughters of Pocahontas in an initiation ceremony held at the lodgeroom. In mistake she used a revolver that had fallen from the pocket of a member, instead of the one filled with blank cartridges provided for the occasion. The bullet struck Haney's shoulder. hadly shattering it.

A Great Year for French Wines Paris (By Cable).—Official statistics estimate the French vintage of 1900 at 1,678,110,250 gallons, which is an increase of 513,347,498 gallons over 1809. The harvest is the biggest since 1875.

London (By Cable).—In an inter-view in this city, United States Consul Adelbert S. Hay, American representative at Pretoria, was generous in his praise of Christian De Wet. Hr. Hay stated that De Wet was a great man and that he knew South Africa like a book. In the opinion of Mr. Hay the British will experience difficulty in cap-turing the Boer leader, as the latter knows well every inch of the country. Mr. Hay was careful in expressing opin-ions as to the drift of the war, or the drift of peace proposals.

Washington (Special).—Minister Con ter will leave Pekin immediately for ger will leave Pekin immediately for this country on 60 days' leave of absence. Commissioner Rockhill will have full power to conduct the negotiations now in progress. Mr. Conger returns of his own initiative. For some time past he has been anxious to get back to Iowa, but the opportunity has not presented itself until this moment. Now that the foreign ministers have satisfactorily settled the question of punishments of the offending Chinese officials and a new subject is to be taken up, it will be easy to pass the negotiations into Mr. Rockhill's bands.

# PIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

corge James and His Four Daughters Cremated in Their Home.

Versailles, Ind. (Special).—George James and his four young daughters were burned to death in their farm-house four miles from Versailles. Mrs. James and another daughter were away rom home

Just before daylight James arose and

built a wood fire in the kitchen range. In some unexplainable manner the stove fell apart, and in a short time the stove fell apart, and in a short time the house was tiled with smoke. The fire spread quickly. It first awoke the four girls, who slept on the second floor. They rushed down stairs to their father's room and tried to get him to leave. Apparently, he was stupefied by the smoke and refused to move.

A 12-year-old son, who had been sleeping with his father, escaped through a rear door, and, finding it impossible to get back, owing to the rapid

possible to get back, owing to the rapid spread of the fire, rushed to a window of his lather's room and broke in the glass with his fist. He begged those inside to climb through the broken sash, but they made no reply. Then he ran to the farm bell, which he rang for several minutes, arousing the neigh-bors. When help arrived the house was a mass of flames, and in a few moments the whole structure fell, burying the five inmates

### TRAINS CRASH HEAD ON.

## Ten Persons Killed and Twenty-five Were Injured.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—A collision occurred on the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Ruslings Sidng, near Bordentown, and about tiles south of Trenton. The " Bly" express from New York for At-antic City, collided with passenger train No. 330, running from Camden to Tren-ton. The number of dead so far as known is to, and the number of injured apward of 25. The wounded were dis-tributed among the three Trenton hos-pitals. Other wounded passengers were taken to Cooper Hospital, at Camden. Among the killed was Walter Earl, engineer of the express, and James Birm ingham, baggagemaster of the local train, Most of the killed were Italians. Michael McGraw, fireman on the "Nellie Bly," was badly injured, but is expected to re-

over. The scene at the wreck is described by those who were present as horrifying. The two trains collided at full speed, and both engines were com-pletely demolished. The forward car of each train, in both instances a combination baggage and smoker were entirely demolished also, and, to add to the horror, the wreckage took fire. The second car of the "Nellie Bly" turned over on its side, and the passengers had to climb out through the windows. In this they were assisted by passengers from the cars that did not leave the track. The track at this point is so close to the Delaware and Räritan Canal that the passengers, in getting out of the overturned coach, got into the canal, and many of the bodies of the dead and injured had

bodies of the dead and injured had to be taken from the water.

The "Nellie Bly" was running in three sections, and it was the third section with which No. 330 collided. The local train had taken the siding to permit the express to pass, and it is believed that through some misunderstanding or mistake the local came out on the main track after the second out on the main track after the second section had passed mistaking it for the third section.

# MARKED STRIDES IN EXPORTS. American Locomotive Trade Has Increased

450 Per Cent. London (By Cable).-Sir Christo pher Furness, well known as a ship-owner and engine builder, said at the annual meeting to-day of Robert Stephenson & Co., that the exports of engines from the United Kingdom were decreasing and the exports from the United States were increasing "at a very marked rate." The company's information was that while exports have r during rec one-quarter recent

American exports of locomotives have expanded 450 per cent. It was announced that Stephenson & o.'s works at Newcastle-on-Tyne Co.'s works at Newcastle-on-Ty would be transferred to Darlington, miles south of Durham, in order to se-cure land for extensions of the works

# cheaper than is possible at Newcastle.

New York (Special).—A contribution of a quarter of a million dollars by John D. Rockefeller to Brown University was announced at the usual dinner of the Brown University Alumni Society of New York, held at the University Club. Rev. Dr. W. H. F. Faunce, president of the university, made the announcement. Dr. Faunce said: "I have the pleasure of announcement by Mr. F. Faunce announcement of the university." have the pleasure of announcing that Mr John D. Rockeieller, who gave \$250, 000 last year to Brown University, ha w offered to increase that amount to \$500,000, if we will go on to increase the new endowment from \$1,000,000 to \$2,-000,000. His second offer makes his total subscription, contingent or other-wise, to the endowment fund of Brown

#### larger than his gifts to any American university.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—The dead bodies of Mrs. H. M. Wilson, a young widow, and William Hamilton, a student in pharmacy, who disappeared from Atlanta one week ago, were found one mile from the end of the Chattahoochee River car line. The surroundings indicated that Hamilton had killed Mrs. Wilson, set fire to the woods near her body, and then ended his own life. Both bodies were fearfully burned, and rested upon breastworks thrown up by the Confederates to stem the advance of the Federal army on Atlanta in the war between the States. Tragedy in Atlanta.

# Robbers Steal Gold From Mine

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—The Examiner says a rich deposit or pocket of gold was discovered recently in a Grass Valley mine. After the superintendent had taken about \$30,000 worth of rich quartz from the mine he boarded up the pocket in which still remained a seam of gold valued at \$15,000 and sent for the directors of the company. When they arrived it was found the mine had been blasted out and the gold carried away. Detectives are searcing for the robbers. carried away. Dete

# IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

New York Postal Clerks' Union will demand the eight-hour day. Youngstown quarrymen won a strike against a cut from 20 cents to 17 1-2 cents per hour.

Among the questions asked applicants for employment by the Christensen Engineering Company, of Milwaukeek, are: "Are you married or single?" "What is your height and weight?" The company states to all applicants by letter that there is a strike on in its machine shop.

Oak Park (Chicago) carpenters want

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The Junior Class of the Lehigh University held its oratorical contest in the Packer Memorial Church, South Bethlehem. The following are the names of the contestants and the subjects of their orations: William S. Brownell, Jr., "A Phase of Industrial Life;" James N. Downey, "International Arbitration to Satisfy National Honor;" Foster Hewelt, "The Corporate Movement;" W. S. Johns, "Washington's Political Ideas;" Johns, "Washington's Political Ideas," F. R. Lines, "Washington's Interest in the West;" William F. Roberts, "The Labor Movement in America." First, second and third prizes were awarded to F. R. Lines, of Bethlehem, Pa.; J. N. Downey, Lancaster, Pa.; and William F. Roberts, Freeland, Pa., respectively. An interesting part of the cere-monies was the reading of the honor roll of the Senior Class, which was as follows: Conrad E. Martinez, Havana, Cuba; Frederick A. Hausman, Allentown, Pa.; Ernesto Franco, Quito, Ecuador; Joseph J. Nolan, Carbondale, Pa.; W. N. Haas, Hepler, Pa.; L. A. Frendenberger, West Bethlehem, Pa.; Samuel D. Harleman, South Bethlehem

Charles Collum, one of the best known business men in Allentown, made public the fact that he has re-ceived a letter threatening that if he does not deposit \$500 in a cigar box at the East Penn Junction one of his boys will be kidnapped. The letter reads as follows;

"Charles Colom:-We have struck town and need money, and we want you to put 500 dollars in a cigar box, take it down to East Penn Depot, and put it under the steps. If you don't and put the chief and his men on we will have one of your little work will have our game or the dot. come down with the money. W have one of your little boys. watch you or any one you put on, and we have two others spotted. If we take we have two others spotted. If we take the kid you will never see him in these parts again." Mr. Collum has two bright boys and he is prepared to pro-

The confession a boy made in jail at Uniontown is a queer tale of crime and may lead to the detection of several robbers who have been working this section. William Jones, aged 18 years, was arrested while in the act of stealing a pair of shoes and held for trial. He sent for a justice of the peace and made a sworn statement that his name is Joseph Edward Cheeseman, of Balti-more, and that he was compelled to steal. He says he fell in with an aged cripple whose name is Jones and a man named Duffy. Jones, he asserts, taught him to steal and compelled him to rob as he planned wherever they went. Jones has been working Uniontown all the week on a crutch, ostensibly selling pencils. He was arrested and denies

the boy's story. At the annual meting of the Montgomery County Historical Society held at Norristown the following officers were elected: President, Joseph Fornance; vice-presidents, Rev. A. A. Marple, Rev. T. R. Beeber, H. W. Kratz; recording secretary, Miss Frances M. Fox: corresponding secretary Mrs. A. Fox: corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Conrad Jones; treasurer, Dr. W. H. Reed; librarian, Ellwood Roberts; trustees, W. W. Potts, S. G. Smyth, Samuel C. Jarrett, Mrs. Mary Preston and F. G. Hobson. A committee was appointed to take steps toward forming a his

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by law. These were thrown out, and Kellow declared elected by three votes. Five Italians employed at the blast furnaces in Sharon were ground to death while on their way to work, as they walked along the Eric and Pittsburg Railroad track. They were overtaken on a small iron bridge by a southbound freight, and crushed between the wide steel hopper cars and the bridge structure. The men were in

the bridge structure. The men were in the habit of walking on the track on their way to the Sharon furnace, where they worked. The house of Dr. Lincoln Hulley, professor of history in Bucknell University, Lewisburg, was burned. Mrs. Hulley and two children were rescued with difficulty, one girl being overcome by smoke. Dr. Hulley's valuable library, the manuscripts of semons and lectures and the manuscripts of a book. lectures and the manuscript of a book to be known as "The Psalter," which he expected to publish, were burned. His loss is \$3000, with no insurance.

Samuel Wertz, who resides at Shintown, is the hero of the village by reason of having killed a catamount with a stone. While Wertz was on the mountain mear his home the catamount attacked him. Having no weapon Wertz jumped to one side and picking up a large stone hurled it at the beast as it sprang toward him. The stone as it sprang toward him. The stone struck the catamount squarely between

the eyes, killing it instantly. Findlay Blose, a 12-year-old boy, at-tempted to cross the railroad tracks at North Point in a sleigh. A train struck the sleigh. The-boy was caught on the pilot of the locomotive and carried over a mile. He escaped with only a few bruises.

The annual report of Mine Inspector Davies, of the Fifth Anthracite District, just made public shows that the total coal production last year was 5,343,291 tons, or 20,243 less than in 1890. There were forty fatal and seventy-six non-fatal accidents, leaving seventeen widows and forty-four orphans. The total number of persons employed was 15,-

The employees of one of the mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Harleton adopted plans for a beneficiary fund. The company will contribute a sum equal to that paid by the men and from this fund benefits will be said

Chester Staples, who was shot by Deputy Detrick, near Spragueville, in mistake for his brother, Charles Staples, is dead. In the encounter Detrick was badly injured. Charles Staples was arrested in the office of District Attorney Gearhart as he was arranging for the arrest of Detrick on the charge of murder.

Daniel Wanamaker, aged 86, a retired farager, of Lynnport, fell and broke a leg and austained other injuries from which he will die.

Henry Neiman, aged 83 years, died at the Potistown Hospital from bloodpoisoning. A few days ago he sustained a slight injury to his hand.

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