

## A DARING ADVENTURE.

### General Funston Leads Expedition to Capture Aguinaldo.

#### MARCH INTO THE DEEP INTERIOR.

#### May Furnish a Fitting Climax to His Brilliant Career, or Result in His Discomfiture—His Plan Is to Be Taken Into the Presence of the Filipino Leader as a Prisoner, and Then Turn the Tables on His Supposed Captor.

Manila (By Cable).—General Funston is now engaged in a daring project which promises to be the greatest and most romantic achievement of his eventful career. In an army, from his hiding place in the province of Isabela, Aguinaldo wrote letters anathematizing the sub-juncts who had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. Later, Aguinaldo ordered certain insurgent forces in Southern Luzon to join him at the rebel officer established in these orders secretly negotiated with the Americans. On securing necessary information, General Funston planned Aguinaldo's capture, and with General MacArthur's authorization General Funston, two weeks ago, made the attempt. General Funston, with Surgeon Major Harris, Captain Newton, of the Thirty-fourth Infantry; Lieutenant Admire, of the Twenty-second Infantry; Lieutenant Mitchell, of the Fortieth Infantry; six veteran scouts, and a company of native scouts, all picked up and embarked on the gunboat Vicksburg and were landed on a remote beach above Baler. It was arranged that Aguinaldo's emissary, with the native scouts, should pass themselves off as insurgent troops, who, having captured General Funston and others, were taking them as prisoners to Aguinaldo. At the right time, when brought before Aguinaldo, General Funston was to give a signal, when the tables were to be turned and Aguinaldo was to be seized. Six days' march into the interior were contemplated. Treachery was considered possible, but every precaution was taken. The troops in New Vizcaya and New Ecija, and the gunboats Vicksburg and Albany were to operate with General Funston's force.

#### BOERS FIGHTING AS HARD AS EVER.

#### They Wreck a Supply Train and Burn Bloody River Bridge.

Standerton, Transvaal (By Cable).—Four hundred Boers, under the Boer Commander Buys, have wrecked a supply train north of Vlaklaagte. They overpowered the escort and carried off several wagonloads of provisions. A convoy, destined to join General Freyer's column, has been attacked between Blood River and Shepers Nek, Transvaal Colony. The British had one man killed and three wounded. The bridge at Blood River was burned.

London (By Cable).—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, replying to a question, said no specific objection had been made by General Botha to any of the peace terms offered by General Kitchener, and General Botha made no counter-proposals. The only information in the possession of the government, outside of what published in the papers, was contained in a private memorandum from General Kitchener, saying General Botha had a strong objection to Sir Alfred Milner.

#### The Big Steel Deal.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—The holders of the \$100,000,000 bond issue of the Carnegie Company are now considering the exchange of them for bonds of similar amount and terms of the United States Steel Consolidation. The matter has been brought to the attention of the stockholders by a circular signed by C. M. Schwab, president; W. W. Blackburn, secretary, and L. C. Phillips, treasurer. It was regarded as good authority that Andrew Carnegie had agreed to an exchange of bonds if all of the others are retired at the same time as his own and new ones issued. Of the total issue, Andrew Carnegie will receive \$75,000,000, in addition to the payment of \$25,000,000 in cash, for his total holdings of stock and bonds.

#### Kidnaper Dead and Child Restored.

El Paso, Tex. (Special).—May Carrie Stevens, kidnapped from her six years ago, when but 5 years of age, and not heard of again by relatives until recently, was brought back from Danville, Ind., and restored to her mother, Mrs. Anna Stevens, Monday. The stolen child was able to tell a connected story of her wanderings since she was taken from home six years ago. She was trained for a trapeze performer in a circus. The address who took her away from home is dead.

#### Cleared Up by a Skeleton.

Warren, Ohio (Special).—The skeleton of James Tod arrived here Saturday and a mystery was cleared away. Nine years ago James Tod, of Warren, disappeared from Dayton, Fla. One day this week his skeleton was found near Spruce Creek, in Florida, and was identified by gold fillings in his teeth, a watch and a ring of keys.

#### Deputy and a Moonshiner Killed.

Augusta, Ga. (Special).—Deputy Marshal Alexander S. Whitley was killed in attempting to arrest Louis Scott for illicit distilling in Lincoln county. Scott was also killed. The officer, with his posse, found the distillers in a crowded house and in attempting to make the arrests a fight ensued. The other members of the Scott crowd were arrested.

#### Cubans Playing to Grandstand.

Havana (Special).—It has been learned that the Constitutional Convention long since determined to grant the demands made by the United States under the Platt amendment, and that all the show of opposition now being made is grandstand play.

#### The Old Familiar Game.

Greensboro, N. C. (Special).—Three confidence men, Frank Thompson, D. Hawley, and Gomez Bono, the latter disguised as an Englishman, were arrested here while attempting to work the gold brick scheme on Paul Garrett, of Weldon. Garrett notified the officers of the presence of the men and planned the capture. He and Thompson were followed to a spot in the woods near town, where Bono had two bricks concealed reputed to be worth \$50,000. Hawley, who was to assay the gold, was arrested at a hotel.

#### At Odds With Her Colored Editor.

Topsham, Kan. (Special).—Mrs. Carrie Nation has dissolved partnership with Nick Chiles, her colored publisher. She will hereafter endeavor to edit and have printed her paper, "The Smasher's Mail," without his assistance. The trouble grew out of the suppression by Chiles of an editorial written by Mrs. Nation scolding District Judge Hazen, before whom she has appeared a number of times. The temperance agitation started in this city by Mrs. Nation has resulted in bringing out the heaviest registration for the spring election in the history of the city.

## SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

#### Domestic.

W. J. Bryan, when asked whether he would aid Republicans in electing Senators, said: "Not unless he is bought," and Mr. Bryan would not assume without evidence that any of the Nebraska Legislators were corruptible. Because of suspicious circumstances surrounding her death, the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, of Crittenden, Va., was disinterred and delivered to medical officials for an autopsy.

The United States officials place the responsibility for the wreck of the steamer Rio de Janeiro on the late Captain Ward, who went down with the ship, said Pilot Jordan.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of Hon. Clark Simmons, of the County Court in Weston, Va., who was tried for shooting Rev. John Rexwood.

Giovanni Lauriere, of Natick, R. I., newly married, married Enrichetta Marzullo, who had rejected him, and three other women who came to her assistance.

The Korea, built for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was launched at the yards of the Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company.

Several electrical storms raged in Wisconsin and Minnesota. A number of cattle were killed by lightning.

Isaac Levy and Lewis Goldstein, Government contractors, were arrested in New York for embezzling \$100,000.

A blow from the southeast did considerable damage to shipping on the Florida coast.

William Stern, a business man of Scranton, Pa., committed suicide at Atlantic City.

Most women are registering in Kansas to vote at the spring elections than ever before.

Thomas Levins was accused in Freehold, N. J., of killing his mother on March 7.

Charter Day was celebrated at the University of Virginia.

The steamer Poughkeepsie ran on the rocks at Stony Point, near Haverstraw, N. Y. All the passengers, who were panic-stricken, were safely taken off.

The Supreme Court of Virginia granted a new trial to H. A. Davis, sentenced for four years for poisoning a well in Fauquier county, Va.

A fire in the hold of the steamer Cassano, lying at the Atlantic Basin, Brooklyn, caused damage to the amount of \$80,000.

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Muhlenberg died at home in Reading, Pa.

John Held, a traveling salesman, committed suicide in Buffalo.

It is rumored in Colorado that ex-Senator Wolcott will be appointed Secretary of the Interior, in place of Mr. Hitchcock.

Elizabeth E. Dunbar, aged 15 years, of Harrisburg, Pa., died of lockjaw, which followed vaccination.

The grand hotel at Kenova, W. Va., and the saw and planing mills of Davis & Lenon were burned.

Mrs. William H. Wilkins, of Milford, N. H., drowned her 17-year-old daughter in a river.

The family of Edward J. Smith, at Martinsburg, were poisoned by eating a wild root.

H. C. Bourquin, of St. Marys, O., sued Miss Sarah B. Ruhle for breach of promise.

George D. Swigert, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Erie, Pa.

Charles Humphries, a tenor, killed himself in St. Louis.

Albert Ives, the oldest banker in Detroit, is dead.

## WILL CHECK MARRIAGES.

#### Minnesota Expects to Require Physician's Examination.

#### TRACE OF INSANITY TO BE A BAR.

#### No License Will Be Issued If Bill Passes Legislature Until a Certificate is Presented—Increase in Number of Insanates of Asylums for Feeble-Minded in the State is Strong Argument in Its Favor.

St. Paul, Minn. (Special).—The Chilton bill, which passed the Senate Saturday, is proposed as a measure to restrict the marriage of persons afflicted with physical or mental disorders, and has the support of the physicians of the State.

While the bill, which is reasonably certain to become a law, is aimed at the class above named, it will affect all persons seeking marriage, as a preliminary examination of the candidates for matrimony is imperative. Some of the provisions of the bill follow:

"No man or woman who is epileptic, imbecile, feeble minded, or afflicted with chronic insanity, shall hereafter intermarry with this State, unless the marriage is under the age of 45 years."

"Any person who, not being an epileptic, imbecile or feeble minded person or one afflicted with chronic insanity, or who knowingly violates the provision of this section, shall hereafter perform a marriage ceremony within the State when either of the parties to such marriage is prohibited by this act from marrying. Any violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than three years."

While this bill has general approval in this State, it will undoubtedly result in a number of the marriages of parties in this State being made in adjoining States. This has been one of the principal arguments advanced against its passage.

On the other hand the increase in the number of inmates of the asylums for feeble-minded and insane in the State is strong argument in favor of its passage.

#### CUT OFF HER OWN EARS.

#### Woman Also Removes Five Toes and Part of Her Nose.

Toledo, Ohio (Special).—Mrs. G. Bruntschneider, residing near the city limits, occupies a ward at St. Vincent's Hospital and is in a serious condition as a result of horrible injuries self-inflicted. About 5 o'clock in the evening, armed with ordinary pair of scissors, she cut off all toes of her left foot, both her ears close to the head and about an inch of her right cheek, inflicted five gashes in the left cheek and finally began on her arms. Begging aid she left for home, and moved a vestige of skin, laying bare the muscles. She also lacerated the right arm in a horrible manner. Nothing was known of the affair until her husband, who was absent during the night, returned home in the morning and found her in a semi-conscious condition. A surgeon was called at once and she was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. Her recovery is doubtful.

#### Hotel Guests Routed by Fire.

New York (Special).—The Hotel Newcomb, at Port Washington, N. J., was destroyed by fire. The occupants of the hotel had narrow escapes, but all got out without injury, except Frank Kelly, who was cut on the hand while breaking a window in an effort to arouse servants, who were asleep on the second floor, and address the firemen. Mr. Kelly was partially overcome by smoke and had to be assisted from the building. The loss is placed at \$15,000.

#### Says Apology Was Refused.

London (By Cable).—General Wogalders refused to accept Count von Walderser's arbitration at Tientsin, says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, "and demands that the British not only withdraw, but apologize for removing the Russian flag. General Wogalders refused to address the ultimatum, so refusing has the support of the British Government, British reinforcements are being sent."

#### Abolishing 'Off Year' Elections.

Lansing, Mich. (Special).—The bill abolishing "off year" elections in Detroit, extending the term of the present city officials one year, in accordance with the House after a bitter fight against it by Representative Colby, of Detroit, Republican, who declared it was being forced down the throats of the people of Detroit by the Republican "machine."

#### Hot Fight at Primary.

Lexington, Ky. (Special).—Ten men were wounded in a battle between rival political factions at Caney, Morgan county. A primary election was being held at Caney, and a dispute arose, it was said, over the registration of the rights of certain persons to cast their ballots. Nearly every man at the polling place was armed, and as the quarrel progressed weapons were drawn. The first shot was the signal for a general fight, and many were wounded. The wounded men were lying on the ground. They were carried to neighboring houses and physicians were summoned.

#### Boer Diplomats Not Idle.

Amsterdam (By Cable).—Dr. Leyds, the agent in Europe of the Boer Governments, assumed that the dispute between England and Russia at Tien Tsin offered an opportune moment for a visit to St. Petersburg. He therefore caused inquiry to be made through the Boer agents in Paris as to whether the Czar would welcome a visit from the Boer President and himself. The Czar returned a flat refusal to receive the would-be visitors, and the settlement of the Tien Tsin dispute has disappointed Boer hopes of a break between England and Russia.

#### \$45,000,000 for War Ships.

London (By Cable).—Mr. Hugh Oakeley Arnold-Forster, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, explained the naval proposals of the Government. His object, he said, was to maintain the navy in a condition to carry on a successful war should occasion arise. It was proposed to have 154,575 men available to man the fleet, of whom 118,625 should be on the active list.

The Government, he went on to explain, would ask for \$45,000,000 for construction, the largest sum ever appropriated.

## LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

#### Mr. Griggs' Resignation.

Attorney General Griggs has handed to the President his resignation, to take effect March 31. Mr. Griggs intends to leave Washington on Saturday next for his home in New Jersey, where, hereafter, he will reside. His intention is to resume immediately the practice of his profession, as stated by his authority that he will be associated as counsel with the firm of Dill, Bomister & Baldwin, of New York City. Mr. Griggs also has formed a partnership with Mr. Dill, of Jersey City, under the firm name of Griggs & Dill, for practice in New Jersey.

#### Spain Paid for the Islands.

The Spanish Ministry, Duke d'Arcos, received from Secretary Hay a treasury warrant for \$100,000, and the United States received the final settlement of any claims of the Philippine Archipelago lying outside of the line of demarcation in article 3 of the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States of December 10, 1898. At the same time a protocol was signed by Mr. Hay and Duke d'Arcos, exchanging ratifications of the treaty. The specific purpose of the transaction is to add the islands of Cagayan-Sulu and Sibutu to the possessions of the United States.

#### Schley Home Fund.

It has been decided to purchase a residence for Admiral Schley at Cleveland Park in accordance with the admiral's wishes, he having previously declared against a handsome residence in the Capitol City, stating that he preferred a comfortable home in the quiet of the suburbs. The executive committee of the Schley home fund stated that \$3000 had been guaranteed by the various Knights Templar lodges in the United States. Miss Edna McClelland, of New York, has sent a statement to the committee that she had raised \$3000 for the fund, the amount desired for the home for the admiral is \$10,000.

#### Mr. Hitchcock Will Stay.

It is stated on high authority that former Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, is not to succeed Secretary Hitchcock as head of the Interior Department, as published in the Washington Herald, when shown the item, said: "So far as I am aware there is absolutely no foundation for the story."

A member of the Cabinet stated that the President has no intention of making any changes in his Cabinet further than selecting a successor to Attorney General Griggs.

#### Mighty Naval Weapon.

Washington (Special).—The penetrating power of a new naval gun has proved satisfactory at tests held at the navy yard. The new gun has a muzzle velocity of 2854 feet per second and a muzzle energy of 47,994 foot tons, the chamber pressure being 16½ tons per square inch, or half a ton less than the designed working pressure. Comparison of this new weapon with the 12-inch 35-caliber guns now mounted on the Iowa class of vessels show that the new piece weighs 537 tons and has a muzzle energy of 863 foot tons per ton of weight. The present 12-inch gun, which weighs 45 tons, has a muzzle velocity with smokeless powder of only 2300 foot seconds, and the corresponding muzzle energy of 31,170 foot tons amounts to only 680 foot tons per weight of the gun. The muzzle energy of the new piece, therefore, exceeds that of the old by 53 per cent.

#### Capital News in General.

An army board, appointed on the request of Gen. Baldy Smith, decided that he, but Gen. Rosecrans, devised the plan for the relief of the Army of the Cumberland.

Commander S. M. Ackley has been ordered to the command of the 10th Cavalry, relieving Commander Belknap.

Stephen Abell, the Maryland census enumerator, arrested for padding records, was released on bail.

Williamkie announced that a new five-dollar counterfeit had made its appearance.

Congressman Mudd, before leaving for New York, where he will sail for the Bermudas, criticized the system of the Census Bureau.

Gen. O. O. Howard, the president, delivered the address before the Washington annual meeting of the American Tract Society.

Senator Depew urged upon the President Fred J. Allen as successor to C. H. Duell, commissioner of patents.

The United States has suggested as a condition of the peace treaty that \$200,000,000 be divided in eight parts, of which the United States is to receive one. Other powers do not receive the suggestion favorably.

Under the new army reorganization bill now before Congress, the existing twelve additional companies of Coast Artillery, one to be located at Fort Mifflin.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor decided that bobbin lace was a new industry, and decided to admit the imported laborers from England.

The Senator Governor told the President that from his observations in Cuba, the Platt proposition will, after some delay, be accepted.

Charles H. Flemer, a wealthy retired builder, committed suicide.

Policeman Stephen A. Abell, who was arrested Tuesday, charged with making false returns when acting as a Maryland census enumerator, was committed to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

#### Our New Possessions.

Col. Rosario, with 51 men and 56 rifles, has surrendered to Col. Baldwin, of the Fourth Infantry, at San Francisco de Malabon, Cavite province.

Lieutenant Dean, of Troop C, Sixth Cavalry, has engaged a force of insurgents at Tubig, aguanada province, killing several of them and capturing seven men and twenty-four rifles.

A report was received giving interesting facts in connection with the opening of a girl's high school in Tutuila.

General MacArthur reported the surrender of Fullon in Panay, which ends the insurrection in that province.

The attendance at the services of the Evangelical Church in Manila is not diminishing. Protestantism is spreading rapidly in the Province of Pampanga.

The Philippine Commission has sailed from Manila for Jolo to make a three-days' visit and to endeavor to come to an amicable understanding with the Sultan regarding various matters. There will be no legislation. According to treaty, the Sultan's government controls the Sulu group.

The Philippine Commissioners are considering recommendations as to the form of civil government which it is believed President McKinley will order instituted in July.

## SIX SLAIN BY MOTHER.

#### Insane Mrs. Naramore Enacts a Terrible Tragedy.

#### Dispatched Her Little Ones with Ax and Club, Beginning with the Eldest, Ten-Year-Old Ethel, and Ending with Baby Lena, Aged Ten Months—Placed Bodies on Two Beds, Then Cut Her Own Throat and Lay Down to Die.

Coldbrook, Mass. (Special).—Mrs. Lizzie Naramore, while in a fit of insanity, killed her six children at her home, a farmhouse half a mile from this village, and then tried to take her own life.

The children ranged from 10 years to a babe of 10 months, and their lives were taken by the mother with an ax and a club. She laid the blood-drenched bodies on the beds, two on one bed and the other three on a bed in another room, and then attempted to take her own life by cutting her throat with a razor. When discovered she was in the bed on which the bodies of four children were lying. Although she cut a deep groove in her throat and suffered the loss of much blood, it is believed she will recover.

Frank Naramore, the husband and father, left his home at the usual hour to go to his work at a sawmill, and at that time his wife did not attract his attention by acting strangely.

It is supposed the deed was committed shortly after noon. The children were three boys and three girls—Ethel, 10 years of age, the eldest, while the ages of Walter, Charlie, Chester, George and Lena ranged from 8 years to 10 months.

Mrs. Naramore told her intimate friends that she first killed Ethel, then followed with the five others, each time taking the next eldest. Five were killed by being struck on the head with the back of an ax, while little Lena was killed with a club. Each of the children had evidently received several blows, as their heads were terribly bruised and blood was scattered in all directions about the rooms.

#### Killed His Three Children.

Clinton, Me. (Special).—Jacob Dearborn Marr, a farmer, living eight miles from this village, killed his three children, Alice M., aged 13; Edwin, aged 9, and Helen, aged 7, with an ax shortly after the family had risen from the dining table. Mr. Marr had been despondent for some time but his actions were not such as to make his wife believe that he had any serious trouble to brood over. The eldest daughter was washing dishes at the sink when her father went by her to the shed and got an ax. He came back to the kitchen and struck the girl a single blow on the head, killing her. Mrs. Marr saw this and ran screaming to the house of her husband's father, Samuel Marr.

The husband, it is supposed, walked up to where the younger children were playing and dealt each a single blow with the ax-handle, killing them both. When Mr. Marr, Sr., came in the younger Marr was washing his hands at the sink. He was asked why he had done the deed and he said:

"Later in the day he was placed under arrest and taken to Waterville.

#### Robbers Chloroform a Clerk.

Oberlin, O. (Special).—Robbers here open the safe in the post office blew open the interior of China, the Chinese revenues would be able to meet this charge against them within a reasonable time.

But it appears almost hopeless now to expect the other powers to accept the same basis of compensation that would satisfy the United States Government. Not only is there a vast difference in the scale of the demands based on military expenditures, but there also is a very radical difference of opinion as to the treatment of the native Christians who have suffered from the loss of property by the Boxers, and it is believed that if this element is to be treated with the liberality proposed by some of the European nations the indemnities claimed will be nearly \$500,000,000 in the aggregate, an amount, it is declared, quite beyond the ability of China to meet.

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#### Davitt Coming to Chicago.

Chicago (Special).—Michael Davitt has accepted an invitation to address the United Irish Societies at their Lady Day demonstration in this city on August 15. It is intended to have a delegation accompany Mr. Davitt from Ireland.

#### Harrison's Life Insurance.

Indianapolis (Special).—Ex-President Harrison left \$40,000 in life insurance. This fact was announced by the president of the Union Trust Company, which is executor of General Harrison's will. He said: "General Harrison had policies of \$100,000 each, which were taken out by him in 1880. The policies have not been opened yet. Our appraisal of the Harrison estate gives its total value at \$380,000. This includes all real estate, railroad bonds, stock in the Union Trust Company, the Law Building here and other securities."

#### Killed His Baby Sister.

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#### Suicide of John B. Ashe.

Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—A special from Yorkville, S. C., announces the suicide of John R. Ashe, president and general manager of the York Cotton Mills.

## PLOT AGAINST CZAR.

#### The Walls of His Bedroom Now Lined With Steel Armor—New Contrivance.

Berlin (By Cable).—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Cologne Volks Zeitung, under date of March 17, forwards by mail news to the effect that there is evidence in St. Petersburg of the existence of plots against the authorities. He asserts that sums of money are being distributed to the factory and the Star Petersburg and vicinity to induce them to join the disaffected students. It has not been learned whence this money comes, but indications point to high sources about the court. The fact is, the correspondent continues, the secret police no longer trust even the troops in St. Petersburg.

New precautions for the protection of the Czar's life have been taken—namely, a mechanism which allows no one to open the doors of the room in which the Czar happens at the moment of his waking. The plot against the Czar in his study, which he uses one after the other. The walls of the Czar's study and bedroom are lined with steel armor. The correspondent finds that evidence of the new plots was general. Orders were given Saturday night to keep all the troops in St. Petersburg ready. Sunday the police were distributed in force on all the main streets of the city. The military commander of St. Petersburg, M. Kleigels, received a number of warnings.

The Berliner Tageblatt prints a special despatch from St. Petersburg, by way of Lemberg, to the effect that the Karpoivich investigation has revealed a great plot similar to the Nihilistic conspiracy, with Kieff as a center, the main branch at Odessa and ramifications extending to the lowest strata of society. The plot was made an attempt on the life of the Czar, who was thereupon removed to Gatchina. Eighteen students are closely confined at Schluesselburg because they were affiliated with the murderer of M. Bogolipoff.

#### BIG BILL FOR CHINA.

#### The Powers Cannot Agree on a Common Basis—Independent Claims.

Washington (Special).—Another communication was received from Special Commissioner Reckhill touching the complications that have resulted at Pekin from the efforts of the various powers to reach a uniform basis for their indemnity claims, but there is nothing to indicate that an agreement is any nearer, than it was when the subject was first taken up by the minister. Although the State Department is more than ever convinced that its suggestion, looking to the reference of the entire subject of indemnity to the Hague Commission, is the true solution of the difficulty, that proposition having been definitely rejected early in the negotiations is not now before the ministers.

It is stated that the sum total of the indemnities claimed by all nations cannot be calculated at this time, because of the lack of agreement among the powers on the very basis of settlement. But assuming that the other powers are willing to accept the scheme of adjustment proposed by the United States, allowing a certain amount for each nation, the sum total of the claim would be considerably less than \$250,000,000. It is not doubted that, under economical administration, with order completely restored, and with free access to the interior of China, the Chinese revenues would be able to meet this charge against them within a reasonable time.

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## PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

#### The Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

#### THE CHESTER COUNTY MILK WAR.

#### Blast Furnace Combination—Rumors of a \$30,000,000 Organization in the Mahoning Valley—State Christian Endeavorers Vote for a Postponement of Convention Until 1902—Runaway Results Fatally—Other News.

More coal has been shipped South by river this month than in any other month in the history of the Pittsburgh and Ohio trade. All previous big records have been sent glimmering, and the coal men are pleased. The Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company has already sent South during March from Pittsburg 600 coal boats and 400 barges, and this amount will be swelled before April by the shipment of an additional 200 boats and 100 barges. The total shipped for the month will approximate the enormous amount of 300,000,000 bushels of coal, or about 1,200,000 tons.

The Building Commission of the Orphans' School Commission, consisting of Messrs. Mahon, Sample and Stineman, together with Captain John D. Patterson, of Harrisburg, held a conference at Scotland as to the rebuilding of the mechanical department, recently burned. The committee decided to build over the old plans and specifications, and to have a building built by the mechanical building. Between the two buildings will be erected a brick structure especially for the hand of the school. A new power house will be put up. Work will be commenced as quickly as possible.

Henry Rowe and Weston Keiper, the young men who a week ago held up Cashier Ryan in the Halifax Bank and killed him, were convicted at Harrisburg of murder in the first degree. The jury retired at 4:45 o'clock, when Judge Simmonet's charge was finished, and at 5 o'clock rendered a verdict. The youthful murderers betrayed no sign of emotion as they heard the verdict, and were at once handcuffed to jail. This is regarded as breaking the record for a conviction of murder in the first degree, following so closely upon the commission of the crime.

The passenger traffic officials of the lines interested in Cleveland and Pittsburg business got together at Pittsburg and discussed the proposed rate cutting between Pittsburg and Cleveland and the Central Passenger Association were established. This ends a rate war covering two years. The roads most directly interested are Cleveland and Pittsburg, Pittsburg and Lake Erie and Pittsburg and Western.