Mrs. Mary Witmer Is a Woman of

Iron Nerve.

ARSENIC IN HER SISTER'S BODY.

Despite the Terrible Charges Against Her, She Retains Her Stolcism and Maintains Her Composure-The Attempts to Get Her to Convict Herself of Any of the Murders Charged Agalast Her Prove Futile.

Dayton, O. (Special).-Mrs. Mary Belle Witwer, the alleged murderer of 14 persons, retains a stoicism which amazes the authorities and quite discon-certs her attorney. She has maintained her composure from the beginning. Only once has she given way to tears, and that was when visited by her stepson, whose father, Frank D. Wirwer, her fith and last husband, is said to have died from poison which she administered. Young Witwer offered to bring the prisoner any delicacies she might wish, and reminded her that she had always been a kind mother to him.

Aside from this the woman has kept up an indifferent attitude under all circumstances. Police interviews have failed to make the slightest impression up a ber, and she has daily reiterated her statements with reference to crimes attributed to her and reasserted her inno-

tributed to her and reasserted her innocence. Several attempts to entrap the prisoner have failed, and it is apparent that she will make a good defense.

Evidence against Mrs. Witwer is purely circumstantial. She is directly charged with the murder of her sister, Mrs. Anna C. Pugh, a professional nurse, who lived with Mrs. Witwer in this city. Mrs. Witwer lost four husbands, and all died rather suddenly and under peculiar circumstances. In the wholesale charges informally made by the authorities she has been accused of causing the death of all, in addition to those of several children, making a total of 14 deaths. children, making a total of 14 deaths

There is no expectation that more than one crime can be fastened upon the woman, if, indeed, the authorities will succeed in that. She is an adept in holding her own in trying situations. When arraigned on the charge of administer-ing arsenic to her sister she merely shook her head when the word "murder" was pronounced, and at the conclusion of the reading of the affidavit by the prosecutor, she arose, and, in a quavering voice, replied distinctly, "I am not guilty."

FREDERICK H. BENEDICT KILLED. Meets Death by Overturning of an Automobile While Descendin, a Hill.

West Point, N. Y. (Special) -An ac-cident occurred near here which resulted in the almost instant death of Frederick H. Benedict, son of E. C. Benedict, and perhaps the latal injuring of Granville Kane, guest of Mr. Benedict.
Mr. Benedict and his friend, Mr. Kane, with a chaffeur, started from Tuxedo in an automobile for West Point to attend the football game. A thunderstorm came up and the fall of rain made the roadway singery. In descending a hill roadway slippery. In descending a hill the chaffeur lost control and ran into a breakwater with sufficient violence to upset the machine. Mr. Kane was thrown under the machine, which weighed 400 pounds. The entire auto-mobile then toppied over him. Mr. Benedict was crushed beneath the

Taken for Robbers and Shot.

Roanoke, Va. (Special).-Two Evanswille (Tenn.) officers mistook Harry McCarroll and William Drumm for safe blowers, wanted at Howell, Tenn., and shot them near the latter place. The men were beating their way on a freight train, and, fearing arrest, got down and started to run away, when the officers fired on them, killing McCarroll and seriously wounding Drumm.

Lover's Double Crime.

Cleveland, Ohio (Special).-Margaret DeHolland, at years old, was shot and almost instantly killed at her boarding-house by Verne Rogers, 35 years old. After firing three shots at the young oman Rogers turned the weapon upon himself and sent a buller into his head.
He will probably die. It is said that
Miss DeHolland, who was very pretty,
had refused to marry Rogers, and this,
it is supposed, led to the tragedy.

Fatally Stabbed at Bristol.

Bristol, Tenn. (Special).-Nathaniel Bristol, Tenn, (Special).—Nathaniel Tate, a farmer, was fatally stabbed by his nephew, John Tate, near Kingsport. The elder Tate had accused the young man and a min ramed Smith Hall of stealing. Words followed, and it is stated that as Nathaniel Tate turned the young man stabbed him with a dirk. He lived but a short time. Both John Tate and Smith Hall have escaped, and a nosse is organizing to pursue. posse is organizing to pursue.

Mrs. McKinley "Doing Nicely."

Canton, O. (Special).—Surgeon General Sternberg, of Washington, left to-night for Columbus, where he goes on business. He was a guest at the McKinley home to-day. It is given out that he stopped here merely as an old friend of the McKinleys to make a social call on Mrs. McKinley. She is said to be "doing nicely." There was no change in her condition that called for the professional attendance of Surgeon General Sternberg.

Wreck on Iron Mountain.

St. Louis. Mo. (Special).—The worst wreck on the Iron Mountain for many years occurred near De Soco, Mo., between a northbound passenger train and a southbound fast treight train, in which one person, a tramp, was killed and another tramp with him badly in-jured. Engineer J. Egan was badly injured. Engineer J. Egan was badly in-jured and several passengers and train-men were badly bruised and injured.

Submarine Boat Launched.

Elizabethport (Special).—The subma-rine hoat Shark was successfully launched here. The boat is one of the launched here. The boat is one of the fleet of submarine warships that is being built by the Holland Torpedo Boat Company. Miss Wainwright, daughter of Commander Wainwright, U. S. N., christened the new vessel. The Shark is 63 feet 4 inches long and has a displacement of 120 tons. She has, gasoline and electrical engines for propelling power. She will be equipped with Whitehead torpedoes, which will be fired from the bow.

Burgiars' Murderous Work.

Mendota, Ill. (Special)—Burglars raided this city, entering several houses and securing valuable plunder. Several citizens had a fight with the burglars, and in the melee Special Policeman J. H. Parrow was shot and instantly killed, and Charles Kehm, another citizen, was severely injured. The burglars escaped.

Three et a Family Burned to Death.

Ashburn, Ga. (Special).—By the over-urning of a lamp the residence of Julius fatcher, ten miles west of this place, sock fire and burned, and two sons and daughter perighed.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS. LOVERS MEET

flom s ic. Fires have been lighted in nearly all

ctories of the American Window Glass George W. Farnsworth dropped dead while at work on the railroad near Piedmont, W. Va. Rear Admiral Francis M. Bunce, re-

tired, died of cancer at Hartford, Conn. aged 65 years. aged 55 years.

The monster steamer Siberia, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was successfully launched by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company in the

presence of 20,000 people
George Armitage, the missing messenger of the Bank of New Amsterdam, surrendered to the New York police and made a confession, implicating four per-

A \$10,000,000 deal between the Flat Land Association and the ontas Company, both of West Virginia, said to be about to be consummated. Ambassador Choate, former Viceresident Morton and Gen. Francis V Greene arrived in New York from Southampton on the Philadelphia.

It is recognized in Washington that some aggressive action is necessary in the Philippine war because of recent outbreaks.

The marine guard which was stationed at the Buffalo Exposition will be transferred to the Charleston Exposi-

Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, dis-missed charges filed against Police Chief Devery by the Merchants' Association. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy any Company was incorporated ton, Iowa, with a capital stock of

The board of governors of the Na-tional Bureau of Identification, in ses-sion in Washington advanta special sion in Washington, adopted a recommendation to be urged on Congress for legislation for the suppression of anar-

At the closing session of the American Bankers' Association Convention at Milwaukee, Wis., Mr. P. C. Kauffman. of Tacoma, Wash., made a plea for the establishment of an internation bank. President Roosevelt is reported to be much interested in the Panama canal project, and will do all within his power to secure a satisfactory treaty with Eng-

In the will of President Snow, president of the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, are named, 2 wives, 12 sons, 13 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

A New York bank messenger is missing with \$50,000. Evidence points to the belief that he has been dealt with

A number of Maine capitalists are said to be interested in a movement to unite nearly all the sulphite mills in the

United States and Canada. Charles Tague, of near New Lexing-ton, Ohio, was bound and tortured by robbers, who thus forced him to give up the keys to his store. Secretary Long will order a court-martial to try Colonel Meads on the

charge of intoxication while on duty. Mr. Fred Leser, Jr., formerly of Philadelphia, has been appoint at Mayagdez, Porto Rico. cointed postmaster

ncluding within their organization mill-vorkers of all classes. Plans have been completed by the Department of Agriculture for the an-

nual distribution of seeds. Frank R. Mower, of Ohio, has been inted consul at Ghent, Belgiun The Reciprocity Convention will meet in Washington November 19.

Foreign.

Judge O'Connor Morris, at the openig of the Roscommon sessions at Dublin, said he had received documents pur-porting to emanate from the United Irish League, marked with a coffin and containing threats against King Ed-

Two French detectives have started

been thrown into the sea by the crew in order to bring about a righting of their

Berlin anarchist has been sentenc-

ed to four months' imprisonment for publication of an article approving the assassination of President McKinley. The three-masted schooner Joseph Ann, which sailed from Newfoundland for Fecamp, France, is missing, with a

A man protesting that he is an Ameri-can citizen has been convicted at Lub-lin, Russian Poland, for having a false

Earl Russell, who in July last was sentenced to three months' imprison-ment for bigamy, has been released. In a brisk fight, at Twenty-four Streams Captain Bellew and four other British were killed by the Boers.

It is stated that the Italian Government will expel Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, from Venice.

The quarantine at Naples has been abolished. The city is free from plague.

The German cruiser Balke has been ordered to Censral American waters.

ordered to Central American waters. Salvatore Quintavalli, the anarchist who accompanied Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, from the United States to Italy, has been committed to prison on the charge of being an accomplice of Bresei.

Count Goluchowski, imperial minister of foreign affairs, is blamed for the failure of the Chamber of Deputies at Vienna to refer to the death of President McKinley mon reassembling.

ent McKinley upon reassembling. The French Miners' Federation is not

satisfied with the reply of Premier Wal-deck-Rousscau regarding the govern-

The London police are taking precautions to prevent a mob from lynching the Jacksons, on trial on charges of im-

Finnecial.

The steamer St. Paul has arrived at Seattle from Nome with \$1,500,000 gold. The New York subtreasury has transerred for the banks \$275,000 to New

It is reported that Atchison will show over \$1,000,000 increase in September

Orleans.

The New York subtreasury statement shows that the banks have lost \$1,447,000 during the last week.

The Pullman Company is expected to show \$17,000,000 gross earnings for the

It is said that J. J. Hill will probably soon become a director of the National Bank of Commerce, and also make his home in New York.

It is stated that a conclusive agreement has been reached between the largest security-powing interests in

largest security-owning interests in Northern Pacific. The Great Northern has commenced

AWFUL DEATH

Mr. Newcomer and Miss ligenfritz Killed by a Train,

NEARLY EVERY BONE BROKEN, Couple Had Visited Dres maker Who Was Sald to Be Making Miss Ilgenfritz's Wedding

Clothes - The Bodies Were Frightfully Mangled and Nearly Every Bone Was Broken by the Terribie Impact.

Glen Rock, Pa. (Special).—Harvey Newcomer and Barbara Ilgenfritz, lov-ers, who lived near Centreville, which is about two miles from Glen Rock, were walking along the north-bound track of the Northern Central railway between this place and Sykesland when they were instantly killed.

they were instantly killed.

They heard a passenger train approaching and stepped on the south-bound track to get out of its way. As they stepped to the other track a fast freight train from Baltimore, which they had not heard, struck and killed both. The accident occurred about 8.30 p. m. The accident occurred about 8.30 p. m. and was thrown as high as the headlight. She also fell down the bank, where both

The bodies, particularly that of Mr. Newcomer, were frightfully mangled and

odies were found later.

S100,000,000. This is supposed to be the first tangible move in the Hill-Morgan to Miss Ilgenfritz's dressmaker, who,

Judge Fuller Dead.

Raleigh, N. C. (Special).—Judge Thomas C. Fuller, aged 70, a native of North Carolina, and associate justice of the United States Court of Private Land Claims, to which he was appointed by President Harrison in 1890, died here. He was a member of the Confederate Congress, and was elected to the United States House of Representatives immediately after the Civil War, but was not EX-JOV. PILLSBURY DEAD.

Succumbs to Bright's Disease After a Brief Illness-Numerous Benefactions.

Minneapolis (Special).—John S. Pills-bury, former Governor of Minnesota, and one of the State's foremost citizens, and one of the State's foremost citizens, died here of Bright's disease. His illness was very brief owing to his advanced age. He was over 73. He was a member of the famous family of flour millers, and left a large fortune. He served three terms as Governor, from 1876 to 1882, Among his numerous benefactions was his gift to the University of Wisconsin of its \$150,000 science hall. He had long been a member of the board of regents, having been named a life member. He also presented to his native town of Sutton, N. H., a town hall in memory of his parents. a town hall in memory of his parents. The ex-Governor had been a resident of Minneapolis since 1854.

FLAMES WIPE OUT CITY.

Sydney, Canada, Swept by a Pierce Confla-

gration-Rain Checks the Fire. Halifax, N. S. (Special).-The prosilmost swept out of existence herce conflagration which started about z o'clock. The flames, which were fan-Mr. Newcomer was thrown to one side and fell down the bank. Miss ligenfritz was hit more squarely by the locomotive and was thrown as high as the headlight. Four blocks of the finest business buildings are in ashes. The only thing that saved the city from total destruction was a heavy rainstorm, which set in af-ter dark, and as the wind decreased in fury, the firemen and hundreds of min-Newcomer, were frightfully manger it appears that nearly every bone was broken by the terrific impact. They were broken by the terrific impact. They were control. Over 60 buildings are in ashes

House Burned White Woman Died.

New York (Special).—The wife of Henry Crawford died at her home on the West Side of Jersey City Heights from pneumonia. Just as she expired it was discovered that the house was on fire. In a room adjoining that in which Mrs. Crawford died her son Henry lay sick with pneumonia. While a member of the family hastened to send in an alarm, Mr. Crawford and relatives who were present carried the body of the dead woman from the burning building, while others wrapped the sick son in blankers and removed him to the house of a neighbor. The firemen extinguishseated. He was taken sick over a year of a neighbor. The firemen extinguishago, when returning from a sitting of the court at Santa Fe.

NINTH INFANTRY SUFFERS AGAIN.

Bolomen Attack Company on Samar Island—Ten Men Killed and Six Wounded.

slaughter and routed the enemy, killing nearly 100 of them. It is believed the nemy only retired for reinforcements, As soon as the news was received at Cathalogan two gunboats were dispatched. General Smith going in person to recuperate, which accounts for the as-

Washington (Special).-The following brief cablegram from General Chaf-fee, reporting the fight of the Ninth Inin Samar, was received at the Var Department

War Department:
Corbin, Adjutant General, Washington:
Forty-six men, Company E, Ninth
Regiment, United States Infantry under
First Lieut. Geo. W. Wallace, in field,
lower Candara, Samar, were attacked by
400 bolomen Oct. 16. Our loss to kill-(Signed) CHAFFEE.

Manila (By Cable).—Four hundred belomen attacked a detachment of 46 men of the Ninth Infantry at Bangajon, on the Candara river, Island of Samar, killing 10 and wounding 6. The remainder of the company ærrived on the scene in time to prevent further there were no less than 28 menutes. there were no less than 38 separate posts. These were so disposed that upplies could be conveyed to the troops by water. General Hughes has left Saon of the command on Samar by General Smith. General Hughes was worn out and suffered from the effects of a severe fall received while chasing insurrectos in the mountains of Samar As of interest in connection with the

report from Samar, Adjutant General Corbin made public a report by General Hughes to General Chaffee, dated Aug. 20, on the situation in that island, General Hughes says:

aoo bolomen Oct. 16. Our loss to killed, 6 wounded; names not received; 8t
of the enemy left dead on the field. Enemy beaten off. (Signed)

The progress in Samar is satisfactory in some ways and not in others.

The subduing of the fighting propensities of the war faction is reduced almost The War Department officials were somewhat dismayed at the report of the somewhat dismayed at the somewhat di

for Bulgaria to search for Miss Stone, the American missionary held by brigands for ransom. They say they are in possession of likely clues.

The gun sights and other fittings of the British cruiser Magnificent have been thrown into the sea by the crew in the property of the British cruiser Magnificent have been thrown into the sea by the crew in the c -Tons of Rock Fell on Them.

> New York (Special) .- Five men were I duced by the blasting. mass of rock fell from the side and roof of the rapid transit tunnel, in course of

street, in this city.

The section of the tunnel where the outh heading of the tunnel, about 640 eet from the shaft.

n the extreme south end of the heading and about 50 feet from the end a gang made up of 20 shovelers and a in charge of that portion of the tunnel, toreman was removing the debris pro-

killed and two injured when a great without warning the mass of rock, 63 and weighing about 150 tons, fell with a tremendous crash directly where the construction on Broadway about the shovelers were at work, almost closing line of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth the tunnel and creating a panic among street, in this city.

The section of the tunnel where the cave-in occurred is 105 feet below the surface. A shall leads to the tunnel and from the shall headings extend north and south, each being about 700 feet long. The accident occurred in the south heading of the tunnel, about 640 feet from the shall. et from the shaft.

A gang of 20 rock drillers was working work of rescuing the shovelers was

GENERAL DE WET REPORTED DEAD.

Conflicting Stories as to Death of Boer Commander -DeVilliers Says He Is Alive.

he is either dead or incapacitated through

Durban, Natal (By Cable).—General before he died. He was wounded in the De Wet's recent inactivity has produced the impression among military men that the wound gangrened, owing to its being dressed with dirty rags."

he is either dead or incapacitated through illness or wounds. According to a letter from Pretoria a prominent Boer recently said De Wet was dead, but each gave a different version of his death. Against these reports is the statement of Boers in the field, especially from a lack of surgeons.

"De Wet, for example," wrote this Boer, "suffered the most terrible agony be took breakfast with General De Wet.

BIG HOTEL BURNED.

One of the Leading Houses in Houston, Texas, a Prey to the Flames-Loss \$250,000.

DEATH FOLLOWS EXPLOSION.

Two Houses Wrecked and One Man Killed at Reading -Illuminating Gas the Cause.

The Great Northern has commenced the crection of four grain elevators in Washington State with an aggregate capacity of 600,000 bushels.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit has applied to the New York Stock Exchange to have \$45,000,000 stock regularly listed. The stock heretofore has been traded in the unlisted department.

Reading, Pa. (Special).—One person was killed and one fatally injured by the explosion of illuminating gas in a dwelling house in the eastern end of this city. Rudolph E. Hipp was killed and injured in the morning Hipp lighted and Mrs. Florence Hipp, his wife, had an arm broken, both limbs crushed, face thadly burned and injured internally. She

M. SANTOS DUMONT WINS THE PRIZE

Committee Says That He Exceeded the

Time Limit.

M. DEUTSCH ADMITS THAT HE WON IT

The Claim Made That He Had Covered the Distance in a Half Hour, According to the Terms of the Race Against Time, and That Time Had Been Lost in Descending.

Paris (By Cable).—M. Santos-Du-mont, the aeronaut, sailed around the Eiffel Tower in his balloon and return-ed to the Aero Club within twenty-nine minutes, having, to all appearances, complied with all the conditions imposed by M. Deutsch for the winning of the award of 100 000 francs for the invention of a dirigible airship.

M. Deutsch says that Sautos-Dumont circuits was the core but the Acre virtually won the prize, but the Aero Club says he has not because he failed to land inside 30 minutes. M. Dumont refused to concur in the decision of the

The committee declares that Santos-Dumont took 30 minutes 40 4-7 seconds to make the trip.

M. Deutsch offered a consolation prize of 25,000 francs, but Santos would not accept this. The inventor will now

take his balloon to the Riviera. Santos-Dumont started for the first sands Dunoit started for the list time at 2.29, but on leaving the park his guide rope caught in a tree and he was obliged to descend. He started again at 2.42 p. m., rose 250 yards and then pointed for the Eiffel Tower, the bal-loon going in a straight line. It was

seen through field glasses to arrive at the tower and round it. The time up to the point, with the wind in the balloon's favor, was 8 minutes and 45 seconds. It returned against the wind and made slower headway, but still kept in the true direction for St. Cloud, which it reached in the total time of 29 minutes 15 seconds. But instead of descending immediately Santos-Du-mont made a broad sweep over the Aero Club grounds, with the result that another minute and 25 seconds were consumed before the workmen seized the guide rope. Thus, technically, San-tos-Dumont exceeded the time limit by 40 seconds.

The enormous crowd which had gathgave the aeronaut a tremendous ova-

PAT CROWE TOURS THE WORLD.

Detectives Could Not Find Him-His Brother Speaks for Him. Omaha, Neb. (Special).-John J. rowe announces that his brother, Pat

Crowe, will not surrender until he shall be convinced that his bond will be plac-ed at \$500. "If such a pledge is made, he may be in Omaha within a week," declares the brother.
"Pat has been all over the world."

said John, 'and while the Omaha police were looking for him I saw him in Pat has been in Council Bluffs within the three months, and he has been in Omaha, also. Since then he has been in Canada, but he did not like it there,

and he is now within easy reach of Crowe admitted that he was in com-nunication with Pat, and stated that his brother was fully advised as to e crything that was going on in Omaha.

McKinley Memorial Arch.

Washington (Special).-Commissioner MacFarland, president of the McKin-ley National Memorial Arch Association,

Root's Health Restored. New York (Special).—The private car of President Fowler, on the Ontario and Western Railway, was sent northward to take Secretary of War Root and party from Raquette Lake to Washington. Mr Root, it is expected, will reach Washington early this week. His health has been fully restored and he has greatly enjoyed the two weeks of complete rest in the Adirondacks.

Fatal Blow After a Nap. Harrisburg, Pa. (Special).—Irvin M. Bickle, an employee of the Pennsylvania Steel Works, laid down for a nap and told his fellow-workman, Kirk Parthemore, and told his fellow-workman, Kirk Parthemore, and told his fellow-workman, Kirk Parthemore, and the steel his second state of the second seco more, to awaken him at 4 o'clock. At that hour Parthemore shook him so hard that Bickle, it is alleged, hit him on the head with a heavy wrench and he will die. Bickle was arrested.

To Regulate V visection. Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—Sydney R. Tabor, of Lake Forest, Ill., was elected president of the American Humane Azsociation, vice Francis H. Rowley, of Brookline, resigned. A committee was authorized to prepare a bill to be introduced in Congress for the regulation of the practice of scientific experimentation upon living beings.

Bank Officers Missing.

Lowell, Mass. (Special).—There is nothing new in the Merchants' Bank affair, and Smith and Swift, the missing teller and bookkeeper, were not located, at least not to public knowledge. The bank authorities will have nothing more to say until the financial situation is definitely established. Accountants have been at work on the bank's books since Friday night, and President A. G. Pollard refused to make any statement. Counsel for the missing men likewise. Counsel for the missing men likewise are reserved in their answers to queries.

To Build a New Town.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).-The Ever-Steel Corporation, chartered in West Virginia, with an authorized capital of \$3,000,000, promises the creation of a new town within a year about 16 miles below Wheeling on the West Virginia side of the Ohio river. The com-Houston, Tex. (Special)—At 2.30 than half a block. The guests, of whom o'clock in the morning fire broke out in the rear portion of the Hutchins House, one of the leading hotels in Houston. The flames spread rapidly to all parts of the upper stories of the building, which is a four-story structure covering more than half a block. The guests, of whom the hotel was full, were aroused by the night office force, and most of then escaped. In fact, only one fatality is so far known to have resulted from the fire. This was a man believed to be a guest of the hotel state.

Sir Thomas Advocates Change.

Chicago (Special).—Sir Thomas Lipton declared himself in favor of a change in the construction of challengers and defenders of the America's Cup. "The yachts should be something more than mere racing machines," said Sir Thomas. "The present yachts are not safe. Should the cup ever cross to the other side the challenger would have to be built according to British ideas of stability."

Fire at the Pan-American. Buffalo (Special).—Fire destroyed the New England Building at the Pan-American Exposition. NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

The Industrial Commission, which has just made public its report on labor disputes and arbitration, says in that document that local systems of collective bargaining and agreements between employees have been most highly de-veloped in the building and other trades where both employers and employees are strongest organized. There is a growing movement in favor of collective bargaining, conciliation and arbitration as between organizations of employers and employees covering any industry

and employees covering any industry throughout the country.

A growing movement is noted toward establishing State and local machinery for arbitration in the bituminous coal industry. Systems of arbitration as to specific disputes have been established in a formal manner and on a national scale in the stove molding, the general foundry, the machinists (now not in existence) and the printing trades.

The representatives of employers and working men who have testified before

working men who have testified before the commission almost uniformly have opposed compulsory arbitration. Several State boards of arbitration, Several State boards of arbitration also have expressed their opinion against compulsory arbitration as a general principle, and one or two of the boards have specifically opposed it in any form.

Civil Service Extension. President Roosevelt has already been making inquiries in various departments concerning the extension of the civil service rules and regulations, and on the recommendation of the Postmaster-General it is understood that an order will be issued before long includorder will be issued before long including the rural free delivery branch of the Postoffice Department under the civil service regulations. This will apply to all of the employees in that branch of the service excepting the carriers. As these are scattered over the country they could not be included very well in

the competitive examinations.

The civil service rules now as applicable to the examinations for admission to the general free delivery service have been found on experience to arouse complaints from women applicants, and accordingly Postmaster General Smith sent, a letter to the Civil Service Commission suggesting that women applirules in regard to physical examina-tions of applicants. At the office of the Civil Service Commission it is said that the letter from the Postmaster-General was expected and that action would be taken on it at once.

Distrib tion of Seed.

The Department of Agriculture has completed plans for the annual seed Thirty-seven million packets of seed will be distributed, comprising both vegetables and flowers.

A change has been made in the meth-od of distributing cotton and forage crops, which now, instead of being sent broadcast, will be sent only to certain ections where they are adaptable and likely to bring about improved condi-tions. Havana and Sumatra tobacco-will be sent only to Florida and certain parts of New England, where their culture has proved successful and where muslin sheets spread over large tracts of tobacco area furnish the necessary tropical conditions. Other types of to-bacco plants will be sent to other sec-

The department will begin sending out the seeds about December 1, and most of them will be furnished through

Senators and Representatives. Mr. Hackett to Retire,

Mr. Frank W. Hackett, assistant Secretary of the Navy, will ask to be re-lieved from that office shortly.

ley National Memorial Arch Association, received a letter from Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller saying: "I accept with pleasure the honor of election as a vice-president of the William McKinley National Memorial Arch Association."

Walter S. Logan, of New York, president-general of the Sons of the American Revolution, writes relative to his appointment as vice-president:

"I accept the appointment and shall be very glad to do anything I can to further the objects of the association."

Last Day of Meuraling.

The official paried of mousening or

The official period of mourning or-dered as a mark of respect to the mem-ory of President McKinley has expired. The White House was opened in a for-mal way on Monday for visitors for the first time since the death of President McKinley. Visitors are not allowed in any portion of the house now except the

East Room excepting on business.

To Investigate Mushrooms. Dr. B. M. Duggar, the mushroom expert of the Department of Agriculture, will leave for Paris in a few days to inwill leave for Farts in a few days to in-vestigate the French mushroom indus-try, with a view to building the industry in this country. The investigation will include the methods of growing mush-

Capital News In General.

rooms in caves.

The Secretary of the Treasury has re-ceived from Danville, Va., a conscience contribution of \$100.

The Postoffice Department has decided that additional inscriptions which the law authorizes to be placed on the wrapper, cover, tag or label accompanying fourth-class mail matter may be placed likewise on the water itself.

placed likewise on the matter itself.

Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, arrived in Washington and was met at the depot by Minister Takahira and the ontire legation staff.

A comparative statement of the commerce of Cuba for the past ten months shows a decrease in the imports and an

increase in the exports.

The President has appointed Frank R. Mower, of Ohio, United States Consul at Ghent, Belgium.

sul at Ghent, Belgium.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson told the members of the Cabinet that the green tea grown in South Carolina is as good as any grown in the world.

There will be at least two ship subsidy bills presented to Congress, as Mr. Minor, of Wisconsin, has one, in addition to that of Senator Frye.

The State Decembers has been added. The State Department has been advised that Phya Akharoj Oradhara, the Siamese Minister to the United States left Bangkok September 4 for the United States and expects to reach New York in the early part of November.

Maj. Arthur Murray, Artillery Corps, has been assigned as commander of the

has been assigned as commandant of the United States torpedo school at Fort Totten, New York, which hereafter will The Department of Agriculture has completed plans for the distribution throughout the county of 37,000,000 packets of seed, both vegetables and

Admiral George Melville, of the Navy, complains in his annual report that there is retrogression in the engineering department of the Navy. Our New Possessions.

lowers.

The seriousness of the labor problem in Hawaii was dwelt on by Territorial Secretary Henry E. Cooper in an inter-view with Secretary of Agriculture Wil-

son.

The Duke of Norfolk will wed Lady Alize Fitz-William.

Admiral Evans and the members of the naval court which may try Captain Tilley, governor of Tutuila, sailed for Pago Pago on the Solace.

LATEST HAPPENINGS ALL OVER THE STATE

State Treasurer Authorizes the Issue of School Warrants for Over \$9,000,000.

SHILOH BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION

Many New Corporations Chartered-Philadelphia Bridge Painter Meets Death Through Fall of a Scattold-Whip Lash Destroyed His Eye-Pensions Granted Pennsylvanians -Rural Free Delivery Letter Carriers.

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The State Treasurer has notified the The State Treasurer has notified the School Department to, issue warrants for over \$900,000 to the school districts of the State. The cities that received money are: Pittsburg, \$100,000; Allegheny, \$25,000; Reading, \$25,000; Altoona, \$20,550; Chester, \$23,800; Seranton, \$25,000; Lancaster, \$28,000; New Castle, \$19,600; Lebanon, \$7800; Philadelphia, \$100,000; Wilkes-Barre, \$33,400; Shenandoah, \$6800; York, \$25,300. These yet remains \$1,400,000 to be paid, which will be done in the next two weeks. will be done in the next two weeks.

The Shiloh Battlefield Commission, recently appointed by Governor Stone to erect a monument on the Shiloh bat-tlefield commemorating the services of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, met at the Soldiers' Orphans' School at Scotland and effected the following organization: John Obrieter, Lancaster, chairman; Dr. S. T. Davis, Lancaster, secretary, and Capt. G. W. Skinner, Scotland, treas-Charters were issued by the State De-partment to the following corporations:

Ruth Street Railway Company, Pitts-burg, to build two miles of road; capital, http://doc. Duquesne Heights Street Railway Company, Pittsburg, to build three miles of road; capital, \$18,000. George W. Wilson, of Pittsburg, is president of both companies. While painting a Wilmington and Northern Railroad bridge below Read-ing the scaffold on which a number of men were standing fell sixty feet into the river. Two of the men struck the stone pier. Thomas Hogan, of Phila-delphia, was killed, and Paul Butler, of

Atlanta, Ga., was fatally injured. Rural free delivery letter carriers have been appointed in Pennsylvania as fol-lows: John T. Campbell, Hamlin station; Lee Hedges, Claysville; W. C. Servans, Hamburg; W. R. Malone, Belgar; Frank M. Moore, Fairfield; V. G. Wher-ry, Sandy Hill.

John Ayres, a farmer residing near Jersey Shore, while driving a team cracked his long lash whip so vigorously that several inches of it broke off, and, striking him in the right eye, destroyed the sight. H. Edward Muchlholf, of Pottsville

was appointed master carpenter and structural engineer for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. He will have charge of more than forty collieries. The Pennsylvania Society of the Co-lonial Dames of America will commen-orate the landing of William Penn in Chester on October 29, at a meeting in

Library Hall, Chester. Howard Slawter, a fireman on a locomotive, who was found unconscious at Lamokin, received internal injuries Slawter in some manner fell from his

Burgess Luburg, of Hamburg, has signed the ordinance granting to the Consolidated Telephone Company the right to put up lines in the town. Twelve-year-old John Ambrose, of Chester, has been missing from home since Wednesday, when he left for

Pittsburg and Newcastle capitalists organized the Newcastle Forge and Bolt Co. and will creet a mill at New-Bolt Co. and will erect a mill at New-castle to cost \$150,000, for the manufacture of bolts, nuts and heavy forgings. About 700 men will be employed. The company is comprised of J. F. Moorhead, Wm. H. Cox. A. B. Whildon, Frank Ryan and E. E. Whittaker.

As a memorial to Mrs. Allen K. Faust, wife of Allen K. Faust, formerly of Lancaster, who died at Sendai, Japan, the school teachers of Lancaster sent a bell for the Sendai Mission, and word was received from Mr. Faust that the bell had arrived and would be dedicated Sunday.

cated Sunday. The station of the Delaware, Lacka-wanna and Western Railroad Company at Catawissa was burned entailing a loss of \$5000. It is supposed that burg-lars set fire to the building.

George Steiger, of Pine Hill, War-wick Township, committed suicide by hanging himself in his stable.

The farmers of Salem have lost a lot of stock in the last few days owing to mad dogs biting cattle and sheep which have had to be killed. Eleven mad dogs and several cows which had been bitten were killed on Friday and Saturday. John Pavolis, of Plymouth, the alleg-ed burglar, who was shot a week ago by Patrick Dean, will recover. He will probably be able to go to trial at the next term of court.

The Harrisburg Ministerial Association appointed a committee to request Mayor Fritchey to prevent newshoys from selling newspapers on the church steps on Sunday morning and disturbing the church services.

Edmund Wright, president of the board of county commissioners, fell on the slippery pavement at Doylestown shortly after leaving the courthouse and broke his right ankle.

Thieves broke into the store of H. E. Mayberry and stole 1800 cigars and 16 pounds of tobacco, besides a quantity of miscellaneous articles. While shooting at a mark the pistol used by Frank Brobst, son of Jacob Brobst, of Bloomsburg, exploded, seriously wounding him in the hand.

Andrew Lace, of Sharon City, was killed by an Eric train at Greenville this Cornelius Moyer has been appointed receiver of taxes for Schuylkill Haven, vice Luke Fisher, resigned.

James Horrox, aged 15 years, of Brandonville, was arrested on the charge of having fatally shot Edward Ball, aged 10, of the same place, while both were in the woods. Young Ball died in the Miners' Hospital.