Escaped Convicts in Kansas Capture Their Pursuer.

WERE FINALLY ELUDED.

Arms Seized by Men Trying to Gain Liberty-Farmer Wooster Wounded-Fruitless Effort to Regain Custody of Two Prisoners Who Had Been Confined at Fort Leavenworth-Mrs. Wooster Fainted During Excitement.

Topeka, Kan., (Special). - Sheriff Cook and Deputy Sheriff Williams, of Shawnee county, were captured at Pauline, five miles from Topeka, by two escaped convicts from the Fort Leavenworth Military Prison and held prisoners for several hours in the farmhouse of a man named Wooster.

The convicts escaped through a line of police sent from Topeka to reinforce the Sheriff. Both were slightly wounded. Wooster was badly wounded by one of the convicts when he tried to fire on them. Mrs. Wooster and Sheriff Cook were held before the convicts as a shield

to make their escape.

At 2,30 o'clock in the afternoon several farm boys living near Pauline learned that the convicts were in the neighborhood. Hastily forming a posse armed with target rifles, pistois and clubs they went in search. Neither of the convicts was armed, and they were unable to make a stand. Later Sheriff Cook and Deputy Williams arrived. Coming upon the convicts both officers fired, wound-ing the men, but not disabling them.

The convicts then fled through a small opening in the timber and ran into the ise of Farmer Wooster. Sheriff Cook telephoned to Topeka for assistance and then took up the chase. Thinking the convicts had run around the house. Cook darted through the open door, intending to surprise them at the rear door. But instead of this the convicts had gone into the house and the officer almost fell

into their arms.

Sheriff Cook was ordered to give up his gun, which he did. Deputy Williams by this time had reached the house and entered without knowing what had hap-pened inside, and he, too, was made cap-

In the meantime Chief Stahl, of Topeka, and eight policemen were on their way. They arrived at the Wooster house about an hour after the officers had been imprisoned. Chief Stahl immediately began negotiations with the convicts to give up their prisoners and to surrender themselves, but they only laughed. Farmer Wooster then got a gun and was about to make an attack on the con-victs when one of them felled him with blow from the butt of a pistol taken from one of their captives. The con-viet broke Wooster's right hand and made an ugly gash in his head. One of the convicts told Sheriff Cook that he would be killed if he made the

slightest move looking toward their capture. In the meantime the policemen on the outside had surrounded the building, but were afraid to make the move lest Cook and Williams would suffer.

Then after exacting a promise from the Civil
the Sheriff that he would not permit bile. Ala. any of the officers outside to fire on them they started for the open. As they left the house the frightened farmer, his wife and the submissive Sheriff before them, the convicts passed between a cordon of police who easily could have cap-tured them and started for the railroad track. The Sheriff in turn had exacted a promise from the police that they would not molest the convicts, and they

After covering a considerable distance down the track the convicts suddenly disappeared through a hedge fence, bid-ding the officers a mocking farewell.

BULGARIA WARNED.

lust Ston Negotiations.

Sofia, Bulgaria (By Cable) - Information has been received here from Doubnitza that the band of brigands holding captive Miss Ellen M. Stone, the Amercaptive Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, called about a fortnight south of Panama. They took 400 solage at the village of Smetchevo and subsequently went to the monastery of Rilo. but the movements of the troops com-pelled the brigands to flee toward the frontier, where they are now in hiding.

It is also said that the brigands have

recently been treating Miss Stone with more severity, in order to exercise pressure and compel a more ready acceptance

of their conditions.

Consul-General Dickinson is inflexible. He insists that the surrender of Miss Stone must precede or be simultaneous with the payment of the ransom. His attitude is justified by the known determination of some members of the band, particularly the captain, Yanne Sandan-sky, to kill Miss Stone and her companions as soon as the ransom is received. owing to the fact that the captives have now acquired information concerning the cupidity of the brigands will over-come their fear of revelations.

Mr. Dickinson has made energetic representations to the Bulgarian Government against the movements of the Bulgarian Government against the movements of the Bulgarian troops, reproaching the officials with the fact that, notwithstanding their solemn promises to give him all the assistance in their power, their action was embarrassing the negotiations, retarding a settlement and solutions. It is reported from Sofia that an agreement as to the amount of the ransom for Miss Stone has been virtually established and although a settlement and solutions. a settlement and putting in jeopardy the life of Miss Stone. He made a definite declaration that the Fulgarian Government would be held responsible for the death of Miss Stone and of all the consequences of her death, should it be proved that the attitude of the Government would be a stone of the Government of the control of the contr ent forced the brigands to kill the cap-

Thieving Postal Employe.

Constantinople, (By Cable), - Hall Rifat Pasha, the grand vizier, died Saturday, and Abdurrahman Pasha, minister of justice, has been appointed to succced him ad interim

Broken Coupling Causes Wreck.

Youngstown, O., (Special):—In a rear end collision on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, at Lowellville, eight miles east of here, J. T. Shennel, brakeman, Pittsburg, was killed, and Engineer Gates and Brakeman Conerty were injured. The first section of a freight train was delayed by a broken coupling, and the second section ran into it, wrecking the engines and trains.

Two Children Die in Flames.

Quincy. III., (Special): — The farm suse of D. B. Miller, twelve miles from ere was destroyed by fire and two chil-

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS. NAVY'S COAL BILL

Comestic.

Three out of five of the convicts who escaped from the stockade near Leavenworth, Kan., were killed and the other two wounded in a fight with a posse. The five men had taken refuge in a

A secret inquest into the deaths af Mrs. Mary E. Gibb and Mrs. Annie Gordon, alleged to have died of poison administered by Jane Toppan, was begun by the coroner at Buzzards Bay, Mass.

Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, re ports that the sugar and coffee crops will be heavy. Fifty thousand children are now attending the schools, and 200,-000 are unable to obtain tuition.

James Callahan was found not guilty of perjury, thus being acquitted practi-

Mrs. Archibald S. White, wife of the president of the National Sult Company, slipped on her bathroom floor and fractured her skull.

Viola Bender, aged 15 years, while in rage, took strychnine, near Martins-ourg, W. Va., and died from its effects. The Ellis Glenn case has been carried to the Supreme Court of the United

John D. Sarninghausen, a German ed-

The police arrested in St. Louis Laura

Bullion and a man named Longhaugh, to cool-ton colliers be built to keep dewho are believed to have participated in
the express robbery on the Great Northern Railroad near Wagner, Mont.

Summarizing the work accomplished

tishop Whittle for doctrinal reasons.
The convicts in the United States prison at Leavensworth, Kan., mutinied,

The British schooner John S. Parker was wrecked off Orleans, Mass, and the crew was saved by means of life-lines Grant Householder, a hackman, was caught smuggling Chinamen from Can-

iously injured.

United States Consul General Dickinson, in reply to Miss Stone's letter, has urged the brigands to still further re-duce their demands and accept the duce their demands and accept the amount subscribed, as the United States government will not contribute to the

that the Sultan of Turkey has yielded to all demans, and it is expected that in Work of the Government in Africa. two or three days Admiral Caillard will to occupy the ports of the island

The Liberal forces have captured

Yuan Shi Kai, the present viceroy of Shan Tung, has been appointed to succeed Li Hung Chang as viceroy of Chi

The Duke of Cornwall and York has been created Prince of Wales and Earl Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale was installed

new lord mayor of London, The British government has decided dispatch 4000 cavalry to South frica. A Nottingham, where Lord Roberts went to distribute war medals there was a popular demonstration against the British Comander-in-Chief. Lord Kitchener reports that in the bate of Brakenlaagie the Boer loss was 44 to insist "on the camps being broken up illed, including Genral Opperman, and and the people distributed among their

the secret committees. Competent per-sons, however, express the opinion that sons, however, express the opinion that granted authority to them to rebuild or repair a number of churches and convents. No international complications

emporarily suspended from the Bulgar-

President Castro acepts the offer of the Chilian government to arrange the differences between Venzuela and Co-lombia, stipulating, however, that Colombia pay damages for losses by inva-

70,705,000 bushels last year; corn, 37,- ier Coll 671,000 bushels, as against 22,305,000 School. The St. Louis and San Francisco diectors have declared the regular quar-

terly dividend of 1 per cent on the sec-ond preferred stock, payable December 2. The New York Sub-Treasury state-ment shows the banks lost \$1,004,000

SHOWS ITS GROWTH

Admiral Bradford Presents Some Interesting Facts in His Report,

SUBMITS SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

Coaling Stations Have Been Located at Port Isabella, Bassalin Island, and at Polioc, Mindanso-A Complete Station Has Been Established at Yokohama, Japan, and It Is Now Fully Stocked With Coal.

Washington, D. C. (Special). - A striking illustration of the growth of the American Navy is presented in the single statement in the annual report of Rear-Admiral R. B. Bradford, Chief of the Equipment Bureau of the Navy, that he spent \$2,273,111 last fiscal year for 324,108 tons of coal at an average of \$7.01

the report says that this was nearly 95,713 more tons of coal than were used during the preceding fiscal year. Ten years ago the coal consumption was 73,oco tons per annum. The domestic coal
costs \$6,20 per ton, and the foreign coal,
of which there were used 105,066 tons,
cost \$8,50 per ton.
Admiral Bradford has scattered Amer-

Admiral Bradford has scattered American coal all over the world wherever suitable storage could be found. He has placed 12,000 tons at Yokohama and 5,000 tons at Pichilinque, Mexico, and he has sent large quantities to Guam and to the Philippines. He carried 9,000 tons have found to the Philippines. He carried 9,000 tons have found to the Philippines. He carried 9,000 tons have from the Atlantic coast to Mare Island, California, where it came into competition with English Cardiff coal. They have averaged the same in the coat vision of the properties of the propert irginia. owing to the scarcity of American Fire in Bradford, Pa., caused a loss of freight vessels, the best Cardiff coal is nsiderably cheaper at Mare Island. It recommended that two large steam

Fifteen thousand acres of coal lands
Hancock county, West Virginia, and
Green township, Beaver county, Penndivania, were sold to the United States

Summarizing the work accomplished during the year the report takes up Caduring the work accomplished during the year the report takes up Caduring the year takes up Caduring the year take Steel Corporation at \$25 an acre.

Melvin Weisentale, 15 years old, was shot and fatally wounded in Hanover, Pa., by his cousin. Harry Miller, who did not know the gun was loaded.

Telephone companies of Southern lished at Volcobana, Laran and it is now lished at Volcobana, and it is now lished at Volcobana, laran and l lid not know the gun was loaded.

Telephone companies of Southern lished at Yokohama, Japan, and it is now fully stocked with coal. The same statement is true at Pichlingue. Mexico, where, through the courtesy of the Mexican Government, coal and colliers of the united States have been admitted to the station without the station with the statio sed from the Episcopal ministry by station without port or customs of any kind.

In the West Indies a little work has rison at Leavensworth. Kan., mutinied, been done at San Juan on the coaling wenty-six escaped, one man was killed scale, but Admiral Bradford expresses Twenty-six escaped, one man was killed and three seriously wounded.

The Chicago police have located the house in Chicago in which Natali was murdered. Four arrests have been made in the case.

Charles Dunn, who killed Alice Cotterell, a 10-year-old girl, in Fort Wayne, Ind., was convicted of murder in the first degree.

Acate, but Admiral Bradford expresses regret that little progress has been made in securing sites for other coal depots in the West Indies. It is said to be essential that some of the deep water ports of Cuba should be made available for this purpose, as the entire waters surrounding Cuba are most important in a strategic sense and supplies of coal should be near at land. Estimates are submitted Gen. James Hagan, who commanded a brigade under General Wheeler during the Civil War, died at his home, in Mobile, Ala. miral Bradford specifically says: "As the department is aware, efforts are being made to establish other naval coal depots at important localities, which it is deemed unwise to discuss in a port of

a public character.' ada into Buffalo.

Mrs. Julius Yankee was burned to death in Chicago and her husband serdeath in Chicago and her husband serover any previous year since 1806. Naval over any previous year since 1806. Naval officers are suposed to pilot their own ships in all ports, but there are occasions in tortuous channels and where charts are not considered reliable where prudence requires the employment of pilot. The system, however, is gradually disappearing from the navy with improved charts.

BOERS DYING BY HUNDREDS.

London, (By Cable) .- The Daily News exhaustively surveys the concentration camps in South Africa, with the following conclusion:

The truth is that the death rate in the mps is comparatively worse than anything Africa or Asia can show. There is nothing to match it even in the mortality figures of the Indian famines, where cholera and other epidemics have to be contended with. Statistics are produced in proof of this

The government's advertisement for teachers for the camp children, setting forth that "the term of employment will be one year certain" is prominently dis-played as evidence that the authorities

have no intention of ending the 'whole-sale destruction of human life." The Daily News urges all humane men not to wait for official reports, but

The Maccabees Defaication.

Fort Horon, Mich., (Special),-It de-Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, who embezzled \$60,000 from the order, is It is reported from Sofia that an agreement as to the amount of the ransom for Miss Stone has been virtually established, although advices from Constantino ple state that negotiations have been temporarily suspended from the Bulgar of the money stoles. of the money was stolen, the organization must apply for the warrant in the event of a defalcation and prosecute, with the assistance of the bo pany. Supreme Counsellor D. D. Aithands, and Thompson's arrest is expect-

Fatally Hurt in Football.

department of the city distributing department of the St. Louis postoffice, was arrested, charged with stealing letters. It is stated that 50 leters, some containing money orders, were found on his person.

Grand Virier of Turkey Bead.

The Burlington has hauled 500,000 football players were probably fatally hurt in games here. In the game between the University of Cincinnati and the Hanover (Ind.) College, James Kirkpany has increased its capital stock from The Argentine wheat exports for sea-ion are 29.236.000 bushels, as against in the game between the Newport Xav-ier College and the Newport High School. Runck was left tackle of the

Jefferson Statue in Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., (Special).—A statue of Thomas Jefferson, the gift of I. W. and B. Bernheim to the city of Louisville, was unveiled in front of the court-house here Saturday afternoon in the last week.

It is reported that one of the matters discussed at the Burlington meeting was the consolidation of all parts of the system under one set of officers, instead of three sets, as at present.

It is said the United States Steel Corporation October net earnings were \$11-000,000. The official statement for the six months ended September 30 showed \$54,054,871 net, an average of \$0,150,145 per month.

EARL LI ANGERED BY RUSSIA. A Violent Dispute Caused the Aged Viceroy's Death.

Pekin, (By Cable) .- A violent disoute with M. Paul Lesar, Russian minster to China, over the Manchurian Treaty appears to have been the immediate cause of the death of Li Hung

The diplomatic events preceding this tragic climax have enabled Japan for a moment to frustrate the designs of Russia. A fortnight ago the Japanese Legation secured a reliable autline of the terms of the treaty, and thereupon demanded that the Chinese plenipotentiaries officially lay before them the text, basing the demand upon the allegation that Japanese interests were involved in any change of the status of Manchuria. The Chinese plenipotentiaries refused to comply with this demand. Thereupon to comply with this demand. the Japanese government from Tokio comunicated with the Southern viceroys and induced them to use their influence with the Empress Dowager against the treaty. In the meantine the Empress Dowager instructed Li Hung Chang to comunicate the treaty, after certain modifications, to the ministers of the powers, and if they did not object to sign

the same.

Li Hung Chang visited M. Lassar and explained to him the instructions. The Russian Minister strongly objected to revealing the text of the treaty to the ministers of the other powers, and a stormy interview ensued. Li Hung Chang went home in a violent passion and had a hemorrhage, which the doctors attribute to the overexertion of a tors attribute to the overexertion of a

weakened system. While these things were happening in Pekin the Southern viceroys sent to the Empress Dowager a memorial against the treaty. On receiving it she telegraphed to Li Hung Chang countermanding the order to sign.

This instruction came after Li Hung Chang had become unconscious. When M. Lassar endeavored to have Li Hung Chang's seal affixed to the treaty, Chou

Ghang's seal affixed to the treaty, Chou Fu, provincial treasurer, had arrived from Pao Ting Fu. and had taken charge of the seals as the temporary successor of Earl Li.

Pekin, (by Cable).—An imperial edict has arrived here appointing Yuan Shi Kai. governor of Shan Tung province, to be governor of the Province of Chi Li, and appointing Wang Wen Shao, who is vice-president of the Foreign Office and a member of the Cabinet, to fice and a member of the Cabinet, to succeed Li Hung Chang as plenipoten-tiary. They are both ordered to come to

Another edict creates Li Hung Chang a marquis, and bestows on him the new name of Li Wen Chung, by which he will be known in history.

CONVICTS SHOT DOWN.

Three of the Leavenworth Fugitives Killed and One Wounded.

Leavenworth, Kans. (Special) .- Five of the twenty-six convicts who escaped from the stockade of the new federal prison here have been accounted for.

Three of the five are dead:
James Hoffman, aged 20 years, white.
J. J. Poffenholn, aged 25 years, white. soldier convict.

John Green, aged 21 years, white. The fourth, Willard Drake, white, aged 19, is wounded and recaptured, and the fifth, Fred Moore, aged 16, a negro is recaptured unhurt.

five men were discovered in the barn of Fay Weishaar, near Nortonville, Kans., about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Kans., about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Weishaar went into the barn and was ordered out at the point of guns. He rushed to Nortonville and gathered a posse of men, who, with revolvers, shotguns and a few Winchesters, hastened to the scene. The convicts saw them coming and rushed from the barn. They had two shotguns and revolvers. The posse pursued them and a running duel

The convicts were at a disadvantage and their shots had no effect, while at every volley from the posse one of the onvicts fell. After two of them had! fallen, two of the others gave themselves up, one being wounded, the other unhurt. The fifth was fully 200 yards away when a man with a Winchester drew a bead on him and fired. He evidently had been hit, but tried to go on. A volley was fired at him and he fell dead. None of the citi-

zens was hurt.
Reports come from numerous points of the arrest of men supposed to be fugi-tive convicts, but none of the suspects has been identified. The oldest of the fugitives is aged 28.

Quinn Fort, who was killed, was 19 years old. One of the convicts still at large is a military prisoner, and the remainder were serving terms for robbery or assault.

BANK ROBBERS IN THE WEST. In One Place They Miss \$25,000, in Another

They Take \$5,000.

Darien, Wis., (Special).—Robbers made an attempt to loot the Farmers' State Bank here, but were foiled by an paying large prices for them. overcharge of nitoglycerin.

The vault was wrecked and the from of the building blown out. In the vault was \$5,000 in cash and \$20,000 in nego-Port Haron, Mich. (Special)—It develops that if Charles D. Thompson, exsupreme finance keeper of the Supreme Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, who embezzled \$60,000 from the order is safe was blown and its contents carried away. The explosion aroused residents, who hurried to the building, Just in time to see the robbers making their escape

Conflict at an End-

on horses.

Constantinople, (By Cable).—M. Bapst, councillor of the French Embassy, has received a satisfactory commu-nication from the Porte regarding the remainder of the French demands. conflict between France and Turkey may, therefore, be regarded as ended.

Wonderful Leap by a liorsc.

Howard Willetts, of White Plains, N. Y., broke the world's indoor record for the citizens, but apparently without ef jumping horses. Hetherbloom cleared the bar at 7 feet 4½ inches. The previous record was made by Rosebery, who made a jump of 7 feet 3½ inches in competition with Filemaker in this finance. city several years ago.

Younger Refuses the Offer.

Minneapolis, Minn., (Special).—A. A. Ames, Mayor of Minneapolis, tendered Coleman Younger, the notorions bandit now out of the Minnesota State Prison on parole after serving 25 years of a life sentence, a position as captain on the local police force. Younger took up the subject with his friends in St. Paul, where he is now engaged as clerk in a grocery, but upon their advice he decided to refuse the offer.

COL. WALLER WINS A HARD FIGHT

Carries a Samar Stronghold After a

Long Struggle. AMERICANS WERE KILLED.

First Attack of Waller's Marines Repulsed By Natives-Artillery to the Rescue-Forty Men. Supported by Heavy Guns, Successfully Storm Strong Position-Twenty-Six Rebels Fell Under Final Assault.

Manila, (By Cable).-Advices from Catalogan, capital of Samar Island, report that Major Littleton W. T. Waller attacked a force of natives occupying a strong position at Sojton, two 3-inch guns being used to shell their strong-Throughout the first day the natives

held the place, but on the second day Major Waller renewed the attack, and after a desperate engagement carried the position. Privates George Lynch and E. A. Klonan, of the attacking force and 26 Filipinos were killed. Major Waller destroyed 70 houses. General Smith has issued orders for

bidding the purchase of hemp in the Island of Leyte. All the ports in Leyte are closed and traffic is forbidden where it cannot be supervised by the military.

An Aggressive Campaign.

Washington, (Special).-On the recommendation of General Chaffee, commanding the division of the Philippine Islands, the Secretary of War has issued Islands, the Secretary of War has issued orders for a reorganization of that division. Up to this time the division has comprised four military departments, as follows: Department of Northern Luzon, commanded by Major General Lloyd Wheaton; department of Southern Luzan, commanded by Brigadier General J. F. Wade; department of the Visayas, commanded by Bridadier General R. P. Hughes; department of Mindanao and Jolo, commanded by Brigadier General G. W. Davis.

In accordance with the action of the War Department Saturday the division will be divided into only two military departments, to include within their lim-

departments, to include within their limits the entire Philippine Archipelago. They will be known as the departments of North and South Philippine. The department will be commanded by Major General Wheaton and will include the islands of Luzon, Mindora and Mas-bate and all the intervening territory. The Southern department, which will

be commanded by Brigadier General Wade, will embrace the remainder of the archipelago, and include the large islands of Samar, Panay, Mindanao, the Visayas and Jolo.

CHARLESTON'S GREAT FAIR.

Many Exhibitors and Exhibits Already on the Grounds.

Charleston, S. C., (Special).-Exhibitors and concessionnaires are coming to Charleston in large numbers, and during the last few days 100 carloads of exhibits have arrived here for the exposition. Mr. S. C. Meade, president of the New York State Commission, and four other members and employes of the commission reached Charleston Sunday by the steamer Comanche, and Monday 12 members of the advisory board of the architect- in-chief, Mr. Gilbert, will

arrive from New York.

The New York commission has come to inspect the New York State Building, and Mr. Gilbert's board to advise with the architect as to the last few finishing

touches on the work he has done.

Mr. Huston, architect of the Philadelphia Building, is here also to receive the building from the contractor. It is ready for the Liberty Bell, which it will shalter during the shelter during the exposition. More than 2,000 men are now employed on the exposition grounds, and the Midway city is going up as if by magic. housing committee of the woman's partment has already secured more than to,000 lodgings for exposition visitors in private families and boarding houses.

INDIAN RELICS TO ORDER. Missouri Farmer Indicted, Charged With

Misusing the Mails. St. Louis, Mo., (Special).-The Federal grand jury indicted Daniel Leverng, a Green county farmmer, on a charge

of using the mails to defraud. Levering's scheme was a novel one, and his alleged victims were mostly pro-fessors of colleges throughout the coun-try, and collectors. Bogus Indian relies of every description-axes, pipes, images and various other curiosities—were pro-duced before the jury by witnesses, who said Levering had told them that he dug

GREAT VARDS FOR PITTSBURG. Pennsylvania Railroad Company, It Is Said. Will Spend Millions.

Pittsburg. (Special) —The Pennsylva-nia Railroad Company has in contempla-tion new yards for freight handling which will be the largest in the country. Agents of the company have been tak-ing options on property from Thirteenth to Twenty-third streets, between Liberty and Penn avenues, for the purpose and it is now almost certain that the to blocks will soon be acquired and the yards established. For real estate alone the cost of this improvement will be between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. nount, added to the cost of the other improvemenas—a new union station, elevated tracks, etc—made by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in this city recently, will make the total \$10,000,000.

Chicago, (Special.)—At the Horse Show here in the Coliscum the high jumper Hetherbloom, a bay gelding, 6 years old and 16 hands high, owned by Howard Willett, of White Property of the robbers could reach the money in the safe armed citizens. the safe armed citizens drove them from the building. Fifty shots were fired by The fire was not returned. The

robbers escaped. Senor Urzaiz, Spanish minister of finance, has resigned, and a cabinet crisis is threatened.

Suffocated by Gas.

Phoenixville, Pa., (special).—Edward Glenn, of Akron, Ohio, was found dead in bed at a hotel here, having been suffocated by gas. Glenn was employed by the Stirling Company of Barberton, O., and was here superintending the placing of some boilers for the Phoenix Iron Company

After sittings covering 40 days, and with a record which, when completed, will cover about 2,000 pages, the Schley court of inquiry Thursday adjourned its last public session, Capt. S. C. Lemly, the judge advocate, making the closing argument.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS. New German Tariff.

New German Taritt.

Consul John E. Kehl, at Stettin, Germany, in a report discussing the effect of the proposed new German tariff, says the first effect of increase over the present import duty on foodstuffs coming into the Empire will be an advance in the price of these articles.

The cost of living in Germany, Mr. Kehl says, at present is from to to 50 per cent, higher than in the United States, while wages are about one-third those paid in America. To balance the increased cost of living, wages must be increased, which again will enhance the cost of production and the selling price, thus placing the burden of a higher import duty on the people in general.

Germany, the consul says, has not the natural resources to supply her people's demand for meats and agricultural products, and with the constant increase in

ucts, and with the constant increase in population and the evolution from an agricultural to an industrial company it is quite natural, he says, that the demand for food would advance and the producion decrease.

Mr. Root Has His Troubles.

Secretary Root is very much perplexed preparing his annual report on account of the delay in receiving the report of the Philippine Commission.

The commission's report, together with a special envoy sent to the Philippines to report on the banking and currency con ditions of the island, left Manila on the transport Sheridan. Two weeks ago the Sheridan broke down in Japan and the Warren was ordered to bring her passengers and important mail. A few days ago the Warren broke down, and the Hancock has just sailed from Manila to take her class.

take her place.
These accidents will prevent the report of the Philippine Commission, as well as the report of the special representative on currency, from reaching Secretary Root in time to be used in his annual report. Meanwhile he is using such information as has already been prepared in the Bu reau of Insular Affairs, but it is likely that a supplemental report will be mad by the Secretary, covering the Philip pines and based upon the comm report.

Great Change at West Point.

Secretary Root has just issued an or der changing the regulations relative to admission to West Point so that the Academic Board may accept candidates who are graduates of high schools or students of colleges and universtities without requiring them to pass the men-tal examination prescribed by the Department.

The important paragraph added is:
"The Academic Board will consider,
and may accept, in lieu of the regular
mental entrance examination the properly attested examination papers of an appointment to a public competitive examination, or the properly attested certificate of gradua-tion from a public high school in which the course of study covers the range of subjects heretofore prescribed for candi dates, or a properly attested certificat that the candidate is a regular student of any incorporated college or university.

Sword to Go Next. Army officers consider it as probable that the ornate swords worn in the serv-ice at no distant day will be discarded

as a part of a soldier's equipment.

The sword is believed to be of little use in these days of long-distance fighting and serves now little other purpose than as an emblem of authority. British officers in the South African campaign have found the sword often han pered them in battle, and there have been few, if any, occasions where i was used as a weapon of attack or de fense. Hand-to-hand encounters are fense. Hand-to-hand encounters are thought to have passed away with the advent of smokeless powder and modern small arms. The cavalry may continu reasons for retaining it as an implement of warfare that it is regarded as likely to be the next arm rejected as obsolete

Investigating Dr. Mary Walker.

The Pension Burea is investigating terances attributed to Dr. Mary Walker an ex-army nurse who has worn mascu-line attire for many years, and who is alleged to have spoken of the execution of Leon F. Czolgosz as a murder, and the late President himself a murderer or

account of his policy in the Philippines Special Examiner F. C. McLaughlin of the Pension Bureau, is at Oswego, N Y., investigating the case, and his repo will be kept on file at the bureau here readiness for submission to Congress case that body should call for it. Co missioner Evans says he has no authorit to revoke the pension, but that Congres

could do so if it desired.

Christmas Gifts to Soldiers Free. Secretary Root has issued the custon ary order suspending the operations of the local tariff laws in the Philippin and Cuba so as to permit, under reason able conditions, the free importation in the islands of packages and article clearly intended as Christmas present clearly intended as Christmas presents for soldiers and sailors and other United States employes. The order United States employes. which takes effect immediately, will run

until January 15 next. Philippine Cable Extended.

Gen. A. W. Greeley has received a cablegram from Manila announcing that the Islands of Masbate and Panay have been connected by cable. It is expected that this cable will materially assist the army operations in progress.

Capital News in General.

Chairman Payne, of the Home Ways and Means Committee, has decided, after a conference with the President and Secretary Gage, to introduce into Congress a bill for the repeal of the war taxes. C. E. Sapp, internal revenue collecto for the district of Kentucky, has yielded to the pressure of the reform element

and resigned.

President Roosevelt appointed Wm. F. Willoughby, a Johns Hopkins graduate, treasurer of the Island of Porto Rico. The report of the United States Com-instance of Navigation shows a great acrease in American shipping in the ast fiscal year.

Baron Ludovic Moncheur, the new Relgian minister, was presented to the President and the usual exchange of felicitations followed.

Captain Sigsbee reported that all the money collected by the Battleship Maine Reliet Association—\$31,378—has been Graduates of good colleges may enter West Point without passing the en-

west Foint without passing the en-trance examination.

Gen. A. W. Greely, chief signal officer, seturned to Washington, after an ab-sence of five months in the Philippines. President Roosevelt appointed Robert E. Houston collector of customs for the district of Delaware.

A serious freight wreck occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at North Mountain Station, nine miles west of Grafton. The wreck was caused by a broken flange on the front car of the fast easthound freight train No. 98. Ten loaded steel cars were piled up on all three of the tracks, delaying all traffic. The crew escaped injury.

PENNSYLVANIA

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Over the State.

\$150,000 FIRE IN BRADFORD.

The Latest News Gleaned From All

City Hall Among the Dozen Buildings Burned-Carnegle Men Receive Stock-Pittston Woman Entertained Friends on fler 107th Birthday \$700 Found With a Corpse-Cornopolis Oil Flant Damaged by Fire,

These pensions were granted: Pennsylvanias—Henry J. Westerman, Allegheny, \$6; Frederick M. Atkinson, Pittsburg, \$6; Charles Matz, Pittsburg, \$6; John Stauffer, Pittsburg, \$6; John Ashman, Greenwood Furnace, \$12; Harmon Moser, Waynesboro, \$8; Jones Shell, Mifflinburg, \$8; John F. Householder, McConnellstown, \$8; David H. Harsbarger, Mattawana, \$24; Andrew Donaldson, Mercer, \$6; Isabella Moon, Connellsville, \$8; Aggie A. Groscope, Pitcairn, \$8; Sarah A. McKeown, Pittsburg, \$12, Margaret Moodie, Fisher, \$12; Eliza J. Irwin, Barnards, \$12; William B. Weston, East McKeesport, \$6; Curtis D. Cross, Parfhenia, \$6; Daniel Ringer, State Line, \$6; Loth Mader, Eric, \$6; Henry Peoples, Allegheny, \$8; Sanuel Humer, Newburg, \$8; Henry C. Carmon, Huntingdon, \$10; Martin Wortse, Tyrone, \$8; George Wigner, Lewiston, \$10; Justus Routh, Altoona, \$8; Henry C. Huhn, Smithfield, \$8; Daniel Haas, Mt. Pleasant Mills, \$10; William B. Krape, Johnstown, \$8; Rebecca Risheberger, Johnstown, \$8; Caroline Kellogg, Sayre, \$8.

Melvin F. Weisensale, son of Amos Weisensale, of Midway, a suburb of Hanover, who was shot by the acci-dental discharge of a revolver in the hands of his cousin, Harry Miller, died of his injuries, after suffering for about ten hours. An inquest was held. After hearing the testimony, a verdict was ren-dered that young Weisensale came to his death by a gunshot wound, caused by the handling of a shotgun by Harry Miller, without any inention or fore-thought of discharging the gun, and without any intention of voluntarily tak-ing life. Miller was afterwards arrested, appear before the Adams County to appe Court.

Twenty-one department heads at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, of the Carnegie Company, at Braddock, have received blocks of company stock ranging from \$30,000 to \$60,000 each. In each case the 5 per cent. interest guaran-teed on the bonds will produce an amount equal to the recipient's salary. At other plants it is said similar awards this purpose as rapidly as the department heads are thought to deserve it. The beneficiaries at Braddock have their pay doubled by this arrangement, and in addition will have the principal of the bonds when they are due. Camille Mercader, chief draughtsman of the company, who is said to be a Hungarian count, was given \$75,000 worth of bonds.

One of the worst fires in the history of Bradford occurred Friday morning. It originated in the livery stable of Frank P. Beamer and consumed a dozen buildings, including the \$35,000 city hall. buildings, including the \$35,000 city hall. Thirty-seven horses in one livery stable perished in the flames, and the \$10,000 library of Brown & Schoonmaker, city attorneys, was totally destroyed, together with valuable maps. The fire was discovered at 3,30 A. M., and it burned fiercely until 5,30, when the firemen gained control of the flames. The fire burned buildings on three streets, Kennedy and Boyleston streets and Patent avenue. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The city records were in firencoof yaults and city records were in fireproof vaults and

were not damaged. "While driving from Factoryville to Scranton, John McAnulty had an ex-citing experience with a bear which rushed from the woods adjoining the road. McAnulty had a quantity of meat in the wagon and this first attracted the attention of bruin. While the bear nunching the meat, McAnulty left his horse and wagon and fled to a house some distance away for help and a gun. some distance away for help and a gun. A crowd of hunters was organized, but when they arrived on the scene bruin had finished his meal and disappeared again

Miss Elizabeth Huey, of Reading, fell dead in the drug store of John B. Raser & Son. After the body had been re-moved to the morgue three purses were found on her person. Two of them were sewed into the lining of her skirt. In addition, gold and greenbacks were concealed in various parts of her clothing. The money aggregated \$700, this \$450 was in gold. Death was so to have been caused by heart disease. Death was said

The Luther League of Williamsport District, at their recent session in Hughsville, elected these officers: Presi-dent, Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, of Milton; treasurer, Rev. J. W. Lake, Mont-gomery; statistician, G. W. Shellen-berger, of Montgomery; recording secre-tary, Miss Nell Bowersox, of Jersey A fire in the plant of the Pittsburg Oil

waxhouse, compound houses, filtering houses and boiler house and spread to the tanks, 100 in number. The buildings destroyed covered four acres and the loss may be \$70,000. Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, of Ma-sons, celebrated its 120th anniversary of its organization at Harrisburg by a

Refining Company, at Coraopolis, de-stroyed the main refining building, the

banquet at the auditorium. Among the speakers were Governor Stone and President Reed, of Dickinson College. Mrs. Sarah Kelly, of Pittsburg, Friday evening gave a party to celebrate her 107th birthday. She was born in Ireland in 1704. Mrs. Kelly is able to read the daily papers regularly without the use of glasses, and her memory is good as to events which occurred in the early part of the last century.

A car loaded with shoes and dry goods consigned to merchants along the Bath Railroad was broken open in Bethlehem and robbed of a portion of its contents, which were shipped by a Philadelphia Governor Stone fixed the date of the

execution of Rowe and Keiper, the youthful Dauphin county nurderers, on January 16, but at the request of Sheriff Reiff, he extended the date to January Natural gas in the Gaines field has de-creased in volume so much that the peo-ple of that region have gone back to the use of coal and wood.

William Beckman, of Alpha, N. J., died in the hospital at Easton without regaining consciousness after he was twen from a stable in Phillipsburg, N. J. Tuere is some suspicion that Beckman met with foul play, as his skull was freedured.

The following fourth-class postmas-ters for Pennsylvania were appointed; Franklindale, T. H. Selleck; Mclibancy, R. W. Altemose.

George Erb, aged 75 years, of pe Norristown, died on the streets of Beet telsville, while on his way to visit Hem S. Gilbert.