BRIGANDS HAVE REDUCED RANSOM

They Drop the Amount to \$88,000 Miss Stone's Release.

THEY CALL THEMSELVES PATRIOTS.

There is No Longer Any Fear Regarding the Brigands' Intentions Toward the Captives

Stone and Madame Tsilka have reduced the amount of ransom demanded to £20,previously demanded \$110,000.

Coincident with this news is the information that the leaders of the band, if convinced that this is more than Consul Dickinson will give, would accept £15. coo (about \$66,000). Even this sum is greatly beyond the cash at Mr. Dickinson's disposal. Therefore, unless the captors of the missionary further abate their demands there is no hope of an im-

mediate settlement. An agent who is in touch with the brigand reports that they recognize they made a mistake in kidnaping Miss Stone, would, however, consider it worse than blunder to release her without an adequate ransom

There is no longer any fear regarding the brigands' intention toward the cap-tives. They declare themselves to be not robbers, but patriots performing an o noxious task in the interest of a "holy cause." Most of the kidnappers are peasants, directed by a secret committee to execute its decisions, so as to get the money for the Macedonian cause

DYNAMITE UNDER A BRIDGE

Burlington Railroad Officials Discover Plans of Train Robbers to Wreck Trains.

Lincoln, Neb., (Special).-Local officials of the Burlington road stated that since the first of the week their night trains leaving Lincoln have gone out with a guard armed with Winchester rifles. This precaution was taken following the discovery, last Sunday, of 26 sticks of dynamite, together with a number of masks, hidden under a bridge just outside the city. Sunday night three men attempted to board the express car as a train pulled out of Lincoln for the Fast but they were driven. coln for the East, but they were driven off. Monday the same three men were at Ashland, and an effort was made t arrest them, but they disappeared. A watch has been kept on the bridge where the dynamite was stored, but no one has

EXPOSITION OWES \$3,326,114.

The Pan-American Fair Cost Its Promoters \$8,860,757,20,

Buffalo, N. Y., (Special).-The di rectors of the Pan-American Exposition Company and a number of creditors conferred and listened to the reading of the financial report of the company as prepared by the auditor. The report shows the total liabilities of the company at the present time to be \$3,326. \$140.454.15 are collectible at face.
The company owes for operating expenses and on construction work \$577.

945.73, which item is, of course, en bodied in the figure of total liabilities. An interesting fact shown by the re-port is the total cost to the company of the exposition itself. The cost, accord-

ing to the report, was \$8.860,757.20. The total receipts from admission after May 1st, were \$2.467.066.58 and the receipts from concessions were \$3.011.522.79.

Good Beet Sugar Season.

Portland, Oregon, (Special.-Sugar beet raising and the manufacture of beet sugar is one of the infant industries of Oregon which has made rapid strides within the past three years. This sea son just closed has been the most profit able yet recorded. The factory at La able yet recorded. The factory at La-grande, which is the center of the sugar beet district, has about completed its season's run. The output will be about 35,000 sacks, which approximate 3,500, ooo pounds.

Schley Court Sessions.

Washington, D. C., (Special).- The Schley Court of Inquiry is now holding sessions twice daily, instead of the one session in the morning that has been session is from 2 to 4 o'clock. cision was made in the interests of more rapid progress in the work before the court, for it is the universal desire to have the findings presented at the ear-liest possible date.

Serious Railroad Collision.

Elgin, Ill., (Special).-The Chicago Great Western castbound limited had a serious collision with the Sycamore milk train at Marshall's crossing, four miles west of St. Charles. Rose Root, aged 13. of Sycamore, was instantly killed and the lower part of her body cremated A Chicago drummer named Murphy was probably fatally injured and Simon Chaffee, of Wasco, Ill., and the engineer of the limited were seriously injured.

Indians Want Separate Schools.

Guthrie, O. T., (Special).-Separate schools for Indian children have become a political issue in Oklahoma. In some public schools which have been estab-lished for the whites and the latter do bished for the whites and the latter do not believe in allowing the redskins these privileges. The Indians also refuse to attend the negro schools.

the Bundesrath, contains a few changes which affect American goods.

The Benmisaras razed a number of villages of the Mesmudas, in Morocco, and carried off 18 girls.

385 Leonids Fell in an Hour.

Los Angeles, Cal., (Special),-The fall of the long-expected feonids was marked in this city just before daylight. The display at one time was brilliant, but there was a steady fall of the brilliants after 1 o'clock. One watcher counted 385 between 4 and 5 o'clock, while the total number seen in this city estimated at 1,000. Some of the meteors were beautiful, leaving brilliant trails of green and red. One hundred we counted between 4.04 and 4.20 o'clock.

Vole Dormitory Burned.

New Maven, Conn., (Special) -Fire practically ruined the finest of the Yale tudents' dormoritories, the Husehinson, which was created a few years ago at a cost of \$200,000. The furnishings of the building and the personal effects of 200 ar more students were also destroyed.

A National Bank Rubbed. New York, (Special).—Burglars broke into the Springlake National Bank in Marasqua. N. J. and carried away 54,000. After forcing their way into the milding they blew open the safe. The local puties officers have no clue to the

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

George Zollinhoffer, receiving teller of the Williamsburg Savings Bank, con-essed that he and Harry E. Corbett, a former paying teller, now dead, took \$50,000 of the bank's funds and spent

Filipi Rini and Dominick Beaumonte were held to the grand in Chicago, charged with the murder of Antonio Natali, whose mutilated body was found in a barrel on the prairie, at the edge of the city on November 5

Declare Themselves Patriots Performing an Obnoxious Task in the interest of a "Holy Cause"—Kidnappers Are Peasants.

Sofia, Bulgaria, (By Cable).—The brigands who captured Miss Ellen M. Stone and Madame Tsilka have reduced The Baptist General Association of Circuit and Madame Tsilka have reduced The Baptist General Association of Circuit and Madame Tsilka have reduced The Baptist General Association of Circuit and Madame Tsilka have reduced The Baptist General Association of Circuit and Madame Tsilka have reduced The Patriots Professional Profes Virginia adopted the report of the eduthe amount of ransom demanded to £20,-cational conference recommending that the denominational schools be drawn together in a system of co-ordination.

The sheriff of Concho county, Texas.

has identified the picture of Longbaugh the train robber suspect, as that of Kil-patrick, the "Lone Texan," wanted there or murder.

Before going to the scaffold, in Michigan City, Ind., Joseph D. Keith confessed that he killed Miss Nora Kifer

because she annoyed him too muc Rev. Charles H. Brent, of St. Steph-en's Episcopal Church, in Boston, accepted his appointment to the Episcopal diocese created in the Philippines. The grand jury of the Rockbridge

The grand jury of the Rockbrid County (Va.) Court indicted a num of persons, including the Lexington postmaster, for unlawfully selling liquor.

The town of Buena Vista, Col., was shaken by an earthquake. Huge boulders rolled down the sides of the moun-

The United States transport Hancock, with the congressional party on board grounded on the Straits of Shimon-

Mrs. Louise Huddle, an aged woman. was shot and killed near Rural Retreat Va., by Henry Rateliffe, her son-in-law An unsuccessful attempt was made sassinate Isaiah Hollin, the princip

of the Lexington (Va.) High School.
Governor Odell, of New York, re ceived a communication from the S retary of War asking him to convey the officers of the law an expression of satisfaction and approval upon the effec-tive and dignified maner in which the of justice had been attained in the

Miss Phyllis Langhorne, daughter of C. D. Langliorne, of Albemarle, and sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, was married in Basic City, Va., to Mr. Reginald Brooks, of New York,
Mrs. Kate Green and Miss May Shea.

nurses, charged with starving to death two patients at the Dunning Asylum, in Chicago, were exonerated by the county

F. C. Rathburt, accused of attempting

to swindle insurance companies, admit-ted his identity to Deputy Sheriff Al. Chichester, of Little Rock, Ark. The defendants in the Havana post-office fraud cases have been granted an extension of 10 days in which to file an-

vers to the charges. Charles Tate, colored, was killed while charles rate, colored, was Enico while weaking into the house of James A. Mil-er, at Hunters Run, near Carlisle, Pa. Ambrose C. Pike, assistant manager of the Hygeia Hotel, at Old Point, died cent's Hospital, Norfolk D. J. Lynch, a former trustee of Carthage county, Tennessee, committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

Finlay Shipwart, of Alleghany county, Tennessee, says he saw his father murdered by his two uncles.

Considerable damage was done in various cities in Utah by rather severe earthquake shocks.

Charles Bachrach, aged 62 years, a Mr. and Mrs. Garwood had just time to well-known business man in Chicago, escape in their night clothes. ommitted suicide.

persons were injured in Pitts burg by leaping from a runaway trolley Safe-blowers looted the postoffice at Rock Creek, O., and Rockville, Ind.

Foreign.

H. St. John Dix, an Englishman, said be the eldest son of a British peer. and who figured in the Itata affair, indulged in various banking schemes and was a commissary general in Coxey's army, was brought up in a London urt, charged with larceny in the United

A Paris report says that "deteriorated American timed foods have been discovered among the military stores at Verdun." The Minister of War has or-Verdun" The Minister of War has or-dered all tin foods in the army stores The Chinese court has arrived at Kai

Fong Fu, capital of Honan, the people along the route of the imperial march having been left nearly destinate by the contributions levied upon them. Mr. Dickinson, United States consuleneral at Constantinople, has presented redentials as diplomatic agent of the inited States to Bulgaria.

nited States to Bulgaria.

Lord Kitchener reports that a patrol of yeomanry at Brakspruit, in the Transal, was surrounded by Boers and lost men killed and to wounded.

General Weyler, the Spanish Minister of War, will temporarily replace Premier

Sagasta should the latter's illness con-

The Turkish government officials are worried over reports that two American sirls, probably Kate Boyle and Flora Preston, of Philadelphia, have started or Turkey with the idea of having them-elves captured by brigands, as was Miss Stone

Lord Rosebery, in a speech in Edinburgh, said he would like to see the experiment for a year of a British government composed of business men like Carnegie and Sir Thomas Lipton,
Miss Vanderbitt Wackerman, of New York Liptod as it Wackerman, of New York, picked up in London as a wandering lunatic, will be handed over to her

German tariff bill, as pasted by

Figurcial.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Illinois Central will build a bridge across the Misaissippi River from Gray Point to Thebes.

It is stated that the Canadian Pacific will build from Winnipeg to Duluth and compete with Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

The American Sugar Refining Company of New York has been incorporated with a capital of \$2,500,000. The directors are H. O. Havemeyer, W. F. Thomas, L. M. Palmer, C. N. Senfl and A. Donner, of New York city.

The English courts have ordered the on Past Le Ros and Columbia-Kootemay Mining Companies, all Whitaker Wright conterns.

The organization of the Northern Se-curities Company as stated in the char-ter is only temporary and the permanent board of directors wil be chosen as soon as possible after the election of the Bur

as possible after the election of the Burlington directors.

Mr. T. J. Hurley, who has for several years been vice president and genoral manager of the Exploration Company, of New York, has accepted the presidency of the Mine Securities Corporation of this city. The capital in \$2,500,000

CHARLESTON'S

BIG EXPOSITION

The Seventeen Buildings of "The Ivory City" Almost Ready.

In Many Instances the Space Heretofore Allotted Has Been Reduced Wherever It Was Possible, and Applications for More Room Have Been Refused-Not One of the Big Buildings Will Have Vacant Room.

Charleston, S. C., (Special).-Gratifying progress is being made with the concluding work at the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition.

Only two weeks remain in which the exhibits can be installed, the opening day being December 2; but the prediction of Architect Gilbert that all the buildings would be practically com-pleted this week proves correct. While the 17 buildings are being filled with exhibits more than a thousand carpenters are at work about the grounds putng on the finishing touches and adding features which will make a superb pie

ture of the Ivory City.
Convicts loaned by the city are clearing the grounds of the debris and asphalt walks are being laid. There is an

air of activity everywhere.

Many trainloads of exhibits have already arrived here, and advices from the railroads show that practically the entire display from the Pan-American, which will be moved here, is now en route. These trains will reach Charleston this week, and Architect-in-Chies has informed the directors that the buildings are in shape for occupancy. Not much time will be lost in getting the various displays installed, and by the end of the month the Exposition city will have taken on the color of life and

bustling activity.
The Midway army which has arrived on the grounds from Buffalo has trans-formed that section from ragged fields into a hive of buildings and booths, and this feature of the show will be in

xcellent condition for the opening. In the 17 large buildings, scattered ver an area of 100 acres, every available foot of space has been taken for exhibits. In many instances the space wherever it was possible, and applica tions for more room have been refused. Not one of the big buildings will have

SAVED BY COOING PIGEONS.

The Birds Awake a Philadelphia Family in Time to Make Their Escape.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special). - The cooing of 70 pairs of frightened pigcons probably prevented seven people from being burned to death in the residence of Robert Lukemire, Twenty-seventh street and Gravers lane, Chestnut Hill. As it was, the house was badly damaged by fire that started in a de

Shortly after three o'clock Robert McDonald, a boarder in the house, was was awakened by the cooing of the pigeons. When he sat up in bed he found the room filled with smoke, while the crackle of flames could be heard in the

rear of the building, Running through the house, McDonald gave the alarm, and Mr. and Mrs. Lukemire, their two sons, Russell and

MOUNTAINS SHAKEN.

Earthquake Shock In Colorado-Great Alarm in the Town of Buena Vista.

rienced an eartquake shock which lasted Railway at 9 o'clock was blown from several seconds. Many people rushed from their residences, fearing their homes would be demolished. Plateglass windows were cracked. It is redass windows were cracked Cottonwood acred that the waters of Cottonwood has rose considerably. Many huge sorted that the walls Many lake rose considerably. Many Mount Princeton Mount Harvard were dislodged and rolled down the sides of the mountain. The trembling seemed to travel from the southwest to the northeast, and asted about six seconds. This is the first earthquake ever felt at Buena Vista.

Gas Explosion in a Church. Cargondale, Pa., (Special) -Gas exploded in the furnace of the First Methodist Episcopal Church here, bursting the furnace and scattering burning coal, which set fire to the woodwork. The lames could not be controlled and the ouilding was totally destroyed. The Charles Hull, a fireman, had been in the belfry trying to get the line of hose into the main building, but did not succeed. He was making his way down to the street, and by mistake pushed open door into the blazing auditorium. Th flames entirely surrounded him for a second, but he fell backward and rolled down the steps, whence he was dragged to the street by his comrades with his clothing hurned from him.

His Fortune for His Sins.

Bloomington, Ill., (Special).-Racked portion of the city. by conscience, which gave him no peace. R. A. Grimsby, wealthy farmer, who lived in McLean county, this State, left his wife and three children this week to make a new home for himself. He turned over to them all of his property, with the exception of a few hundred dollars to atone for alleged wrongloings, the nature of which is not known by his family, and if there is an accuser Grimsby to the only one.

Buried Under Tons of Rock.

Columbus, Ohio, (Special). - Two men were killed and four injured as the result of the premature explosion of a blast at the Caspari's stone quarry, northwest of Columbus. The dead are A. M. Vacci and John M. Antonio.

The two men killed were working inder a ledge and were buried under one of rock. Thorne, the foreman, was burled 35 feet in the air, but his inured men, named Wilson, will probably

Gets Light From Decayed Ment.

Providence, R. I., (Special).-Light from decayed meat is the latest discovery which may startle the scientific world. Prof. Gorham, of Brown University, claims he has succeeded in extracting from an overripe porterhouse ateak sufficient illumination to enable him to take photographs of laboratory apparatus. Prof. Gorham is seeking to find an artificial light in which the element of heat is not contained, and believes he is on the road to definite results. Prof. Gorham is objected with the bacteriological department of the university.

A GIGANTIC COMBINATION.

First Step in Plan to Harmonize Conflicting Ra Irond Interests.

New York, (Special).-The final stage of what is said to be the greatest railroad deal in history was entered upon by the incorporation at Trenton, N. J. EVERY FOOT OF SPACE IS TAKEN. of the Northern Securities Company, with a capitalization of \$400,000,000. This company is formed as the result of negotiations which have been carried on for more than a year looking toward the

for more than a year looking toward the joint operation and control of all the great transcontinental railroad systems. Twenty kings of finance banded together to push through the deal, among whom are J. Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill, John D. Rockefeller, Jacob H. Schiff, head of the house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., William K. Vanderbilt, James Henry Smith, Norman B. Ream, George J. Gould, the Armours and E. H. Harriman The significance of this action is shown

by the fact that it brings into alliance three of the greatest financial groups in the country. These are the Hill-Morgan group, the Vanderbilts, and the Gould-Harriman-Kuhn, Loeb & Co. combination The entire plan has been a tremendous undertaking, but it has been brought to a harmonious end. "Harmony of inter-est" has been extended from the Atlan-

tic to the Pacific and an armed truce has been converted into what seems a lasting As the next step in the plan will be the announcement of the election of a new board of directors for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Com-pany, a corporation formed to acquire he old Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, which was the origi-nal bone of contention between the Hill-Morgan and Gould-Harriman-Kuhn,

of the Burlington road will be vested with Union Pacific interests.

The final issue of the old quarrel, which precipitated the panic of May q last and shook the financial world, is a compromise measure. Union nent of Northern Pacific preferred stock and in exchange are admitted to an inthe Northern Pacific and Great Northern ds and a half interest in the great

Loeb & Co. party, half the voting contro

FEARLY 500,000 IMMIGRANTS.

Burlington property.

heretofore allotted has been reduced Of These 117,587 Were Unable to Rend or Write.

Washington, D. C., (Special),-The annual report of Commissioner-General Powderly, of the Immigration Bureau, shows the total steerage arrivals in the United States during the year to have been 487,918, an increase over the preceding year of 39,346, or approximately

o per cent. Or this increase 2,020 came through Canadian ports and the remainder through ports of this country. The ratio of increase of Italian immigration, as compared with those from the same country last year, is approximately 36 per cent., or more than threefold the ratio of increase from all Europe, and the increases numerically from all other countries of Europe aggregate scarcely one-fourth of that from Italy.

The total steerage immigration was distributed as to sex between 331,055 males and 156,863 females. During the year 363 were returned to their respective countries having become public charges within one year after landing. The number refused a landing was 3, 516, against 4,246 for last year.

A TRAIN DYNAMITED.

An Express on the Northern Central Smashed Near York, Pa.

York, Pa., (Special).-Part of the Buena Vista, Cal., (Special).-This through train for the West which left town and surrounding country expeBaltimore over the Northern Central cotton crop of Alabama in the year 1899.
In that year there were 192,384 farms the tracks by a big charge of dynamite soon after leaving this city at 10.44 P.

> The train was composed of four Pullman cars, a day coach, a combination car and express car. It was running at the rate of 45 miles an hour, when the engine struck the dynamite. though the windows in the locomotive cab were blown to pieces. Engineer Thurmer stuck to his post and succeeded in stopping the heavy train after it had run over the ties for 200 feet.

The scene of the wreck is about one mile north of the city, close to where Codorus creek flows between high hills Northern Central Crosses. stream on an open iron bridge, which is 50 feet above the bed of the stream. Conductor Grove says the bandits evidently planned to throw the train into the creek. When the attempt failed the

Bronze Statue of McKinley.

robbers we believe, took refuge in the

Cleveland, Ohio, (Special),-If the proposition made by a committee of 100 citizens to the finance committee of the recent National Grand Army Encampent is carried out a surplus of \$8,000 collected for that occasion will be used to erect a bronze statue of heroic size to the late President McKinley in the public square, the center of the business

Valuable Farm Given Away.

Dayton, Ohio, (Special).-Benjamin Meichler, a farmer who lives in Jackson township, has made the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, located at Tiffin, O.,

Further Honors for LL.

Pekin, (By Cable.)-The Empress Dowager has issued another edict culogizing the late Li Hung Chang and ordering the erection of a memorial arch near his birthplace. The edict also directs that the rank of marquis, conferred upon the eldest son of the late Chitotal damage amounts to \$1,000. nese statesman in his own right, shall descend through 23 generations. It confers high rank upon the other sons of Earl Li, upon whom the posthumous rank of marquis has been bestowed, and confers dignities upon his grandsons, together with lucrative offices.

Two Children Perish In Fire.

Vernon, Ill., (Special) -Mrs. Charles Bass left her two small children locked Topeka, Kan., (Special).—Official statistics show that prairie dogs occupy and render practically worthless for agricultural purposes 1,224,844 acres of land in Kansas. All efforts to exterminate the dogs have failed, even with the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture.

GOLD MINERS READY FOR A REBELLION

Alleged Conspiracy in Alaska to Overthrow Government.

DAWSON CITY AS THE CAPITAL.

American Residents of Skagway Are Said to Be Leaders in the Conspiracy-Miners to the Number of 5,000 Are Said to Awalt the Summons to Arms, Ready to Fight for the Independence From Dominion Rule.

San Francisco, Cal., (Special).-The Call printed an unconfirmed story from Skagway, Alaska, under date of November 5, telling of the discovery of what is alleged to be a huge conspiracy existing in Dawson and ramifying to Skagway, Victoria, Vancouver and Scattle, for the overthrow of the local government of the Northwest Territory and the estab-lishing a republic, with Dawson as its According to the details of the story,

arms, ammunition and provisions have been taken in over the railroad and cached at strategic points. Prominent American residents of Skagway are said to be leaders in the conspiracy. Miners to the number of 5,000 are said to await he summon to arms, ready to fight for the independence from Dominion rule of the gold fields, camps and towns.

he plan is to overpower the mounted police, arrest the civil authorities and take the government into their own hands. The rigors of the Arctic winters would give the insurgents six months mity from attack by Canadian or British troops, and the adventurous archeonspirators hope for intervention or outside assistance by the time the melting of ice and snow will permit the

nvasion of the reported republic. It is further related that the hurried conference, lasting until midnight, was held at Skagway, November 5, at which were present Captain Corrigan, of the Northwest mounted police, who had arrived from across the Canadian border late that evening; Judge Brown, of the United States District Court; United States Marshal Shoup, United States At-torney Frederick and Major Hovey, commanding the United States troops at Skagway, attended the meeting. This was the last of several hasty consultations between the civil and military representatives of the two powers in relation to the mysterious transporta-tion of supplies into the interior and umor of a conspiracy to lead the miners into a revolt against the Canadian Gov-ernment in the Northwest territory.

TWO WOMEN CHOKED TO DEATH.

Evansville, Ind. Evansville, Ind., (Special).-The mystery of the murder of two women near this city still remains unsolved. Both

were killed in the same manner and evi-

dently by the same person. The body of Mrs. Georgia Bailey was found beside a public road. There were finger marks on the throat and the neck was broken. The supposition is that she was choked to death by someone in a buggy, and that when she fell out of the solviels her neck was broken. The hody vehicle her neck was broken. The body seems to have been dragged some dis-

tance and thrown into a ditch. A mile outside the city in an oppo-site direction the body of Miss Lena Renner was found, her throat also bearing finger marks. John Kifer, who was seen with Miss Renner, was arrested. but proved an alibi and was released.

Alabama's Cotton Crop. Washington, D. C., (Special).-The agricultural division of the twelfth census has completed its tabulation of the bers of the Civil Service Commission reporting cotton, with an acreage of 3.202.135, producing 1.106,840 commercial bales or the equivalent of 1,093,694 hales of 500 pounds each. The value of this cotton to the farmers, as sold by them, exclusive of the seed, was \$37,-400,508. The cotton ginned reported by the manufactures division for Alabama was 1,078,519 bales of 500 pounds.

Buried Under Molten Sing. Homestead, Pa., (Special).-One man dead and two burned is the result of a party of workmen being buried under a mass of molten slag at the Howard Axle Works here. The dead man was John Ruska, aged 50 years, Homestead. He accident occurred on the cinder dump ack of the company's plant. The victims were engaged in collecting scrap, when a party of workmen at the top of the dump, about 20 feet above, dumped their car over the edge, not knowing that the men were directly beneath them.

Are Eggs Being Cornered. Chicago, (Special). - Local packers are believed to be cornering the egg market, and now have 500,000 cases in cold storage. The combination expects, it is said, to have the market completely under their control before the middle anuary. Conditions are such at this date that prices are advancing rapidly, having gone up to 27 cents from 22 within the past week.

Manila Wants Pacilic Cable. Manila, (By Cable).-The Manila Chamber of Commerce has cabled to President Roosevelt urging that the Pacific cable be laid. The cablegram states that the main object would be an immense increase of the rubber industry of a gift of a farm of 130 acres, valued at \$7,800. The farm is located in Jackson mense increase of the rubber industry of township. The deed granting the donation was filed in the County Recorder's and also economy and the facilitation of

lown Bank Robbed.

Greenville, Iowa, (Special).—Robbers coted the bank here, taking all the money and papers, but the amount in cash is not stated by the bank officials. The vault was blown and the building badly damaged by the explosion. The

Leavenworth, Kan. (Special) - J. B. Waldrupe, a guard at the Fort Leavenworth Military Prison, who was shot in the mutiny at that institution on November 7, died Saturday of his wounds

Mutineers Liable to Charge of Murder.

Sent Out 474,043 Columns. Fort Worth, Texas. (Special).—Mrs. canie Barker Horning, of Illinois, in harge of press work of the W. C. T. W, reports 474,043 columns of temper-ance news sent out during the past year as compared with 30,000 the year be-

Died in Both Tub.

fore.

Altoona, Pa., (Special).—John M, Wilson went to take a bath Saturday morning, was seized with an epileptic convulsions and plunged headforcmost into the tub. Half an hour later be was found lying face downward in six inclies of water, dead.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Cession of Danish Islands.

The negotiations between the United States and Danish Governments relative to the cession to the former of the Dan ish West Indies have been transferred to Washington. The negotiations were initiated by Mr. Swenson, United States Minister to Copenhagen, about three years ago, and later Mr. White, secretary of the embassy at London, took up the work in behalf of the United States.

The transfer to Washington brought about through the desire the Danish Government to place its in-Constantin Brun, Danish Minister here. He spent some time at Copenhagen last summer and returned to Washington recently, prepared to carry forward the negotiations with Secretary Hay. It is earned that within the last few days there has been increased activity in the negotiations, and that material progress has been made toward the completion of a treaty of cession.

Ent More Than They Grow.

Considerable time at the Cabinet meetng Friday was devoted to consideration of the agricultural situation in the

Philippines. Reports received by the War Department indicate vegetables grown there are "running out" and there is immediate ecessity for a general distribution of eed. Secretary Root told the Cabinet that not enough rice, which is the great staple, is grown there to meet local con-

Secretary Wilson will send one of the department's experts with assistants to the islands to investigate the situation. It is expected that many things not here-tofore grown there can be produced. The seed will be distributed gratis.

It is understood that the President,

in his message, will make no direct recommendation on the subject of taxation. The situation will be laid before Congress and its attention called to the recommendations of Secretary Gage.

Extension of Civil Service. About 200 employees in the executive branch of the rural free delivery service of the Postoffice Department will be brought into the civil service by order of President Roosevelt which, it is understood, will be issued within a week or two. These employees are clerks, special agents and inspectors. The 6,000 rural free delivery throughout the country will brought into the civil service under the some order, but they will be taken in at some later date. Their civil service status is likely to be somewhat different from that of those first included, though the form of the regulations governing them has not yet been passed No Solution of the Murder Mystery at

Paris Green on Plants. At the recent second session of the minual convention of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, at the Columbian University, the subjects of liquor and food adulteration, nitrogen, insecticides, cider fermentation and dairy products were discussed.

There was a long report on insecti-cides which recommended the continu-ance of present methods for determining the presence of formaldehyde in compounds. This led to lively debate re-garding the use of paris green as an insecticide, the injury to plants and the use of lime as a possible preventive of this injury. It was finally agreed that lime lessens the injury, but does not al-

together overcome it.

May Examine Rural Postmen. Superintendent A. W. Machen, of th free delivery system of the Postoffice Department, conferred with the memrelative to the proposition to transfer the rural free delivery branch to the classified service. There are now between 6,000 and 7,000 persons employed in this work, and members of the comials alike almost decided should be embraced within the classified

service. No decision was reached.

Won the Only Gold Medal. The only gold medal authorized by Congress for heroic conduct during the Spanish War was forwarded to Lieut. Frank H. Newcomb, at Patchogue, N. Y. Lieutenant Newcomb commanded the revenue cutter Hudson and rescued the officers and crew of the torpedo boat Winslow, off Cardenas, Cuba, during the action of May 11, 1898. The medal contains about \$750 worth of gold.

Given Dignity by the New Bock. The Navy Department has given the naval establishment at Algiers, La., the title of "Naval Station, Algiers, La." This station has been known as the "Naval Reservation, Algiers, La," but with dock of its class in the world, built at Sparrows Point, Md., and the numerous

other improvements comes the added dignity of the title of "Naval Station."

Monitors to Stay Near Manile. The coast defense monitors Monterey and Monadnock, sent to the Philippines soon after the victory of Manila bay, are to be kept in these waters indefinitely. Both are powerful fighting
craft and were sent to Manila to
strengthen the American fleet when it
was feared a Spanish fleet would try
to recapture Manila. They are of shallow draft and just the kind of ships
suited for Phillippine waters.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue decided that articles subject to internal revenue tax when consumed in

ternal revenue tax when consumed in this country are subject to this tax when they are shipped to the Philippines.

Hitchcock Disbars a Lawyer. Secretary Hitchcock has disbarred William C. Buderus, an attorney of Sturgis, S. D., from practicing before the Interior Department because it is al-

eged he said after the assassination of

President McKinley: "I am glad of it, and I hope he will die, as there will be one more tyrant less." Capital News in General. The remains of Major Adam Kramer, U. S. A., were buried in Arlington Cemctery with military honors.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue decided that beer manufactured in the United States and shipped to the Philippines is subject to the Internal revenue tax. The only gold medal authorized by act of Congress for heroism during the Spanish War was forwarded to Lieut Frank Newcomb, of the revenue cutter

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Latest News Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIST OF GRANTED. PENSIONS

Media Cripple Could Not Escape From Burning House and Was Cremated-Eighteen Pennsylvania Corporations Increase Their Stock During October -- Norwood Man Under Ball for Setting Fire to a Barn.

Pensions granted Pennsylvanians; James B. Wilkins, Broadtop, \$12; Isaac Byers, New Eagle, \$10; Robert Jack, Allenport, \$8; Henry Bevilhamer, Saeg-erstown, \$8; John Glover, Meyersdale, \$12; Samuel Plank, Shade Valley, \$8; Frank Hulick, Oakdale, \$8; Madison McLaughlin, Davis, \$10; John Richards, Wampun, \$8; Gerrit Heering, Meyers-dale, \$12; Lewis Cruse, Hollodaysburg, \$8; Adam Manges, Hillsview, \$12; Anne Young, Flegers, \$8; Jeanette Moody. Young, Flegers, \$8; Jeanette Moody,

The prosperity that has come upon Pennsylvania is again shown by the documents in the State Department. Corporations all over the State are increasing the amount of their capital stock or the amount of their capital stock for the purpose of enlarging their business. The following were the increases luring October: Carnegie Tube Company, Pittsburg, from \$150,000 to \$300,000; Coal Bluff Co., Pittsburg, from \$1,000 to \$300,000; Saxman Coal & Coke Co., atrobe, from nothing to \$100,000; Brown Zortman Machinery Company, Pittsarg. from \$25,000 to \$100,000; ille Water Company, from nothing to 75,000; Chartiers Trust Company, Me-Kee's Rocks, from \$1,000 to \$200,000; Haugh & Keenan Storage and Transfer Company, Pittsburg, from nothing to \$75,000; Keystone Car Wheel Company, Pittsburg, from \$200,000 to \$400,000; Sharon Coke Company, from \$10,000 to \$4,000,000; Early Dawn Creamery Company, Pittsburg, from \$1,000 to \$50,000; Philadelphia Foundry & Machine Com-Philadelphia Foundry & Machine Company, from \$1,000 to \$75,000; Columbia Plate Glass Company, Pittsburg, from nothing to \$50,000; Columbia Bewing Company, from nothing to \$80,000; Huron Coal Company, Greensburg, from nothing to \$50,000; Brownville Glass nothing to \$50,000: Brownville Glass Company, from nothing to \$70,000; Brownsville Manufacturing Company, from \$1,000 to \$125,000: National Cable & Wire Company, Pittsburg, from \$11,000 to \$500,000; Waynesburg Water Company, from nothing to \$100,000. Only one company has reduced its capital, the Relay Manufacturing Company, of Reading from \$100,000 to \$500. This of Reading, from \$100,000 to \$100. This was done because of a merger with another company, and for the purpose of reducing the tax on capital stock.

While sitting alone in her home and unable to move from her chair, Mrs. Maggie Dougherty, of Rockdale, aged 60, and a cripple, was burned to death. Mrs. Dougherty had been an invalid for 20 years, and it had been her custom to stay alone in her house during the day while her husband was at work. man neighbor saw smoke coming from the building, which was a three-story frame structure, and, hurrying to the house to rescue Mrs. Dougherty, found the door locked, and she was unable to get in. The building was soon enveloped in flames, and piercing shrieks could be heard from within, but no one was able to aid the unfortunate woman.

A large stone mansion on East Court street, Doylestown, belonging to Joseph Mekeal, of Philadelphia, formerly the Shellenberger property, was sold to the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf. The society will conduct a home for the aged deaf. This will be the only institution of the kind in the State, and there are said to be in the State, and there are said to be only two others in existence, one in New York and one in Ohio.

For nine years Benjamin Christine lived in New Castle as the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Liebenderfer, without knowing that his mother also lived in New Castle. The boy recently learned of his mother's whereabouts, and as a result the Court set aside the de-tree of adomion and mother and son vere united.

The station of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company at West Woods was broken into and the intruders tore up all tickets and pasteboard baggage checks on hand, and threw them into the stove. Charged with setting fire to the barn

of H. B. Ward, at Prospect Park, which was destroyed on November 3, Thomas Alexander, of Norwood, was held in \$1,500 bail by Alderman Smith at Ches-As William H. Newcomer, of Hickory Grove, was working in a field, he was suddenly bereft of sight in his right eye, the formation of a blood clot destroying

in Silverman's jewelry store at Shenan-deah, grabed a tray containing three gold and three silver watches and ran G. Wilson Smoyer, of Allentown, who, it is alleged, attempted to poison his parents several weeks ago by putting

A thief broke a plate glass window

arsenic in their coffee, was acquitted in court on the ground of insanity. A. C. Fulmer, proprietor of the Mey-ersdale Electric Light Works, sold the establishment to H. J. Wilmoth, of Mey-

ersdale, for \$30,000. Ross Springman died at Williamsport of lockjaw. Two weeks ago while carrying a ladle of molten brass he tripped and fell into the metal which he spilled. Hearst Frederick's 8-year-old son, George, while attempting to jump from a wagon at Selimsgrove fell under the wheels and was crushed to death.

John Runko, a miner, of Enterprise, has notified the police that robbers tered his house and stole \$1,400. secreted the money at home rather than deposit it in banks, because he lost \$700 by a bank failure twenty years ago.

John Landers, aged 38 years, of Lan-caster, committed suicide by hanging himself at the County Hospital. Mrs. Mary Neiman, of North Cov-entry, who spent Sunday visiting her son, Milton Neiman, of Pottstown, fell dead on her return home as she was

about to enter her gate. Fire in the livery stable of F. Koche-nour, in the upper end of Harrisburg, destroyed the stable, with ten horses and many carriages, and also three dwelling-houses, were burned, and two dwellings were badly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Mrs. Carrie Emegh was arrested in Allentown for sprinkling salt and water in a neighbor's yard. She says she did it to ward off bad luck.

Milton N. Bernhart, member of the State House of Representatives from Lehigh county from 1891 to 1894, died at his home in Allentown, aged 55 years.

The barn of Anderw Porter, of Pine Grove Township, was burned together with the season's crops, three horses, four cows and farming implements.

William Stebbins, a two-year-old boy, fell into a sewer sump at Berwick and was unconscious from the effects of gat when researed by Mrs. Robert Good.