## **NELL CROPSEY'S** DEATH UNSOLVED

The Testimony of the Physicians Not Convincing.

DOUBT THAT THE GIRL WAS KILLED.

Dr. Lumsden Declines to Testify ra Expert. Declaring He Is Unable to Olve Expert Testimony Concerning a Dead Body That Had Been in the Water 37 Days.

Elizabeth City, N. C. (Special) .- The Wilcox trial grows more interesting each day. The State, so far, has not made out a clear case of murder, although the majority of the people here believe that she was the victim of foul play. Though Drs. Fearing and Wood both expressed the opinion that the death of Neilie Cropsey was caused by a blow on the left side of the head, the defense has succeeded in creating an impression that the evidence against the drowning theory is not sufficient.

Some people go so far as to say that Mr. Aydlett will ask the judge to dismiss the case on the ground that the State has failed to prove that the girl

Dr. W. J. Lumsden, one of the leading physicians of this section of the State, gave the prosecution a hard blow when he refused to testile. he refused to testify as an expert, giving as his reason that he did not consider himself qualified to give expert testihimself qualified to give expert testi-mony in a case where a person had been dead and in the water 37 days. He was not on the stand more than two minutes, but he as good as said that all symptoms were worthless in such cases.

While there still is feeling against Wilcox among the people hereabouts they realize that the prosecution is fighting in close quarters. The evidence of a very uncertain character.

#### STEAMER LOST, CREW MISSING.

#### Lobster Fishermen Find Wreckage of the Steamer Tiber.

Halifax, N. S. (Special.)-A dispatch received here from Canso announces that the wreck of the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Tiber has been found off White Point ledges, five miles west of Canso. The news was brought to Canso by lobster fishermen. The steamer is below the water and pieces of wood and other wreckage floating about led to the discovery.

No trace of the members of the crew has been found and it is likely they have

has been found, and it is likely they have perished. The steamer left Louisburg. C. B., on February 26 with a cargo of 1,900 tons of coal for Halifax, and nothing more was heard of her until March 3, when some wreckage and life buoys from the steamer was found in the vicinity of Whitehead.

#### Seven Men lajured by an Explosion.

Huntington, W. Va., (Special).-Tom Edwards and William Strank were probbly fatally injured in an explosion of a steam boiler at a grist mill at Blue Sul-phur, a village, to miles from here, and ave other men were slightly hurt. The cause of the explosion is not definitely mown, but is supposed to have resulted from the flues getting too hot for lack of sufficient water. Edwards is a loco-motive engineer and runs one of the Chesapeake and Ohio fast express trains and owns the mill.

#### Miss Stone Grateful.

Salonica (By Cable) .- A press representative here has received a letter from Miss Stone, the American missionary, in which she expresses her surprise and gratitude at the universal manifestations of joy at the release of herself and Mme. Tsilka. Miss Stone also conveys her heartfeit thanks to all those who by their labor, their money and their prayers co-operated to the release of her-

### Two Powder Mills Explode.

Columbus, Kan. (Special.)-Two mills of the Laffin and Rand pewder works, four miles north of this city, exploded with terrific force. Walter Reid, a workman, was killed and several others were injured. Many thousand dollars' worth of property was de-stroyed. The explosion was plainly felt 30 miles away.

### A Russo-German Treaty.

London (By Cable).-A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Central News says that M. de Witte, Russian Minister of Finance, in conjunction with the German Ambassador, Count von Al-vensleben, has completed the draft of a commercial treaty, the substance of commercial treaty, the substance of which has already been approved by the Government at Berlin

### Help for a Southern School.

Danville, Ky., (Special).-President W. C. Roberts, of Central University, and the committee in charge announce that they have been successful in raising a fund of \$25,000 in order to meet fered to the endowment fund of Central University by Thomas H. Swope, of Kansas City, Mo.

### American Claims In China.

Pakin, (By Cable) .- The United States Minister, Mr. Conger, has commissioned Messra. Bainbridge and Ragsdale (the latter is the United States consul at Tientain) to adjust the indemnity claims of Americans, approximating \$2,000,000

### Cholera at Hengkong,

Manila, (By Cable) .- Owing to cholera at Hongkong, a quarantine of five days will be enforced against all vessels arriving here from that port.

## Dwelling Collapses.

Philadelphia (Special.) -A three-story brick dwelling at Randolph and Master streets, in the northeastern section of the city, collapsed while the six occupants were asleep. Mrs. Rosa Le-Maire, a boarder, who occupied the third-story front room, was the only person severely injured. She was carried from the top floor to the cellar and beach, because the state of the collar and the collapse of the cellar and the cellar an barried beneath the debris, being badly braised and lacerated. Herman Ehinger, his wife and three children escaped with slight injuries. Heavy rains had undermined the building.

### Torpedo Factory Blows Up.

Cleveland, (Special) .-- An explosion in the powder-mixing department of the Fairmount Manufacturing Company resulted in the death of Anna Fritz, a 17year-old girl, and the serious injury of Miss Christine Smitzer, Miss Kittie Howard and Frank Groch, who will issue of new phone & Telegraph Company.

In the accident. The front of the two-stery frame building was blown completely out, and the plant burned out by fire, which followed the explusion. The company manufactured railroad torpe-company manufactured railroad torpe-is now raised to \$32 a ton.

# THE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Domestic. The National City Bank of New York paid out \$21,500,000 dividends of the Standard Oil and Consolidated Gas Com-

Mrs. Brooks, in a New York court, testified that Florence Burns said she would shoot Walter Brooks if he did not The factory owners at Fall River,

Mass., have agreed to the 10 per cent. in-crease in wages demanded by the strik-

While speaking to a miners' conven-tion at Dea Moines, Iowa, President John Mitchell was taken suddenly ill. Gen. W. S. Smith states that the steel framework in many of Chicago's sky-scrapers is corroding and the buildings nay soon become dangerous. A new volcano is reported to have urst forth near Kenal, on Cook In-

burst forth let, Alaska. Notices were posted at the collieries of the Reading Company in the Hazleton district that the present scale would be

continued for another year.

Edward Butler, a prominent St. Louis politician, was arrested on a bench warrant charging him with offering a bribe. rie was released on bail.

Henry Clark and Emmet Brown, col-ored, were arrested in Alexandria, Va., suspicion of having of having murdered Mr. Lafe Yerkey, of Flint, W. Va., bene suddenly insane and buried a schet in his wife's head and then cut

Cauffman Stoner, an old-time stage ver, died from a paralytic stroke at s home, near Shippensburg, Pa. Mrs. O. L. Benson, of Petersburg, Va.

ittempted to commit suicide by cutting ler own throat with a carving knife. Martin J. Klausdigger had himself hipped from Kansas City to Chicago as sack of potatoes on a wager. Six deaths occurred on the transport

Sheridan, which arrived at San Fran-cisco from Manila. Mrs. Alice Stover shot and killed her husband, John T. Stover, in self-defense, in New York.

The strike of the weavers has extended the Anchor Mills, in Pascoag, R. I. Largely through the influence of Gov nor Crane, the strike leaders in Bos-n have recommended that the men reurn to work, pending results of the ernor's efforts to secure concessions rom the transportation companies. Major General David S. Stanley, re-

tired, who fought in many campaigns and was a corps commander during the Civil War, died at the age of 73 years in

Washington.
Governor Odell, of New York, instructed his appointee. Sheriff Dilke, to
of relief is yet in sight. use force, if necessary, to evict Guden, who holds on to his office. Arthur Bathhurst, who attempted to shoot Miss Minnie Gohn in York, Pa.

was arrested on the charge of attempted The transport Sheridan arrived at San

Francisco, Cal., with soldiers from Ma-nila, including a number of sick and in-Andrew J. Watrous, a well-known newspaper writer, committed suicide, in

Nearly \$3,000,000 is pledged for the use of the medical school at Harvard.

Foreign. Russian students drew up a declara-ion of demands for civil liberty. Count Tolstoi, in a letter to a Swedish mmittee, calls money a curse. Baron d'Estournelle de Constant,

French diplomat, is enthusiastic over his visit to America and highly praises President Roosevelt.

A wooden hoat, supposed to be nearly 2.000 years old, was dug up in County Capt. B. D. Greene and Col. John F. Gaynor, who are in Quebec, have en-

gaged some of the most noted lawyers in Canada to oppose their extradition. Field Marshal Lord Wolseley sails for lape Town to advise Lord Kitchener, and probably direct British operations imself in South Africa. Lady Methuen. wife of the wounded General Methuen

a passenger on the same steamer. Mrs. Conger, wife of the United States inister at Pekin, assisted by ladies of the American legation, entertained 11 princesses—another departure from the exclusiveness of the Chinese court.

ncess Alice of Albany started from The Hague for Berlin, and it is reported she will be betrothed to Frederick Wil-

Crown Prince of Germany. The French government may send war ships over to participate in the exercises when the Rochambeau statue is dedicated in Washington.

The Lower House of the Danish Parliament approved the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

Francis Hope, of England, he petitioning creditors' claim being £4,000.

Boer Commandant Mentz, with his men, broke through a British blockhouse

line at Gothenburg. The North German Lloyd announced an increase of 10 per cent, in steerage

Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary, announced in Parliament that General Methuen, captured wounded by the Boers, had been released by General De-larcy. Timothy Healy, Irish Nationalst, suggested that the government show magnanimity to Commandant

Members of the councils of Southampton and Batterscalorough, England, oppose appropriations for coronation festivities, two councilmen of Battersea declaring that the King was a mere figurehead, and it did not matter which in dividual occupied the throne

The Spanish Cabinet resigned and Premier Sagasta declined the Queen Regent's invitation to form a new one, to include all the sections of the Liberal

Flanncial Rock Island has declared regular quar terly dividend of 1/4 per cent., payable

The principal movements of currency this week indicate that the banks have lost \$6,026,800. Pennsylvania Railroad new bonds are

quoted at 105 to 12. \$70,000 changed hands at 105 and interest. The directors of the United Shoe Ma-chine Company have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. on preferred and 2 per cent. on common stock, payable April 15.

American Agricultural Chemical has the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, on the preferred stock, payable April 1.

Lyman J. Gage, president of the Union Trust Company, of New York, has been elected a director of the Chicago Title It is said that there are no plans under

consideration looking to an immediate issue of new stock by the American Telephone & Telegraph Company.

# BIG BLIZZARD IN THE NORTHWEST

Transcontinental Trains Snow-Bound

on Three Lines.

ALL BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL Every Effort is Being Made by the Road to Keep Its Passengers Who Are Snowbound Warm and Well Fed, and for This Reason

St. Paul, Minn., (Special).-North Dakota and the Canadian Northwest are experiencing the worst snowstorm in many years and railroad traffic is practically paralyzed. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern have not moved a wheel for nearly 36 hours in the blizzard-stricken district and have abandoned all efforts to run trains until the fury of the storm abates.

the Accommodations Are Good.

The high wind has piled the snow it the mountains and packed it in solid masses, many deep cuts being entirely filled. The temperature has been gradually falling and is now at or below the zero mark. Not a trans-continental train has arrived at St. Paul since Friday, and ne is expected for several days. effort is being made by the road to keep its passengers who are snowbound warm and well fed. For this reason trains are ng held at stations where the account modations are good rather than attempt to get them through, with a possibility of being tied up between stations. The Red River Valley division of the North-ern Pacific between Frankfort and Winpeg. Manitoba, has been entirely aban-med. The telegraph wires have been

carried down by the burden of sleet that preceded the heavy snowfall.

The Great Northern is tied up entirely between Grand Forks and Williston, N. D. a distance of about 35 miles, and all wires have been lost beyond Fargo. All communication by wire with Western Dakota and Montana points has been

The branch of the Great Northern running to Winnipeg is also tied up. No trains have been started northward since Friday wight, and those that were caugh on the road by the storm have been id at the station near the border.

Winnipeg is reported entirely cut off from railroad communication with the outside world. The Canadian Pacific trans-continental trains are snowhound somewhere west of there and no prospect

#### M'KINLEY MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE It is a Fine Piece of Work, Nine by Eleven Inches to Size.

Cleveland, Ohio (Special),-At neeting of the executive committee of the National McKinley Memorial Association, held here, the design for the contributors' certificate submitted by a New York firm was accepted and much other business of a routine nature transacted. The certificate will be printed from engraved plates upon fine card-board, suitable for framing. The design is very handsome, being 9 by 11 nches in size. In addition to the scroll work it contains a fine picture of the late President, the White House and

he McKinley home at Canton. The report of the treasurer, Myron Herrick, showed that the fund for the monument is rapidly increasing, the contributions received during February eing larger than for any month since

organization of the association. The following members of the executive committee were present at the meeting: Judge William R. Day, Canton; George B. Cortelyou, Washington; Wm. A. Lynch, Canton, Ohio; William Mc-Conway, Pittsburg; Ryerson Ritchie, Claveland.

### Judge Confesses He Is a Defaulter.

A displite has arisen between the municipality of Lyons, France, and the
United States consult here, on account of
an attempt to impose certain new taxes
upon that official

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that there was no way in which he could mitted to prison to expiate his crime. Justice Scripture refused to do this. He adjourned the matter for 30 days and requested that Stone make an effort to have someone indorse his note and make good the money which was due.

### Chatham Swept by Fire.

Danville, Va., (Special).-Fire broke ut in the store of J. P. Hunt, at Chatiam, the county seat of Pittsylvania, and spread with such rapidity that \$20,000 ture. worth of property was swept away in a to be nothing more than oxide of iron, to be nothing more than oxide oxide iron, to be nothing more than oxide iron, to be nothing \$1,000; Hotel Bennett and stables, \$7,000; two stores of W. R. Fitzgerald, alue not stated, and several small dwell-The town is without a fire depart-11位5。 ent and the people were powerless to

poosed to the sale of the Danish West ment. dies to the United States, seems inlined to delay consideration of the renty. He has called the first meeting f the Landsthing for April 10. The that the delay is considered discourteous to the United States. It is thought that a few of the President's own party will support the government, thus insuring the ratification of the treaty without a debiscite by a small majority.

### Open Switch Caused Wreck.

Knox, Ind., (Special).-The westwitch resulting in a disastrous wreck, erary, charitable or educational char hree persons were severely injured. The train was running at high speed when it collided with a number of freight cars that were standing on a side track The baggage coach was torn to pieces, and the engine and six freight cars were piled in a heap, which was completely destroyed by fire.

### Sagasta Keeps in Power.

Madrid (By Cable).—Queen Regent Maria Cristina has commissioned Premier Sagasta to form a new Cabinet. She called upon Senor Sagasta to reconstruct the ministry only after she found it impossible to induce the sectional leaders to attempt the fornation

bookmaking, etc.

Secretary Hay wrote a letter to Representative Hitt stating that the State Department had not refused to grant passports to Dr. Thomas and his wife for their mission to South Africa.

Rockefeller has offered to give \$25,000 to the endowment fund of William Jewell College provided \$75,000 additional is for standing in the way of the Dr. Thomas mission to the Boers in the conficials say the \$100,000 will be obtained to making that the State Department had not refused to grant passports to Dr. Thomas and his wife for their mission to South Africa.

Representative Cochran made a fierce attack in the House on Secretary Hay for standing in the way of the Dr. Thomas mission to the Boers in the conficials say the \$100,000 will be obtained.

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS,

For Three New States.

**BRITISH TROOPS** 

- THROWN INTO PANIC

Lord Kitchener Sends More Details of

Methuen's Defeat.

GEN. DELAREY A CHIVALROUS FOE.

Is Confirmed That Most of the Boers

Wore British Khaki Uniforms Many of

Them Also Wore British Badges-Even at

Close Quarters They Could Not Be Distin

London, (By Cable) .- The War Of-

fice has received the following communi-

ation from Lord Kitchener, at Pretoria:

"Lord Methuen has sent me a staff of-

icer with a dictated dispatch, from which

it appears that certain particulars pre-

viously given are inaccurate. The rear

screen of mounted troops was rushed and

overwhelmed at dawn. There was a gap

of a mile between the ox and the mule

convoys. The mounted supports to the

rear of the screen, with General Meth-

uen, immediately reinforced by all the

"In the meanwhile 200 infantry were

being disposed by Lord Methuen to re-sist the Boer attack, which was out-flanking the left of the rear guard. The

on the infantry, got completely out of

Lord Methuen, with 200 of the North-

namely, 100 of the Lancashires, with some 40 mounted men, mostly Cape po-

against the repeated attacks of the Boers. "By this time Lord Methuen was

wounded and the casualties were exceed-ingly great among his men. Their am-munition was mostly expended and the surrender was made at about 9,30 in the

and did not give in until two guns and a pompon were brought to bear upon them

at about 10 o'clock, making their position

"It is confirmed that most of the Boers

fore our khaki uniforms. Many also

It is clear the infantry fought well

wore our badges. Even at close quar-ters they could not be distinguished from

LYDDITE A BOOMERANG.

as the Enemy.

London, (By Cable).-The extraordi-

nary effect of lyddite is revealed by the

statement that in the recent experiments

with the hulk of the old battleship Belle

Isle shells containing that explosive re-

American Ladies Entertain Chinese.

Pekin, (By Cable) .- Mrs. Conger,

legation and of the missions, entertained at Tiffin 11 princesses and ladies of the court. This departure from the exclu-

siveness of the Chinese court is quite unprecedented. The Dowager Empress

Automatic River Gauge.

Chattanooga, Tenn., (Special).--Cable

and other supplies have arrived in this

city for the construction of the test au-

tomatic river gauge, which is to be placed

eral introduction by the government.

Battle With Bondits.

Bowling Green, O., (Special) .- Barri-

caded in his house, John Dries, a wealthy

farmer of this county, two sons and sev-

eral farmers who had come to their assistance, fought a battle with rifles with

several men who had attempted to rob

McKipley Monument Fund.

Chicago, Ill., (Special).-Alexander

H. Revell, chairman of the Illinois Auxiliary of the McKinley Memorial Asso-

ciation, reports contributions to the mon-ument fund to date amounting to \$33,053.

an increase of \$2,446 over the previous

Orphan Asylum Danieged by Fire.

Denver, Col., (Special).—St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, situated in the northern

remain unbroken

sent her greetings and expressed the hope impur that the kindly relations established will Dulce

party in the kraal still held out

lice, who had occupied the kraal near wagons, also continued to hold

guished From the English Troops.

The House Committee on Territories avorably reported a bill providing Statehood for the Territories of Okla

oma, New Mexico and Arizona. homa, New Mexico and Arizona.

It is the intention of the members of this committee, when the bill is considered in the House, to change the name of the Territory of New Mexico. This is not provided for in the bill, but an amendment will be offered to that effect. Representative William S. Knox, chairman of the committee, is among those who believe that the name should be changed. He does not think that any State in the Union should bear a name identified with that of any Latin country Trains Are Being Held at Stations Where identified with that of any Latin country ggestions have been made regarding a w name, but none has yet been agreed ipon. Among the names mentioned are Montezuma" and "Lincoln." The latter favorably impresses many members

The bill will embrace the three Territories, taking the place of a separate bill for each.

# New Chinese Legation Home

The Chinese Imperial Government will ave a legation building of its own in

available mounted troops and a section of the Thirty-eighth Battery, maintained themselves for an hour in the kral in which the convoys were close upon with-Washington. Before Minister Wu Ting-fang was ccredited to this country the legation ccupied a massive brownstone building n Columbia Heights. The present Min-ster's taste ran to white stone, and leokng around for a residence he obtained the beautiful and massive stone structure the southeast corner of Eighteenth and streets. Deeds were placed on record Boers pressed that attack hard, and the mounted troops, attempting to fall back of Nineteenth street extended and mon avenue from Julia T. Peck and M. Ely to the Chinese Government hand, carrying away with them in the rout the bulk of the infantry. Two a legation site. The price paid was

guns of the Thirty-eighth Battery were thus left unprotected, but continued in action until every man, with the exception of Lieutenant Neshan, was list. Lieutenant Neshan was called on to surrender, and upon refusing to do so was billed. There recently has been a boom among gations in this direction. The French overnment bought one of the finest sees of property in the city for a new abassy and plans for the building are w being prepared in Paris by one of the national architects. For a while there was talk of other legations clubbing to-gether and building separate buildings upon an entire block. umberland Fusileers and two guns of the Fourth Battery, then found himself isolated, but held on for three hours. During this period the remaining infantry,

#### To Retain Census Clerks.

By a vote of 5 to 4 the House Committee on Census directed that the bill drawn by Representative Hay, of Virginia, be reported, amending section 5 of the recently passed permanent Census act, by peremptorily placing all of the employees of the Census Office who were on the rolls on March 7, 1902, except unskilled laborers, in the classified serv-

The purpose of the measure is to re tain in the government service the large number of census employees who would be discharged under the construction which the executive branch of the gov-ernment has placed on section 5 of the

#### Pure-Food Legislation.

Jay Miller, of Chicago, concluded his statement on pure-food legislation before the House Committee on Commerce, and Robert H. Moses, of New York, spoke for the National Confectioners' Association in favor of a pure candy provision.

It is clear the intantry fought well and the artillery kept up the traditions of the regiment. In addition to the 40 members of the Cape police already mentioned, a few parties of imperial yeomanny and Cape police continued to hold their ground after the panic had swept the bulk of the mounted troops off the field.

Miller held that stringent national legislation was not necessary, as the States were regulating the matter, but if there is to be Federal law, he argued, Friendly Vessels Almost as Much in Danger should be confined to the prevention transportation of deleterius arti-

Mr. Moses said the confectionery ause of the Hepburn bill is satisfactory to the confectionery interests.

Hosiery and Knit Goods. The Census Bureau has issued the fol- fracted fragments upon the attacking veslowing preliminary report regarding the sels, which were 300 yards distant. Other transportation lines or modes of convey manufacture of hosiery and knit goods in the United States in 1900, with persituated 2,000 yards abeam of the line of centage of increase since 1890. Number fire. Utica, N. Y. (Special.)—John D. F. of establishments 921, increase 16 per Stone, a prominent lawyer and until a cent.; capital \$81,800,604, increase 62 per cent.; wage-carners, average number 83,387, increase 40 per cent.; total wages city, appeared before Supreme Court Justice Scripture, at the Justice's chamcellaneous expense \$6,599,865, increase Justice's chamcellaneous expense \$6,599,865, increase hers in Rome, and announced that he 82 per cent.; cost of materials used \$51. A dispute has arisen between the musicipality of Lyons, France, and the

"Red Albumen" for Hens. The Postoffice Department issued a fraud order against the United States wife of the United States minister here. Salyx Company, of New Concord, O., assisted by the ladies of the American to prevent that concern using the mails in connection with an alleged scheme to defraud farmers and others in the sale

defraud farmers and others in the sale to them of a mixture "guaranteed to make hens lay more eggs in the winter."

The company advertised a "red album," which, it was alleged, would do the work. Samples of the stuff were analyzed by the Department of Agriculture. The egg food, it is said, proved to be nothing were those said.

A committee of representatives of printing crafts talked with the President and handed him a memerial requesting that the ruling of the Postoffice Departin the Tennessee river here by Observer W. M. Fulton, of the Knoxville station. It will be the first gauge of the kind ever constructed, and the workings will be tested for a year before attempting general introduction by the government. ment barring from the mails certain Would Delay the Trenty.

Copenhagen, (Special).—The president of the Landsthing, Dr. Matzen, who is copposed to the sale of the Danish West

### Cavite Marines to Be Relieved.

Washington.-The Navy Department has made arrangements to have a battal-ion of marines go to Cavite, P. I., to relieve the present battalion, which has been there for some time. Major Paul deputies, all heavily armed, arrived later, St. C. Murphy will be in command of the detachment until its arrival at Guam, off without booty. The bandits exdetachment until its arrival at Guam, off without booty. The bandits ex-where he will assume command of the changed shot for shot with the men in where he will assume command of the

## Two Civil War Monitors Sold.

Senator McComas, of Maryland, in-troduced a bill authorizing the refundound Nickel-Plate passenger train due ing of internal revenue taxes paid on legthe encouragement of art un der the War Revenue Act

## Check on Gambling by Wire.

Representative Gillett, of Massachu-setts, introduced a bill to "protect State anti-gambling laws from nullification through interstate gambling by telegraph

bookmaking, etc.

# part of the city, was badly damaged by fire. There were 200 orphans in the in-stitution. All were rescued unharmed. Capital News in General

Earthquake in New Jersey. Representative Gillett introduced a bill protect State antigambling laws from New York, (Special) - William A Eddy, a weather observer, of Bayonni ullification through interstate gambling he bill prohibits the sending of dis N. J., reported that a slight earthquake shock was noticeable in Bayonne. The vibrations were recorded on his seismo-graphs, but were only slightly perceptible patches designed to promote poolselling,

statement.

## BLOODY IN COLOMBIA.

PENNSYLVANIA nsurgents Showed Desperate Valor in Agus Duice Battle. Panama, (By Cable).-The govern-

welcomes ever witnessed in Panama.

killed within three feet of the entrench

PHILIPPINES FOR FILIPINOS.

Insular Possessions.

is substantially the same as the

modified bill submitted by the Pacific coast committee, only a few verbal cor-rections having been made.

A point which occasioned much consideration by the commission was whether or not Chinese should be excluded from the Philippines, or whether the whole question should be left to the Philippines.

Philippine commission. The committee

te exclusion, taking the ground that he United States wanted to retain the

Philippines for the Filipinos, and that

the latter were as much opposed to the admission of Chinese as were the Ameri-

Another section of the bill about which the committee debated at length was that of excluding Chinese sailors from ships of American register. This provision also was retained in the bill.

but with a proviso to the effect that in case of accident, stress of weather or

serious illness the captain of a vessel may

ship a Chinese crew for the voyage upon which he may have entered.

remain practically the same in effect There are also verbal changes in the pro

vision concerning the detention of Chi-nese who seek entry at American ports and the following penalty is provided for failure to observe this provision:

"Every person bound under this sec-tion to detain a Chinese person who shall refuse or wilfully neglect promptly to perform such duty shall be deemed

guilty of a felony, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than

\$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, or by im-prisonment for a term not less than one

year, or by both such fine and imprison

The paragraph concerning the return of Chinese is changed so as to read as

"The duty of returning said Chinese

person is hereby imposed on the master owner, consignee or agent of the vessel.

and on the railway corporation, its gen

eral officers and agents, and on the own

ance, collectively and severally, bringing him to the port at which entry is denied

Gen. Jose Ramiroz Killed.

Panama, Colombia (By Cable).--It is

the revolutionists on Agua Dulce, February 20, Gen. Jose Antonio Ramiroz was killed. His death is deplored by

the liberals, as he was one of their best leaders. News has also been received

here that during the retreat of the gov

ernment troops under General Castro from Agua Dulce, he defeated 300 revo-

lutionists under General Lorenzo, who

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS.

officers killed in recent engagements.

f his fortune to charities.

government troops suffered terribly from impure drinking water while at Agua

The bankers' commission at Pekin ac

Portuguese government troops

In another fight between Russian troops and Tunguses in Manchuria 200 of the latter were killed.

The board of directors of the Penn-

sylvania Railroad Company authorized the issue of \$50,000,000 worth of deben-

At New York Col. R. C. Clowry, vice-

president and general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company

was elected president, succeeding Tho-

The steamer City of Providence cap-sized in the Mississippi river at Davis Bend and 21 people were drowned.

A thief got into Rev. Dr. Peters' ouse, in New York, and secured the

Eckert, retired.

liet theater.

Island of Samar.

The Colombian revolutionists had 32

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The provisions regarding the privilege

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ment Generals Castro and Ortiz arrived The Latest Happenings Gleaned From here from the Agua Dulce campaign and All Sources. received one of the most enthusiastic

BRIEFLY TOLD.

FLOODS RESULT IN MANY SUITS. The crowds in the streets leading to the railroad station made traffic almost mpassable. Cheers for the generals were

Twenty Berks County Farmers Claim Damages, Declaring Along the Schuvikill Were Ruined -Deep Deposit of Coal Dirt-High Winds Causes Flames to Spread Rapidly at Skippack-Amputated a Thigh In 58 Seconds.

deafening.

Referring to the engagement at Agua Dulce, February 20, General Castro said that the government troops, numbering 800 men, were attacked by 3,000 revolutionists. On the third day of the fighting both drinking water and ammunition in Agua Dulce became scarce, and General Castro ordered his troops to retreat. To do this the government forces had to break through the rebel lines.

General Castro says he knows positive-These patents were granted Pennsyl-mians: Cyrus M. Carnaham, Alle-heny, car truck; Ulysus G. Crampton, gheny, car truck; Ulysus G. Crampton, Tyrone, soap holder for shaving cups; George H. Fernald, North East, thill coupling; Frank L. Fleishman, Allegheny, calculating machine; Matthew Griswold, Jr., Eric, tumbling machine; John W. Househerger, Pittsburg, door strip; Washington D. Keyes, Kittanning, apparatus for delivering glass; John H. Koons, Waynesboro, lifting jack; Wm. J. McCauslin, New Castle, hominy huller and washer; John Metcalfe and T. Bell, Roscoe, thread holder; Jesse R. Oakley, Homestead, wood working machine; Robert S. Pollard, Pittsburg, device for operating blast furnace snort valves; William Roberbacher and R. Weddell, Daquesne, combination coffee and tea pot; Harry R. Rose, Allegheny, fire door; Noah Q. Speer, Pittsburg, sand drier; Fritz O. Stromborg, Pittsburg, feed table for sheet rolls; James D. Swindell, Pittsburg, conveyor for roll-General Castro says he knows positive that of the forces under the revolutionary General Herrera over 700 were killed or wounded. He characterized the ravery of the revolutionists as some-ning extraordinary. Many of them were The survivors of General Castro's army traveled 300 miles in crossing the Andes from Agua Dulce to Bocas del Toro. Many of his men died on this The Chinese Are to Be Barred From Ou Washington, D. C., (Special).-The D. Swindell, Pittsburg, conveyor for tolling mills; William White, Jr., Pittsburg, manufacture of steel; John A. Wright, Irwin, and W. F. O'Neill, Wilkinsburg, Senate Committee on Immigration agreed to report the Chinese exclusion bill, known as the Mitchell-Kahn meas-

knife switch.

Pennsylvania pensions: Adam Wachter, West View, \$6; John B. Parshall, Erie, \$6; John B. Henderson, Washingson, \$30; Stephen Pipes, Van Buren, \$12; William Warters, Mansfield, \$14; John Russell, Clearfield, \$6; Thomas R. Rhodes, East Stroudsburg, \$8; Wm. C. Hudson, Aughwick Mill, \$12; William A. Bailey, West Covington, \$12; Matilda Craig, Pittsburg, \$8; Emilia Gulentz, Braddock, \$8; Elizabeth Sutter, Fryburg, \$8; James M. Mitchell, Brownswille, \$12; Margaret Grabill, Imler, \$12; Braddock, \$8; Edizabeth Sutter, Pryburg, \$8; James M. Mitchell, Brownswille, \$12; Margaret Grabill, Imler, \$12; minor of Peter L. Potter, Albion, \$14; minor of John G. Reuze, Pittsburg, \$10; Charlotte R. Nason, Fairview, \$8; Mary Williams, Scottdale, \$8; Julia A. Beamer, Lemoyne, \$12.

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James Lang, Pittsburg, \$12; Samuel T. Bowen, Pittsburg, \$6; Samuel R. Banks, Beaver, \$6: Walker Bargesser, Pittsburg, \$8; Robert Donaldson, Pittsburg, \$12; Samuel Lines, Spartansburg, \$12; John D. Speidel, Mt. Holly Spring, \$8; George Hite, Poplar Run, \$17; Henry H. Forrest, Jamestown, \$10; Matthew J. Andrews, Milledgeville, \$12; William Olinger, Banksville, \$12; Silas Chapman, Waynesburg, \$12; Henry Houts, Lindenhall, \$14; Elizabeth Gates, \$1, Petersburg, \$8; Elizabeth Ross, Pittsville, \$8; Sarah Mountain, Meadville, \$8; Sarah Mountain, Meadville, \$8; Sarah A. Camp, Allegheny, \$8; Ellen Hicks, Huntington, \$8.

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Twenty suits for damages have been entered by Berks county farmers who own lowland between Reading and the Montgomery county line against the Reading Coal and Iron Company and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. All declare their meadows were ruined during the late freshet by deposits of two to four feet of coal dirt and black mud. It is asserted that hundreds of acres of the most fertile land in the Schuylkill Valley have been rendered valueless by these deposits, and the loss aggregates nearly half a million dollars. Many of the sufferers are truckers and they declare that their business has been destroyed by these coal his these coal has the coal and they declare that their business has been destroyed by these coal his these coal has the coal and they declare that their business has been destroyed by these coal his these coal has the coal and they declare that their business has been destroyed by these coal for the coal and they are also the coal and they are they are the coal and they are the are they are t

destroyed by these coal dirt deposits. At all of the collieries throughout the Lackawanna Valley notices were posted announcing that the rate of wages now in effect will be continued until April 1, 1903, and thereafter, subject to a sixtyday notice. There is no general feeling in favor of a strike among the men in this region. Work has been steadier during the year than at any time within wenty years, and the average pay drawn every two weeks the best in the same period.

reported here that during the attack of For some time workmen have been drilling for an artesian well on the property of the Citizens' Ice Company, of Altoons. Friday oil was found after the well had been sunk to the depth of 248 feet. The drilling has since been continued and the oil's flow is becoming more pronounced. This is the first oil that has been discovered in this part of Perusaylyania.

Pennsylvania. Four barns were destroyed by fire and two houses damaged at Skippack. The fire broke out in the barn of William Stephen, and the flames were soon carried by the high winds to Christian Steigner's barn, and in a short time both buildings were in ashes. The fire con-tinued to spread, destroying the barns of M. H. Ziegler and Mrs. Mary Ber-

cepted the February instalment of the Chinese indemnity, greatly to the satis-faction of the representatives of the powtolet.
The County Commissioners agreed on a division of the \$5,000 reward for the capture of the Biddles. The Pittsburg detectives will get \$050 each. Frank Holliday, who first recognized the fugitives, gets \$650; J. G. Snyder, the liveryman who drove in pursuit, receives \$450, while the Butler county deputies who participated receive sums ranging from \$200 to \$275 each. James Dick, the so-called "Rubber King," who died at Glasgow, bequeathed \$500,000 to his employes and the balance tacked seven strongholds of slave traders near Pemba Bay, Portuguese East Africa, and liberated 700 slaves.

The town of Tchengeri, Asia Minor, from \$200 to \$275 each. was destroyed by an earthquake and 4 persons killed and 100 injured.

Raymond Barnett, alias Hamilton, was arrested at Pottsville, charged with bigamy, and was committed to jail in default of \$1.000 bail. It is alleged that he married Miss Louise Bacam, of this olace last year. place, last year. A woman from Orange, J., who says she is his wife, caused his arrest.

tures to add to the road's equipment and construct the tunnel under North river The Royersford Electric Railway Company has completed its route from Rov-ersford to Collegeville. As soon as the weather is favorable the company will commence building the line, which will connect with the Norristown system at Collegeville.

Mrs. Samuel Nace, wife of a West Rockhill township farmer, killed a full-grown fox of the gray species with a Ex-Gov. John P. Aligeld died at Jo-liet, Ill., of cerebral hemorrhage. He was the principal speaker at the pro-Boer meeting Tuesday night in the Johotgun in the poultry yard of their home, near Argus.

At the State Hospital for Injured Miners, Ashland, Dr. Biddle, chief sur-geon, in the presence of forty other sur-Charles D. Thompson, ex-supreme tinancekeeper of Supreme Tent, Knights of Maccabees, was arrested at Port Hugeons, amputated the thigh of an injured miner in fifty-eight seconds. on, Mich., charged with embezzlement.
A report was made by Licatenant
Shoemaker of the disastrous trip of the
marines under Major Waller across the

By reason of an epidemic of diphtheria at Richland, nine miles east of Lebanon, the public schools were closed. More than twenty children are down with the disease.

A week ago Mrs. Mary Devine, of Mt. Carmel, opened a boil on her neck by scratching it with her finger nails. Blood poisoning set in and she died

clergyman's overcost.

Emperor William sent another cable-gram expressing his appreciation of the hearty reception accorded to Prince At the point of a revolver a tramp-compelled Mrs. George Hardy, of Ches-ter, to hand over all the money she had in the house.

District Attorney Groff ordered several palmists and fortune-tellers in Lancaster to close their establishments.

Menry.

The trouble growing out of the collision between the American sailors and the Russian soldiers at Newchwang was settled by an apology made by the Russian commandant to Captain Barry, of the Vicksburg.

The chesemasters' tournament in Moste Carlo was ended, Maroczy, of Hungary, winning the first prize, and Pilisbury, the American, the second prize. A six-year-old son of C. G. Hollinger, of Elm, was caught by a shaft at the flour mill of D. M. Hiestand, Lancaster, and the boy was whicled around and so badly injured that his death is expected.