WARSHIPS BOMBARD FORT

Retaliation for Seizure of a British Merchant Steamer.

BIG POWERS ARE FORCING WAR.

Although President Castro Sends Word Grant ing the Satisfaction Demanded for Insult to the British Fing, the Warships Open Fire Before Acting Consul Volkmar Has Time to Deliver the Venezuelan Message.

Puerto Cabello, Venezuela (By Cable).-The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta bombarded the fortress here at 5 o'clock p. un and quickly silenced it. The bornbardment lasted for 45 minutes. The fortress is composed of Fort Solano and the Castle Libertador, After the firing ceased the Charybdis sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was almost demolished.

Three persons were killed, one of them being a German resident. The commander of the Castle Liber-tador has been taken prisoner. The

cruisers are still here.

At 7 o'clock Sunday morning the Charybdis and the Vineta arrived here searching for Venezuelan gunboats. The two cruisers sent their boats into the inner port, but finding no gunbeats the heats returned. boats the boats returned.

The captain of the British merchant steamer Topaze, which was seized by the mob here last Wednesday, then the mob here last Wednesday, then visited the British commodore on board the Charybdis and lodged a protest against the violation of his ship. The British captain returned an hour later with a detachment of 50 marines, wh took charge of the Topaze. The populace was greatly excited at this incident, and raised the cry "To arms! but there was no disorder. The pop-

The British commodore then sent a message to the authorities at Pherto Cabello demanding immediate satisfac-tion for the action of the mob in hav-ing hauled down the British flag from the Topaze, saying that if this satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours—at 5 o'clock—the fortress and the customhouse would be bombarded. On the receipt of this demand the author ities sent a message to President Castro, asking for instructions.

A committee of the merchants

Cabello then approached Mr. W. H. Volkmar, American consul here. petitioning him to intervene. The Con-sul accepted the mission and visited the cruisers, but he could obtain no alteration in the decision of the allies.

At a quarter before five a reply was received from President Castro ,who authorized the chief officials here to give the British commodore ample sat-isfaction. Before this answer could be communicated to the American consul the hour stipulated for its receipt had arrived. The cruisers immediately opened fire on the fortress.

The fire was returned from Fort So-

lano and Castle Libertador, but the Venezuelan guns were soon silenced. While the firing continued there was intense excitement in this port. Every house in town was closed.

The people of Puerto Cabello cannot account for this precipitate action on the part of the allies, which they consider to be proof that Great Britain and Germany intend forcing war upon

Arbitration Proposed.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Arbitration has been proposed by President Castro as a means of settling the differences between his Government and those of Great Britain and Germany, the proposition being made to United States at \$4,000,000. Minister Bowen for transmission to this Government, which will present it to the Foreign Offices at London and Berlin immediately.

Secretary Hay will act as the medium of communicating the proposition. The belief among officials of the State De-partment is that arbitration now is prac-tically impossible, in view of the extreme measures adopted by the Governments concerned in the troubles, and that the situation has reached a stage where actual war practically prevails, although no formal declaration has been made or is likely to be made. There are numerous precedents in which nations have battered down forts and sunk ships without war having been formally declared. The most recent case was the course of Great Britain and Germany in smashing the Taku forts and attacking the Chinese nt a declaration of war.

Mr. Hay replied to Mr. Bowen's cablegram, authorizing him, in his discretion, to use his good offices to secure arbitration. He was, however, made to under stand that in the arbitration, if one should follow, he would represent, not the Government of the United States, but that of Venezuela, at its request.

It is realized here that the outcome is extremely doubtful and the way is beset ith difficulties. If the claims against Venezuela were only those of Britain and Germany the adjustment might be easier, but France and Italy, United States and perhaps other nations also have claims, and they cannot accept any arrangement which Great Britain and Germany might force on Venezuela that would deprive them of their right of reclamation.

The situation now prevailing has aroused in the last 24 hours great apprehension on the part of the Administration. There was a long discussion of the case between Mr. Hay and the Presi-

Although a perfect understanding has existed among the United States. Great Britain and Germany for several weeks as to the action taken against Venezuela in behalf of the claimants it is understood that this Government never expected such drastic treatment of the situation as has resulted in the last few days.

Finds Seven New Poisons.

Chicago (Special).-Professor Julius Schlotterback, professor of pharmacogdiscovered seven new poisons, says a special to the Tribune from Ann Arbor, Mich. Three of them are made from Allegheny vine. He has named two of se poisons adlumine and adlurniding and one is still unnamed. From the calandine poppy the Professor has extracted the fourth and fifth poisons, callstylophine and disphylline and from the Japanese caladine the poison bacconi-

Cold Consolation.

Gardiner, Mc. (Special).-The passing of the recent cold snap which closed Maine rivers left those engaged in the ice industry on the Kennebec well satisfied at the prospects of an excellent harvest. The "freeze" is one of the best in a number of years. Everything is in readiness for the harvest. About 800,000 tons can be taken care of on this river. While the Kennebee fields are in excellent condition, those on the Penobscot are not up to what the dealers would like.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Miss Freda Volquartz, of New York, was attacked by a buildog, which seized her by the throat and had to be strangled to death to release its hold.

Felix McCloskey, for 40 years a door reeper of the House of Representatives dangerously ill with pneumonia at his ome, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

John D. Rockefeller's dividend check for the last quarter of the year on his holdings of stock in the Standard Oil Company is for \$4,000,000. There was blizzard weather and snow roughout the West and New England,

New York state and also Pennsylvania. A masked highwayman held up a stage near Grants Pass, Ore., but got only \$15 the registered mail. Three large illicit distilleries were de-troyed by revenue officers in the vicinity

of Dark Corners, S. C. Edward Morissey and James Tilton had a terrible experience in the icy waters of Gravesend Bay. A general increase has been made

the wages of the trainmen of the South There were many witnesses before the Anthracite Strike Commission to testify to miners' grievances against the operators. President Mitchell was again on the stand and had a lively tilt with Contract Torses.

ounsel Torrey. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company

is now assured of enough votes in the New York Board of Aldermen to pass the tunnel franchise next Tuesday. The captain and crew of six of the

abandance as the coast of Gloucester after suffering hardships.

The National Bank of New York and the Western National Bank, New York oncerns, have consolidated. The American Public Health Associa

orleans after electing officers. The Georgia legislature passed a law extending the terms of the governor and

other state officials. There was a fire panic in the Ridpath Hotel, in Spokane, Wash, but all the guests got out safely.

A number of Yale students were fined

New Haven for taking away tickets from a speculator.

Dr. Daniel C. Gilman was re-elected president of the National Civil Service

John N. Partridge, commissioner of police of New York, has resigned.

J. C. Brounfield, convicted at Eldorado, Kan., of perjury in the trial of Miss Morrison for the murder of Mrs.

Olin Castle, has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. Naval men at San Juan say the shooting of the sailor Costello, of the United States ship Wasp, by the Porto Rican police was unwarranted. Costel-lo died of his wound. lo died of his wound.

The body of the wife of Prof. Mar-shal A. Barber, of Kansas University, was found in the river near Lawrence Kan. She is supposed to have commit ted snicide.

Lieutenant Commander Rooney, in command of the United States steamer Frolic when it ran aground, is being tried by court-martial at Cavite.

By voting against the sale of liquor village of Collinwood, near Cleve-

Lake Shore Railroad. H. L. Meites was arrested in Chicago on the charge of running a plant for the counterfeiting of union cigar labels. A powerful railroad protective bureau has been organized for the purpose of

running down ticket forgers, Reciprocity with Canada and Cuba was discussed at the National Reciprocy Convention, in Detroit, Mich. The Moros on the Island of Min-

danao attempted to surprise an American camp, but were repulsed.

The building permit for the new capitol at Harrisburg, Pa., fixes the value

Mrs. Dora Lightner was acquitted of the murder of Miss Lucy Wheeler at Toledo, O. Pat Crowe is said by his brother, who lives in Chicago, to be in Johannesburg.

Foreign.

M. Philipp, the spiritualist who, it has been reported, exercised for a time a re-markable influence over the Czar, is a native of Lyons. France, where he en-joyed the reputation of having wonderful powers for curing people.

In a clash between the strikers and the olice at Marseilles several persons on both sides were injured. Troops guard all the approaches to the port. The journeymen butchers and bakers have oined the strikers.

The National Assembly of Hayti will in a few days elect a new president, General Nord will enter the capital with

his army next Sunday.

The United Fruit Company's steamer Kitty, which went ashore on Roncado Reef, 300 miles from Jamaica, is a total

Vice Admiral Kruys, the minister of marine of the Netherlands, is dead.

Leon y Castillo, the Spanish ambassador at Paris, has resigned.

While the British and German residents of Caracas who were arrested have all been released, it is reported

that the Venezuelan authorities a Puerto Cabello seized and imprisone British and German consuls and other British and Germans, and also seized a British steamer. Several thousand enezuelan troops are gathering at aguayra to resist the foreign forces Germany has nominated Dr. Siev-king to be a member of the Interna-

tional Court of Arbitration in the place of Dr. Binger, President of the Senate of the High Court.

Poultney Bigelow, in an address to the Munich Geographical Society, advocated making Shanghai a republic from consular or other official

Terring storms continue to sweep the coast of Newfoundland. Four more schooners have been lost-one with her entire crew of to persons.

Vice-President Deucher was elected president of the Swiss Confederation.

Financial.

Norfolk & Western has advanced wages of 600 telegraph operators 10 per The Widener-Elkins syndicate de

clares that Rapid Transit doesn't want United Power, Standard Oil's increase in prices to middlemen means an extra \$8,000,000 profit, equal to 8 per cent, on the \$100,-000,000 capital stock. Predictions are made that Lehigh Val-

ley will cross par by February 1 or im-mediately after the annual meeting in local militia, for aid, and the buil, dog United States Steel made a new low

scord for the year and the lowest since May 9, 1901.
President Ramsey threatens to "cut Pittsburg" unless the Wabash gets fair

United States Steel earnings for No-vember are estimated at \$11,500,000.

Hereafter street car companies, both surface and elevated, doing business in New York, will be required to pay a tax of \$50 per year on every car owned by them.

PACIFIC CABLE LANDED

The Shore End Successfully Laid at San Francisco.

MESSAGE SENT OVER THE CABLE.

Silverton Now Speeding Towards Honolula at the Rate of Seven Knots an Hour, Laying ing the Cable on the Bottom of the Pacific -Crowd of 40,000 Witness the Innuguration of a New Era of Development.

San Francisco (Special) .- "In memory of John W. Mackay I christen the Pacific cable. May it always carry messages of happiness."

With these words, Lucille Gage, the 11-year-old daughter of H. T. Gage, Governor of California, christened the trans-Pacific cable, and breaking a bottle of champagne over the shore end, inaugurated a new era in the commer cial development of the Pacific Coast. The landing and splicing of the shore end which is to connect the mainland with Honolulu was accomplished without a hitch and was witnessed by nearly 40,000 people. Ideal weather prevailed there being scarcely any surf.

The steamer Newsboy, carrying six miles of cable, steamed close in shore and by a life-saving boat's crew sent a ashore. Word was sent to Presiden Clarence H. Mackay and the cable and Postal Telegraph Company officials

that all was in readiness.
The work of hauling in the cable was so quickly that the officials arrived on the beach only two minutes before the cable touched the beach and was christened at 0.55 a. m.

While the cable was being spliced to the land end Mayor Schmitz delivered a short speech, congratulating Mr. Mackay on the successful beginning of the work. He spoke of the importance of the undertaking and the benefit to he world at large that would result from its completion. Clarence H. Mackay, president of the

Pacific Commercial Cable Company, made a short speech of thanks.

Gov. H. T. Gage, on behalf of the State of California, paid a fervent tribute to the late John W. Mackay. The formal exercises closed with cheers for the cable and its promoters.

A portion of the cable was cut up in o small pieces as souvenirs and dis tributed by President Mackay among his special guests. During the cereies an artillery band from the Presidio played.

RACED WITH DEATH.

Suicide Wanted to See His Children Before He Died.

Derby, Conn. (Special).-Orlando B. Feeney, a local butcher, raced with death to bid goodby to his little daughters before succumbing from morphine he had taken with suicidal intent. A victim of melancholia, he took the fatal dose in such a desire to see his daughters-Lillian, 13, and Norma, 8-he boarded a trolley car and rode to this city, an

The journey was scarcely half cometed when stupor began to overpower him. Fellow-passengers walked him up and down the car and he was held with his face to the biting wind outside until this city was reached, when he was made to run to his home. He staggered into the room of the girls, kissed each good-by and fell unconscious. Dr. Paul Ken-nedy and Dr. G. R. Beardsley were quickly at his side, but he died early next

It is said that Feeney was addicted to use of morphine, otherwise he could not have remained unconscious for more than half an hour. He was 48 years old

\$616,618 FOR CHRISTMAS.

Money Sent From This Country to People in Foreign Lands.

New York (Special).-Just \$616,618 is now in the strongroom of the big ocean steamers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Umbria which cleared for Bremen and Liverpool. This money is in the shape of 34,442 postal money orders, drawn by the New York postoffice on 15 countries of Europe and sent home as "Christmas by former residents of those s who now make the United States their home.

The 1902 shipment exceeds that carried away by the Umbria on December o of last year by \$296,256. Never before has such a gigantic shipment of money orders, either in numbers or amount,

In addition the regular mail pouches ere packed full with Christmas presents or relatives and friends on the other This year's Christmas mail ex ceeds by many thousands of pounds any

Opposed to Gold Standard.

City of Mexico (Special).-The silver question continues to be one of the great topics of public discussion. It is now certain that the silver miners and the farming classes will make common cause against the adoption of the gold standard. The miners argue that the silver mines in gold standard countries will have to shut down at the present price of silver, while Mexican mines cannot continue to be operated; also that silver mining and agricultural in-terests have more claim on the protection of the government than railways merchants. Meantime all prices are eing raised, and there is much anxiety elt among the middle classes, especially wage earners and salaried men,

Governor Used Drastic Measures.

Charleston, S. C. (Special).-An attempt to have an exhibition of fighting of bulls, dogs and chickens near Rockhill, York county, resulted disastrously. Governor McSweeney had instructed the sheriff to prohibit the fighting. owners of the show claimed that nothing but an injunction from the court could stop the animal fights. The sheriff there upon caled on the Catawba Rifles, of the and chicken fights were stopped.

Robber Wore a Red Mask.

Grant's Pass, Ore. (Special).-While the William Creek and Grant's Pass stage was on its way to Youngfellow : man, with a red mask, appeared from United States Steel earnings for November are estimated at \$11,500,000.

Hereafter street car companies, both surface and elevated, doing business in New York, will be required to pay a tax of \$50 per year on every car owned by them.

The Pacific Mail's offer to charter the United States fleet of Pacific transports ought to be of advantage to that company.

man, with a red mask, appeared from the woods, and, presenting a revolver, commanded the driver and one passenger to hold up their hands. The robber then ordered the mailbags to be thrown out. This was done, and then he commanded the driver to drive on. Later it was found that the mailbags had been opened and only \$15 in registered matter secured, as the mail was light. Officers are in pursuit.

DOINGS AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Consular Service Reform

A bill was introduced in the House by Representative Robert Adams (Pa.) to provide for the reorganization of consular service of the United States.

Provision is made for the classification consuls-general and consuls, specify ng the number and salary of each class and for the examination of applicant and those now in the service. Of the latter those who fail to pass are to be dropped, but none can be called for examination within six months from the date of the passage of the bill. Consulsgeneral and 'consuls may be transferred by the President from one place to another of the same class. Special examinations are provided for those who may be sent where the United States exercises extra territorial jurisdiction

New Inauguration Date. A joint resolution was introduced in the House by Representative David A Armond, of Missouri, proposing an endment to the Constitution of the nited States, providing that the term f the President shall continue until 30, 1905, at noon, and thereafter 30, at noon, shall be substituted for March 4, as the beginning and ending of the terms of the President and Vice-President, and that the Fifty-ninth Congress shall end and the Sixtieth begin on January 8, 1907, at noon, and thereafter each Congress shall begin and end on January 8 at noon.

Responsibilites Divided.

Commissioner of Immigration Frank P. Sargent argued before the House committee on Interstate and Foreign commerce that the Bureau of Immigra tion would be greatly benefited and the immigration laws could be more effec-tually enforced if the bureau should be transferred to the proposed Department

Commerce. Mr. Sargent said his bureau must now rely largely upon the customs collectors for the enforcement of the immigration laws, which arrangement, he said, satisfactory to either the collectors or to his bureau, for the reason that embar-rassment is occasioned to the officers called on to enforce customs laws and immigration laws at the same time.

Says Award is Excessive.

Salvador has applied for a reduction of the award, aggregating \$500,000, made by the arbitration board which met in Washington last spring for injuries inflicted upon the Salvador Commercial Company an American concern through the appropriation of their fran-The allegation is made that the

award is excessive.

The State Department has for the last three weeks been carnestly considering this subject, but from present indications it has not changed its mind as to the justice of the award, which must be paid over by next February at

Old Way is Preferred. The committee appointed by Acting Postmaster-General Wynne to investigate the many devices submitted to the department to take the place of twine in tying up letter packages re-ported to the Postmaster-General Bridgeport. He then was seized with against the devices proposed. The resuch a desire to see his daughters—Lil. port states that while probably, after a long period of time, a direct saving might result from the substitution of a device which had been tested hereto-fore in the New England States, it would take more time in tying and un-tying the mail, and hence delay the distribution of mail. Other objections also are raised.

A More Elastic Currency.

A bill was introduced by Representa-tive Pugslev, of New York, the aim of which, as the title states, is to "render the currency more elastic and reponsive to the financial and commercial requirements of the country.

The Comptroller of the Currency, with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized by this measure to issue circulating notes under certain prescribed conditions. circulating notes may be issued to any national bank to the extent of one-enth of the face value of bonds deposnational ited by the bank with the Treasury and are to be secured by approved notes, bonds or bills receivable, double

in value the amount of issue.

Money to Fight Cattle Disease A favorable report was ordered by the House Committee on Appropriations on the bill appropriating \$50,000 for use in stamping out the foot-and-mouth dis-ease in New England States. The bill also carries \$500,000 to pay for rural free-delivery carriers and various smaller sums for miscellaneous expenses of the Postoffice Department.

Roosevelt Going to San Francisco. President Roosevelt formally accepted the invitation of the citizens' committee of San Francisco to attend the dedication of the navy monument to commemorate the battle of Manila, probably in May

With the Lawmakers.

Secret service men and others who ac ompanied President Roosevelt on his ear-hunting expedition in Mississippi are now suffering with malarial chills

The President selected Lloyd Griscom, r., as minister to Japan, and Richmond earson, of North Carolina, as minister

The bar of the United States Supreme irt adopted resolutions in memory of the late Justice Gray, of the Supreme

President Roosevelt promised to attend the exercises at the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St.

President Samuel Gompers, of the Federation, and Vice-President Duncan denounced as false before the House Committee on Labor the charges that mionists impeded work on government ressels during the strike.

The Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, carrying \$26,-930,453, was reported to the House by the Appropriation Committee.

The House Committee reported favorably the bill appropriating \$7,000,000 for a new Court of Justice building.

A cablegram was received from John

Barrett declining the appointment as minister to Japan. The House passed the bill granting a pension to the widow of the late Rear Admiral Leary. Lieutenant Owen was dismissed from

the Navy on account of financial irregu-The House Committee on Judiciary

decided not to report a polygamy reso-

The House passed 173 private pension bills Friday, clearing the calendar.

A joint resolution was offered in the House by Mr. Shafroth, of Colorado, House by Mr. Shafroth, of Colorado, authorizing the President to propose to Great Britain and Germany to submit their claims against Venezuela to arbitration and to guarantee the payment of the awards. The British and German ambassadors thanked the State Department for the action of Minister Bowen in securing the release of the British and German residents at Caracas.

MRS. U. S. GRANT DEAD

An Attack of Bronchitis Brings on Heart Failure.

NONE OF HER SONS WERE PRESENT lness of the Widow of the Famous Warrior and President Terminates Fatally-Doctors find Given Up Hope, and the End Was Expected at Any T.me-Mrs. Sartoris Was at Her Bedside.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Mrs. llysses S. Grant, widow of President Grant, died at her residence in this city at 11.17 o'clock Sunday night.

Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years rom valvular disease of the heart, and the United States, respectively. which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attack. Nellie Grant Sartoris, her daughter, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons, who had ben summoned here, all being out of the city.

side when the end came Miss Rosemary a graculanguler: Dr. Bishop, one of the attending physicians, and the two trained nurses. Death came peacefully, the sufferer retaining almost complete consciousness practically to the end. Word has come from Jesse and Ulysses S. Grant, two of the sons now in California, that they have started on their way to Washington. The other son, Gen. Fred Grant, will hasten here rom Texas as soon as he receives a

death. Mrs. Grant has been in poor health since her return early this fall from her summer home at Coburg, Canada. Coburg is a fashionable place for Amer-cans, Europeans and diplomats. Last August Mrs. Grant was a little over-taxed with anxiety over the details of the wedding at that place of her grand-daughter, Miss Vivian May Sartoris, to Mr. Frederick Roosevelt Scovel. Early in October Mrs. Grant's condition was such that her physicians advised her immediate removal to Washington. She was brought here hurriedly on a special car, arriving on October 17.

Since then she has been confined to her bed most of the time. Her son, Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, who has just returned from the Philippines to assume command of the Department of the Texas was been to be the texas when the texas was the te the Texas, was here at the time and was a source of much comfort to her.

THREE CHILDREN CREMATED. Mother Became Insane When She Found They Were Dead.

New York (Special).-A lighted lamp as a makeshift to heat a room caused the death of three negro children named Smith in a tenement-house at 443 West Sixteenth street. The lamp exploded or was overturned by the children, who were alone in the room. When the fire-

men arrived they were dead.

The mother of the children is a laundress. She started out to collect from her customers, leaving the children, Annie, aged 7; Gertrude, aged 4, and Sadie, aged 2, in bed for warmth. She locked the door and took the key with her. The She locked The first intimation to the outside that there was a fire in the flat came from smoke was a fire in the flat came from smoke pouring through a kitchen window into a courtyard. In the confusion no one thought of the Smith children. Captain Farley, of Engine No. 3, the first to arrive, climbed up the fire-escape to the kitchen window of the Smith flat

and entered the rooms. He found the little ones dead. When the Smith woman returned to the house and learned of the death of her

children she became insane. Tears Froze on His Face.

Auburn, N. Y. (Special) .- Last Sun-These day afternoon Willie Hinger, aged five years, was sent on an errand by his Congress. parents. He did not return, and Monday his dead body was found on the piazza of Laundryman Haley's home, outside the city limits. Its clothing was frozen to the floor. Tears had was frozen to the floor. Tears frozen upon the little sufferer's face. is supposed he had arrived at Mr. Haley's early Sunday evening and was overcome by the cold before he could arouse the household. The door lead-The door leading to the piazza where the body was found is little used, and the discovery

Stamps Used as Fuel. Washington, D. C. (Special).-By burning \$1,000,000 in stamps the gov ernment employes in the Bureau of En graving and Printing were kept warm last month and a saving of \$150 in coal bills made. Coal could not be had in any quantity, and the engineers sug-gested that the millions of documentary stamps, rendered wothless by the repeal of the War Revenue Act, be used as of the War Revenue Act, be used as fuel in the furnaces, instead of being burned in the specially prepared fur-naces. The idea was adopted. While the stamps were being burned a government inspector stood in the engine-room to see that the stamps were con-

Southern Journalists Death. Riverside, Cal. (Special). - James Harvey Mathes, a prominent Southern author and newspaper man, died here author and newspaper man, died here of consumption, aged 60 years. For many years he was editor of the Memphis Republic Ledger and at one time was on the staff of the Louisville Courier-General. He was a member of the Paris Exposition Commission and had served in the Confederate army as

captain of volunteers. Not Bound to Have Doctor.

Atlanta (Special), - The Supreme Court of Georgia handed down a decision which is regarded by Christian Scientists as a vindication. A resident of Dublin, Ga., a Christian Scientist, refused to give medicine to his sick child. The child died and the father was arrested and fined \$300. The case was appealed to the State Supreme Court. which reversed the judgment of the lower court. It holds that failure to give medical attendance to children when ill is not a violation of the laws of the

Big Demand for New Pennies.

New York (Special).- A requisition has been made for 15,000,000 brand new pennies by the authorities in control at the subtreasury in this city for use in the holiday season, a ratio of more than five new pennies for each man, woman and child in the Greater City. This demand, greater by 50 per cent. than in any preceding year, has been created largely by department stores, which, at this season of the year, when articles run in the "dollar ninety-eights," invariably hand back as part of the change two shining copper cents,

RECIPROCITY TREATY.

Arrangements Between United States and Cubs Have Been Concluded.

Havana (Special) .- A definite treaty of commercial reciprocity between Cuba and the United States was signed at 11 clock p. m., by General Bliss and Secretaries Zaldo and Montes, It only acks the signature of Secretary Hay and Senor Quesada and the approval of the United States and Cuban senators to make it operative.

Although the treaty provides for a uniform reduction of 20 per cent. from the present tariff charges on Cuban products entering the United States, a parallel list of products has been drawn up in which is set forth the reductions on each item made by Cuba It is impossible now to make any

material change in this list.

Washington is Puzzled. Washington (Special) .- "Treaty sign ed 11.15 p. m., was the message which came to the State Department from General Bliss, at Havana, confirming the gress report of the conclusion of a reciprocity arrangement between the

United States and Cuba.
The officials here are puzzled to know the officials here are puzzled to know just what has been signed; they thought that protocol or protocols had been prepared, but General Bliss' message carries the inference that he has actually concluded a definite reciprocity treaty. If he has done so the President accept it and forward it to the Sen-for its action, and the officers of ate for its action, and the officers of Minister Quesada here will not be re-quired to give effect to the convention.

The State Department does not feel at liberty to make public the details of the arrangement; in fact, some of these will not be known until the Havana mail reaches here, for General Bliss undoubtedly has made some changes in the duties on American imports into Cuba originally proposed.

Irwin, Pa. (Special).-Burglars en tered the First National Bank, this city, and made seven unsuccessful attempts to blow open the vault. They succeeded in getting away with \$1,000 of postoffice money that had been placed in a small, but apparently safe, repository. They stole two buggies from a livery stable at Jacksonville, near here, and drove into town. Meeting Policeman Weigel, who was patrolling his heat, they sandbagged and bound the officer, and then went to the telephone exchange, where they bound and gagged the night operator, Miss Bessie Fulton, to prevent any disturbance over the tel

Fifty-Year Sentence.

Elryia, O. (Special).-The trial of Thomas Gallagher, alias James Casey, one of the burglars who was shot during the attempt to rob the home of the Meach brothers, near Rochester, O. October 13, was brought to an abrup ending here when the prisoner pleader guilty to the charge against him. He was at once sentenced to serve 50 years in the penitentiary. Owen McCabe, alias William Davis, another member of the gang, recently convicted, was sen tenced at the same time to life imprisnment. This is said to be the life sentence for such a crime in the

history of the State.

Colombia's Reorganization. Panama, Colombia (By Cable).--In order to facilitate the reorganization of public administration, the work of the electoral council's telegraphic communication is being reestablished with the interior and the reconstruction of the line destroyed by the revolutionists is being rapidly pushed. Up to date no official news has been received of the fixing of a time for the elections to Congress. The crew for the Costa Ri-can cruiser Poca, recently purchased by Colombia, left here yesterday for Punta

Arenas.

Engineer Frozen to Death. Big timber, Mont. (Special).-One fatality has been reported as a result of the cold wave which has swept over this section of the State. The victim was an engineer named English. His frezen body was found near the Cowle mining camp, where he had been em-ployed. Reports from various sections of the State tell of rapidly falling tem-

peratures.

For Statue of J. E. B. Stuart. Richmond, Va. (Special) .-- At a meet ing of the Stuart Monument Associa tion here \$1700 was raised for an equestrian statue of Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, the Confederate cavalry leader. The statue will be erected here. This sum is in addition to about \$500 already in hand for the purpose. The Council will be for the purpose. The Council will be asked for aid, and a general effort will be made forthwith to add to the fund

Ninth "Boodler" Gets Nine Years. St. Louis (Special).-John H. Schnet tler, former member of the House of Delegates, was convicted here of bribery in connection with the suburban franchise deal and was given four years in the penitentiary. This is the ninth "boodle" case disposed of thus far."

Jail Delivery at Marshall, N. C.

Marshall, N. C. (Special).-Seven ten escaped from jail at this place at nidnight by sawing out the steel bars in the cell windows. The escaped pris-oners include Henry Murray and Rice Hagan, both of whom are under charges of murder. There is yet no trace of the men.

Plan Million-Dollar Station

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special).-It was efficially announced that the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company will, within the next 48 hours, ones lease the Indianapolis Street Railway Company's lines for 30 years, the length of the franchise of both, and will, if the proposition be accepted, issue \$5,000,000 track and \$5,000,000 bonds. The Terminal Railway and a street and \$5,000,000 bonds. stock and \$5,000,000 bonds. The Ter-minal Company has a franchise and a contract with all the interurban roads and will erect in a few months a stathis week. tion costing \$1,000,000.

Attempt to "Corner" Turkeys.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special),-An attempt to corner the turkey market is the chief subject of gossip in the local produce district. Aaron & Co. ary said to have contracted for about 500,000 pounds, which comprises the bulk of the supply in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. These turkeys are coming in, and the firm is dressing and packing them for the Christmas trade.

John McKeever, who was charged with the murder of John Kensit, the antiritualistic crusader, in London, was acquitted.

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News Happenings of Interest Gathered From All Sources.

Pensions granted Pennsylvanians:—Charles Keenan, New Brighton, \$8; Walter C. Letts, Taylor, \$6; Isiah Campbell, Harold, \$17; William Mingle, Sayre, \$17; Daniel Ramp, Cabala, \$10; Reuben Lucas, Howard, \$17; Joseph Olinger, Apollo, \$10; Amos W. Harper, Philipsburg, \$10; William Munderfl, Airy Dale, \$17; John Carson, Pittsburg, \$24; Henry Huff, James Creek, \$12; Charles J. Estabrooks, Align Hollow, \$17; Thomas Arters, Tidioute, \$17; Egbert Cook, Osceola, \$12; Lewellen H. Peck, Everett, \$30; George W. Ayers, Jobs Corners, \$12; Nancy Stratton, Canton, \$12; Wm. S. Robb, Oakdale, \$6; George Anderson, West Oakdale, \$6; George Anderson, West Fairview, \$8; David C. Mayne, New Castle, \$12; Gustave Hakman, Farmers Valley, \$12; John W. Goodwin, Gaines, \$10; Samuel Freeman, Ayres, Wharton, \$12; George W. Gibson, Allegheny, \$8; William Smith, West Pike, \$10; Flora Sanders, Indian Head, \$12; Lavina Beighley, Drennen, \$8; Alexander Downie, Pittsburg, \$6; John Henry, Ettsburg, \$8; Charles E Street West Pittsburg, \$8; Charles E. Storrs, West Leroy, \$12; Marshall Cox, Roland, \$12; Joseph B. Wissinger, Stahltown, \$17; John Shoup, Lucesca, \$8; Ebenezer Johnston, Allegheny, \$10; Samuel A. Douglass, Indiana, \$12; John Lehner, pton, \$10: Charles Rawson, Germania, 17: Margaret Jordan, Franklin, \$8; mi ror of James M. Tishue, Somerfield, Sio; Mary A. Herbst, Birdville, \$8; Nancy E. McKelvey, Dawson, \$8; Sarah E. Eakin, Bradford, \$8; Isabella Haas, Carnegie, \$8.

C. M. Schwab wants to be Santa Claus to the poor of Braddock, Home-stead and other Monongahela River towns where he worked in the mills for many years. His secretary, Oliver Wren, went to these towns and arrang-Wren, went to these towns and arranged for a distribution of cash to the poor. The sum is not mentioned, but will be substantial. It was arranged that a meeting of officers and ministers of the towns be held for the purpose of making up lists of worthy poor. Mr. Schwab is specially anxious that any former employees at the Edgar Thomson furnaces, who may be in destitute circumstances, be cared for. It was here that Mr. Schwab began his career. Secretary Wren stated that Mr. Schwab expected to be back in New York on New Year's Day or shortly afterward

A Reading Railway express train was derailed within fifty feet of Dekall Street Station, Norristown, and while many passengers were shaken up, but one, Robt. Welsh, required the attendance of a physician. The train due at 0.29 is one of the few that do not stop at Mill Street Station, where there is a sharp curve. The trucks of the first car, a combination smoker, left the tracks on the curve and after bouncing over the sills for nearly a hundred yards struck a crossover switch and the front trucks were jammed back to the real and the front of the car dropped to the tracks, bumping along until the engi-neer stopped.

William E. Gray, a member of the Center County Bar, died at his home in Belleionte of typhoid fever. He was 42 years old. He studied law with Hastings and Reeder, and in 1886 was admitted to the bar. He was elected Burgess of Belleionte in 1895, serving three years, and for five consecutive years was chairman of the Republicar County Committee. He was until a year ago the recognized Quay leader in Center county.

John S. Early, the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Early, of West

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Early, of West Lebanon, shot and killed himself, apcommon, shot and killed himself, ap-parently because his mother rebuker him for using harsh language to her. His body was found in a lime kiln, and was frozen stiff. Coxe Brothers & Co. are making Coxe Brothers & Co. are preparations to open their Timlucken colliery in January. This colliery has colliery has down for five years. About

colliery in January. This colliery habeen shut down for five years. About 1000 men and boys will be employed.

County Commissioner John J. Dur of Scranton, surrendered the keys of the ballot boxes to the commission appointed by Federal Judge R. W. Archbald to collect and preserve the ballo's of the last election for use in the Connell-Howell congressional con-

On account of foodstuffs and coal advancing in price, landlords in the coal region of Shamokin began a movement to raise the price of board. A call will be issued next week for a convention, when the hotel keepers will organize and arrange a new tariff of rates.

The wholesale grocery warehouse of J. L. Connell & Co., at Scranton, was destroyed by fire which started and burned for ten hours, entailing a loss of \$200,000, the greatest part of which is covered by insurance. Daniel Schoon covered by insurance. Daniel Schoon over and Thomas Grant, firemen, were over and Thomas Grant, fremen, were seriously injured by falling bricks.

The plant at North Irwin, of the Rumbaugh Brick company was destroyed by fire, with a loss of about \$15,000.

Jacob McGladdy, alias "Black Diamond," was acquitted at Beaver, on a charge of killing Alonzo Scott at Legion-

lle on September 13. A number of citizens of Stoneboro Mercer county, have organized the First National bank and application has been nade to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter. The new institution will have an outhorized capital o. \$25,000. The directors are G. S. White, Theodore

N. Houser, E. Houser, H. E. Greer and F. M. Allison. Richard Heard, manager of the Mascagni Opera Company, was arrested at Scranton, charged with larceny by a lo-

cal manager.

Judge Simonton, at Harrisburg, de-clared unconstitutional the act placing a tax on coal company store orders, which was passed by the last Legislature at the Mayor McCormick, of Harrisburg, made charges to Councils that his predecessors in office collected "rake off" from "joints" and gamblers.

Burglars blew open the safe of the First National bank, of Freedom, The safe contained \$15,000, but the hurglars were compelled to flee before securing any of the money, as the noise of the explosion awakened nearby residents.

Frank-H. Buhl, former president of the Sharon Steel company, will invest \$1,500,000 in an irrigation scheme in Idaho involving the reclaiming of 271,000 acres of land along Snake river. The twelfth annual meeting of the Dorset Horn Sheep Breeders' Association of America was held at Harrisburg

The boiler of a portable engine furnishing power for a crosscut saw used in sawing firewood on the farm of Mrs David Springer, near Mooresburg, exploded, killing 18-year-old Warrer Mauger, of Danville, who was spending a vacation on the farm, and seriously injuring his uncle. John Mauger.

In court at Reading, the last act it the condemnation of the Berks section of the Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike was performed, and it emptied the county treasury. The company has been awarded \$12.583.54 damages, and as there is only about \$23.000 in the county treasury, the halance will have to be borrowed.