## **POWERS WILL ARBITRATE**

Great Britain, Germany and Italy Send Venezuelan Answer.

BERLIN'S REPLY IS UNSATISFACTORY

One of its Requirements Said to Be An Apology From Castro-Asks Amends for the Arrest of Consuls and Sacking of Legation -Englands Chief Concern is for Adequate buarantee-Hay Will Ask Allies to Recede.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Secretary Hay has received partial responses from the Governments of Great Britain. Germany and Italy respecting the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties.

Great Britain is favorable to arbitration with proper safeguards.

Germany accepts arbitration in principle, but finds a multitude of small adjustments to be made before entering into the agreement.

Italy, as the junior partner of the allies, declares that she is favorable to arbitration, but will be bound probably by the action of the senior partners.

As far as England is concerned, the naleguards referred to are believed to relate to the question of guarantee. which is full of difficulties. Some consideration is again being given to the feasibility of the assumption of responsibility for any award assessed against Venezuela, but the United States Government is determined not to allow itself to be drawn into the position of a guarantor in this case, for the precedent, once established, might require the United States to become the financial backer of all South and Cen-tral America. However, if private con-cerns can be induced to enter the field the United States Government will do

what it can to reduce their risks. Secretary Hay, Sir Michael Her-bert, the British Ambassador, and Senator Depew were in conference, and it is suspected that this phase of the case was touched upon, although no confirmation can be had at this time.

The German position presents the greatest difficulties, for not only does it involve a demand for apologies, which are extremely repugnant to Venezue-lans, but also presents so many points requiring adjustment that it is evident that many days, or perhaps weeks, must elapse before that adjustment can be ffected and the case prepared for arbi-

The danger of the delay in the face of a blockade, which seriously cripples neutral commerce and invites hostile collisions with the Venezuelans, cannot be overestimated. The effort of the United States, therefore, must be directed toward hastening Germany's action on the arbitration proposal and toward endeavoring to persuade it to recede on some particular.

The Italian position is, of course, of less concern than that of the other alties. The Italian ambassador here, in his intercourse with the State Department, has been extremely moderate and considerate, giving Secretary Hay the impression that he is well disposed second any effort of the United States to terminate the present dan-

rous situation. The French Government has served notice that, without abating her claims, the payment for which has been arranged, she also claims the right to have the claims of the French citizens which have arisen since the adjustment above spoken of considered by the joint tribunal which will adjust the Venezuelan debts on a basis of equality with those of the other nations.

This contention is strongly resisted by some of the allied Powers, and is one of the points which is likely to lead to the consumption of much time and which must be disposed of before a final arrangement can be made to arbi-

Secretary Hay laid before the Cabi net meeting the latest phases of the Venezuelan situation as shown by the correspondence he had had with our Ambassadors and the Foreign Offices at London, Berlin and Rome, and also acquainted the members with the substance of the verbal exchanges which had taken place with the Ambassadors from those capitals in Washington. After a thorough discussion of the

subject, the Cabinet gave its unquali-fied approval to everything that had been done by Secretary Hay and also to his plans for the future, so far as they were outlined. It is gathered that the attitude of the United States is for the present a waiting one, in the to agree upon the basis upon which they are willing to accept arbitration,

## HAD \$340,000 ON HIS LIFE.

#### R. C. Whayne, of Louisville, Ky., Found Mysteriously Shot.

Louisville (Special).-It developed here that R. C. Whayne, a Louisville business man who was found dead in the vicinity of Jacob Park with a gunshot wound in the breast, carried insurpications pending for \$50,000 more. It was upon the fact that he carried

such large life insurance and was said to be suffering from rheumatism that a theory of suicide was based.

Coroner Kelly went to the scene of the shooting. He said the circum-stances were such that the case would require exhaustive examination. Near Mr. Whayne's body, but on the opposite side of a wire fence, was a shotgun with one barrel empty and the other loaded and cocked. His friends and family declare that death was due to accident and that the gun was discharged while he was climbing through the ience:

### Kills Hyacinth, Also Cattle.

Tallahassee, Fla. (Special).-Governor Jennings received a telegram from Palatka, Fla., stating that the fluid being used by the United States authorities in the effort to kill hyacinth in the "St. John's river, and its tributaries by spraying it is daily causing the death of hundreds of cattle on the ranges bordering upon these waters. The sender of the telegram urged prompt action to secure an investigation looking to ending the danger to the cattle.

Rockland, Maine (Special) .- The American Navigation Company, just formed in this State, with a capitaliration of \$1,000,000, contemplates the establishment of a splendid fleet of yessels under one head and some important changes in the management of shipping. Vessel property in many New England ports will be merged into this big company, and from time to time the company will build vessels to add to the fleet. The home port of the company is Bath, and most of the repairs will be made there.

Voltairine le Cleyre, a noted anarchis and a teacher of languages, was shot and mortally wounded on the street in Philaciphia by Herman Heischer, a former cupil, who said they had been sweet-tearts and she had broken his heart.

United States Judge Edward B. Thomas, in Brooklyn, handed down a decision declaring invalid a claim of \$1,000,000 against the United States. entered by Lieutenant Commander William H. H. Southerland, of the Navy.

J. W. Barriger, Jr., aged 27, a civil engineer, in the employ of the St. Louis, Memphis and Southeastern Railroad, was stabled to death in St. Louis by S. M. Morton in the Granite Building. Justice Scott, in the Supreme Court in New York, dismised the writ of habeas corpus in the case of Jesse Lewisohn, who refused to answer questions before

the grand jury in the gambling o ses. In a statement made by W. G. Hunter, Jr., before the Court of the Third Instance in Guatemala City, he declared that he shot and killed William A. Fitz-

C. S. Wight and Frank Harriott testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission meeting in New York to investigate the railroad rates on import

The jury in the case of Thomas Sharkey, accused of killing Banker Nicholas Fish in New York, returned a verdict of anslaughter in the second degree.

Proceedings were instituted by a New York lawyer against the General Electric mpany under the Sherman Anti-trust The postoffice robber who was shot in

Middlesburg, Pa., by Rev. D. B. Shellen-berger, died without revealing his name. A runaway car loaded with lumber crashed into a double-headed freight near Bradford, Pa., and both engineers

A plan is to be adopted by which workmen of the Republic Iron and Steel Company are to be stockholders.

Antonio Taddai, an Italian, who killed three men in self-defense in Pa., was acquitted after a trial. in Reading, A round up of ladrones in the Rizal

rovince in the Philippines is proceed-It has come to light that R. C. Whavne, who was found dead in Louisville, Ky., with a gunshot wound in his head, car-

ried \$340,000 worth of Insurance. Many witnesses were produced before the Anthracite Strike Commission to prove that a reign of terror prevailed in the mining regions during the strike,

A number of witnesses testified at Freehold, N. J., that they had heard Mr. Bennett and many of his employes ad-dress Laura Biggar as Mrs. Bennett.

The remains of the late Gen. George Moorman were temporarily buried in the tomb of the Army of the Tennessee, in Metaire Cemetery, in Louisiana The monitor Nevada had her trial trip

over the Cape Ann course, her average speed considerably exceeding the contract requirement. Officials of the Reading Coal Company

hold out no encouragement of relief from the coal stringency this winter. It is said that 9,000 Boers are prepar ing to trek to America, settling in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

The will of Mary Longfellow Green-leaf, sister of the poet Longfellow, be-queathed \$83,000 to charity.

The threatened strike in the General Electric Works, at Schenectady, N. Y., Aaron & Co., of Kansas City, Mo. have secured a corner on turkeys for the

The new Union Steel Company has been absorbed by the United States Steel

One hundred and fifty firms reorgan-

# ized the pottery combine in Pittsburg

Foreign. United States Ambassador Tower presented his credentials to Emperor William at the palace in Berlin, and the tween Germany and the United States

Four hundred thousand persons are destitute and starving as a result of the crop failure in Finland. The Anglo-American Church is aiding the desti-

John Roche, member of Parliament for East Galway, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for unlawful as-

One thousand persons are reported to have lost their lives in the earth-quake at Andijan, Russian Central

The grand jury indicted Col. Arthur member of Parliament for Galway, for high treason.
The Czar pardoned 58 students who were exiled to Siberia for rioting on his

Name Day, King Edward, in his speech proroguing Parliament, referred to the unjusti-liable and arbitrary acts of Venezuelans against British subjects and property. Many persons were killed and injured

d over 1,000 homes were destroyed by e earthquake at Andijan, Russian Cen-Bundesrath approved the German

Tariff Bill in the form in which it passed its third reading in the Reichstag. General Nord, having been proclaimed president of Hayti by the army, took

possession of the national palace.

Prince Reggio and Countess Uboldi committed suicide in a hotel in Genoa.

Sixty-three persons are reported to have been frozen to death in Hungary and three shepherds to have been eaten by wolves y woives. Queen Alexandra acted as godmother

at the christening of Lord Mandeville, heir of the Duke and Duchess of Man-

## Financial.

Lehigh Valley retains all the advances it has recently made. St. Paul's melon for stockholders is is asserted that the American Lo-

comotive Company has orders for 2800 Ressell Sage is loaning 6 per cent-money for five months, which looks more cheerful.

James R. Keene denies that he is in any way connected with an Amalgamated Copper pool. Canadian Pacific's earnings for the second week of December were \$824,-000, an increase of \$35,000.

Chicago hears that the Pennsylvania is paying daily \$3000 for borrowed cars and \$1500 for cars overdue.

It is understood that next year France will make a loan of \$100,000,000, and Spain a loan of equal amount. American Shipbuilding Company de-clared a quarterly dividend of 1 3-4 per cent. on its preferred stock.

It is semi-officially reported that China will pay the next indemnity in-stallment in silver, not being able to get gold.

## THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER. PASSES PURE FOOD BILL

The House of Representatives Agrees to the Measure by Decisive Vote.

SOME STRICT PROVISIONS CARRIED.

Bill Prohibits the Introduction Into any State or Territory, or the District of Columbia. From Any Other State or Territory, or From Any Foreign Country of Any Article Food Which is Adulterated or Misbranded.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- The House passed the Pure Food bill by a vote of 72 to 21. There was not a quorum present, but the point was not raised by the opponents of the measure.

The bill inhibits the introduction into any State or Territory, or the District of Columbia, from any other State or Territory or the District of Columbia, or from any foreign country, or to the shipments to any foreign country of any article of food or drug which is adulterated or misbranded. The above inhibition is made to apply to anyone shipping, delivering or receiving within the regions named any such food so adul-Adulterations in the bill are defined as follows:

In the case of drugs, if sold under a name recognized in the United States pharmacoperia and the drug differs from the standards of strength, quality or purity as determined by the test laid down in such pharmacaperia at the time of the investigation, so that its strength or purity falls below the professed standard under which it is sold; if it be an imitation of, or offered for sale under the name of another article; and in the case of a confestions. in the case of a confectionery, if it contains terra alba, barytes, talc, chrome yellow or other mineral substances, or ous colors or flavors,

In the case of food, when any subor injuriously affect its quality or strength, so that such product when offered for sale shall tend to deceive the

If any substance or substances have been substituted so that the product when sold shall tend to deceive the pur-If any valuable constituent of an

has been wholly or in part abstracted. If it be an imitation of, or offered for sale under, the distinctive name of an-

If it be mixed, colored, powdered or

If it is falsely labeled as a foreign product, or is in imitation of another substance of a previously established name or which has been trade-marked

or patented. If it consists in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed or putrid animal or vegetable substance, or any part of an animal unfit for food, or if it is the pro-duct of a diseased animal or one that has

died otherwise than by slaughter.

The last section of the bill provides that any article of food or drug that is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of this bill and is transported, or being transported, from one State to protect for the sold in th another for sale, or if it be sold in the District of Columbia or the Territories, or if it be imported from a foreign country, shall be liable to confiscation by a process of libel for condemnation in the United States courts. Such goods, it is also provided, shall not be sold in any State contrary to the laws thereof.

### RESCUED FROM SINKING SHIP.

#### Seven Men and One Woman Saved By Steam. er Mira.

Philadelphia (Special).-Suffering severely from exposure and privation. seven shipwrecked men and one woman arrived here on the British steamer Mira, Captain Swartmore, from New Emperor assured him that he was Castle-on-Tyne. The victims included C. H. Clements, owner of the British schooner, J. N. Wylde, Captain Dunphy, his wife, and five seamen.

they were rescued from the dismaned and sinking schooner by the crew i the Mira. The J. N. Wylde was ound from Philadelphia, December 1. of the Mira. Bridgewater, Nova Scotia Off by a blizzard which continued more than a week. Benumbed by the cold, the captain and crew were unable to manage the schooner, which was toss-ed helplessly about. Several vessels passed the distressed chooner, but her aptain and crew were unable to answer

eir signals. Finally, one of the sailors succeeded n fastening a signal to the mast, which, in December 14, brought the Mira to

### TO STAMP OUT TUBERCULOSIS.

#### An American Congress on the Disease to Be Formed.

Atlanta, Gs. (Special).-A petition vas filed here in the Superior Court asking for a charter for the incorporation of the "American Congress on Tuberculosis. Dr. George Brown, of At-

Others who are seeking to have the congress incorporated are Dr. Henry D. Holton, of Vermont; Dr. Daniel Lewis, of New York; Dr. J. A. Eagan, of Illinois; Dr. Frank Paschal, of Texas; Dr. Itving A. Watson, of New Hampshire; Dr. E. J. Barrack, of Canada, and Dr. P. H. Bryce, of Canada. The purpose of the corporation is to The purpose of the corporation is to

bettering the condition of cows sufering with tuberculosis. Another is to assist in organizing the

## Toronto, Ont. (Special).-Eli Hy

nan, a Jew, who begged for admission to the general hospital here, is dead. An examination of his clothing Other paper showed Hyman to be worth probably \$100,000. For 20 years he had slept in sheds and stables. He sold papers and begged money and food. His heirs are his widow and a daughter, living, it is thought, in San Francisco. Francisco.

### For Three Strawberries.

New Haven, Conn. (Special) .-Twelve men have tried a 17-year-old boy on a charge of stealing three strawberries and deliberated an hour before finding him not guilty. Joseph Carroll, with ing him not guilty. Joseph Carroll, with two other boys, was charged with eating three strawberries while trespassing. They were fined \$10 each in the lower court. The others paid, but Carroll appealed. It was pointed out that the case could be dismissed on a technicality, as the boy was tried without a guardian being appointed, but the court overruled it. the time for connection statues of Hanson. Ma

#### DOINGS AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL. NON-UNION MEN ON STAND

Senator Hour's Trust Bill.

Following close on the House appropriating \$500,000 for the use of the Attorney-General in prosecuting the trusts came the announcement from Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, that he will prepare a bill during the holiday recess for presentation in

Inasmuch as Mr. Hoar is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and came to Washington at the beginning of the session with an opinion against anti-trust legislation, this fact is important, and may mean some sort of trust legislation before March 4. Senator Hoar authorized a statement on the subject in which he suggested that

three things should be done.

First—The Attorney-General should be supplied with sufficient resources to enable him to execute the existing

Second-There should be legislation which provide safeguards against the abuse of corporate powers engaged in international or interstate commerce

Third-Whether the definition of the thing which should be prohibited exists in the present law; and whether it should be amended or could be amend-ed and improved, should depend very much on the opinion of the law officer of the Government who is charged with the administration of the law

Department of Commerce. The House Committee on Interstate Commerce ordered a favorable report on the Department of Commerce bill. The vote on reporting it stood 3 to 3.

The provision for including the bureau of labor in the new department was retained on a tie vote. As it will come from the House Committee, the bill will embrace within the proposed Department of Commerce the light-house board, the lighthouse service, national bureau of standards, coast and geodetic survey, bureau of immigration, fish commission, bureau of statis-tics, of the Treasury Department; bureau of foreign commerce, of the State Department; fur, seal and salmon fish-eries, bureau of labor and census and three new bureaus—insurance, manu-

factures and corporations, The province and duty of the pro-posed bureau of corporations is, un-der the direction of the secretary of commerce, to gather, compile, publish and supply useful information concerning corporations engaged in interstate

or foreign commerce.
A section added to the Senate bill If it contain any added or poisonous ingredient which may render such article injurious to health.

If it is falsely lead to the description of the Department of Commerce. gives the President the authority

#### Philippine Currency Bill.

The Senate Committee on the Philippine Islands agreed upon a bill for the establishment of the currency of the Philippines, which is the joint production of Senators Henry Cabot Lodge and William B. Allison. It makes the gold peso of 12.9 grains the unit of value in the islands and the gold coins of the United States legal

tender for all debts.

In addition to the currency at present authorized the Philippine Govern-ment is permitted to have coined 75. 000,000 silver pesos of 416 grains each, which are to be legal tender for all debts in the islands unless otherwise specified by contract or by law. Subsidiary silver coins also are allowed in excess of the present volume. Philippine Government is authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness in order to maintain the parity between the gold and silver pesos.

Provision also is made for the re-demption of the present silver currency of the islands. Authority is given for the coinage of the silver pesos at Maor at any of the mints of the United States.

### For Emergency Currency.

Representative Elijah B. Lewis, of mittee on Banking and Currency, introduced a bill to provide an elastic or emergency currency to meet the financial and commercial requirements of the

of the Currency to issue to any national banking association, in addition to the circulation now authorized by law, circulating notes to an amount not exceeding 25 per cent. of the paid-up capital and surplus of said bank

### To Admit Fair Employes,

A joint resolution was introduced in the House by Representative James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the House Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, providing that the Allen Contract Labor law shall not operate to prevent foreign exhibitors at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at Louis from bringing ployes, natives of foreign countries, s they may deem necessary for spe-fied purposes, subject to the approval the Secretary of the Treasury.

### Indian Service Short of Assistance.

The Indian service is confronted with lack of physicians, industrial teachers, disciplinarians and seamstresses, the Civil Service Commission having no names on its rolls of eligibles to fill the vacancies in these positions

### With the Lawmakers.

Delegate Rodey, of New Mexico, issued an appeal to the people of the country on behalf of the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, which are applying for statehood.

The report of the British minister at Havana shows that the Cubar been making excellent progress, shows that the Cubans have The House Committee ordered a fav-orable report on the bill to create a de-

The President decided not to send the resulted in finding scrip worth \$31,000. Cuban Reciprocity Treaty to the House. The House Military Affairs Committee authorized a favorable report on the bill draited by the War Depart-ment creating a general staff corps in

The Senate passed the Pension Appropriation Bill. It carries \$139.847,000. The House passed the bill to reduce the duties on the products of the Philip pine Islands from 75 per cent, of the

Dingley rates to 25 per cent. The Senate Committee on Education and Labor agreed upon a favorable re-port of the House Eight-hour bill.

January 31, at 3 o'clock, was fixed as the time for holding the exercises in connection with the acceptance of the statues of Charles Carroll and John Hanson, Maryland's contribution to Sta-

Two craters on the Island of San which had been supposed to be extra are reported to be active.

## THE KEYSTONE STATE.

News Happenings of Interest Gathered

Finley township, accused many of the teachers with drunkenness and immochoose teachers who are known to pos sess bad habits. A director jumped to teachers in the county guilty, and then Post made the statement that he had mon among the Washington county

The jury after being out 40 minutes acquitted Charles S. Buttermore of the murder of William Cunningham. door at an unusual hour of the night o him and kissed him several times it open court.

position because his father did not Joseph H. Dugan, who says he was requested to give up his membership in a temperance society because he mained at work doing repair work and acting as watchman. He said he had been stoned and otherwise badly treated, and added that a good clubbing would not have limit half as much as the action of the society in dropping he had drilled in the society, he said, stoned him on the highway, and when

displayed his revolver they all drop ped flat on the road. C. S. Darrow, for the miners, asked the witness if he thought the union taught them that, to which the witness replied that he, as captain of the mil tary company of the society, had taught the boys the military tactics which they resorted to when he flourished his pis-

Chairman Gray asked the witness if into some bushes, it is said, and threat-ened to kill her if she made any outhe remained at work so that the pumps could be kept in good repair and thus keep the mines from being destroyed, and he said he did. Mr. Darrow asked him how long he worked and examined him in such a way on this subject that it drew out the remark from Chairman Gray that men will work 15 hours or more to help save a neighbor's burning

Stories of Alleged Violence Told to the

Mine Commission.

MANY OF THEM ACCUSE STRIKERS.

Four Witnesses Sald Attempts Were Made to

-Testilled to Being Hung in Effigy.

Blow Up their Houses; One House It Was

Alleged Was Badly Damaged-Many Wit-

nesses Were Threatened With Bodily Harm

Scranton, Pa. (Special).-Non-union

men, some of their relatives and others

to the number of 30 appeared before the

Anthracite Coal Strike Commission

and told their stories of alleged boy-

cotts, intimidations, dynamiting and

violence in various forms during the late strike. Each witness called was a

sufferer in one form or another at the

Four witnesses said attempts were

made to blow up their houses; one

house, it was alleged, was badly dam-

aged; many of the witnesses were

threatened with bodily harm, several

were beaten, one was shot in the leg

and everyone stoned, boycotted or

hanged in effigy, they declared. One

school teacher restified having lost his

him from the organization. The

hands, they allege, of strikers.

James Mitchell said he was expelled from the Hibernian Society. He worked during the strike, he said, as a repair man and did not consider it unfair, because he did not mine any coal. He had been a member of the society 26 or 28 years and at a meeting one night during the strike the question of his alleged unfairness came up and the members present unanimously voted to is no fruth in the rumor that the entire division of the National Guard will at-tend the Pennypacker mauguration. The

## WHOLE CITY DESTROYED.

#### Earthquake Wipes Out Andijan, Which lind 30,000 Population.

Ashkabad (By Cable).-The city of Andijan, in the Ferghana Government. was destroyed by an earthquake.

The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in New Marghelan

and surrounding villages. The railway at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to

### Andijan.

Populous and Historic City. Andijan is a city of 30,000 inhabitants, situated in the old Khanate of Khokand, which was acquired by Russia in 1876. when its name was changed to the still

The city is 73 miles northeast of Ko ountry. kand, the capital of the province. It gated by the tributaries of the Upper Sit Darya, in a region unequaled for luxuri ant beauty in Central Asia. The city is in one of the valleys of the Thian Shan Mountains, just north of the famous Pamir tableland which is known among the natives, on account of its tremend altitude, as the "Roof of the World."

#### BURGLARS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. Mullins Bank Robbed of \$5,009-Nitroglycerine Used.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).-A special to the State from Mullins, Marion county, says that the bank of Mullins was burglarized about 3 o'clock a. m. nited States, under contract, such and \$5,000 stolen. All external evidences go to prove that the work was done by professional cracksmen.

After blowing open the vault door, safe on the inside was demolished Bloodhounds were secured, but the trail was evidently too cold for the dogs to

Mullins is the leading tobacco market in the State, and the bank usually carries a large amount of funds. All ef-

forts to trace the burglars have so far proved unavailing.

A special from Aiken says that on Tuesday night burglars blew open the sale of J. T. Shuler, at Montmorenci, Aiken county, and took nearly \$800 in each clocks, stagens are The bursh checks, stamps, etc. The broke into a blacksmith took a drill to work with and used nitro-glycerine as an explosive.

### LIVE NEWSY NOTES

The annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Louisville and Nashville was held in Louisville. More than or-dinary interest centered in the gathering. as it was the first meeting of the stock holders since the system passed une the control of the Atlantic Coast Line At Montgomery, Ala., Rev. Charles M. Beckwith, D.D., was consecrated Episcopal bishop of Alabama.

The ninety-second annual report of the American Board of Foreign Missions shows an enormous demand for Bibles. The office of x-ray expert and elec trical diagnostician of the law depart-ment of the City of Chicago has been created.

The National Municipal League will hold its next annual meeting in Detroit. "General Peanuts," well known as a midget, died in New York. An effort in Chicago to corner Decem-ber corn failed.

Capt. A. Carstairs, of the Irish Rifles, secured a divorce in London from his wife on the ground of adultery.

# From All Sources.

A sensation was caused in the Washngton county school directors' meeting rality. The trouble was started when Post presented a resolution to the cl ect that the directors do not hereafter Post made the statement that he had seen several of the teachers drunk. He also said that drunkenness was comdo something to stop it. Several of the directors denied the charges made against the teachers, but Post claimed that he could produce proof to show that he was correct in his statement.

were employed by the Frick Coke Company, at the Coalbrook plant. Cumungham appeared at Buttermore's and Buttermore, thinking he was a bur-glar, shot him. When the verdict was announced, Buttermore's wife rushed

In the Mankey-Stocking case, at Washington, the jury awarded the girl \$5,500 damages for detamation of character. Both litigants are members of prominent families. Grace Mankey sought \$10,000 as the result of scandal ous stories spread by Hugh L. Stock-ing, who is a prominent business man of Washington. A similar suit has been brought by Miss Mankey against

George Killen, the self-confessed mirderer of Louise Ernette, will make a fight for his life. He has presented a petition to court at Greensburg asking that counsel be appointed for him. At-torneys Curtis H. Greup, C. Ward Eicher and Charles D. Copeland were elected to defend him by Judge L. A young man named Hennessy, about 10 years old, is in jail at Emporium on a charge of assaulting Gertrude Buck, 14 years old. Both live in Driftwood. Hennessy dragged the girl

cry. Her condition is serious. The American Tin Plate Company posted notices at New Castle notifying their employes that the Shenango mill will start Monday, December 29. The plant has been closed since last July It is expected that the Greer mill

be started about the first of the year. Oscar Bender and George Focht met horrible deaths at the North Lehanon furnaces of the American Steel Company. The men were engaged in fill-ing a cupola. Bender was overcome by gas and fell in, when Focht, in trying to save him, met the same fate. Adjutant General Stewart says there

probability is that a regiment from each brigade will attend, although nothing definite has been arranged. Arthur H. Stafford, formerly a brake man on the Pennsylvania Railroad, filed a suit for \$5,000 damages at New Castle for the loss of an arm. His father asks \$5,000 for medical attention and the fact

his son is likely to be a charge St. John's Lutheran church, Kittan ning, has extended a call to Rev. C. A. Freed, of Staunton, Va.

Marshall Daugherty, on trial at Union-town for the killing of John Rucheck, was convicted of voluntary manslaughter Charles Rott, who lived near Connells-

ville, died from a bullet wound said to have been inflicted by John Giletti on Fire damaged the pottery of Mayer Bros., Beaver Falls, to the extent of

Christian Burckhart, of Barberton, who has applied for a divorce, alleges that his wife tried to feed him aconite.

The Colonial Coke Company, Smock, Fayette county, has sold its holdings to Uniontown parties for \$275,000.

Itocco Calvatti was convicted at New Castle of manslaughter for the killing of John Pardoe at Edinburg.
Engineer W. S. Knox and Fireman J. Thompson were injured through the derailing of their train on the Lake Shore Railroad at Youngstown.

Amy and Maggie Houck, who aided Clyde Adams to escape from the Butler iail, were each fixed \$10 and costs and sentenced to the workhouse for three nonths. Adams was fined \$25 and given a six months' sentence. The old handle factory at Manor-owned by Beamer Bros., has been pur-hased by a stock company that has

been incorporated with a capitalization of \$150,000. H. L. Greer and J. L. Mc-Kean, of Wilmerding, are among those interested. Governor Stone has fixed February 4 for the execution of Charles Grether

of Monroe county. James Bereidge, a young Allegheny inventor, became insane and tried to aken to the insane department of the Allegheny City Home,

Charles J. Ellison, a prolific writer for leading publications of this coun-try, has been found dead in a but in the mountains near Hampden. For a quarter of a century Ellison had lived huts in the mountains of Northern empsylvania and Northern New York his sole company being a herd of goats. The American Flint Glass Workers'

Union has officially withdrawn from the American Federation of Labor. The United States Steel corporation will enlarge its Shelby steel tube plant at

Returning home from work at Returning home from work at St. Nicholas colliery along the Philadelphia and Reading Railway tracks before daybreak. Louis Huntzinger, aged 27, of Mahanoy City, was run down by a passenger train and killed. Huntzinger's two brothers were drowned at Washington Park, Philadelphia, six months ago. months ago.

Fire supposed to be of incendiary origin destroyed the large barn on the farm tenanted by Samuel H. Parke, in East Bradford township. The property oks is \$10,000.

W. C. McConneil was elected president of the Shamokin danking Company, the oldest banking institution in the county, succeeding Attorney C. W. Ryon, a member of the State Board of Charging. The Darmstadter Bank, of Berlin, has been defrauded of \$175,000, owing to false entries in the books on the part of a bookkeeper, Nessler, who had charge of the deposits.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

#### General Trade Conditions.

Bradstreet's Trade Reivew caya:

"Retail distribution, further atimulated by colder weather and the holiday season, has expanded largely, until now it easily occupies first position in the trade situation. Wholesale trade, except where inroads upon retailers stocks have induced reorders, is relapsing into the quiet usual at the stock-taking period. Building trade activity has been checked by the climatic influences prevailing, and the distribution of lumber and building materials generally is less active. Other leading industries also note the quieting down usual at this season. Great basic conditions however, make for inture prosperity. Railway earnings, swelled by heavy traffic in grain and miscellaneous products, offsetting smaller movements of live stock, provisions and cotton, show an increase of 7.2 per cent, over November, for the same month a year ago.

"Cold weather and snow have helped distribution at retail in the Northwest and the outlook is for an unprecented holiday distribution on the Pacific Coast. Reorders of heavy goods from jobbers are still of moderate proportions at the West, but apring sales are larger than a year ago in dry goods, shoes and clothing.

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"It has been a narrow market for cot-ton. Heavy clothing, shoes and rub-ber goods have moved into consump-tion largely during the week, and spring business is reported of flattering vol-ume. There is little new in the cotton goods market, the export branch being still very dull. Woolen goods are firm

"Alone among the industries, iron and steel show some symptoms of the weaker prices for crude material, but this, on the whole, is more apparent than real, because demands for supplies are as pressing as ever, and production has not yet overtaken con sumption. Lower prices for coke iron at the West and weaker quotations for foreign foundry iron at the seaboard may be really regarded as readjustments of abnormal situations previously prevailing. Heavier form of finished material showed no signs of weakness. Rather more interest is taken in pig iron, judging from the reopening of ne-gotiations by the leading interest with the Bessemer association, for deliver-ies in the second half of 1903.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 247, as against 185

last week, 233 in this week last year 247 in 1900, 211 in 1899, and 234 in 1898 "Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 3,761,047 bushels against 5,704,440 last week, 3,879,809 in this week last year, and 4,785,577 in 1900. Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 120,507,495 bushels, against 136,303,381 last season, and 86,008,003 in 1900. Corn exports aggregate 1,301,-366 bushels against 145,671 last week 286 bushels, against 1,151,563 last week, 278,307 last year, and 4,853,458 in 1900. For the fiscal year, exports are 5,160,186, against 19,794,958 last season, and 84,906,396 in 1900."

#### LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour-Spring clear, \$3 25a3,45; best Patent, \$4.65; choice Family, \$3.90. Wheat-New York No. 2, 83%c; Philadelphia No 2, 7654a7654e; Baltimore No 2 7634c, Corn-New York No. 2, 64c; Phila-

delphia No. 2, 54a5514; Baltimore No. 2, Oats-New York No. 2, 37c; Philadelphia No. 2, 381/c; Baltimore No 2,

othy \$14.00a15.00 Green Fruits and Vegetables-Apples per brl. fancy \$2 50@3 25; fair to good per brl. 2 00c@\$2 50; Cabbages, Do-mestic, per ton. \$4.00a7.00. Celery, per doz. 18c@25e; Eggplants, native, per doz. 18c226c; Eggplants, native, per 100, \$1502200; Grapes, basket, 12a16c Lettuce, native, per bu, box, 30o240c.

land and Pennsylvania, per bu 65a68c; New York, per bu 65a70; sweets, per brl 2 00n\$ 225.

28a29c. Eggs, Fresh-laid eggs, per dozen,

Ducks, 11\*12 Hides, Heavy steers, association and salters, late kill, 60-lbs and up, close se-lection, 124a124c; cows and light steers

10 c; bacon clear rib sides. 10c; bacon shoulders, 11%c; sugar-cured breasts, 14%c; sugar-cured shoulders, 11%c; sugar cured California hams, 103/6 hams canvased or uncanvased, 12 40s. and over, 14c; refined lard tierces, bris and 50 lb cans, gross, 11%c; refined lard, second-hand tuos, 11%c; refined lard, balf-barrels and new tubs, 11%c.

### Live Stock.

Chiengo, Cattle, Mostly 15a20c lower. good to prime steers \$5 60a6 60; medium \$3 00a5 50; stockers and feeders \$3 90 a4 50; cows, \$1 25a4 50; heifers \$2 00a 00; Texas-fed steers \$3 59a4 75. Hogs, Mixed and butchers \$4 50a6 20; good to choice, heavy \$6 3056 50; Sheep, sheep and lambs slow to lower; good to choice whethers \$3.75a4.50; Western sheep East Liberty, Cattle steady; choice

eavy Yorkers \$6 20a6 25. Sheep steady, Best wethers \$3 90a4 10 culls and com mon \$1 50a2 00; choice lambs \$5 40.5 65

\$6 00a6 10; prime \$5 60a5 75. Hogs. prime heavy \$6 45a6 50, mediums \$6 30;

### LABOR AND INDUSTRY

A scarcity of lumbermen is reported at Ottawa, Canada. There are 180 mines and 12,000 min ers in the State of Indiana.

Every member of the Horseshoers Union at Indianapolis, Ind., is at pres-

ont employed.

Marine cooks at Buffalo have applied for a charter from the International

At Indianapolis, Ind., the Retail Clerks' Union is strongly urging upon the merchants to agree to shorter

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$16.50a17.00; No. 2 timothy. \$16.00a16.50; No. 3 tim-

Lima beans, native, per bu box, 80@ Onions. Maryland and Pennsylva-nia yellow, per bu, 65@70c. Potatoes, White, per bu 65a68c; Mary-

Butter, Separator, 30a31c; Gathered cream, 28a29c; prints, 1-1b 31a32c; Rolls, 30a31; Dairy pts. Md., Pa., Va.,

Cheese, Large; 60-lb, 13a13½c; me dium, 36-lb, 13a13½; picnics, 23-lb 13 Val3 % c. Live Poultry, Hens, 10% alle; old roosters, each 25a30c; Turkeys, 11a115

Provisions and Hog Products.—Bulk clear rib sides, 10%; bulk shoulders, 10%; bulk beliles, 120; bulk ham butts.

The strike of Old Town (Wash.) shingle makers has been amicably set

On account of the bad baryest in Norway the Government has granted \$48,000 to farmers for the purpose of buying seed.

Camden (Maine) weavers have struck for an equalization of pay. Day hands receive \$1.50 and piece hands want the