Custom House. EXCITEMENT IN VENEZUELAN CITY,

The People Prepare to Defend the Town From the lavaders-Calmer Feeling Prevails When It Becomes Known That the Germans Only Wanted to Clear the Port-Arbitration

Laguayra (By Cable),-The Germans suddenly landed a force of marines at Puerto Cabello and took possession of the customhouse and wharves before resistance could be offered. The ex- at North Attleboro, Mass. citement of the inhabitants was intense and they prepared to defend the rest of the town

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Streets already had been barricaded when it was announced that the land-ing of the Germans was only a movement taken in order to clear the port of small craft and render the blockade more effective. This had a calming effect on the people, who at first be-lieved that the allies intended to occupy all the customhouses in the coun-

The revolutionists are active on the

outskirts of Puerto Cabello.

The British gunboat Zumbardo, formerly the Venezuelan war vessel of that name, which left here for Trinidad with a number of prizes in tow, was obliged to return to this port owing to the hawsers carrying away re-peatedly on account of the heavy gale blowing and strong, contrary currents, The British cruiser Tribune went out her assistance. The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan

has left here for Curacao, where she

ARBITRATION COMMISSION.

Venezuela as Large a Representation as That of Athled Powers.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Details of the terms of the proposed arbitration between Venezuela and the allied foreign powers are gradually becoming known.

The arbitration commission will be composed of as many members representing Venezuela as represent the al-If the foreign court is made up of seven members, the powers will name three and Venezuela three, and the six will agree on the seventh. In that case Germany, England and Italy each would stock name one. But if the tribunal is com-posed of only five members, as is thought likely, the three powers will have to agree on their two arbitrators.

Some think the allies overlooked a point in agreeing to have only as many rbitrators as Venezuela, but that has been the understanding of the State Department from the first. As the allies are operating jointly, it is regarded as natural that they should present their case through joint representatives.

AIDING THE REBELS.

Minister Bowen Confirms the News of Crisis for Castro.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Any hour may bring the news from Venezuela that President Castro has been forced out. This may be accomplished by means of the revolution led by Gen-eral Matos or by means of pressure causing Castro's voluntary abdication. which would mean his flight, if possi-

the State Department received cablegram from Minister Bowen, the purport of which was to a great ex-tent confirmatory of the news that a crisis had been reached in Castro's tenure of Office. Minister Bowen represents a condition of chaos in Venezuela and especially Caracas, which is growing steadily and rapidly more serious.

ALLIED POWERS SILENT.

Washington (Special).-Nothing has been heard here from either London. Berlin or Rome in the nature of an answer to President Castro's amended proposition relative to arbitration. The United States ambassadors and charges at the capitals named have advised the State Department that they have deliv-ered the Castro proposition at the For-eign Office in their respective capitals, and it is assumed here that the holiday season is the cause of delay, though it is also known that exchanges are in progress between London and Berlin with a view to insuring uniform action by the allies.

Trestie Goes Down With Train.

Bethlehem, Pa. (Special).-At Bath, near here, a trestle bridge which the Bath and Northampton Railroad is building swung from its abutments with a locomotive and seven loaded cinder cars, ... with laborers and carpen-was seriously cut about the head.

Skin Grafted on Her Lip.

Lowell, Mass. (Special).-Miss Bertha Deenan, who went to McKinley Hospital, in Trenton, N. J., to have a lip constructed, has returned to her ne in Lowell with as sweet a mouth as the most fastidious young woman need wish for. Drs. McCullough and Brown performed a skin-grafting operation with perfect success, using skin from the girl's arm in their work. Her lip was burned away when she was a baby.

Miss Jennie Creek Fatally Ill.

Richmond, Ind. (Special).-Miss Jennie Creek, the Mill Grove girl who won a wide reputation by saving a passenger train from plunging through a burning bridge, is now at the home of her sister, in Converse, Ind., fatally ill. The girl is suffering from a complication of diseases and cannot recover. In the summer of 1893 she made a danger signal of her petticoat and at the risk of her own life halted a passenger train on the Panhandle route in time to save it from a faithful wreek in a hurred beinger.

Killed While Hunting

Raleigh, N. C. (Special).-At Rockingham, Richmond county, James Lewas accidentally shot and in-killed by Henry Dockery, Jr. sery were returning from a birdhunt of stopped to rest on the edge of the wn, planning for the next hunt. Dock-r tripped backward and became unlanced, and, it is supposed, clutched a gun in a movement to balance him-fand both barrels were discharged, a loads taking effect in Legrand's ch. Legrand was the eldest son of the late James T. Legrand. He and the late James T. Legrand. He and the late James T. Legrand.

STIR UP PUERTO CABELLO THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER. BILL TO CRUSH TRUSTS

Former Governor David R. Francis of Missouri, the head of the Louis Exposition, was robbed on a electric car in Chicago of his pocketbook, containing \$30 and valuable papers and

railroad passes.
Swami Trigunattita, a distinguished Hindu savant, has arrived in San Francisco direct from the Rama Krishma Monastery, in Calcutta, India, to make

a pilgrimage around the world.

W. H. Reeves and E. W. Newcome, of the Dowie Zion community, were arrested on the charge of kidnapping Harry Bonn, a boy of 15.

Miss Maud Reed, aged 20 years, died suddenly from end, aged 20 years, died years aged 20 years, died years aged 20 years suddenly from emotional excitement at a revival meeting of the holiness faith

There was a wreck on the Grand Trunk, near St. Catherines, Ont., in which one man was killed, the passengers escaping with slight injuries. The final report of Special Master

James M. Beck in the matter of the sale of the Philadelphia Record was confirmed by the United States Court. Graham C. Vorhis, Jormerly in charge of a postal substation in New York, was sent to Sing Sing for two and a half years for embezzlement. Stephen T. Garland, who was for many years prominently identified with railroad interests, died at his

home, in Philadelphia,
W. K. Sullivan, paymaster of the
Bussey Coal Mine, was held up and
robbed of \$1860. He shot one of the

men.
Miss Iona Dunlap was acquitted in Aledo, Ill., of the charge of killing Miss Allie Dool with poisoned candy.
The settling of the Delaware and Madage mine-workings at Olyphant, The settling of the Delaware and Hudson mine-workings at Olyphant, Pa., caused J. W. O'Brien's hotel and the residence of Mrs. Mary Evans, adjoining, to cave in. The buildings took fire immediately after sinking.

The Pittsburg Local of the Interna-

tional Association of Bridge and Struc-tural Iron Workers has submitted a new scale to the manufacturers calling for an advance from 471/2 to 50 cents an hour for an eight-hour day. In a fight among Italians, brothers and

ins, in Santiago de Cuba, two were killed instantly, two died from wounds, the fifth is fatally and the sixth serious-Edgar F. Smith, professor of

chemistry and vice provost of the University of Pennsylvania, was elected president of the American Philosophical Society. The Pressed Steel Car Company has adopted the profit-sharing scheme and its employes may secure preferred

The New Orleans-San Francisco Railroad was chartered in New Orleans,

with a capital of \$5,000,000. A gorgeous carnival of flowers was held at Pasadena, Cal.. The proces-sion of carriages, automobiles, bicycles and carts decorated with flowers required 30 minutes to pass a given point. A young woman was found in the Campbell House, in Newark, N. J., nearly suffocated from gas. Another woman was found nearly dead in the same hotel from carbolic acid.

Henri Watterson issued another philippic against the Smart Set, being moved thereto by the promised com-Princess of Saxony. Riverside Woolen Mills,

The Knoxville, Tenn., announce a reduction of hours of their employes, the reduction being from 11 to 10 hours as a day's work.

Foreign.

King Edward has appointed Sir Francis Leveson Bertie, now an assistant under secretary for foreign af-fairs, to succeed Lord Currie, of fairs, to success
Hawley, as British ambassago.
Rome. Lord Curric resigned his post

It was reported at Madrid that the pretender to the throne of Morocco entered Fez. Another dispatch says the Sultan's condition is critical, as the 10,000 Jews in Fez are inclined to support the pretender. Crown Prince Frederick William of

No Answer as Yet to President Castro's Germany, will make a trip to Russia, and possibly later to the United States. Volcanoes in Nicaragua, Salvador and Guatemala are showing symptoms

of becoming dangerous. Thousands of British and Indian soldiers participated in a grand assault-atarms at Delhi.

Ambassador Storer presented his credentials at the palace in Vienna. The King of Saxony is reported in

critical condition. The pretender has announced that he is not fighting for the throne of Moroc-co for himself, but for the Sultan's imprisoned brother, Mulai Mohammed. The dispatch of Spanish reinforcements to Morocco has been countermanded. Detachments of French troops have een ordered to the Morocco frontier. The Sultan may summon the border tribes to a holy war. The Archduke Leopold says that

Archduke Johann Salvator, who renounced his titles and took the name John Orth, and was supposed to have perished in a shipwreck, is really

alive.
G. H. Elder was remanded by a London police court, charged on his confession with having embezzled symmetry from his employers. Brown, Shipley & Co. . . . bankers. Brown, Shipley & Co... bankers.
The Portuguese Cortes opene.
the King in his speech spoke of the cordial relations existing between Portugal and all the powers, especially Great Britain.

Bulgarian and Turkish troops had a ght at the village of Drenovo, in which the Turkish commander and 15 men were killed.

The German Commercial Treaty So-ciety has issued a circular complain-ing of the United States customs' treatment of German goods. The Saxon Court will make an at-tempt to obtain possession of the ex-

Financial.

pected child of the Crown Princess

Gold shipments from London to Japan are considered likely. The English Government is expected to issue the Transvaal loan in March. Lake Superior in 1901 shipped 209,-000 tons of ore and in 1902 more than

300,000 tons. The Government report will most probably put the cotton crop under 10,-000,000 bales.

Susquehanna Iron and Steel has declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

It does not require tales of mergers of the hard coal roads to advance the price of shares.

James M. Guffey denies that he will Texas properties to the Standard Oil Company.

Standard Oil has again advanced the orice of crude three cents a barrel.

Standard Oil stock rose to 715 yester-

ngs for 1902 are estimated at \$1

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Senator Hoar's Measure Has Far-Reach-

ing Provisions.

PROVIDES SOME SEVERE PENALTIES.

Recuires the Filing of a Complete Statement of the Financial Status of Corporations Engaged in Interstate or Foreign Commerce, Also of Their Relations With Other Corporations.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Sena tor Hoar made public the antitrust bill which he asked leave before the Senate adjourned for the holidays to introduce.

The bill goes to the Committee on Judiciary, of which Senator Hoar is chairman. It provides, first, that none of the existing laws regulating commerce or directed against trusts or monopolies shall be in any wise repealed or restricted by this act.

The sum of \$500,000 is placed at the disposal of the Attorney General to prosecute offenders under any antitrust act. It then provided that no corporation shall engage in interstate or foreign commerce until it shall file a statement in the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission, signed and sworn to by its president, its treasurer, its general manager and a majority of its directors, or by the persons exercising the powers usually exercised by such officers and directors on or before September 15, in the year 1904, and shall on or before September 15 in each year thereafter file a like statement for the year showing the amount of its capital stock, the market value of the same, how much of the same has been paid in full in cash, or, if the same has not been paid in or, if the same has not been paid in full in cash, what has been received by the said corporation, joint stock company or other association, in lieu thereof, and the value of whatever shall have been so received by it; the names of all the offi-cers and directors and all agents; the amount it has paid in dividends during said period, the rate of percentage and times of paying; a statement of all the stock owned by it of any other corporation, joint stock company or other as-sociation, specifying the corporation, oint stock company or other tion, and the number and value of shares each; the amount of its own stock held by other corporations and the value thereof, and the amount of stock in other corporations held in trust for it or in which it has any interest, directly

or indirectly An undertaking signed by said officers, general managers and directors, that they will comply with the provisions of this and all other laws of the United States in the management of the affairs

of said corporations.

This statement shall be in addition to all statements now or hereafter required by the Interstate Commerce Commission any other public authority.

The Attorney General of the United States may at any time require of any such corporation any statement he may hink fit in regard to the conduct of its business. And he may especially require any such corporation to give a list of all contracts or transactions entered into within the 12 months preceding such requisition in which it has sold any ticle or product or carried by any other person than the party to such transac-tion. And he may further require the reasons for such distinction.

TALLEST OF SKYSCRAPERS.

New Bank to Be 25 Stories and Highest the World.

New York (Special).-Workmen are now husy upon the foundations of what is to be the tallest office building, from basement to roof, in the world

From basement to roof the building will be 337 feet high, which means about 327 feet from the street level to the roof. This excels even the Park Row building, which is now the tallest office structure in the world, for, while the towers of the latter rise 382 feet above ground, the roof itself is only 309 feet.

The proposed structure is being erected for the National Bank of North

America, and is to be known as the Wall Exchange Building. It will be 25 stories high, the lower 10 of granite, those above of brick and terra-cotta. Charles W. Morse is the real leader of

the enterprise. Several months ago Mr. Morse and his associates got control of the bank, which then had a capital of \$100,000, absorbed and merged it into the Bank of the State of New York, which had a capital of \$1,200,000, and moved the enlarged bank to the home of the latter concern at the northwest corner of William street and Exchange

That corner plot, containing only 3,300 square feet, has kince been sold for \$1,000,000. Mr. Morse organized from among his fellow-directors an association which purchased the plot adjoining old bank building, 100 feet square, and began the erection of the skyscraper

MARCONI'S WIRES ALL OVER CANADA. Wireless System to Bring the Great North

Country Into Communication. Winnipeg, Man. (Special).-Marconi is preparing to instal a wireless transcontinental service through Canada. the experts passed through Win-m their ... West to arrange for of tests in the Roca, ""mitains. nipeg on their ... West to arrange to a series of tests in the Koc., "matain where it is expected the diverse elect. cal currents in the rarified atmosphere of the high altitudes may interfere with the successful sending of messages. Winnipeg is to be the half-way house of the system. It is understood the station will be located at Stony Mountain, an eminence 12 miles from here. It will receive Eastern messages from Mount Royal at Montreal, and it is the work of the experts to locate the next Western

Five Skaters Drowned.

Evansville, Ind. (Special).-Three boys lost their lives while skating on a pond a short distance below the city.

Pembroke, Mass. (Special).-The bodies of Oscar Pratt and George Silvia were found in Big Sandy pond. The hoys started out on Christmas morning for a day's skating on Big Sandy pond, and nothing was seen or heard of them afterward until their bodies were found Saturday.

St. Louis, Mo. (Special).—That the general movement of Western railroad imployes for a wage advance is rapilly approaching a crisis is evidenced by the early arrival of many delegates to the national conference to be held here this week, at which committee reports will be received and acted upon. It is declared that the conference will represent fully 175,000 railroad employes. While it is difficult to learn the exact nature of the reports to be submitted by the committees, it is sail on good authority that the schedule which will probably be fixed upon will sall for an advance of 12 per cent. mencement.

At a cabinet meeting it was decided to close the postoffice at Indianola, Miss., where the postmistress, Minnie M. Cox, a colored woman, was forced to resign by threats of the people.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a reception in the White House, which was attended by Washington official society, including the diplomatic corps. The Assistant Secretary of Agriculture says there is no reason for the existing high prices for meat. He urges the people to demand a reduction.

DOINGS AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Over Ten Million Surplus.

ditures shows that for the month of De-

cember, 1902, the total receipts were \$47.151,209 and the expenditures \$36,-

533.744, leaving a surplus for the month of \$10,618,000. The receipts for the

month are about \$100,000 in excess of

those for December, 1901, and the expenditures \$785,000 less than for that month. The receipts from the several

Internal revenue, \$20,979,318; de-

year a surplus is shown of \$24,734,000,

as against a surplus of \$42,621,807 for the corresponding period last year. Although the receipts from the inter-nal revenue are less than for December,

1901, the amount of the decrease is sur-prisingly small, and it is a noteworthy

than they were before the war tax was removed on July 1, 1902. The monthly circulation statement is-

stied by the comptroller of the currency

shows that at the close of the calendar year the total circulation of national

for the year of \$24,640,058, and an increase for the month of \$75,270; the circulation based on United States bonds

amounted to \$342,127,844, an increase for

the year of \$17,118,538, and an increase for the month of \$1,027,433.

The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$42,801,040, an in-

crease for the year of \$7,521,520, and a decrease for the month of \$952,163. The

of United States

bonds on deposit to secure circulating

notes was \$344,252,120, and to secure

May End Disastrously for China.

forced by the discontent of European

powers at China's refusal to pay in

er indemnity to regard the Chinese

question as one of the most menacing

obscuring the horizon of world

The United States has always held

that the protocol signed by the powers provided for the payment of the install-

ments of the indemnity at the rate of exchange prevailing in April, 1901.

The European powers insist that each payment shall be made at the rate of

exchange prevalent at the time of pay

No secret is made of the fact that the Administration regards the situation as

extremely serious. It is feared that the impatience of Russia, Germany, Eng-

velop into something more threatening

to China. The claims of these powers always have been regarded by the

in this matter, simply because China is

right in refusing to pay the indemnity at a higher rate of exchange than pre-

"Just when the powers will take it

partition or attempt some other dras-

tic measure remains to be seen. Moral

sentiment is unquestionably on the side

Australia Needs Wheat.

Two hundred thousand tons of bread-

tuffs must be imported from wheat-

producing centers to Australia during

the coming season to meet harvest de-

The crop in New South Wales, he

says, will not reach 50 per cent. of the quantity reaped last year and Victoria

of wheat to supply her needs.

will require imports of 3,637,929 bushels

The situation is not so bad in South

Australia, though the crop is less than

Australia, though the crop is less than last year. Fifteen thousand tons of California flour are affoat for New South Wales, but the Consul says the price of California flour has risen so

greatly that the effect will be to divert

good deal of trade to Canada, which

raises hard wheat of a class well suit-

Panama Canal Negotiations.

Mr. Herran, the Columbian charge

the Panama Canal Company, called at the State Department by arrangement,

separately, though in pursuit of a common purpose. Naturally in the incomplete state of the canal negotiations the State Department officials are unwilling to discuss details. Mr. Cromwell, however, was willing to be content to the

are progressing satisfactorily and prom-ise to result in a settlement and the sign-

risk a Venezuelan from drowning. Walter Wellman says he knows how

the North Pole can be reached and

who will properly utilize it.
Secretary Hav gave a cabinet dinner
in honor of President and Mrs. Roose-

Charges were brought before the In

terstate Commerce Commission against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad by Gilbert Barr, of Kearney, Mo., who alleged unjust tariff on live-

A valuable collection of relics of Gen

eral Grant's tour around the world has

A committee from the University of Virginia called upon the President to invite him to attend the annual com-

tro's last communication.

been placed on exhibition.

stock.

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vailed in April, 1901.

of China.

land and other foreign powers

Administration officials have been

public deposits \$153,384,070.

politics

nk notes was \$384,929,784, an increase

30,000.

\$326,000.

Message Flashed to the President at The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expen-

Washington.

CABLE TO HAWAII

THE GREAT JOY OF THE ISLANDERS.

The Completion of the Cable to the Islands in the Pacific a Notable Event-Operators Walting Impatiently for the Signal to let Them Know That All Was Ready-The Line Is Now Open for Business.

sources of revenue are given as follows: Customs, \$23,670,004; increase as com-pared with December, 1901, about \$2,-San Francisco, Cal. (Special).-San Francisco and Honolulu are now connected by cable. The first words crease, \$2,215,000. Miscellaneous, \$2,501,886; decrease, The expenditures on account of the war department show a small decrease and on account of the navy an increase

of about \$1,213,000.

For the first half of the present fiscal trying the cable. That time was desired to insure the perfect hardening of the gutta percha in the splice after the joint should be lowered overboard from the ship in about 2500 feet of

fact that in some of the larger revenue districts the total collections are greater Operators sat anxiously and eagerly bout the instruments in King street, at Honolulu, and in the cable office on Market street, in San Francisco, waiting for the time lime limit to ex-

Just after 11 o'clock a signal went from this end to Honolulu. The first response from Honolulu came San Francisco at exactly 11.03 o'clock. It was 8.41 in Honolulu, the time dif-ference being two hours twenty-two ninutes and a few seconds.

The first message received was from Goveror Dole to President Roosevelt. It was merely a formal greeting and congratulation from the people of Hawaii to the people of the United States, from one chief executive to the other.

The message was transmitted at the Market street office to a wire leading directly to the Executive Mansion at Washington, and its receipt was immediately acknowledged. After the first message came a sec-

ond message from Honolulu. I was a greeting from the people of Hawaii to Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Cable Company, congratulating in on the completion of the cable and expressing sorrow that John W. Mackay had not survived to see the instantaneous bond between the islands and the American Continent. This message was signed by Henry E. Coo-per. Secretary of the Territory of Ha-

The paper ribbon containing the record of the first experimental work be-tween San Francisco and Honolulu was cut into little sections of a few phrases each and divided among the of spectators who were assembled about the instruments when San Francisco and Honolulu first spoke to each other under the Pacific ocean.

MAYOR UNDER ARREST.

United States Government as extor-tionate. A high official said: Charged With Destroying Evidence of Alleged "There is no question but that the powers will attempt to practice extor-Peculations. tion on China, foolish though that may be, for China is in dire straits finan-cially and commercially. The United States has always been China's friend

San Juan, Porto Rico (Special) .-The mayor of this city, Manuel Egozcue, has been arrested, and is held in \$5,000 bail on the charge, made by Insular Official Inspector Holst, of destroying the records of the city water receipts, which constituted the only evidence of alleged extensive peculations

and embezzlements. upon themselves to threaten China with The allegations against the Mayor were originally made last October in a petition of citizens which was present-ed to the governor, and which asked for the prosecution of the mayor. The editor of the News, which published the ficiencies, says United States Consul Gooding, at New Castle, in a report to men. Since then three other officials have been arrested and are being prosecuted for alleged shortages in their accounts and for embezzlements. The accounts and for embezzlements. peculations are said to range from \$8,000 to \$43,000, and misappropria-

tions of other funds are also alleged. Miners to Get More Pay.

Wheeling, W. Va. (Special).-A wage advance averaging 10 per cent will be granted by every important mining concern in West Virginia. It was given January 1 in the Norfolk and Western Railroad and Fairmont regions, and others indicate like concessions this month. The famine caused by the anthracite strike increased the selling price of coal considerably, and thus allows the voluntary wage concessions, but it is said the threat of President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, to estab-lish headquarters in the Fairmont region January 25, and remain until the West Virginia field was thoroughly organized, was a strong factor in influenc-ing the operators, who fear a general

Cuban Editor Killed.

ever, was willing to be quoted to the effect that now, in the judgment of the canal company officials, the negotiations Santiago de Cuba (Special).--Congressman Corona, editor of the Cubano Libre, shot and instantly killed Senor Insula, editor of the Republica. Both Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling sent a letter highly praising Ensign Cronan and the crew of a lifeboat of the Marietta, which saved at great men were prominent politicians and leaders of rival parties. Senor Corona was drinking in a cafe, when Senor Insula and a party of friends entered the place and began a political discussion. Per-sonalities and insults followed and quickly was started a fight with canes. during which Senor Corona, it is al-leged, suddenly drew a revolver and shot Senor Insula three times. Senor Corona then walked away and has not will give the information to anyone The President and Cabinet discuss-ed the Venezuelan situation, and Sec-retary Hay said that no definite re-sponses had been received from any of the allied powers to President Cas-

Twins Born in Different Years.

Chicago (Special).-There is a curious situation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stift, of this city. They are the parents of twins, and the story of the birth of the babies in different years' is now going the rounds. One of the twins was born at 10.30 p. m. on the last day of 1902, and along after midnight, an hour or so after the birth of 1903, the second child was born. The birthday of one is December 31, 1902, and that of the other January 1, 1903.

Army Barracks Borned.
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (Special). The army barracks at Fort Brady were The army barracks at Fort Brady were completely destroyed by fire. The loss is placed at \$80,000. The barracks were occupied by a battalion of the Fourteenth United States Infantry, and the men saved their accourtements and the furniture of the building. There was little water in the city standpipe when the alarm was turned in, and consequently not sufficient pressure in the mains for the firemen to cope with the flames. An investigation of the lack of water is now being made. The barracks were built in 1892.

CASTRO DISPLEASED.

Arbitration By the Hague Not to His Liking -His Views Not Accepted.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- A condition which President Castro attached to his response to the allies' arbitration proposal was in the nature of an alternative proposition.

Almost from the beginning Castro has shown an aversion to The Hague tribunal, and, while accepting arbitration, he has asked that the case be tried by

one of the American Republics.

As President Roosevelt already had declined to act as arbitrator, and as some of the reasons which inspired him nected by cable. The first words passed under the ocean a few moments after 11 o'clock. The wire worked perfectly.

The Silvertown, just before splicing the ends, some thirty miles off shore for the land stations to wait until 11.10 o'clock. San Francisco time, before to the chief executive of any other American State than the United States, he was obliged to withhold any indorsement of this proposition of President Castro. Therefore, it may be dismissed from the field of possibilities and, unless Castro is unexpectedly insistent upon his own plan, the original proposition of reference to The Hague tribunal will carry.

will carry.
Berlin (By Cable).—The Foreign Office here is satisfied with the spirit of Castro's answer to the allies. A further interchange of views, preparatory to signing the protocol, will take place in Washington. The only really important question to be settled is what shall be done with the blockade. A continuance of the blockade is relied upon to hasten the conductors. hasten the conclusion of the arbitration preliminaries, especially on the

London (By Cable).-The Birming ham Post says that Germany, through her Ambassadors at Washington and London, has asked whether the United States and Great Britain think that dip lomatic relations with Venezuela should be resumed, pending the inves-tigation by The Hague tribunal of ar-bitration. The opinion of official circles in Germany is against the resump-tion of these relations until the claims are paid.

BANK PRECIDENT'S SUICIDE.

Financial Difficulties May Have Led to Self-Destruction.

Silverton, Col. (Special).-At noon James H. Robbin, the missing president of the Bank of Silverton, which was closed on account of his disap-pearance, was found dead three miles from town. He had shot himself in the head. It is supposed that financia troubles caused him to commit suicide He was about 45 years old and leaves a widow and three children living in Den-

Mr. Robbin was principal owner of the Iowa-Tiger mine and chief promo-ter of the Camp Bird Extension Com-pany, and was heavily interested in numerous mining ventures. He was reputed to be worth \$5,000,000. The liabilities of the bank are said to

be about \$300,000; assets unknown. Cuts Off His Own Foot.

St. Paul (Special).-His foot pinioned under wreckage of his dismantled engine, with escaping steam scalding his face and slowly torturing him to death, Engineer C. J. Wood, of the Burling-ton road, drew a pocket knife from his clothing and amputated his foot below the ankle. Crawling away from the fury of roaring steam he sat shivering in the cold morning at stacking the in the cold morning air, stanching the flow of blood with a handkerchief until the crew of the incoming Burlington train, with which the wrecked engine came in collision in the St. Paul yards, hurried to the scene and found the engineer by the side of the track.

Train Rolls Down Bank.

Birmingham, Ala. (Special).-A passenger train on the Southern Railway bound from Atlanta to Birmingham was derailed near Weems Station, about 15 miles from here. text of the petition, was arrested on October 23 on the complaint of the mayor on a charge of libel. This arrest caused considerable excitement, which ended in the shooting of two was the only person killed. About 27 passengers were injured. They were which ended in the shooting of two brought here. None of the injured is preserved to the passenger. in a serious concition, as the passenger

Horse Crosses High Trestle

Lockport, N. Y. (Special).-King Stanton, a race horse, ran away over the railway tracks. He crossed the Market street trestle bridge and the railroad bridge which spans the big chasm, in which flows the Erie canal, 60 feet below. The bridge is 500 feet long, un-covered, and the ties were ice coated The horse succeeded in crossing with-out an accident.

Fatal Fire in Dallas. Dallas, Texas (Special).-Fire in the warehouse and stables of the Hughes Bros. Manufacturing Company, on Hughes avenue, burned J. W. Williams, a negro boy, to death and destroyed 20 head of horses. A warehouse containing machinery and manufactured goods also was consumed, making a total loss estimated at \$50,000. estimated at \$50,000.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

At Fort Dodge, Ia., fire destroyed the grain elevator and 100,000 bushels of oats belonging to the Great West-ern Cereal Company. The loss is

\$125,000. The Delaware, Lackawanna Western Company has forwarded to the mine strike commission statistics of hours and wages of its employes fo

There has been much fighting in the new oil regions in Wyoming by men staking off claims, but no bloodshed has been reported yet.

Mrs. W. A. Clark, Jr., daughter-in-law of the Montana senator, died at Butte, Mont, Her child was born De-

cember 2. The wife of Governor Dockery, of Missouri, who has been seriously ill or some weeks, is dead.

At Sioux City, Ia, fire did \$100,000 damage, destroying one elevator and its contents and a number of other buildings. system of wireless telegraphy through-

Negroes of Boston observed the for-tieth anniversary of the emancipation Associate Justice W. A. Little, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, has resigned.

Gen. Francis V. Greene assumed the office of police commissioner of New York.

Electrical workers of Indianapolis are on a strike for an increase in wages.

B. B. Odell, Jr., was inaugurated Governor of New York for a second

The capitol at Jefferson City, Mo, was slightly damaged by fire.

The Iron Trade Review says that the iron industry is in good shape.

Kite-fiyer Eddy says he has discovered a practical airship.

Sir Charles Allen Lawson had his wife arrested in London as an habitual drunkard.

The exports from Germany to the

News Happenings of Interest Gathered From All Sources.

Patents granted:—Edward Bagnall Pittsburg, apparatus for grinding smoothing and polishing plate glass. Charles W. Bray. Pittsburg, manufacture of black plates or sheets, also apparatus for making black plates or sheets; William M. Brown, Johnstown, contact box for electric railways, also electric switch; James T. Callahan, Buler, well casing packer; Frank Courad, Wilkinsburg, means for measuring the energy of three-phase alternating current circuits; also ground detector for electric circuits; James W. Cruikshanks, Pittsburg, leer for annealing plate glass; Thomas F. Davies, Duquespe, cail joint and fastening; Louis B. Fidton, Pittsburg, pump governor. Patents granted:-Edward Bagnall ton, Pittsburg, pump governor.

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Pensions granted:—Henry T. Mc-Kelvey, McKeesport, \$6; Patrick H. McGee, Beaver Falls, \$10; George Sharp, Camprun, \$6; John A. Williams, Roaring Spring, \$10; George W. Neff, Hollidaysburg, \$12; Charles H. Farnsworth, West Bingham, \$10; Winfield S. Snields, Marion Center, \$10; Andrew Bonner, Houtzdale, \$14; Jennie A. Patterson, Allegheny, \$8; Hannah McClure, New Castle, \$8; Hattie Hobson, Allegheny, \$8; Mary S. Ferguson, Allegheny, \$8; Mary S. Ferguson, Franklin, \$8; Rebecca Adams, Tarentum, \$8; Albert V. Jerauld, Nicholson, \$6; Jacob Josberger, dead, Pittsburg, \$12; Norris Crossman, Titnsville, \$6; Laurice Dehan, Oil City, \$8; Daniel Moei; McConnellsville, \$12; Absalom F. Mortimer, Erie, \$10; Benjamin J. Caldwell, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Erie, \$8; George W. Coufer, Venns, \$12; Timothy Sullivan, Jamestown, \$8; Annie Beam, Johactons, \$8; Sasak, M. \$12; Timothy Sullivan, Jamestown, \$8; Annie Ream, Johnstown, \$8; Sarah M Hayward, Bradford, \$8; Martha E. Hays, New Castle, \$12.

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Two new coal operations were started in Pottsville, which will largely increase the output of this district. The Darkwater Coal Company started the opening of a mine on the Pott and Bantan tract, which contains an immense amount of coal. This company is comprised of Philadelphia and New York capitalists, with offices in Philadelphia. The Stanton Colliery, which was abantoned by the Reading Company, ten years ago, is being reopened by Smith. Meyers & Co., who started the erection of a large breaker on the ground. The of a large breaker on the ground. The Black Diamond Company, headed by Ferrence V. Powderly, also expects soon to begin shipping coal. At the Oak Hill Colliery, at Dun-

cott, which employs 600 men, 100 sticks of dynamite were exploded when a miner tried to pry off the cover of a case containing the explosive. Three miners were killed and a score more or less injured. The accident occurred nearly a quarter of a mile under ground and 500 feet from the foot of the slope. Nine sets of timbers were blown out and there was a fail of many tons of coal and rock, which filled a large portion of the gangway. Many miners were cut by flying rocks, splinters of timbers and other missiles. The bodies of the men that were killed are helled. of the men that were killed were badly dismembered.

Sarah Hickey, the 13-year-old daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hickey, of East Smethport, perished in a fire that destroyed their home. The flames made such quick progress that the occupants of the upper part of the building had scant time to escape with their lives. The daughter was the first to energe from the burning house and not seeing her mother she rushed frantically back through smoke and flame to rescue her parent, who, in the meantime, had parent, who, in the meantime, indi-jumped to the ground from a window. Both Mrs. Hickey and the grapd-mother, Mrs. Conley, in their attempts, to reach the child, were badly burned.

Announcement was made today at Lewisburg of the successful completion of the effort to secure \$100,000 addi-tional endowment for Bucknell University. The institution is now worth \$1,000,000, and has an attendance this year of 620 students, an increase over that of last year. West College, the new dormitory, with accommodations for ninety students, erected two years ago, is occupied now and every room is taken. The new physical laboratory, which includes a heating plant from which all the buildings are warmed, is being used this year for the first time.

The Schuylkill County Commissioners have reduced the county debt \$27.000 by calling in bonds to that amount. There is over \$100,000 in the treasury and the commissioners expect so to clear the county of debt.

Rev. F. J. Millman, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of Potrsville, has been indorsed by the Schuylkill and Lackawanna delegates for chaplain of the Lower House of the State Legislature. Support of other counties has been assured. Constables Michael and Roehrich took into custody, at Lancaster, Cyrus Sandoe and Frank Parmer, Welsh mountaineers, on charges of robbing

the railraod station at East Earl and Martin's store, at Cedar Lane. San

doe recently turned detective and was investigating other robberies in eastern Paul W. Houck, of Shenandoah, hajust received word his appointment to the vacancy on the State Pharmaceut-ical Board, caused by the death of Dr. George W. Kennedy, of Pottsville The selection of Mr. Houck is receiv-

ed by Schuylkill county with much gratification. The position pays \$600 year. During the past week the Municipal Hospital building at Oakview, where many smallpox patients were treated last winter, has been broken into and numerous articles have been carried away. Since the closing of the hospital blankets, sheets and other necessities have been kept in the building on the second floor, and many of

At a meeting of the State Forestry Reservation Commission it was announced that during Governor Stone's administration the State holdings of forest land for State purposes was increased to 653,000 acres. Resolutions were passed thanking Governor Stone for his co-operation

Mrs. H. F. McReynolds, widow of H. F. McReynolds, for years editor and publisher of the Harrisburg "Patriot," is dead, age-175 years.

Fred Gifford, of Penfield, accidentally shot and killed himself while out hunting, his gun being discharged as he was carrying it by the muzzle.

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William Carmont was killed by the ing from a fraight train at Mariet Carmont hails from Pirtsburg, in traveling peddler and is known as Buffalo Bill of Pittsburg.

Samuel Quimby, aged so years, comitted suicide at his home in Reading He had spent the afternoon with sweetheart and declined an invitation remain for dinner. Half an heafter he left the girl received a mirror him, saying: "By the time you get this I ll be no more." She see word to his home, two squares awand his body was found in the reyard with the jugular severed with estates of a razor.

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