WITH THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS, THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER. DROVE GERMANS AWAY **EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP** A BIG DEAL IS RUMORED

A Venezuelan Bombardment That Turned Out a Failure,

DNLY THREE MEN WERE WOUNDED.

Punther Shelled Fort San Carlos, Which Commommands the Entrance to Maracaibo, and After an Hour's Exchange of Shot and Shell, Retired-The Commandant Claims He Forced the Warship to Retire.

Maracaibo, Venezuela (By Cable) .---The German cruiser Panther shelled Fort San Carlos, at the entrance to Lake Maracaibo, for one hour. The fort returned the fire with four guns. The Panther withdrew in the direction of Curacao

Fort San Carlos is 22 miles from Maracaibo, and commands the entrance of the lake or inner bay.

The correspondent here has received the following letter from General Bello, the commander of the fort:

"Sunday afternoon at 12.30 Fort San Carlos was attacked and shelled, without any provocation on our part, without previous notification or the delivering of an ultimatum, by the German cruiser Panther, which tried to force an entrance. After a fight lasting an hour, during which the fort used only four guns, the which the fort used only four guns, the Panther was obliged to abandon the fight and retreated in the direction of Curacao. The fort has suffered no damage, and only three men were wounded.

There have been popular demonstra-tions on the streets here as a result of the shelling of the fort.

SURPRISE IN WASHINGTON.

Another Attack on Venezuelans Was Not Expected.

Washington (Special) .-- Official Washington received the news of the bombardment of Fort San Carlos by the German cruiser Panther with the greatest astonishment.

No one in official circles would comment on it, and Secretary Hay, who just returned home from New York, had not learned the details of the engagement. Count Quadt, a charge of the German Embassy, is still in New York, and inquiries at the Embassy brought no information on the subject.

It has been supposed here that nothing more than a peaceful blockade would be maintained after the agreement of all parties concerned to submit the case to The Hague tribunal. The bombardment of Puerto Cabello, before an agreement of any kind was reached, of an attack on English because sailors by Venezuelans, created less surprise.

BIG GUN IS FIRED.

New 15-luch Rifle, Largest in America, Does Well-20-Mile Range.

New York (Special) .- The most powerful gun ever built in America, a hnge 16-inch coast-delense rifle, was successfully tested at the Government proving ground, Sandy Hook.

It was fired three times in the presence of several hundred army officers, ence. a few civilians and Congressman Gillette, of Massachusetts, who was invited as a member of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.

General Crozier said the tests showed the gun was an absolute success and proved that 16-inch guns could be furnished whenever the country wanted

The gun cost \$100,000. It was said that it undoubtedly would be mounted at Sanday Hook. General Grozier said that while its range at its highest elevation was about 20 m could be used to hit objects at a distance of only urther away

The delayed steamer St. Louis, Gi the American Line, arrived at New York and the passengers landed thor-oughly indignant at the company. During the voyange an indignation meeting was held and resolutions passed denouncing the company for sending them across the ocean on a

Domestic.

crippled ship. Five sailors belonging to the Minne-apolis, at League Island Navy Yard, had a dangerous ride on a floating cake of ice in the Delaware River.

Their rescue was very dramatic. The Hanover National Bank moved into its new building and \$65,000,000 was carried safely through the crowd-ed streets of New York. The Ohio Society of New York gave

tended. James R. Booth, wife of a Mrs.

prominent Philadelphia attorney, com-mitted suicide at a hotel in Atlantic

In his testimony in New York before the Interstate Commerce Commission Mr. August Belmont, former president of the Louisville and Nashville Road, did not know that John W. Gates had secured possession of a majority of the stock of the road until he was actually

in control At Riverhead, L. I., Louis A. Disbrow At Riverhead, L. I., Louis A. Disbrow was acquitted of the charge of killing Charence Foster at Good Ground on the night of June 9. The verdict was reach-ed by the jury after brief deliberati u. In a speech before the National Live-stock Association in Kansas City Hon. W. M. Springer said that the incorpora-tion of the Beef Trust had been pre-vented by the power of public opinion. vented by the power of public opinion. The will of Dr. Bushrod James, of Philadelphia, makes provision for establishing a free hospital in that city for the treatment of diseases of the eye and

Testimony was given at the Glenn court-mattial in Manila of horrible tor-tures inflicted upon American prisoners by the Filipinos in Samar.

Two hundred shoecutters are on a strike at Lynn, Mass., because of alleged grievances. Their strike affects 3,000

hands in the factories. The overdue steamer St. Louis was sighted off Nantucket Shoals slowly steaming toward New York. Because of the coal famine there is

great suffering among the sick at Schenectady, N. Y. Sentences of two years and six months were imposed at Freehold, N.

J., on Dr. Hendricks and former Jus-tice of the Peace Stanton for conspiracy to secure possession of the estate of the late H. M. Bennett,

President Spencer, of the Southern Railway, gave testimony in New York before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the merger case of the Lou-isville and Nashville and the Atlantic Coast Line,

Deeds transferring six coal mines in the vicinity of Springfield, Ill., to an Eastern syndicate were filed for record. the consideration being about \$1,000,-

Church of the United States of America is in session in Pittsburg.

Six Americans who served in the Columiban Army and who returned to San Francisco report rough experi-

Mrs .Caroline Churchill Miller, wife of former United States Senator Warner Miller, died in New York.

Foreign.

John Redmond, M. P., in an address at Edinburgh, said he believed a mea-sure would soon be adopted that would settle the Irish land question and heal the wounds of centuries. The Russian note in reply to that of

Great Britain on the sugar convention ble in front of the newspaper building. says she considers the latter's-conten- The excitement and the indignation on tions as an interference with her dothe streets was intense. mestic legislation.

The members of the American Embassy and a number of French

Six Men Are Killed and Several Others

Wounded. MAGNIFICENT DISCIPLINE SHOWN

The Accident Occurred on the Massachusetts While off Culebra Island Engaged in Target Practice-Explosion Was Due to Accidental **Discharge of Percussion Prime While Breech** of Gun Was Open.

San Juan, Porto Rico (Special) .-- Six men were killed and four others were wounded, two of them probably fatally, by the explosion of a powder charge of an 8-inch gun on board the United States a banquet to Secretary Hay. Many of battleship Massachusetts while at target the diplomats from Washington at-practice off Culebra Island

The explosion occurred in the starboard after 8-inch turret, shortly before noon, and was due to the accidental discharge of a percussion primer while the breech of the gun was open. The full charge exploded in the turret and killed or injured all the crew of the gun, num-bering nine men. Ensign Ward K. Wortman, who was in charge of the turret, escaped injury, though he was standing near the scene of the explosion.

Magnificent discipline was immediately hown by the officers and crew of the battleship. Capt. Harry Lee, command-ing the marine guard of the vessel, and Ensign Clarence A. Abele immediately flooded the turret with water and Lieut. Charles F. Hughes and Gunner Kuhl-wein went below to the magazine, picking up powder charges, and prevented further explosion, while Licut. William C. Cole and Gun Captain Soneman en-tered the turret and withdrew the charge from the other gun, whose breech was open. The survivors of the gun's crew when rescued were burned, mutilated and nearly dead. One man whose clothing was on fire,

iumped overboard. In less than a minute after the explos-

ion three streams of water were pouring into the turret, preventing the charge in the other eight-inch gun from exploding.

A funeral service for the men who met their death was held on board the Mas-sachusets, Chaplain Wright officiating. Afterwards a procession was formed on shore and proceeded to the military cemetery of Porto Rico, where the inter-ment took place. The regimental band of the garrison of Porto Rico took part in the ceremony. Admiral Higginson and the ceremony. Admiral Higginson and the officers of the Massachusetts were at the graveside, where military honors, and also Masonic honors for one of the dead, were rendered.

EDITOR SHOT IN COLD BLOOD.

N. G. Gonzales Wounded By Lieutenant Governor Tillman.

Columbia, S. C. (Special) .- Mr. N. Gonzales, editor of the State and widely known throughout the South, is at the Columbia Hospital in a critical condition as the result of a pistol wound The executive committee of the Board inflicted by Mr. James H. Tillman, lieu-of Home Missions of the Reformed tenant-governor of South Carolina. tenant-governor of South Carolina. The shooting occurred on Main street, just at the intersection of Gervais street, in full view of the State Capitol. It was an awful tragedy, in broad day-light, on the most frequented street and corner in Columbia. It was just a few moments before 2 o'clock when the cry was passed along the streets that "Jim Tillman had shot N. G. Gonzales," The announcement went like a thrill through all Columbia, and there was a rush towards the scene of the tragedy to learn the facts and the condition of the distinguished editor. The office of the State is on the same block as the scene of the shooting, and it took only a few moments for a throng to assem-

MAYOR SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Guilty of Malfeasance.

Steward Swept Overboard.

Liner Lucania arrived from Liverpool

Consular Service Bill.

Claims Powers is Innocent.

Talt May Succeed Root.

By a vote of 7 to 6 the House Commit-

House of Representatives Refuses to Author The Penasylvania, It Is Said, Will Get ize an Insurance Bureau. At the end of a struggle, which pro the New York Central.

onged the session until after 6 o'clock the House passed the substitute for the Schate bill to establish a Depart-ment of Commerce and Labor. The vote stood 137 to 40. All the Repub-licans and 29 Democrats voted for the bill Wall Street Brokers Inclined to Doubt-Sig-

the new department.

permanently

Would Punish as Extortionists.

Millions for Naval Academy.

For 25 More Battleships.

Imported Free of Duty.

nilicance of Recent Big Moves by A. J. Cassatt-Pennsylvania Railroad Mileage In committee of the whole the Dem-East and West of Pittsburg is 8,958, and ocrats and a sprinkling of Republicans, led by Mr. John B. Corliss, struck out the part of the bill providing for a Bureau of Insurance. By a piece of parliamentary strategy Mr. William P. Hepburn, chairman of the Interstate Commence Committee council to have New York Central is 10.387.

New York (Special) .- Wall street does not fully credit a story revived that the Pennsylvania is to absorb the Commerce Committee, sought to have this provision restored, but the oppo-New York Central railroad system. sition stood fast and he was overcome. The Democrats then attempted to re-Neither does it fully credit the rumor that the Pennsylvania will in a few commit the bill, with instructions to report back a separate bill for the creweeks be in control of the New York, New Haven and Hartford. ation of a Department of Labor, but the motion was lost. The only other

With practical railroad men outside substantial amendment was one to au-thorize the President to transfer the Interstate Commerce Commission to Wall street, who are watching President A. J. Cassatt's big moves in the development of the Pennsylvania system, these rumors find more credence. Coal From Canada and Elsewhere Can Be They profess confidence that Mr. Cassatt's next coup will see the Pennsyl-For one year all coal will be imported vania in Boston and that the acquisipractically free of duty, and for all time tion of the New York Central will be hereafter anthracite coal is on the free accomplished in time, though possibly

not for a year or more. The House passed the bill granting These men regard it as a logical de-

for one year a rebate of the full duty on velopment of the Pennsylvania system all coal imported into the United States, that it should reach the Atlantic not all coal imported into the United States, and when the bill reached the Senate that body added an amendment before adopting the bill, by which anthracite coal shall be forever on the free list. Both the prompt action of Mr. Aldrich in accepting the House bill and his con-cession to Mr. Vest, who has been makonly at New York and Montauk Point, but at the New England metropolis as well. They feel sure that sooner or later the New York Central will be-come part of the system. It is taken as somewhat confirming

these rumors that the Pennsylvania is ing his fight for free coal, created an agreeable surprise. There was no hard about to increase its capital stock so largely. "It is a pretty idea in this day of inand fast defination of just what shall be

regarded as anthracite coal, so that it is teresting combinations," said a finan-cial expert. "There is a standing polquite possible that after the period of the rebate expires all coal not showing 92 per cent. of carbon will again be held icy of harmony which neither party will disturb. When the Pennsylvania has as dutiable under the Dingley law. But for the next 12 months coal is practically But completed its improvements in this city some kind of a working agreement may on the free list, and it is not impossible that if the American coal mines sucbe made with the Central, to say the succeed in eking out an existence during that period, in spite of foreign competileast.

'It would be a gigantic undertaking for any company to gather together the scattered stock of the Central and the large holdings of the Vanderbilts and perfect a satisfactory absorption of tion, that Senator Aldrich and his col-leagues will hesitate before they oppose a motion to keep coal on the free list

"The New York Central and the Pennsylvania," said another broker, "are working on well-defined plans in this city, each to intrench itself more se-A bill was introduced by Representative John C. Bell providing that any producer, dealer, transporter, agent or other person in any territory of the United States who shall join with any curely and to perpetuate its identity. The statement that the Vanderbilt fam-United States who shall join with any other person or persons for the pur-pose of raising the price of any ar-ticle of food or fuel, or its carriage and handling, shall be guilty of extortion. A maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine or imprisonment for one year is provided.

Bearing out the harmony idea between

the two roads is a dispatch from Phila-delphia today in which officers of the Pennsylvania call the reports from De-The Naval Affairs Committee of the House adopted by an almost unanimous vote. Mr. Mudd's proposition to ap-propriate an additional \$2,000,000 for troit of trouble between the Central and Pennsylvania pure nonsense. It adds that the interests of both roads are too the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Mr. Mudd made a strong argument in favor of the increase, which, he said, was required to meet the increased cost of building materials great and too varied to permit of a him so badly that he died. wrangle between them.

CRUELTIES OF FILIPINOS.

and to make the Academy what it should be, "the grandest and best of its kind in Several American Sympathizers Were Buried the world." This increase will raise the total amount appropriated for the Acad-Alive.

Maila (By Cable) .- Six officers who served in the Island of Samar testified before the court-martial which is Representative Joy of Missouri introtrying Major Edwin F. Glenn, of the duced a concurrent resolution directing Fifth Infantry, on the charge of unlawthe House Committee on Naval Affairs to prepare a bill for the construction of 25 additional battle-ships, at a cost of fully killing seven prisoners of war in Samar. The witnesses mostly detailed not, more than \$5,000,000 each. Mr.

the enemy's acts of barbarity, such as Joy said: "With \$700,000,000 in our Treasury, burying persons alive, mutilating live

we certainly are able to build a navy which will make it absolutely certain that we can enforce the Monroe doc-pathy with the Americans, can gang, of Birmingham; Clint Mob-

GERMANY MAKES DENIAL. is Not Trying to Buy the Panama Canal-Note Sent to U. S.

government has sent a note to the ALL RAILROAD EXPERTS CREDIT IT. United States relative to the report that Germany is seeking to acquire Colombia's interests in the Panama Canal Company, affirming that the report is witerly baseless, and, it is understood, expressing the opinion that Germany's commerce would be benefited by the construction of the canal by the United States States.

> Washington (Special) .- It is learned at the State Department that Ambassador Tower has received from the German Foreign Office an unequivocal denial of the statement that found some currency a few days ago to the effect that the German government was endeavoring to secure control of the Panama Canal franchise. The Ambassador's advice did not credit the Ger-man government with any feeling for or against the canal enterprise, but it is gathered that the state of the public ind in Berlin, certainly in commercial circles, is favorable to American construction because of the benefits ex-pected to accrue to German shipping engaged in trade on the Pacific and on the west coast of South America.

It is said at the State Department that there is no change in the status of the negotiations with Colombia re-specting the canal. Great impatience is exhibited at the delays and failure of Colombia to accept the terms held out, and pressure is being brought to hear to hasten a conclusion so that bear to hasten a conclusion, so that the President, before adjournment of the present Congress, may have ac-quired control of either the Panama or the Nicaragua routes, and be in a position to begin the work of construction.

To Get Loan From Seligmans.

Willemstad, Curacoa (By Cable) .-United States Minister Bowen is empowered, it is rumored, to close with a New York syndicate represented by J. & W. Seligman & Co. for a loan to Venezuela of \$25,000,000. The money thus raised is to be used to pay off all foreign claims. The Venezuelan government will guarantee the loan with import duties.

Hotel Guests in a Pante.

Chicago (Special) .- Fire which broke out at an early hour here destroyed a arge manufacturing block at Canal and Madison streets, causing a loss esti-mated at \$100,000, and caused a panic among the guests of the Grand Cen-tral Hotel adjoining. For a time it was feared that the hotel would be destroy-ed and mean impate ded in control ed, and many inmates fled in scant at-tire into the street.

He Became a Human Torch.

Franklin, Pa. (Special) .- During a shortage of coal the Eclipse Oil Works has been compelled to use oil fuel, While firing the boilers F. J. Peters' clothes became saturated with oil, and later, when he opened the furnace door, the flames leaped through the door and set fire to his clothes, burning

Forgotten in a Fire.

Williamsport, Pa. (Special) .- Mrs. Daniel Rowland was burned to death and her husband was fatally injured by leaping from a third-story window at Berwick, Pa. A fire started from an explosion in a drug store on the first floor, and the firemen did not know anyone lived on the third floor until Rowland jumped from the window. His wile was found dead in her bed-

Daring Escape of Convicts.

Several men and women charged with rioting at Lykens and Wiconisco dur-ing the late anthracite coal strike pleaded guilty in the Dauphin County Corrt. Sentence was suspended. A verdict for \$2000 was awarded in court at Reading against the city in lavor of John Frid for injuries sus-tained in falling through a hole in the Bay Minette, Ala. (Special) .- Frank Edwards, a member of the Miner-Dun-

pavement. The Auburn Bolt and Nut Works, in Auburn and West Brunswick Township, in which State Senator Quail was interested, passed into possession of Philadelphia and Wilmington capitalists who have organized the Delaware Seamless Tube Company. The Harrisburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has elected Mrs. R. J. Haldeman and Miss Caroline Pearson delegates to the national convention, to be held next month in Washington. Miss Mary Cal-der, Miss Jennings and Mrs. C. A. Rah-Clarence McCoy and William Guter-man, of Columbia, who are awaiting trial for the murder of Trackwalker Jacob H. Bostic, at Bainbridge, on December 13, were token into court on babase cornus proceeding, but Judge a habeas corpus proceeding, but Judge Landis dismissed the writ and remand-ed the men to jail to stand trial. Presiding Elder H. S. Gable, of Leb-anon; Conference Treasurer I. B. Haak, of Myerstown, and Rev. R. R. Butter-wick, of Palmyra, representing the Eastern Bennardhania Conference to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren Church, purchased the property of the United Brethren Camp Meeting Association, of Mt. Camp M Lebanon.

Hows Rappenings of Interest Gathered Berlin (By Cable) .- The German From All Sources.

Prom All Sources. Pennsylvania patents :- Edwin E. Ar-nold, Pittsburg, valve for gas engines; Adomiram J. Campbell, Media, sad iron; William C. Coffin, Pittsburg, blast fur-nace: Charles A. Conn, Pittsburg, oil filter; William P. Flint, Pittsburg, ig-niter apparatus for gas engines; Andrew W. Graham, Bradford, surgical splint; William S. Halsey, Pittsburg, means for transmitting fluid under pressure; Mar-shall W. Hanks, Pittsburg, treating glowers for direct current electric lamps; Washington D. Keys, Kittan-ning, apparatus for annealing glass; John H. King and E. M. Wolf, Beaver Falls, mill for rolling seamless tubing; Harry M. McColl, Pittsburg, starting valve for explosive engines; Lemel Pat-terson, Warren, sash lock; John C. Reed, Allegheny, mold emptying apparatus; Frank Siegrist, Coopersburg, attachment for rocking chairs; John A. Titzel, Franklin, electric motor or generator; William G. Waring, Tyrone, extracting pine, producing pure white pigment, mak-ing pure hydrogen sulfide from furnace gases. — Mile a to-month-old child of Harry

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

while a 10-month-old child of Harry McKinley, at Burnham, was creeping about the floor on January 6 it was heard to utter a scream. The mother could find nothing wrong with the child, but he continued to give evidence of suffering until Saturday morning when the mother saw a small black spot on one of the child's hips. This proved to be a knot on the end of a black thread. When the mother tried to remove the thread, when the mother tried to remove the thread she found it was of considerable length. She became frightened and called in a neighbor. The two women, after much difficulty, succeeded in getting out a long thread with a needle attached, which had evidently entered the child's flesh and worked its way into the body until its

progress was stopped by the knot on the end of the thread. Orders have been issued by the United States Steel Corporation to sesume work at the Sharon steel plant.

The Allentown County Commissioners fixed the rate for county tax at 1.8 mills.

In 1900 the rate was 3 mills. Going into the cellar of his furniture store at Lock Haven, H. E. Pursley shot himself in the head and died a few hours later.

Eleven boys and three junk dealers were arrested in Shamokin in connection with numerous thefts of iron from the Shamokin Wagon Works. Five additional free rural mail deliv-ery routes will be placed in operation on

February 2, having the York Post Office as their distribution center.

At the annual meeting of the Yardley Pastime Club, Irwin Aaron was elected president, Edward V. Comly secretary, and Thomas S. Cadwallader treasurer. Samuel Leith, of Rittersville, 19 years old, has been arrested, charged with attempting to shoot his father when the latter desired to visit his wife, from

whom he is separated. Shortly after cating dinner, the five members of the family of Harry Spade, of Shamokin, became violently ill, but a physician afforded relief. It is supposed

they ate poisoned food. The Stone Masons in Bethlehem, through their union, have demanded of their employers a reduction of the work-

their employers a reduction of the work-ing day to nine hours and an increase of wages to 30 cents an hour. While alone with her infant at her home in Roxbury, Mrs. John Nicklas was burned to death. The family of George Roemer, of Plummer, numbering ten persons, were poisoned, a can of poison having fallen no beckwheat that was used to make cakes for the family.

four or five miles could not be seen.

General Crozier made a speech just before the first shot was fired in which he said the gun was planned sixteen years ago, and was authorized by Congress to ascertain if guns of that size could be built when needed. He warned those present that the weapon might burst, as the charge of smokeless pow-der was by far the largest ever fired. The gun was the greatest step in advance yet taken in ordnance.

READ HIS OWN MESSAGE.

Gov. La Follette, of Wisconsin, Urges Legis-Inture to Pass Anti-Trust Act.

Madison, Wis. (Special) - Both houses of the Wisconsin legislature met in joint session at 2 o'clock, when the Governor's message was read. Governor LaFollette read the message in person. He devoted much space to matters pertaining to railway taxation and the control of freight rates in Wis consin

On the subject of trusts, the Governor said: "I desire to emphasize for your attention the importance of providing most specifically the form and manner for enforcement of such laws as you may enact for the prevention of illegal combinations within the State, to restrain the operations in this State by such combinations organized else-where, and for the punishment of violators of such laws,

The Governor strongly urged the enactment of a law against the paid lob-

4714 Perisis at Andijan.

St. Petersburg (By Cable) .- The official figures show that 4714 persons lost their lives and that 33,112 houses were destroyed as a result of the recent earthquakes at Andijan, Russian Turkestan.

Conditions of Arbitration.

Berlin (By Cable) .- In the negotiations which are about to begin at Washington, Great Britain and Germany, as the result of further correspondence. are quite determined that the irreidition of arbitration is that President Castro shall pay or give col-lateral security for the sums already specified. The powers will not consent specified. The powers will not consent to raising the blockade until Venezuela complies with this unalterable condi-tion. The allies place the responsibility for further delay upon Venezuela. ago.

Meb Seized Five Carloads of Cosi.

Toledo, Ohio (Special) .- A mob including over 200 men, women, boys and girls seized five carloads of soft coal hich had just arrived in the Wheeling and Lake Eric Railroad yards, consigned to the National Malleable Casting Company and local oil men. There was no attempt to stop the wholesale seiz-nre, neither the police, nor the officials of the railway or casting company tak-ing a hand in the affair. The fuel was carried off in wagons, sleighs, soap bound, buckets and baskets, and nothing both the alack was held many car

cials attended the banquet of the With Other Officials of Brooklyn, Ill., Was American Chamber of Commerce in

The Sultan's troops had an unimportant conflict with the Pretender's forces in Morocco.

The French Chamber of Deputies, after a lively debate, supported the policy of Premier Combes in enforcing his or-der to priests in Brittainy forbidding the use of the Breton dialect in preaching and catechising.

Capt. Alder Nicholls confessed in St. for the last four days, came to an end when the jury returned a verdict, find-Johns, N. F. that he cast away the schooner Bessie Dodd for the insurance money, and implicated Mr. Jarrett, who shipped the cargo of fish she was carrying all three men guilty. Vanderburg was given two years in the Penitentiary and a fine of \$500; Strycklin received one year and was fined \$250, and the

The German Reichstag adopted a resolution asking the government to de-nounce treaties with countries where the Court. most-favored-nation clause was injurious to German interests.

thousand dollars has been subcribed for the prosecution of Whitaker Wright and others involved in the fail-ure of the London and Globe Finance rporation

very stormy passage with strong westerly Premier Coloman de Szell announced gales and high, dangerous, confused seas. On Monday, January 12, an enormous sea boarded the steamer and flooded the saloon deck on the portside. The treto the Hungarian Parliament the in-creased duties provided by the new Aus-

tria-Hungary ausgleich. The official figures show that 4,714 persons lost their lives in the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan, Russian mendous body of water filled up the decks and swept overboard the deck steward, Frank Hardy: knocked a pas-senger down, and tumbled him about so violently that he was badly cut about the head. All efforts to say the deck Furkestan.

Dr. Jean Charcot announced in Paris the plans for an Arctic expedition which head.

is to be exclusively French. Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Germany arrived at St. Petersburg on a

visit to the Czar. A Russian torpedo boat traversed the Dardanelles with the sanction of the Sul-

tee on Foreign Affairs decided to re-The Berlin socialist paper, the Vorport favorably the bill introduced by waerts, publishes the story of an at-tempt by the political police to bribe Representative Adams providing for the reorganization of the consular seran employe of the paper to beiray the secrets of the office. vice, with modifications,

Financial

Price of cut nails advanced 5 cents on 1000 pounds

Lehigh Valley is earning 15 per cent. on its \$40,000,000 capital stock. The Gould group of stocks is the eas-

iest of manipulation on the list; They are in excellent control. It is reported that the United States sponsible for the murder of Governor Goebel. "There may be others," he Steel Company will buy the Eastern Steel Company's plant at Pottsville. Country banks are pouring money in Philadelphia and New York as rapidly as it flowed the other way six weeks

New York Central will establish a staff of operating officials at Buffalo sim-ilar to those of the Pennsylvania at Buf-

The American Barrel Company, some-times called the "Hogshead Trust." has cut down its capital from \$20,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

\$5,coo.coo. Michigan Central fell 46 points one day this week. It is one of the chief Vanderbilt roads. There is little or no market for the stock. A meeting of the stockholders of the Standard Chain Company, of Pittsburg. will be held on February 17 to vote on a proposition to reduce the stock from \$3,coo,coo to \$1,500,coo.

will be asked by the President to take the place. The passage of the militia bill and the probable passage of the general staff bill, two measures in which Mr. Root has been greatly inter-cated, mark the finish of the work he outlined when he be one Secretary of War. Mr. Root within the secretary of tis law practice

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emy to \$10,000,000.

Contagion Among Live Stock.

Brooklyn, Ill. (Special) .- The trial Senator Warren, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported the House of Fred F. Vanderburg, Mayor; Wilbill increasing the powers of the Secliam D. West, City Clerk, and John retary of Agriculture in the prevention Strycklin, Commissioner of Streets of of the increase of contagious diseases Brooklyn, charged with malfeasance among live stock. The committee recommends the adoption of an amend-ment to the bill making violation of in office and a conspiriacy to defraud the city by carrying dummies on Strycklin's payroll, which has been on in the St. Clair County Circuit Court the provisions of the proposed law a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Larger Postoffice at Lynchburg.

Vanderburg Representative Carter Glass has introduced a bill, carrying an appropria-tion of \$60,000, for the enlargement of the postoffice building at Lynchburg. unishment of West was left with the Va. There is under consideration a proposition to dispose of the postoffice building to the city and to erect a new Federal building, but this has not yet taken definite shape. New York (Special) .- The Cunard

Statues of Emigent Texans.

and Queenstown and anchored in quar-Senator Culberson presented to the Senate a recommendation from Gov-ernor Sayers, of Texas, tendering to the United States statues of Gen. Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin, to be antine at midnight. The Lucania had a placed in Statuary Hall at the Capitol, to represent the State of Texas.

Investigation of Mining Interests.

An amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill appropriating \$100,-000 for the investigation of the mining interests of the country by the Geo All efforts to save the deck logical Survey was introduced by Sensteward was rendered futile by the tem-pestuous condition of the weather. ator Perkins.

In the Departments.

The Statchood Bill, the Immigration Bill and the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty will deman® the attention of the Sen-

flagship Mayflower, with Ad-Dewey and his fleet staff d, arrived at the Washington The miral aboard. Navy Yard from Culebra.

President Roosevelt will make extended trip through the West in the spring. He will spend most of his time hunting in the wild regions of Colorado and Montana. Louisville, Ky. (Special) .- The Couier-Journal's staff correspondent at Franklort, Ky., says that J. R. Mat-

The latest accident bulletin, just is-sted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, shows that for the quar-ter ended September 30, 1902, 263 per-sons were killed and 2.613 injured in thews, First Assistant Secretary of State under Caleb Powers, made an open statement there in the presence of witnesses, that five men were retrain accidents, while the total of railroad casualties was 845 killed and 11,163 injured.

The House Naval Committee acted favorably upon construction of three large battleships and one cruiser.

The Pennsylvania, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Le-high Valley Railroad Companies have filed with the Commerce Com-mission statements that recent advances in freight rates are merely restorations of old rates. une or July and that Judge William H. Talt, Governor of the Philippines

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill alls for \$6,000,000.

The defense produced an order of gro, all convicts, made a daring escape General Lucban, directing the use of from the Hand Lumber Company's

Balangiga massacre.

alangiga massacre. The witnesses agreed that the policy f Brigadier General Jacob H. Smith of Brigadier General Jacob H. Smith was necessary and that it ended the insurrection in Samar. Captain Smith testified that the

friendly natives who were refugees in the mountains in his district petitioned

to be allowed to return to and promised to support the Americans Captain Swaine, said the witness, told General Smith they would die of star-vation if left in the mountains, and Gen-

eral Smith, the witness added, said, "Le: them die. The sooner they are dead the sooner we shall have peace.

No Chewing Gum, No Work.

St. Louis (Special) .- Because of 'an order issued by their foreman that they must refrain from chewing gum during working hours, 65 girls, employed as band wrappers for the Samuel Cupples old. Envelope Company, went on a strike and refuse to return unless the decree

is withdrawn. The foreman says there is no objection to the girls chewing gum

during the noon hour, but there is jection during working hours.

107 Deaths from Plague.

Mazatlan, Mex. (Special .- There have been 107 deaths from the plague since January 1. The deaths on January 15 numbered seven, and many new cases are reported. Most of the ladies of the higher class have left the city, and hardly any women are seen on the streets. Trade is reduced to the lowest possible point. Great disappointment is felt in the non-arrival of scrum on the steamer from Guayamas.

Identified as "Buch" Clark.

Chicago (Special) - The second of the robbers who held up a Burlington train near Marcus, Ill., on August 5 and murdered one of their companions to prevent betrayal, was positively identified at the Pinkerton office as Thomas Clark, known as "Butch" Clark, one of the most daring and notorious criminals in the country. By members of the train crew Clark is recognized as the one who placed the pistol at the head of the wounded ban-dit and blew out his brains. ly damaged.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Col. J. C. Bonner, president to the McKinley Memorial Association, of Toledo, O., extended an invitation to the President to attend the unveiling of the McKinley memorial, which was crected by the citizens of Toledo. The date of the un-veiling has not been fixed, but will be named to suit the convenience of the President should he be able to be pres-ent. The probability is that it will be about the time the President starts on his western trip in the spring. The President told Colonel Bonner that he would he glad to attend the unveiling

stockade at De Live. Edwards securpoison against Americans. The court admitted as evidence the captured report revealing additional features of the plot which led to the the guard receiving two slight wounds. Edwards then made a dash for a locomotive standing near, where Mobley was ready at the throttle. With a good start they went through the line to the end of he switch and then took to the woods.

Feared Blindness, Died.

Philadelphia (Special) .-- Made desperate by the knowledge that he would go blind if he followed his trade as a go blind if he followed his trade as a tailor and unable to get work at any-thing else, Max Horn committed sui-cide by swallowing carbolic acid in his room in this city. He was dead when the door of his room was forced at noon, and an empty bottle, labeled car-bolic acid, lying by his side explained the cause. On the table was a note, written in Hebrew, which was concluded with the sentence: "Good-by to the world." Horn was about 28 years He came from New York four months ago.

Twelve Killed in Explosion.

Nanimo, B. C. (Special) .-- A terrific explosion occurred at the Hamilton Powder Company's works, Departure Powder Company's works, Departure Bay, George Simonetta, James Ful-forte and to Chinamen were killed Only one body-that of a Chinaman-was recovered. The others were blown to fragments. Guncotton in s storage house exploded first, the con-cussion starting other explosions in a deviae house for each other there the drying house 400 feet away, where the chief loss of life occurred. The ground was excavated to a depth of six feet where the building stood. The build-ing was blown into kindling wood and scattered, with fragments of human flesh, over several acres.

Spark Fell in Powder Keg.

Pittsburg (Special) -- John Mulgrez a Slav miner, and his wife, living an Sturgeon Station, near McDonald, Pa. Sturgeon Station, near McDonald, Pa. were fatally injured and their house wrecked by an explosion of a keg or grinpowder. Mulgrez was filling a car when a spark from the kitchen stove fell into the keg. In the explosion which followed Mulgrez was blowt through a window and his wife was hurled 12 feet against a wall. Both were burned from head to foot and wil die. The house took fire and was bad-ly damaged.

Yales Assets, \$6,806,752.

New Haven, Coun. (Special) .- The annual report of the treasurer of the Yale Corporation for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1002, shows that the permanent funds of the university were increased during the year by the sun of \$156.836 and the building funds by increased during the year by the sun of \$150.830 and the building funds by \$403,118. The university also received gitts which have added \$25,123 to it income. The consolidated statement of special and general funds and asset shows a total of \$0.805,752. The uni-versity income fell \$17,001 behind ex-penses, the latter amounting to \$700.

Store clerks of Norristown have or-ganized to secure shorter hours. They tavor closing every evening at 6 c'clock, except Saturdays. The officers chosen are: President, George Clem-mer; vice-president, William Hansell recording secretary. Emily Shainlain; corresponding secretary. Ella Wheeler; treasurer, Anna M. Quinn, At the meeting of the Yorktown

At the meeting of the Yorktown Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, a resolution was adopted requesting all the clergymen of York to observe Washington's Birthday, which this year comes on Sunday, by preaching patriotic sermons and also that they ask their congregations to rise while singing or listening to pa-relation human riotic hymns.

Council of Dunker churches ordered a

Council of Dunker churches ordered a Snyder county preacher to answer charges of violating the tenets of the sect by shooting a robher. In the trial of ex-County Treasurer Thompson, at York, his counsel charged the District Attorney with foreing the Grand Jury to render a true bill. Two robhers forced their way into the house of a Lancaster family, one guard-ing the husband while the other orders the wife to secure a sum of money known to be in the house. The husband crawls stealthily out of bed in the dark and succeeds in giving an alarm, whereand succeeds in giving an alarm, where-

In a rear-end collision between the In a rear-end collision between the news express train on the Northern Central Railway and a freight train, near Seitzland, the locomotive of the passenger train was demolished and two freight cars were destroyed. One of the freight cars, loaded with tur-pentine, caught fire. Engineer Rohr-baugh and Fireman Miller, of the pas-senger train, jumped and were slightly mjured.

Because he distrusted h Furds, of Honeybrook, de money in an old shoe. Ne when Purds arose he found together with \$200 and a box

McKinley Memorial. Washington, D. C. (Special) .-- Col.

said, "but I am satisfied that these men conspired to kill Goebel. Caleb Pow-ers was my chief. I believed him inno-cent then, and I do to this moment."

Washington (Special) .- According to present plans, it is said to be likely that Secretary of War Root will resign next

of old rates. The regular order, the Department of Commerce Bill, was displaced and the House proceeded to the consideration of private claims hills. – Because of a difference as to the amount of rental the negotiations with Colombia for right of way for the in-teroceanic canal are off. The Agricultural Appropriation Bill