## **A COMPROMISE OFFERED**

#### Latest Plan May Solve the Venezuelan Ouestion.

#### MINISTER BOWEN WAITING ANSWER.

The Proposition Suggested by a Representative of One of the Allies, is That for a Short Period of the Year the Allies Shall Exclusively Receive a Percentage of the Custom Dutics.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- Propositions involving a compromise of the allied powers' contention for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela have been submitted to the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy by their representatives at Washington, and, while no answers have been received as yet, there is reason for the belief that the allies will see a way to accept the latest proposition. This compromise has been suggested by one of the representatives of the allies here, and while it has not formally received the indorsement of Minister Bowen, it is felt that he will not enter serious objections to its adoption, provided the United States and the other claimant nations outside the alliance can be convinced that their own interests in Venezuela will not be substantially injured by yielding to a plan which seems to offer a solution of the present serious hitch in the Washington negotiations.

The details of the proposition now under consideration by the three allied nations are not obtainable, but in a general way it is understood to be a modification of the allies' contention that they be recognized as Venezuela's preferred claimants in the payment of the indemnity. The plan suggested provides that for a short period, per-haps six months or a year. Great Bri-tain, Germany and Italy shall receive exclusively a percentage of customs reexclusively a percentage of customs re-ceipts of the ports of Porto Cabello and Laguayra, and that at the end of this period-the exact length of is yet open to decision-that all the claimant nations be placed on the same footing, and at the expiration of that time the 30 per cent, of the receipts of these two ports be divided among all the claimant nations in ratio based on the amount of each nation's claim.

The plan is regarded as a compromise which will enable the allies to with-draw their ships from Venezuelan waters without a serious loss of prestige

Whether the claimant nations outside the tripartite agreement will assent to this scheme is not yet known. The British ambassador called by appointment on Secretary Hay this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and it is believed that some such plan as this was under consider-ation, the British ambassador wishing to acquaint himself with the exact at-titude of the United States regarding Lord Lansdowne's contention for pref-erential treatment for the allies.

#### BOY MURDERER GETS 20 YEARS.

#### Judge Landis, at Lancaster, Pa., Thinks Sentence too Light.

Lancaster, Pa. (Special) .- Clarence dead, McCoy and William Guterman, the two Columbia (Pa.) boys convicted of murder in the second degree, were given the maximum sentence of 20 years by Judge Landis, who stated he was sorry he could not make the punishment more severe.

The prisoners are each 20 years of age, and the crime for which they were convicted was the murder of Jacob H. Bostick, a trackwalker on the Pennsyl vania railroad. After shooting and beating him over the head the murderers placed the body on the track, expecting that a train would run over it and hide the evidence of murder.

The body was discovered a few minutes before the passage of a train.

#### \$1,000,000 DEAL REPORTED.

Domestic. The Pennsylvania Railroad's famous 20-hour special between New York and Chicago will be abandoned in order to aid in removing the traffic congestion. Justice MacLean, of the Supreme Court of New York, has denied an ap plication for separation based on antemarital error on the part of the wife The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association has issued an appeal through its president. Admiral Dewey, for funds to erect a memorial to Jefferson at the

capital. At the Indianapolis wage conference the operators unanimously voted not to grant the demand of the miners for higher wages and certain changes in the method of mining. The question was destroyed a portion of the roof and updiscussed and referred to the scale committee.

С. B. Allison, an electrical contractor of Sheraden, a suburb of Pittsburg, was called to the front door of his house and shot down by an unknown person.

The Southern Pacific has reached an agreement with its firemen on the wage question. The increase granted averages between 6 and 12 per cent. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad

has voluntarily increased the wages of all its machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths and car repairers.

An appraisal of the estate of the late Augustin Daly, of New York, shows that it is not sufficient to cover his debts Jean Jules Jusserand, the new French ambassador, and his wife reached New York on the French liner La Lorraine. The schooner Minnehaha sprung a the eak and sank at the entrance to Winyah Bay, South Carolina.

The hig department store of Weni-stock, Lubin & Co., in Sacramento, Cal., was destroyed.

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field.

000 for 10 years.

ton legislature.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, died in

While crazed by drink at Titusville, Pa., John Fiddler shot and killed his

John Beard Allen, a former United States senator from Washington, is

Foreign.

and Berlin papers that the Crown Prince of Saxony is determined to renounce his

United States Minister Powell and a

Brazilian generals, with guns and

amounition, have gone to the Bolivian frontier to take command of the Brazil-

representative of the Dominican govern-

son, George, who is 10 years old.

ian troops there.

man cities.

A story is current in the provincial

in to the throne in favor of his

tried to kill his son and then killed

Mr.

Samuel

himself.

Denver, Col.

At the opening of the afternoon ses-sion of the Strike Commission in Phila-delphia Attorney Wolverton, for the Reading, announced that at a conference during the noon recess between Veith, general mining superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and George W. Hartlein, secretary of District No. 9, of 0. of the miners' union, it was agreed that the weighing of coal in the Ninth district, which takes in all of the southern coal is impracticable because of the This settles, so far pitching veins. the lower fields are concerned, one of the principal issues in dispute in the other was a government mint, and for a time

Must Pay Taxes.

Levy Ankeny, the millionaire banker and farmer of Walla Walla, was elected United States senator by the Washing-Abraham Gompers, son of Mr

ed the municipal officials in the Isle of Pines to collect taxes which the American residents there decline to pay. In default of payment the officials will have recourse to the courts for the collection of the money. Governor Nunez attributes the memorial on the subject, recently sent to Washington

United States. The Cuban officials do not believe of an easy means of smuggling through ment signed a protocol to submit an American company's claim to arbitration. the Isle of Pines into Cuba, which smuggling would be carried on if the

#### ormer were in the possession of the United States

The French Chamber of Deputies amid a patriotic demonstration, adopted the first chapter of the army budget.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER. \$50,000,000 WAS IN DANGER Fire in United States Assay Office, New agreed to place the Omnibus Statehood bill on the Agricultural Appropriation

York City. BLAZE STARTED IN WOODEN FLUE.

#### The Employes Hastened to Save the Millions of Treasure Before Looking for Their Owa Safety-Damage Was Slight to the Build-

ing-Cause of Fire Unknowa-Building an Historic One.

New York (Special) .- Fire broke out in the negative. Senator F. E. Warren (Wyo.) and H. D. Money (Miss.) were absent and were in a laboratory on the second floor of the United States assay office, which not recorded. It is stated, however, that Senator Money would vote for the is next door to the Subtreasury, and amendment if present.

per story and some apparatus. Chief Assayer Torrey said the loss on the The army appropriation bill was re-ported to the Senate amended in various apparatus probably would not exceed \$2000, and that the loss on the buildparticulars, the most important addition ing would be nominal. He thought the providing for the retirement with an adbusiness of the assay office, which vance rank of officers who served in the civil war, and for the creation of a genamounted to about 75 assays a day, eral staff. would not be interrupted longer than

three or four days. cently reported by the Senate Military Committee, while the staff amendment is Mr. Torrey believed that nitric acid, which is used in testing bullion, was the cause of the fire. He said it might in the language of the staff bill recommended by the Secretary of War, with have eaten into the wooden flue which leads from the glass basins when the the idded. gold and silver bars are melted and sub-

lected to chemical action The flames, which were first seen in one of these flues, soon got beyond ontrol. An alarm was turned in, and 65 government employes in ouilding hastened to save the millions of treasure in their care. There was out \$10,000,000 in bullion in the vaults and about \$1.500,000 lying outside

building. various parts of the building. The \$1,500,000 and about \$100,000 in a melt The ed state, as well as the books of ac-court and record, were hastily locked matter blind through the mail free of charge when sent by public institutions for the blind as a loan to blind readers or when the vaults. Then the employes hurried out of

the building for their own safety. As-sayer Torrey, who has been employed in the building for 40 years, said it was the first serious fire in the assay office. Several times the flues for conducting the formes up the chimney had caught fire, but the flame- always had been put out easily by men in the laboratory the The building used by the assay of as fice is historic. Before it began to be used as an assay office, 40 years ago

United States or Governmen was the The National Board of Education, Bank. The structure is of gray stone hich was incorporated by a recent act and brick and very old-fashioned.

# of Congress, organized by electing W. H. Baldwin, Jr., president. John D. Rocke-feller, Jr., is a member of the board. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has given \$100,-Governor Nunez Says Americans There

ern prisons. Havana (Special) .- General Nuncz. Governor of the Province of Havana. in which the Isle of Pines is included. lution calling upon the President for stated that the Government had direct-

information as to whether the government of Cuba is exercising the right of sovereignty and control over the to transfer the island from the United States, and, if so, what steps have been taken to protect the property of citi-zens of the United States on the Isle of Pines.

by the American residents, solely to land speculators who, he alleges, misinformed the buyers to the effect that the island was bound to belong to the

the of fortunes exceeding \$10,000,000 by any one individual in the United States. that the United States desires the Isle of Pines. They say that, aside from septimental considerations, Cuba's only advantage in continuing her sovereign-ty over the isle will be the prevention

# CARS CRASH AND TAKE FIRE.

One Struck Wagon, Went Back And the Other

#### WITH THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS, FOR JEFFERSON MEMORIAL Accepts Statchood Rider.

The Senate Committee on Agricultur

This proposition was strongly antago

nized, but it carried by a two-thirds vote. Senators Henry C. Hansbrough, Addi-son G. Foster (Wash.) and M. S. Quay

(Pa.), Republicans, and William B Bate, Henry Heitfeld and F. McL. Sim-mons, Democrata, voting in the affirma-tive and Senators Redfield Proctor, J. P.

Dolliver and J. V. Quarles, Republicans

Includes General Staff

Military Committee's amendments

Free Postage for Blind.

reading matter among the blind.

Marking of Confederate Graves.

Sovereignty Over Isle of Pines.

Senator Carmack introduced a reso-

Pines; whether steps have been taken

Wellington's Wealth Limit.

Maryland, introduced an amendment to

In case of such holding the amend-ment provides that "the excess shall all

be condemned, whether or not as a pub-lic nuisance, a public folly or a public

Statues Are Accepted.

rollton and John Hanson, gifts of the State of Maryland for Statuary Hall,

both bodies and resolutions adopted.

The statues of Charles Carroll of Car-

peril, and be accordingly forfeited

the United States Treasury."

Senator George L. Wellington, of

Constitution prohibiting the holding

Isle

into

in raised characters for

bill as a rider.

Appeal Issued to American People to Contribute to Fund.

IT IS A NON-PARTISAN MOVEMENT.

Ald Sought on Behalf of Fund for Sultably Perpetuating the Fame of the Author of the Declaration of Independence-Dewey Cails on the People to Help the Undertaking.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, organized for the purpose of erecting at the national capital an appropri ate and national memorial to the "author of the Declaration of Independence," through its president, Admiral George Dewey, has issued an appeal to the American people for funds to carry out the object of the association. The text of the appeal is as follows:

Headquarters Thomas Jefferson Me-morial Association of the United The retirement amendment in the exact language of the bill re-

States, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1903.

To the American People: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial As ciation has been organized to take up the long neglected duty of crecting a fitting memorial to the memory of man who wrote the Declaration of In-

We have here beautiful and costly tributes to the memory of American soldiers, sailors, statesmen, physicians, inventors and philanthropists, and the soldiers and sailors of France are honored, but there is not one tablet to the emory of that homas Jefferson. memory that great American,

money, as we rely solely upon the peo-ple, the young and the old, the children and their parents, for the success of the movement

District Attorney Jerome. ed memorial cannot now be stated, but it will be appropriate to the greatness

of the man and the importance of the document from which his name is inseparable. Rigid economy will be ob-served in the expenses of carrying on the work. Every contributor will re-The House Committee on Military Affairs reported favorably a bill to apceive a certificate acknowledging his propriate \$61,300 for marking the posisubscription, and carrying with it mem-bership in the association. In time to ion of the regular organizations, infantry, artillery and cavalry, on the Get-tysburg battlefield. The positions of come these certificates will be "badges of hono! the volunteer organizations were mark

Contributions, checks, money orders or drafts should be made payable to ed by the States. The committee also ordered a favorable report upon the ordered a favorable report upon the Foraker bill to appropriate \$200,000 to mark the graves of Confederate sol-diers and sailors who died in Norththe order of the treasurer of the asso-ciation. Mr. Jesse B. Wilson, president of the Lincoln National Bank.

The people will be kept informed of all important actions of the association. Communications addressed to the secretary, Mr. W. S. McKean, will re-ceive prompt and respectful attention. (Signed) GEORGE DEWEY. three months delinquent, are the most important changes. Admiral of the Navy

President The association is now complete in its list of officers, every State being represented by a vice-president, and in

ome cases by a representative on the board of governors, the controlling body. No great movement of a simi-lar character in this country, it is claimed, had as its officers more men of national character and influence than this organization. Prominent men from all sections of the country have be-come interested in the movement, and have written to the officers of the asso-

clation expressions of approval.

#### **EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR.**

#### Packing Plant at Fort Wayne, Indiana, is Wrecked.

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Special) .- Four tion of the Eckhart Packing Company's plant in this city.

were formally accepted by the Senate and House. Speeches were delivered in The explosion occurred half an hour after operations had begun for the day.

BLUNDER OF OPERATOR. THE KEYSTONE STATE. Score of Lives Lost in Railroad Accident in

## Arizona.

Tucson, Ariz. (Special) .- The failure of Night Operator George Clough, at

Vail's Station, to deliver orders to a westbound train, known as the Sunset Limited, caused a disastrous collision at 3 o'clock a. m., between two passenger trains four miles east of Tucson and six miles from Vail's Station.

At last accounts twenty bodies had been taken from the mass of burned and charred wreckage, and it is believed that several more are buried in the twisted and mangled mass of iron and steel.

The first known of the collision was the coming of the tourist car, which broke loose from No. 9 and ran down grade to Tucson, where it was captured. The weatbound train was six miles west of Vailsburg, running at a speed of fifty miles an hour. Roanding a sharp curve the train crashed into the Sunse Limited running forty-five miles an hour. The crash and the scenes immediately following were beyond description. So great was the impact from the two fly-ing trains that the two engines reared up like animals engaged in combat and crashed the boilers like shells.

#### Threatened by Mormons.

New York (Special) .- Miss Elizabeth Dickinson, a witness in the Hooper Young murder case, has received several anonymous letters warning her that if she gives evidence against the grandson of Brigham Young she will pay for it with her life. Passages from the Book of Mormon are quoted, and she is told plainly that it will imperil her life if she discloses any of the things she learned while a member of the Mormon Church or testifies to hav ing seen Young or Mrs. Pulitzer to-gether at any of the meetings she attended. So alarmed was Miss Dickin on that she took most of the letters to

## Miners Change Their Laws.

Indianapolis (Special) .- The United Mine Workers' convention finished changing the constitution and by-laws. The changes are numerous, but only a few of them are of great importance. The changing of the power to vote a strike from the two-thirds membership of the national executive board to a full two-thirds membership of the organization; fixing a uniform initiation fee of \$10 for miners and \$2.50 for boys between 14 and 16 years of age: providbetween 14 and to years or age: prove-ing free admission to the organization for boys that are orphans of union miners, and placing a fine of \$10 on officers of local unions that issue transer cards to miners that are more than

#### Women Lead Coal Raiders.

Chicago (Special) .- A mob of nearly 500 men, women and boys held up a Chicago and Northwestern coal train. at Webster avenue, on the Wisconsin division, and carried away the contents of five cars before they were dispersed by the police. Women led the attack, uncoupling the cars in a number of places, and intimidating the train crew three hours traffic was suspended while the mob increased to more than a thousand persons. A riot call was turned in and order finally restored

#### A Mexican Tobacco Trust.

Trenton, N. J. (Special) .- The Mexi can Tobacco and Cigarette Corpora tion, incorporated two weeks ago with an authorized capital of \$100,000, filed men were killed, one fatally and three papers increasing its capital to \$12,000, others seriously injured and half a score 000, of which \$0,000,000 is to be preothers more or less severely hurt in an ferred, with non-cumulative dividends explosion which wrecked a large sec- of 7 per cent. The company is formed to grow and manfacture tobacco, gars and cigarettes and also to make pipes and other smokers' appliances The incorporators are Charles N. King

27.776 Patents Issued in 1932.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- Th

report of the Commissioner of Patents

for 1902 shows 49,490 applications, an

that 27.776 patents were issued. In ad

Whole Family Slaughtered.

his family and then committed suicide.

Monument to Murdered Editor.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Columbia, S. C. (Special) .- In th

Teneha, Texas (Special) .-- Charle

were \$150.514.

and is believed to have been due to an ac all of Jersey City. cumulation of natural gas in the cellar beneath the section of the factory de-stroyed. There were a score of men at work in the several departments of that section of the plant, and scarcely one escaped injury of some sort.

News Happenings of Interest Gathered From All Sources.

Governor Pennypacker has reap-pointed all the old members of the State Board of Medical Examiners, as fol-lows: Representing the State Medical Society, Drs. Henry Beates, Jr., Phila-leiphia; Hiram S. McConnell, New Brighton: R. W. Ramsey, Chambers-burg, State Homeopathic Medical So-ciety, Drs. John J. Detweiler, Easton; Gustave A. Miller, Allegheny; C. S. Middleton, Philadelphia, State Eclec-tic Medical Society, Drs. C. L. John-son Baugh, West Bethlehem; L. P. O'Neall, Mechanicsburg; C. M. Ewing, Tyrone, The Governor also appointed The Governor also appointed I. Charles Port, of Huntingdon, to be Sheriff of Huntingdon county, in place of Sheriff Wilson, who died recently.

The Goodyears have closed a deal The Goodyears have closed a deal for the purchase of 50,000 acres of the best coal territory in the northern sec-tion of Indiana county. Most of the land lies in Northwest, East and South Mahoning townships. M. J. Mc-Creight, of the DuBois Deposit Bank, represented the Goodyears in the trans-action. According to the terms of the sale, tests will be made and if satisfacsale, tests will be made and if satisfac-tory the entire field will be taken up. The landowners will receive a uniform price of \$35 an acre for their holdings.

The Stineman Coal Mining Company purchased from George B. Stineman, of South Fork, 750 acres of coal land, the purchase price being \$130,000. Among the heavy stockholders of the company are several Philadelphia capitalists.

Fifteen men, some hatless, others coatless, made a break for liberty from the boarding house of Mrs. E. S. Cum-mings, at Altoona, all on account of the appearance of a health officer bear-ing a malloca block of Theorem 1.5 and the second the appearance of a second the seco ing a smallpox placard. There were 17 scated at the breakfast table when the health officer appeared, and 15 of that number made good their escape. The two are detained, with the members of the household, until it is shown that the infection, caused by the develop-ment of the smallpox case of E. H. Shrow, a boarder, has been removed.

The platinum works operated by J. The platinum works operated by J. Bishop & Co. at Sugartown, were de-stroyed by fire. The blaze is supposed to have been started by robbers. The house of Mrs. Edwin G. Coxe, just north of the establishment, was also burned, with all the contents with the exception of the parlor furniture. Residents of the place formed a bucket brigade and saved other property. The loss on the platinum works is about \$8000, partly insured. Mrs. Coxe loses about \$5000 on her house and at least \$2000 on contents.

Burglars broke into the home of R Burgiars broke into the home of R. C. Luther, general superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Bull's Head. Mr. Luther is in Philadelphia testifying be-fore the Strike Commission. Though a neighbor shot at the robbers, they searched the house, no one being at home. They took two eacher of coal home. They took two sacks of coal from the cellar, but dropped one of the sacks in their flight.

Rombold Lodge No. 25 has seceded rom the Tin Plate Workers' Internaional Association and the members lave organized an association for their own mutual benefit. The lodge was composed of over 200 men who workd in the tinning and cold-rolled de-artments of the Shenango tin mill. The action of Rombold Lodge is con-idered a hard blow to the Tin Workrs' Association, which has head of-ices at Wheeling.

George Peigh, a Pennsylvania Raiload employe, started from Altoona or Bellwood with a horse and sleigh. I wo hours after he left town the livtryman received word that his horse vas found dead, the rig having gone wer an embankment near Blair fur-tace. Peigh has not since been seen. t is feared he was injured and wanlered off to the mountains.

The entire plant of the Osterburg, 'News," of Osterburg, Bedford county, ws," of Osterburg, Bedford county, destroyed by fire. The whole ling was enveloped in flames when NRS

The committee recommended increases aggregating \$3,366,000, the total carried by the bill as reported being \$77.241,277. dependence. The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads has directed Mr Bontell, of Illinois, on motion of Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, to report bly a hill to promote the circulation

We ask the people to contribute, ac-cording to their ability, to this memo-rial. Congress will not be asked for It allows the transmission of all reading the

returned by the latter to such institu-The character and cost of the propos The bill was passed by the Senate June 25 last, and will very probably pass the House at an early day.

Chicago Concern May Buy Four Mines of Perry Company.

Clarksburg, W. Va. (Special) -A report is current at Clarksburg that the Edward. Perry Coal Company will sell its holdings in this county to the Weaver Coal Company, of Chicago. The price is reported to be \$1,000,000.

The Perry property consists of four mines-the Howard, at Wilsonburg: the Perry and Gore, at Adamston, and Pooz, near Lumberport. The three latter plants are modern and were con-structed at considerable cost. In the In the tract of coal lands is comprised 2,000 or 3.000 acres of the regular nine-foot "Pittsburg yein." It fronts on the Baltirejected.

more and Ohio and the Short Line rail

#### Will Work Day and Night.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- The three-shift system, by which work will be kept up day and night, has begun in

the gun-carriage shop at the Washington Navy Yord. There is an imperative demand for completing the orders now on hand, and this step is taken with a view

to expediting the completion of work the orders for which were given over two years. It is the purpose of the naval officials to keep the other shops at the yard in full operation during the entire day and night as soon as sufficient workmen can be obtained.

#### Fatality on the U. S. S. Boston.

Vallejo, Cal. (By Cable) .- The blowing out of a plate in the engine-room of the United States steamer Boston cost Edward Lee Baker his life and another Concord Tate, lies in a critical condition. The two men were naval machinists and were endeavoring to repair a leaky valve.

#### David P. Jones Dead.

Pittsburg (Special) .- David Phillips Jones, Chief Engineer of the United States Navy, retired, died at his apartment at the Iroquois here. As father of odern engineering in the navy Chief Engineer Jones was prominently known throughout the United States. The distinction was earned by his establishment of the engineering department of the Naval Academy. After the course was opened he became one of the professors and was one of the most successful and popular ones ever at the naval school.

#### Wants Censors of Drama.

Chicago (Special) .- A committee of cading citizens, rather than the general sublic, which makes or breaks a theatrical renture should decide what the stage shall produce, in the opinion of Robert Baird, Professor of Greek in Northird. Professor of Greek in North-stern University. "As a remedy for e existing evil of the modern stage." It requires 14.800 men in the new British Locomotive Trust to make 600 British Locomotive Trust to make 600 British Locomotive Trust to make 600 It requires 14.800 men in the new British Locomotive Trust to make 600 It will not astonish Wall street if Pennsylvania shall take over the New York & New Haven, the leading rail-

The engineers of the Netherlands Railroad struck, stopping traffic between Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Waterloo Castle, London, for King Serious floods have been caused in

Scotland by the melting of the snow. Herr Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Line, explained that the French Line has renewed the usual traffic agreement, but has not entered

into the shipping combine. Dr. van Lynden, the Dutch foreign

minister, announced that Carnegie's offer of \$230,000 for a library for the International Court of Arbitration had been

Countess Isabella Wesierska Kwilecki was for the second time arrested in Ber-lin on the charge of palming off a bogus child as the heir to a large Polish estate.

Foreign Minister Prinetti, of Italy, had an attack of paralysis while attending a conference of the ministers with the King at the Quirinal.

An American chamber of commerce was organized with 101 members, who are engaged in business in various Ger-

The Crown Princess of Saxony has been excluded from all rights and dig-nities of a member of the Saxon royal

It is reported that Ben Hamara, the pretender to the throne of Morocco, has been defeated.

#### Financial.

#### The Reading is producing an average of 33,000 tons of coal daily, Standard Oil brokers freely sold Paul when it had risen to 179. St. Paul Railroad is putting Eastern freight in storage, the railroads being so badly blocked. 9333.

European exchange rates were changed, money condition smoothly despite Venezuela. conditions running

Storage battery jumps about very imbly. It is so closely held the inimbly. siders can do anything they care to with it.

Chicago Great Western is to be trans-ferred to one of the big railcoad sys-tems, says Vice-President Oppenheim. Of seventy-nine independent tin plate mills only eighteen are now running owing to a reduction from \$4 to \$3.00 a box. There are 227 out of 264 trust mills in operation.

Railroad officials at Chicago assert that freight rate wars have been en-tirely eliminated from the possibilities of the near future.

Bank of England still clings to its 4 per cent. discount rate. The Old Lady of Threadneedle stre London gold exports. Threaducedle street is afraid of

It will not astonish Wall street if Pennsylvania shall take over the New York & New Haven, the leading rail-road of New England.

Pittsburg (Special) .- One of the worst wrecks the Pittsburg Traction

Sousa's Band played American airs in Company has experienced since its organization occurred here. A score of passengers were injured and two cars

were destroyed. Traffic was stopped for several hours. Eight victims are in a hospital, the others having been taken to their liomes. A car on the Homestead branch was

on its way to Pittsburg. Just as it passed Forward avenue it struck a

huckster's wagon. After going some distance it was backed up the hill to learn what damage had been done. Just then it was met by a second car oming down the hill at a terrific speed When the collision occurred the trol

ley wires were crossed, causing a fire which consumed both cars. Fortunately all of the injured passengers were taken out before the flames reached them.

#### Young Postoffic: Robbers.

Newark (Special). - Commissioner Jones had before him George Melius. 14 years old, of Minebrook, charged with recent robberies of the Minebrook postoffice. Two other boys, aged 9 and

to, were implicated, but on account their youth, they were not arrested. Melius pleaded guilty and was remand-ed. The boy had been janitor of the district school, and had learned that they key of the schoolhouse door fitted

the door of the postoffice.

## Selected to Kill King.

Barcelona (By Cable) .-- A Belgian Anarchist, named Martin, has been ar-rested in this city. He has confessed that he was selected to kill the King of the Belgians, but was prevented from carrying out the deed by being arrested dwing the strike in Barcelona a year

#### South China to Secede.

Hongkong (By Cable) .- The revoluionary movement which led to the arrest here of seven Kwangsi rebels is said to be a very serious attempt to over-throw the central power and establish a separate government in the South of China. None of the arrested men is prominent; the real leaders are said to be in the interior collecting forces. The revolutionary organization embraces the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kwei-Chau and Fokien. The insurrec-tionists are posing as reformers and are neurons to secure foreign sympathy. Voked a lively debate. Because of the absence of a member the House Naval Committee did not re-port the findings in the investigation of charge of attempt at bribery pre-ferred by Mr. Lessler. The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the Bankruptcy Bill. The Interstate Commerce Commis-sion will give a hearing February 25 on the recent advance in freight rates. said to be a very serious attempt to overtionists are posing as reformers and are anxious to secure foreign sympathy.

Little Men Form a Club.

Little Mea Form a Club. New Haven, Conn. (Special).—The bide men of Yale who have not height, weight nor strength enough to make a football team of varsity caliber have eme into prominence by forming a "Peewee Club" for social purposes, mu-val admiration and to make known the valorous deeds of men of small stature. No student of more than five feet five inches is eligible to membership. The charter members number eight, all sen-iors. It is learned that the subject of discussion at the first session of the Peewees will be traits and peculiarities of the pigmies of South Africe

\$100,000 for the President.

Representative Bristow, of New York, duced a bill increasing the salary of the President of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per annum. The bi provides that the increased salary shall be effective on and after March 5, 1905. The bill seeks to amend the act of 1874. which increased the President's salary to \$50,000.

#### In the Departments.

An important conference was held at the White House between the President, Secretary Hay and Senator Cullom re garding the status of the Panama Canal

The Gridiron Club gave its annual dinner, one of the features being hits at the expense of J. Pierpont Morgan, who was

The Postoffice Appropriation Bill was

discussed in the House. The President sent to Congress a mes

sage in relation to the currency and the comage of the Mexican and Chinese governments accompanied by papers from the representatives of those governments. He recommended legislation which would enable the government of the United States to assist in carrying

out the proposed arrangement. The Army Appropriation Bill, which was reported to the Senate, contains the Root Staff Bill as reported from the Committee on Military Affairs some-time ago; also, the Retirement Bill, which was also exported from the comwhich was also reported from the same committee,

In the Senate Mr. Hanna moved to disagree to the amendments of the House to the Department of Commerce Bill and agree to a conference. The chair appointed Messrs. Hanna, Nelson and Clay on the part of the Senate. Representative Bristow, of New York, introduced a bill to increase the President's salary to \$100,000 per annum.

In the Senate the resolution offered by Mr. Rawlings calling upon the Sec-retary of War for information regard-ing certain trials by court-martial in the Philippines was called up and pro-voked a lively debate.

the recent advance in freight rates.

Senator Foraker introduced a bill providing for the admission of 50 Porto Ricans at the Indian School, at Carlisle, Pa

The House resumed consideration the Indian Appropriation Bill,

In the House Mr. Jones, of Washing-ton, introduced a resolution protesting against any other interpretation of the Alaskan boundary than that which has been accepted for 50 years by the Unit ed States and Great Britain.

An extra session of the Senate is pos-sible to consider the Cuban reciprocity, the Panama and Alaskan boundary

were received at the navy yard here from Washington to hurry work on all ships undergoing repairs. The cruiser The explosion was terrible, com-pletely wrecking a section of the build-San Francisco, which has been at the yard for some time, is being repaired and an extra force of mechanics was ing 50 by 100 feet and two stories in height. The dead and injured were buried in the ruins and the peril of those yet living was increased by flames placed aboard her to fit her for sea duty The Prairie is ordered to be ready fo service by Saturday of this week. cllowing the explosion and the escape of large quantities of ammonia stored in the basement. The property loss will probably reach \$15,000.

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECK.

#### Express and Freight In Head-on Collision-Two Killed. dition there were 110 patents reissued 2006 trademarks registered, 767 labels

Hazleton, Pa. (Special) .- The fast ex-

press train from Wilkesbarre for Phila-delphia on the Schuylkill Valley Divis-ion of the Pennsylvania Railroad collided head-on with a freight train near Lofty, nine miles south of Hazleton, The engineer and fireman of the freight train were killed; the engineer and fire-man and colored porter of the passenger train seriously hurt, and seven passengers slightly injured. Between Hazleton and Lofty there is a single track which is used by both the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania Railroads. Through a misunderstanding of orders both trains got on this single stretch of track, and before the engineers saw the denger it was too late to avert the collision.

#### Wireless Trains.

Berlin (By Cable),-Experiments on the military railroad between Berlin and Zossen in connection with keeping a dollars was subscribed, and it is moving train in continuous wireless communication with the signal station that the fund will reach \$5,000 before the end of the week. All Columbia banks end of the week. have been completely successful. The Braun system was used. are authorized to receive subscriptions.

#### Congressman Dies of C ancer.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- A tele gram received here announced the death of Representative John N. W. Rumple, of the Second Iowa district, at the St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. Mr. Rumple was afflicted with cancer had been in the hospital practically all

Hazleton (Special).—Adam Reichert, aged 50 years, died here as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by his wife dur-ing a quarrel. Mrs. Reichert is under of Chicago. arrest.

#### Americans in Blockade

of Chicago. A boiler in the Southern Car and Foundry Company's plant, at Annis-ton, Ala, exploded, killing six person-instantly and wounding several. The cause of the exploaion is not known. Dr. Daniel Willard, formerly a Bal timore and Ohio official, was promoted to be first vice-president of the Eric Raitroad Company. Memorial services for the late Thom as B. Reed were held by both branches of the Maine legislature at Augusta. Samuel G. De Coursey, a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, whe had become prominent as a railroad man and financier, died in Philadelphia of grip. Puerto Cabello, Venezuela (By Cable). —Two Americans, James Cooper and Grovie Allen, have arrived here in a sloop after having forced the blockade. Cooper is an ex-Confederate major of cavalry and Allen is a military engineer. They have come to serve with Venezuela against the allies in the eyent of hos-tilities, and they left for Caracas to-day.

Ministers Oppose Smoot. San Francisco (Sepcial).—The min-isters of the Christian churches here have passed resolutions protesting against the acceptance of Reed Smoot, Mormon

W. M. Greene and Le Grand Bouker he fire was discovered and nothing vas saved. The loss is partially cov-red by insurance. This is the second Rush Orders at Norfolk Navy Yard. Norfolk, Va. (Special) .- Rush orders

te this paper has been burned out within a year. The home of Andrew McAuley, in North Union township, was burned and wo of the smaller children perished

n the flames. The mother in her ef-orts to save her children received probtbly fatal injuries. The father and two other children were also severely burn-

The gilded axe received by Preident Roosevelt, it has transpired, was sent by Abram Lane, a merchant of Clay. Lancaster county, whose interest was aroused by an account that he read of the President's ability as a woodchop-

Burglars blew the safe in the postoffice at Delmont, securing \$75 in stamps and \$25 in money. and 158 prints registered. During the year 23.331 patents expired. The ex-cess of receipts over the expenditures

Fire at Beech creek destroyed seven buildings, including the postoffice, caus-ing a loss of \$13,000.

Pearl Kettering, aged 17, made an ensuccessful attempt at suicide at Sharon by swallowing poison.

Rowe, his wife and their three children were found dead at their home near here At the February term of court in Greensburg, George Killon, his wife and Thomas Roache will be placed on Friday. The three children had beer slaughtered with an ax. Mrs. Rowe's throat was cut and Rowe had his throat trial for the murder of Louis Ernette. at Jeannette. cut and a stab wound near the heart The opinion prevails that Rowe billed

While Mackey Lyons was at work on a stone crusher in Bellefonte his clothing caught in a cog wheel. He was drawn through the wheel and thrown out the other side, his arms, legs and body being crushed to a pulp. Lyons was 23 years old.

banks of Columbia subscription lists were opened to raise a fund for the erec J. W. Jacobson, a Baltimore and Ohio brakeman, was run down and tion of a monument to N. G. Gonzales late editor of the State. One thousand killed by a train at New Castle.

Lauffer's general store at Manor was burglarized and citizens have organized a vigilance committee.

At Hollidaysburg, Mrs. Rachel Brode and Berry Dodson were con-victed of involuntary manslaughter, re-sulting from the fatal shooting of Am-brose Gelh, during a masquerade party at the woman's home. In Philadelphia the Anthracite Coa Strike Commission heard additiona testimony from the independent opera tors. The examination of the witnesser

Evidence is being collected at Polts-ville by the United Mine Workers to show that there were proportionately more arrests of soldiers during the strike than of miners. This will be pre-sented to the Strike Commission to by counsel for the miners was conduct ed with a view of ascertaining the rea sons why the independent operator preferred to permit the flooding o their mines rather than grant their em ployes an eight-hour working day. keeping good order among a large A mob of men, women and childret seized a train of coal in the suburbi

At a recent semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of Bucknell Uni-versity the president reported that \$100,000 had been secured, making \$300,000 recently added. Plans were submitted for raising \$1,230,000. The board indorsed the plans and authoriz-ed the president to enter upon the ef-fort to secure the amount. Of this sum \$250,000 is for the improvement of the property, and \$1,000,000 for increas-

sum \$250,000 is for the improvement of the property, and \$1,000,000 for increas-ing the endowment. In a coasting accident at New Cas-te, Misses May Churchfield, Maude and Bessie Painter, and Harry Rogers, Weir Emerick and Harry Clitch were criously injured.

# winter. Charged With Killing Husband.