Eighty Islands Devastated by the Wind and Wave-Makeno and Hao Completely Depopulated-On Hikura Island, Where 1,000 Were Engaged in Pearl Diving, Nearly Ha.I the Number Were Drowned.

San Francisco (Special).-News of a terrible loss of life in a storm that swept over the South Sea Islands last month reached here by the steamer Mariposa, direct from Tahiti. The loss of life is estimated at 1,000 persons. On January | bill 13 last a huge tidal wave, accompanied ardson, who was arrested in Revere, Mass., on the charge of administering by a terrific hurricane, attacked the Society Islands and the Puamoto group with fearful force, causing death and devastation never before equaled in a land of dreaded storms.

The storm raged several days, reaching its maximum strength between Janmary 14 and January 16. From the meager news received at Tahiti up to the \$235,000,000 to \$400,000,000. time of the sailing of the Mariposa it is estimated that 1,000 of the islanders lost their lives. It is feared that later advices will increase this number.

The first news of the disaster reached Papeete, Tahiti, January 23 by the schooner Eimeo. The captain of the schooner placed the fatalities at 500. The name steamer Excelsior arrived at Papecte the Fire following day with 400 destitute survi-

The captain of the Excelsior estimated that he did not know that anything obthe total loss of life to be 800. These structed the engineer's view, but at Trenfigures comprised only the deaths on the three islands of Hao, Hikuera and Manne. koksa, the ordinary population of which is 1,800. On Kikura Island, where 1,000 inhabitants were engaged in pearl-diving.

General Manager Allen, of the Missian and Texas Railroad, and allies, to arbitrate the question of prefine inhabitants were engaged in pearl-diving. ent island 100 more were washed out to sea.

Makeno and Hao are denopulated. Conservative estimates at Tahiti place the number of islands visited by tidal wave and hurricane at 80. All of them are under the control of the French governor at Tahiti.

The surviving inhabitants are left destitute of food, shelter and clothing, all having been swept away by the storm. The French government, upon receipt of news of the disaster, took prompt

measures to relieve the distressed dis-tricts, and dispatched two warships with fresh water and provisions. The Italian man-of-war Calabria accompanied the French vessels on their errand of mercy.

As the supply of fresh water and prototally exhausted by

storm, it is feared that many lives will lost before the relief ships can arrive. So far as is known, eight white people were among the drowned. As the islands were barely 20 feet above sea level and were not surrounded

by coral, it was necessary for all the inhabitants to take to the cocoanut trees when the tidal wave began to cover the These trees grow to an immense height, many reaching an altitude of 100 feet. All of the lower trees were covered by the raging seas, which swept with pitiless force about and over them. The natives in the taller trees were safe until the cocoanut roots gave way, and then they ,too, were swept out into the sea.

REFUSES TO PAY AMERICAN CLAIMS.

Minister Powell Informs San Domingo He Will Not Submit to Delay Any Longer.

San Domingo (Special).-- A public meeting has been held under the auspices of the Dominician government to consider the demands of the United States, made through Minister Powell. for a settlement of the Clyde Line and Ros claims. The meeting declared that Chamber of Deputies and a duel will be the government of the United States the result.
should not interfere in the cases and Dr. Lew
that the Clyde Line and Ros should to the St. settle their differences with the Dominician government in the courts here. It was decided to send the minister of finance, Senor Emiliano Tejera, to Washington to announce this deto the government of the United

Meanwhile Mr. Powell continues to demand a settlement of the claims, re-fuses to accept the terms proposed and has announced that he will not submit to any further delay. It is asserted here that the Dominician government is seeking to evade by all possible means a settlement of the American

Caught at Last.

New York (Special).-Byram H. Winters, for seven years in charge of the customs bureau at the postoffice here, was arrested on a charge of embezzling money belonging to the United States. The alleged their is over \$8,000, and the time extends over seven years. Colectlor Stranahan was the complainant. Winters was held in \$10. trial, examination being waived. Collector Stranahan made this statement concerning the arrest: "Byram H Winters, a clerk in the customhouse, o for seven years has been in charge of the customs bureau at the postoffice.

At Last He Killed Himself.

Monongahela, Pa. (Special).-Simon Lilly, of California, who made two attempts at suicide during the week, tried it again and was successful. He escaped from his house and, running to the gun in Brussels. Monongahela river, plunged in and was nesday he cut his throat. It is said he was worth half a million dollars.

Second to Dewey at Manila Bay.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).-Rear Admiral Frank Wildes, of the United States Navy, died suddenly on board the steamer China. He was on his way home from China, on sick leave, when death overtook him. The Admiral had been in ill-health for sometime, and was invalided home on account of a general breakdown of his physical constitution.

Rear Admiral Wildes was junior squadon commander on the Asiatic Station, flying his flag on the Rainbow.

William Penn Clarke Dead.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Col. William Penn Clarke, president of the Constitutional Convention of Iowa, Constitutional Convention of Iowa, held prior to its admission as a State, and chairman of the Iowa convention and chairman of the Iowa convention that sent a Lincoln delegation to the National Convention in 1860, is dead. He was born in Baltimore, Md., 86 years ago. He practiced law in Bellefontaine, O., where he established the Logan county Gazette. He was a paymaster in the Army during the Civil War, and practiced law until 16 years ago. The body will be cremated and interred at Arlington.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

A Cincinnati court set aside the stenographic report of the will made on his deathbed by Millionaire John McCormick, by which he left his estate to Miss Henrietta Cecelia Wolfe, who married him shortly before he died. Col. F. N. Wicker, United States ap-praiser at New Orleans, and who was

second in command to Colonel Buck-ey in the Russo-American telegraph expedition to Alaska in 1867, died at New Orleans. The miners and operators in the soft-

coal districts of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana and Illinois agreed upon a scale of wages which is a general increase for the men.

The grand jury failed to find a true ill against Miss Katherine V. Richpoison to her mother.

Mrs. Catherine Bendler, aged 50 years, disappeared January 31 from her home, in Bridesburg. Philadelphia, and her children and friends believe she

It is semi-officially stated that the roposed increase in the capital of the ennsylvania Railroad will be from Dr. Edward Vanderhauf, a former prominent physician of New York, died

t a hospital from excessive use of drugs A silver service of 64 pieces was presented by a delegation of the City of Albany to the cruiser bearing that

Fireman McCarthy, of the Philadelphia and Reading express locomotive, told the jury at the hospital at Plainfield, N. J.,

were conceded.

The body of Mrs. Tracy Peck, wife of Professor Peck, of Yale University, was found in a park at Morris Cove. She had been afflicted with grip, wandered from her home and died from ex-Samuel Martin, colored, testified at the

trial of Dr. J. C. Alexander, at Indian-apolis, that he had an agreement with the latter to furnish him with bodies taken from the cemeteries. The National Petroleum and General

Construction Company of London has secured 333 oil wells in Ohio, 4,000 acres of leases and a monthly production of 20,000 barrels for \$685,000.

By direction of his physician Maurice Grau has decided to give up his work for a year, and the Metropolitan Opera Conpany decided to abandon business

ntil he returns. Robert Gould Shaw, of Boston, whose wife recently secured a divorce in Char-lottesville, Va., was married in New York to Mrs. Mary Converse, of Newton,

Agents of a New York syndicate are forming a combination of mine car and supply companies in Western Pennsylva-

nia and West Virginia. Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court, in New York, granted an order temporarily restraining the sale by the Mercantile Trust Company under foreclosure of the securities under the Boston United Gas bond trust

Fereign.

King George and the Council of Minis-ters of the Saxon Court have decided that the former Crown Princess Louise cannot see her son Christian, who is dangerously ill.

Deputy Selle, a Socialist, struck

Deputy Selle, a Socialist, struck Deputy Lasies, an anti-Semitic, a blow in the face in the corridor of the French

Dr. Lewald, commissioner of Germany Louis Exposi-

spirit of disconttent against the British government in the Transvaal.

the action of the large army in Macedonia.

John N. Carroll, United State consul at Cadiz. Spain, died of consumption. The Turkish government is taking a record of steamers available for use as transports should it be necessary to send

troops to the European provinces in con-acction with the Macedonian troubles. The Brazilian forces have captured Puerto Alonzo, in Acre, where Bolivia

has heretofore maintained a customproposal by Brazil for arbitration. Emperor William and other members of the royal family and the German gov-

ernment attended the Potato-Alcohol Exposition, in which the Emperor is greatly During a row in the Hungarian Par-

National Defense of cowardice in refusing to fight after he had insulted him. The Liberal press in London blames the failure of the Alaskan Treaty on the

inability of the British government to understand American sentiment, It is reported that the Moorish pretender, Bu Hamara, is a prisoner in the hands of the tribesmen, who want to sell

The trial of Gennaro Rubino, the Italanarchist, for attempting to assassin-King Leopold of Belgium was be-

Financial.

Very cheerful things are being said sout Baltimore & Ohio. Professional traders are all bullish hey see no rocks ahead.

Canada is importing Scotch pig iron as a result of the fuel famine. Diamond Match has reclared its usual -2 per cent. semi-annual dividend. Atlantic Coast Line had a bad Decem-

er, the net revenue declining \$58,000. International Marine shares find a very poor market on the New York curb and

The Subtreasury has now drained ore than \$5,500,000 from the New York banks this week.

Illinois Central keeps up its profit-naking campaign, the net for December advancing \$149,600.

The Preumatic Tool Company earned Strawboard \$279,000. A bill was introduced in the New York

Legislature to reduce the legal rate of New York Air Brake has recently made contracts to equip 20,000 miles of railway, having 3000 locomotives and

REFUSES TO ARBITRATE

President Roosevelt Again Avoids Delicate Position.

HAGUE TRIBUNAL MUST NOW DECIDE.

All Questions Except that of Preferential Treatment Have Been Agreed Upon Between Mr. Bowen and the Representatives of the Aliles, and the Protocols Have Been Submitted to Him.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-President Roosevelt refused the invitation extended by him by Sir Michael Herbert to act as arbitrator on the question of preferential treatment for the allies in the settlement of the claims against Venezuela.

Not for many years have the feelings of those holding the reins of Government here been so aroused against Great Britain as now, when it has become generally known from unquestionable sources that it has been London and not Berlin which has been at the bottom of the many delays, unnecessary questions and general uncertainty over the Venezuelan settlement. Many officials who have not been fully cognizant of the methods employed by Great Britain in the pending trouble now go so far as to state that, in their opinion, she has been trying to cause serious friction between the United

serious friction between the United States and Germany. Of Great Britain's attitude there is no longer the slightest doubt in any official quarter.

At a meeting of representatives of the allied powers at the British Embassy. Sir Michael Herbert submitted to Senor Mayor des Planches and to Baron Speck von Sternberg a note which he had prepared for the President, inviting him, in the name of the allies, to arbitrate the question of prefmpany and the trainmen had been set-d. The conductors say their demands was read to the representatives of Germany and Italy the only method in which they signified their approval was by bowing their heads-they were evi-dently giving their consent reluctantly to a procedure with which they person-ally had no sympathy, but to which they had to agree in accordance with instructions received by them from their Foreign Offices, which simply read: "Follow lead of Great Britain."

The note was immediately sent to the President through Secretary Hay, and the President asked for a short time in which to consider it. The contents were carefully considered at a meeting of the Cabinet, and it was then decided that the answer would be an unqualified refusal.

The next step will be the signing of a protocol agreeing upon all the de-tails under discussion except preferential treatment for the allies, by Sir Michael Herbert, Baron von Stern-berg, Senor des Planches and Minister Bowen, This protocol will provide that the claims of the powers against Ven-ezuela will be paid from 30 per cent. of the customs dues collected at La Guayra and Puerto Cabello, that the blockade be lifted immediately after the signing of the document and that the question of preference in the payment of the allies be left for settlement to

The Hague tribunal.
It had been the hope of Mr. Bowen. who is in high favor with the adminis-tration for the frank manner of dealing with European diplomats, that the entire question would be settled in Washington; but the fact remains that he has gained a partial victory by obtaining the consent of the allies to lift the blockade upon the signing of the protocol, throwing the burden of set-tlement upon The Hague.

A TUNNEL THEIR PRISON.

Gas Fumes Overcome the Trainmen and Passengers.

Tacoma, Wash, (Special) .- A dispatch from Wenatchee, Wash., says:

were overcome by gasses from the en-gines. A passenger named Abbott made The European powers look askance at his way to the engine, released the air action of the Sultan in mobilizing a brakes and allowed the train to make a gravity run out of the tunnel. When the train reached Wenatchee, at 7 o'clock, the conductor, brakemen and two women passengers were still unconscious, exchange value of gold and silver. for the work of Abbott every person on the train would have been suffocated, The train was stalled through an ac-

cident to the air-brakes. The tunnel is nearly two miles long."

Freight Trains Collide.

El Paso, Texas (Special).-A headend collision between two Rock Island freight trains near Tecolate, N. M., resulted in the death of five men and the injury of several others. The dead in-clude G. Davis, of Torrance, N. M., a conductor of Kansas City, and Fireman Winderwall. Two unknown men were buried under the wreck. Among the dangerously injured is P. Pillsburn, of Torrance, N. M. The wreck occurred at a sharp curve on a steep grade.

Buried Under Falling Walls. Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).-The brick wall of the three-story Strauss tannery, which was being demolished at Fill-more avenue and William street, fell about 10.30 o'clock a. m. Five laborers are known to be killed, and their bodies have been recovered. Several of the in-The Spanish Minister of Foreign Afhospital, will die. The crash came
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may be der recovered. Several of the inured, who have been removed to the
hospital, will die. The crash came
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swayed for a moment and then fell drowned before anyone could interfere.

Tuesday night he shot himself and Wednesday he cut his throat. It is said he at Madrid regarding the hoisting of the nesday he cut his throat. It is said he at Madrid regarding the hoisting of the left outward, burying 14 men under the deliverage of the left outward. bris and injuring many persons.

Load of Cartridges Go Off.

Philadelphia (Special).-Peter McCallaghan, an employe of the United States Arsenal, at Frankford, was blown to atoms and Joseph Hunter, another ploye, was severely injured by the ex-plosion of detonating cartridges. Ida Hall, a young woman, was cut by flying glass while seated in her home. More than 100 panes of glass were shattered by the explosion. McCallaghan was conveying the cartridges from the arsenal to the railroad station in a wagon, and the man, horse and wagon were torn to fragments The arsenal was not damaged.

Leaps Falls But Fears Dentist.

Niagara Falls, N. Y. (Special) .- Mrs. Annie Edson Taylor, the woman who had the courage to go over Niagara Falls, fainted from fright and nervousness when she entered a dentist's office in this city to have a tooth extracted. Before collapsing she stated she had a horror of dentists' chairs. Mrs. Taylor is going to New York with a petition to present to the bankers and brokers to raise a fund to secure her barrel which was stolen from her in

WITH THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Department of Commerce

The Bill creating a department of commerce and labor was agreed upon by the conferees of both houses, and it is expected that in the form agreed upon it will become a law. The main point of difference has been in relation to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and by the terms of the bill this commission can not be transferred to the new depart-

The new department will consist of the Bureau of Corporations, the Bureau of Labor, the Lighthouse Board, the lighthouse establishment, the steamboat inspection service, the Bureau of Navigation, the Bureau of Standards, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the commis-sioner general of immigration, the commissioner of immigration, the Bureau of Immigration, and the immigration service at large, the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department, the Bureau of Navigation, the shipping commissioner, the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, now in the Department of State: the Census Bureau and the Fish Commission,

Anti-Trust Bill Passed.

By a unanimous vote-245 to o-the House passed the Anti-trust Bill. The closing chapter was devoid of excite-The bill as passed requires corporations "hereafter organized" to file returns covering its articles of incorporation, financial composition, condition, etc., with the Interstate Commerce Commission on penalty of being restrained from engaging in intere commerce: prescribes penalties false returns, etc. The commission is given authority, in its discre-tion, to call for similar returns from existing corporations doing an inter-state business. The commission is given power to compel the answer to questions, and a fine of not to exceed \$5000 is imposed for failure to obey the commission in this respect. Rebates by carriers is made purishable with a fine of not less than \$1000, and corporations violating the provisions of this section are forbidden the use of the instrumentalities of interstate com-

Small Hope for Treaty.

Practically all hope of ratifying the Alaskan boundary treaty at this session of Congress has been abandoned.

So formidable is the opposition that the friends of the convention are con-vinced that in all probability favorable action cannot be secured. The President has been informed of this fact and says that the Administration, having done everything possible to bring about a set-tlement of the question, is prepared to lay the blame for failure on the Senate.

Agreed on Judge's Salary.

The conferces of the two houses of Congress on the bill increasing the salar-ies of United States judges reached an agreement. The measure as it will come a law fixes the salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States at \$13,000 a year and of the Associate Justices at \$12,500 each.

To Open Oklahoma Lands.

The House Committee on Indian Afairs authorized a favorable report on the bill introduced by Representative John H. Stephens (Rep., Texas) to open to rettlement 505,000 acres of land in the kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations in Oklahoma Territory.

ling, screened coal, was 80 c ton, will be 90 cents per ton. Pick mining, run-of-coal,

Inquiry Into Navigation Question.

Representative Sulzer, of New York. introduced a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress to investigate the present policy of international navigation, of this country and to trace its effects up-on the merchant marine of this coun-try and to report bills for the development of American shipping.

Strength of State Militias.

Secretary Root transmitted to the House an abstract of the returns made to the Adjutant General of the army by the adjutants general of the various flags flying over private houses has they could achieve great success at St. Louis.

Christian de Wet informed Secretary Chamberlain that he would foster:

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In the Departments.

Senator Patterson introduced an amendment to the Philippine Currency Bill providing for an international commission to fix upon a commercial Filbert Roth, of New York, has resigned as chief of the Forestry Divi-General Land Office, to

to the Forestry Bureau of the Department of Agriculture. The Erie Railroad Company filed with the Interstate Commerce Com-

reight rates. Jusserand, the new French ambassador, presented his credentials to President Roosevelt and the usual exchange of felicities were indulged in. The central committee of the Twen-tieth Century National Gospel Camhas issued an appeal for a national lenten gospel campaign.

The Senate committee reported the District of Columbia Appropriation Bill. It carries a total of \$9.396,000. Senator Wetmore, from the Commit-tee on Library, favorably reported bills providing for the erection in Washington of statues of Count Pulaski and Baron

The Naval Appropriation Bill as reconstruction of more war-ships and for doubling the present enrolment at the

Naval Academy. Senator Morgan discussed the Isthmian Canal question in the House and predicted war with Colombia if the present course was persisted in.

William A. Wilson, a disbursing clerk connected with the Philippine govern-ment, was arrested on the charge of

Captain Hobson has received a letter from Secretary Moody accepting his resignation from the naval service. The sentence imposed on James Green for volating an injunction against intimidating miners of the Pocahontas Company in Virginia was commuted the President, to expire at once. Opposition to the nomination of Dr. D. Crum for collector of the port of Charleston developed in the Senate

Capt. Richard P. Hobson insists on the acceptance of his resignation from the naval service.

The debate in the Senate on the Statehood Bill turned largely on the

Committee on Commerce.

question of polygamy.

The General Staff Bill was reconsidered in the Senate and passed with an amendment putting the chief of staff under the direction of the President

"and the Secretary of War under the direction of the President."

The House Committee on Pensions authorized a favorable report on the Senate bill to increase pensions of all Mexican War veterans from \$8 to \$12

INCREASE MINERS' WAGES

New Soft Coal Miners' Scale Affects Over 300,000.

MITCHELL AND THE ORGANIZATION.

Are In the Central Competitive District, Composed of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pittsburg District of Pennsylvania-Miners in the Southern and Southwestern States Indirectly Affected.

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special).-The naional executive committee of the mineof two midshipmen for each Senator, workers met here Monday. The district conferences will be held between now and April 1. All the dates for the joint conferences

in the several states have not been fixed. Of the conventions which have been arranged are Michigan's convention at Saginaw March 15, and the joint conference immediately afterwards at Bay City. and nine joint conference in Ohio during the month of March.

"The committee saw a year ago the approaching condition and called the attention of Congress to it in its report and recommended the appointment of 500 additional cadets at the Naval Academy, 125 to be appointed each year during the four successive years. Now the committee presses with renewed vigor the necessity for immediate action at this session of Congress. It cannot and must not be longer delayed. Unless Congress provides for this situation we must stop the constriction of ships and authorization of Vice President Lewis said that during the spring of next year he will be in Indianapolis, at the headquarters of the United Mineworkers, the greater part of the time. It is the intention of the officers to devote much time this year to the unorganized districts of the country.

The wage scale signed directly and in-directly affects the wages of 300,000 miners. Those directly affected are the miners in the states of the central com-petitive district, composed of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and the Pittsburg district of Pennsylvania. Of these 25,000 are in the Pittsburg district, 33,000 are in Ohio, 9000 are in the Indiana bituminous fields, 3000 are in the Indiana block coal fields, and 40,000 are in Illinois. Those whose wages are indirectly af-fected are the 30,000 miners of Central

additional lieutenant-commanders, 50 additional lieutenants, 30 additional surgeons, 120 additional passed assistant and assistant surgeons, 29 naval Pennsylvania; 3000 of Michigan; 14,000 of Iowa; 4000 of Kentucky; 15,000 of Alabama; 15,000 of Tennessee, and about 20,000 of Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory. All of the latter base their wage demands on the scale adopted in the central dis-Vice-President Lewis has calculated

tant and inspector with rank of major.

2 assistant adjutants with rank of mathe scale of wages which will prevail in the several States and districts. The jor, I assistant quartermaster with rank of lieutenant-colonel, 5 assistant quar-termasters with the rank of captain, 2 old and new scales are as follows: Indiana, pick mining, screen basis. was 80 cents, will be 90 cents per ton. Pick mining, run-of-mine basis, was assistant paymasters and 670 more en-

49 cents, will be 55 cents per ton.

Machine mining, punching machine, screen basis, was 62 cents, will be 72 the Naval Academy is increased from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The sum of \$400,000 is appropriated for an expericents per ton.

Machine mining, punching machine, run-of-mine basis, was 39 cents; will be mental station and testing laboratory in the Department of Marine Engineering 45 cents per ton. and Naval Construction.

Machine mining, chain machine, run-Besides the regular appropriation for the Norfolk (Va.) Navy Yard, the measure provides an appropriation of \$193,000 for improvements there. of-mine basis, was 58 1-2 cents, will be 68 1-2 cents per ton. Machine mining, chain machine, runof-mine basis, was 36 1-2 cents, will be

42 1-2 cents per ton.
Ohio, Hocking Valley, pick mining. screen basis, was 80 cents, will be 90 Dr. Bell Urges That all The Churches Unite

cents per ton.

Pick mining, run-of-mine basis, was
80 cents, will be 90 cents per ton.

Machine mining was 53 cents, will be 61 cents per ton, Ohio (Massillon district), pick min-

of Dayton, O., speaking before the Na-tional Federation of Churchworkers at their annual conference in this city, said: ing, screened coal, was 80 cents per cents and is now 67 1-2 cents per ton. Pennsylvania (Pittsburg district). pick mining, one and a quarter inch screened coal, was 80 cents, will be 90 cents per ton.

CUBA MAY RECALL MINISTER. Reported Action of Spain Causes Indignation

at Havana. Havana (Special).-A dispatch from Madrid published in El Mundo, saying that the Cuban Minister was requested by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of over private houses has

caused great indignation here. Representative Castillo has introduced in the House a resolution asking President Palma to cable immediately to Senor Marchan, Cuban Minister, particulars and to place all the circumstances before Congress. The resolution

was passed unanimously. If it develops that the Minister was compelled to lowed the flag it is certain the House will vote to recall the Cuban Legation from Madrid.

Plan of Revolutionists. Willemstad, Island of Curacoa (By Cable).-It is said here that the revolutionary armies of the east and center Venezuela, which are operating against Caracas, are waiting for the cooperation of the revolutionary army of mission the same reasons as were given the west to join in an attack on the by the other companies for advancing capital. General Matos, it is added, will march with the army of the west, with the center and eastern forces on his left and right wings, respectively. It left and right wings, respectively. It is further asserted that the revolutionists recently defeated a government orce at Duaca, near Barquisimeto, killing an important officer and many of the rank and file.

Congressman Moody Dead.

Asheville, N. C. (Special).-Congressman James Montraville Moody, of the Asheville district, died at his home in Waynesville. He was taken sick several weeks ago in Washington and only reached his home a few days ago. His death was caused by congestion of the

New Departure in China.

Peking (By Cable) .- On the occasion of the Chinese New Year's audience. the Dowager called the Russian, French and Corean Ministers separately to the throne and addressed each with ex-ceeding cordiality. This is quite a new departure.

Two Killed By Explosion.

Roanoke, Va. (Special).-While several men were engaged in thawing a lot of dynamite at the Grubb mines, 15 miles from Roanoke, an explosion occurred. P. W. Wellford and Palmer Keller were instantly killed and L. E. Rayne was fa-tally injured. Wellford leaves a widow and several children. The other men were unmarried.

Policeman Lewis C. Mills, of Plymouth, N. H., shot and killed Capt. George H. Colby, whom he mistook for

Mardered His Daughte:

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).-Lewis Kase was arrested here charged with the mur-der of his daughter, Elizabeth, by beat-ing her brains out with a hammer. After committing the crime Kase says he went to bed. To the police he made a confes-sion and added that he was not sorry, as his daughter intended leaving him. His wife is in an insane asylum, and it is be-lieved that Kase himself is insane.

The port of St. Johns, N. F., is blockaded by ice floes. Great masses of ice will soon be in the ocean ship-

\$79,048,420 FOR THE NAVY.

Appropriation Bill Provides Also for Increases -Academy Not Forgotten.

Naval Appropriation bill reported to

the House carries \$70,048,420, or

\$6,142,089 less than the estimates sub-

In addition to the provision for the

ships, one first-class armored cruiser,

two steel training ships and one wood-

en brig, the bill allows the selection

Representative and Delegate in Con-

gress, thus doubling the number of offi-

cers required for the ships in process of

construction the deficiency in the num-

ber of officers at the end of four years

will be 1360, unless additional midship-

Regarding the increase in the num-ber of midshipmen the committee says: "The committee saw a year ago the

strction of ships and authorization

new ones, for what use are ships with-

out officers to command them? Ac-cordingly the committee recommends the doubling of the number of cadets."

Further provision is made for the ap-

pointment of 12 ensigns from warrant officers and for the appointment of 30

constructors, 84 additional officers for

To the Marine Corps the bill adds lieutenant-colonel, 1 colonel, 5 ma-

ors, 12 captains, 25 first lieutenants

The limit of cost for the building of

WAR ON MORMONISM.

In It-Weak Churches.

liam M. Bell, general secretary of mis-

sions of the United Brethren in Christ,

He also spoke of the good that would result if the different denominations

were to co-operate for maintaining weak

churches and in the establishment of new

the progress of the work in their dis-

Dr. C. C. Albertson, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Ger-mantown, Pa., addressed the conference on the subject of "Associate Member-

p," in which he suggested a plan interdenominational affiliation.

Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, execu-

tive secretary of the evangelistic com-mittee of the General Assembly of the

Presbyterian Church, opened a discussion on the subject "the Evangelistic side of our work." For five years there

has been a real sag in the evangelistica

work of the churches, he said, but dur-

ing the past year there has been a re-

Dropped Dead in Church.

New York (Special) .- During the

services in the Gospel Mission, Jersey

City, Mrs. Amelia Woodhall dropped

Paris (By Cable).-The governor of

the Island of Martinique, in a cable dispatch to the Colonial Office, announces that the Mont Pelee volcano

continues active, that its summit is con-stantly changing shape, and that masses

of incandescent matter are thrown out.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Roland Fitchue, colored, was arrested in Kansas City, Mo., on the charge of stealing diamonds and jewelry two years ago from Mrs. J. B. Brady on a

neck.

were brought to an abrupt end.

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For five years there

fight it together.

tion in other states.

during the year.

New York (Special).-Rev. Dr. Wil-

12 second lieutenants, 1 assistant adiu-

the Pay Corps and 3,000 enlisted men.

men are authorized.

current appropration is \$78.856.363.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-The mitted by the Navy Department. The construction of three first-class battle-

> gheny, photographic printing frame; George B. M. Tweedy, Pittsburg, puz-Pensions granted:—Menzo Beverly, New Castle, \$6; William Tarr, Cherry-tree, \$10; Martin Haller, Allegheny, \$12; Sanford E. Campbell, Spring Creek, \$30; Thomas J. Moore, Alle-gheny, \$12; Daniel H. Whilt, Rays Hill, \$24; Elizabeth R. Mills, Pittsburg, \$8; Frederick H. Weston, Frankstown, \$10: John Funk, Alexandria, \$6; Alfred Sisler, Elliottsville, \$10: Samuel E.

deton. Mercersburg, \$8. Pensions granted Pennsylvanians:—oseph T. McCormick, Uniontown, \$6; dwin J. Hunt, Austinburg, \$17; Philip Edwin J. Hunt, Austinburg, \$17; Philin foung, New Brighton, \$8; John C. Mbrose, Silvan, \$14; William C. Bourke, Long Valley, \$12; Peter S. Cepler, Bradford, \$8; Mary Bower, itate Line, \$12; Maria J. Fox, Manorille, \$8; James Sawyer, Brownsville, 6; Walter H. Palmer, Cambridge prings, \$10; John Smith, Harrison alley, \$8; George W. Blinger, Strodes dills, \$24; Daniel Gutshall, Less Cross Coads, \$10; William M. Goesler, Lew-

The Pittsburg Coal Company, oper ting the Edna mine, struck a six-loot cin of coal at 375 feet on the Gardner arm, in Hempfield township. The coal at the Pittsburg vein. The company is sinking a shaft for a mine of 3,000 tons capacity, and will eventually abandon the Edna mine, which is a slope work-

While on his way into the Bowers nines at Winslow, Isaiah Bowser, a

and fatally injured. J. F. Rawson, aged 67, was found dead in bed at West Bridgewater. Coroner J. R. Gormley decided that

"There is a vast territory in the West where we shall presently have a tremend-ous struggle with Mormonism. And there is no way in which we can grapple nichaels, Greene county. successfully with the spirit that possesses that great district unless we federate and Mrs. Henry Boras celebrated her one undred and fourth birthday at Corry.

> Mrs. J. W. Williams, of Hickory township, Mercer county, was fatally burned by her clothing catching fire at an open grate.

"Many churches pay their ministers less than the wages received by trolley car conductors and gripmen," he said. "It is not right for the great American makes poverty certain."
The Rev. E. B. Sanford, general secretary, reported that state federations have been organized in New York, Ohio, the oldest towns in the county.

Massachusetts and Nebraska, and that has been taken up, and \$500 was sub scribed for the purpose. the way has been prepared for organiza-Besides this, 13 William Matthews, aged 16, was kill-

> The high water on the Allegheny river compelled the closing of a depart-ment of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company at Ford city.

Richard Pieper, alleged to have fired the fatal shot.

Indiana Presbyterians voted to erect a handsome new edifice.

The blast furnace at Kittanning has closed down because of a coke short

ed by a train at Rainey Junction, near Uniontown.

accepted a call from the church at Mo ongahela. Samuel Sprankle, a farmer, was

one. Miss Clara Tomer, of Pittsburg, has Greensburg, and thereby comes into an estate valued at \$60,000.

Pullman car.

A head-end collision between Rock Island freight trains near Tecolate, N. M., on a sharp curve caused the death of five men and the injuries of several is that when they go home from the warm school they catch cold. The present epidemic of illness is said to be greater than at any time in the his orgoi the Reading schools.

Appeals reversed the decision of Vice-Chancellor Emory, which enjoined the United States Steel Corporation from converting its preferred stock into 5 per cent. bonds, corried away. Snakeskins were the novel decora-tions at the wedding of Miss Clara Hurd and Raymond Ditmars, a collec-tor of snakes in New York, and the bride wore a wriggling snake about her needs

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News Happenings of Interest Cathered From All Sources.

These patents were granted Pennsylvanians:—Edward F. Braucher, Meyersdale, dumping wheelbarrow; George M. Chambers, Erie, corner construction for show windows, show cases, etc.; Francis E. Collins, Conshohocken, valve; John W. Garland, Pittsburg, lifting jack; John M. Hansen, Pittsburg, bolster for hopper card; John McCormick, Wilmerding, water gauge; burg, bolster for hopper card; John McCormick, Wilmerding, water gauge; Thomas J. Miquel, Allegheny, feed mechanism for rolling mills; Henry J. Sage, Beaver, manufacture of glass tile; Samuel Seemann, Sharpsburg, loose leaf book; Robert A. M. Slater, McKeesport, pipe heating and welding apparatus: William H. Smith, Allegheny, photographic printing frame;

Sisler, Elliottsville, \$10; Samuel E. Johnson, New Salem, \$12; George Snyder, Rimersburg, \$12; Simon Nearmoof, Tyrone, \$12; Jacob H. Freedline, Froutville, \$12; Samuel A. Jördan, Edgewood Park, \$12; Mary Jane Krundeton, Mercersburg, \$8

Roads, \$10; William M. Goesler, Lewsburg, \$8; Magdalena Caton, Meyerslale, \$8; Susanna Eheam, Wagner, \$8; cah R. McFarland, Altoona, \$8; Louise orester, Allegheny, \$8; Anna Merunkard, Altoona, \$8; Lucinda B. Mc-aren, Allegheny, \$8; Caroline Naugle, Hillsboro, \$8. Hillsboro, \$8.

The contract for erecting the new Beaver Valley General Hospital, at New Brighton, has been awarded to I. A. Bradshaw, of New Brighton. His estimate was \$26,990. The contract calls for the completion of the building on fanuary I, 1904. Work will be started at once.

friver, aged 19, was overtaken by a number of loaded cars which had broken loose from an outgoing drive

death was due to natural causes. Smallpox has broken out near Car-

The bridge spanning the Allegheny river at Oil City was declared free to

Two coal crushers at the entrance to the big mine of the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$10,000. Fredericktown, Washington county without a church, although one of povement to erect a house of worship

local federations were organized in cities ed at the Ellsworth mines by falling Reports were received from the secre-taries for the different states telling of

William Jones, who was wounded in a fight at Westland, died from his in-juries, and officers are looking for

The 3-year-old daughter of Thomas Carney, of Calumet, is dead, and a son, aged 5, is seriously ill, the result of drinking a bottle of poisonous medi-

Samuel Mandrick, aged 17, was kill

Benjamin Hinkson, aged 13, has dis-appeared from his home in New Castle. appeared from his home in New Castle, and cannot be found.

Thieves entered the home of Louis Stuli at Altoona and secured \$100. Entrance was gained by chopping down the kitchen door.

Fire in J. H. Muntz's warehouse at Greenville destroyed several thousand 'ollars' worth of farming machinery and partially destroyed the building.

Rev. Leroy W. Warren, pastor of the Burgettstown Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call from the church at Modead from apoplexy. The congregation, 20 women and half as many men, had just finished the hymn "Nearer, My God to Thee," when Mrs. Woodhall who, with the rest had been standing, uttered a scream and fell back. The services

frowned in the Juniata river near Ty

Between 1200 and 1500 Reading school children are ill, and it is said to be largely due to the scarcity of coal School officials say that all the rooms are well beated and that the homes of many of the children are not well warned because of want of coal. The result is that when they go home from the

At a commemorative meeting held by the New York Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Andrew Carnegie made an address in eulogy of Abram S. Hewitt. The Union Station of the Erie and the De aware and Hudson Ra loads at Starrucca was broken into by burglars, who dynamited the safe. A rifle was The New Jersey Court of Errors and

The Milling and Lumber Company's plant at Mercer, was partially destroyed by fire, causing a \$15,000 loss.

Walter Wigocki, 17 years old, of Ralston, was found dead in the woods near that place. He had been hunting and did not return. Searchers were guided by his dogs, who sat by his body, howling dismally. Appearances indicated that in pulling his gun over a log it had been discharged, the load badging ir his abdomen.