SENDS A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

In the Ordinary Course of Events President Castro's Term Would Have Ended February 20, 1908-He was Elected President of Venezuela in February, Last Year, For Six Years, Beginning February 20.

Caracas, Venezuela (By Cable) .- President Castro has resigned.

He placed his resignation in the hands of the President of the Congress after reading the Presidential message. General Castro handed over the exercise of the Presidential office to that official.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Secre-tary Hay received a dispatch from W. W. Russell, the United States charge W. Russell, the United State report izers, d'affairs at Caracas, confirming the report izers, d'affairs at Caracas, confirming the report izers, of President Castro's resignation, but stating that he doubted if the Venezuelan

Congress would accept it.

From an authoritative quarter it was learned that this move on the part of President Castro has long been contemplated. Representations were made to him several months ago by leaders in Venezuela that his resignation would have the effect of enabling the people of that country to present a solid front to the world in the questions in controvers with the powers. The statement is mad that the resignation is the result of a secret agreement with the leaders refer red to that President Castro should tem

porarily relinquish his office pending the adjustment of the disputes which Minister Bowen has in hand.

While President Castro nominally gives up his office it is said in well-informed quarters his intention is to keep it within the family law and an arrangement. It within the family by an arrangement to make his brother Vice-President so that he would succeed to the Presidency. It is the belief here, based on information which has been kept secret, that the pres-ent plan is to allow President Castro to remain out of office for a short time and then re-elect him at the next election.

BATTLE WITH SAVAGE CATS.

Man Finally Kills Them After They Scratch His Face and Hands Terribly.

New York (Special).-William Barrett, of Bloomfield, N. J., had a fierce battle with three savage cats in the cellar of Frederick Crane's house. The had attacked women and children decided to have them killed.

Garrett was sent for and engaged to

Garrett was sent for and engaged to do the extermination. He went into and after closing the windows, so that the cats could not get out, started to

He saw three pairs of fiery eyes glaring at him from behind a barrel. The cats were biting and growling, but Barat one's head. He missed, and then the three animals sprang at him, one landing upon his shoulder, while the other clawed savagely at his breast.

He tried to shake them off, but could not. Finally he seized the one on his shoulder by the throat. As he drew it toward him it clawed him across the face in a frightful manner. Barrett

threw it to the ground, placed his foot on it and then killed it with his club. In the meantime the other cats made things lively for Barrett, tearing his clothing in shreds and lacerating his flesh in several places. Barrett had fought for over half an hour before he killed the second with his revolver. The third cat fought more desperately than had the others, and before he could land a blow on its head it seized him by the throat with his teeth while it clawed his breast. It was with difficulty he dislodged and killed it.

LA SOUFRIERE VIOLENT.

Loud Rearing and Flashes Accompany Spread of Cloud of Smoke.

Kingstown (By Cable).-The erup tion of La Soufriere continues. At half-past 8 o'clock a.m. its violence was unabated and the spectacle was aweinspiring.

The crater is belching forth dense black clouds which rise heavenwards, accompanied by loud roaring and flashes which rend the spreading pall of smoke which now envelops the entire island in darkness. Electrical discharges occurred at in-

tervals during the night, wife at daybreak the sunlight playing on the stu-pendous volcanic clouds produced exceedingly beautiful effects.

Relying upon the scientific opinion that Kingstown, although covered with heavy clouds which completely obscure the sun, is not in danger, the popula-tion shows no alarm. According to advices from Chateau Belair dark sand is falling there, and Point-a-Pitre reports that strong detonations were heard there throughout the night and morn-

The Hague Protocol.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-It is believed here that Great Britain, Germany and Italy have agreed as to the amendments to be proposed to the draft of The Hague protocol, and since the British Ambassador has received his instructions as to the exchanges to be proposed, it is thought that instructions to Baron Sternberg and the Ital ian Ambassador may be received here probably by the middle of the week. ust what amendments the British Am bassador has been directed to propose is not stated, and the character may not be made public until negotiation are again taken up with Mr. Bowen.

Ask Pardon for Motorman Madden

Pittsfield, Mass. (Special) .- A petition for the pardon of Euclid Madden motorman of the Pittsfield Street Railway, who is serving a six months' sentence in the House of Correction for the death of William Craig, secret service officer to the President, will come before the Berkshire County Commis-sioners April 7. It is considered prob-able that the petition will be granted. The fine of \$500 is to be paid by the railway company, upon whose tracks the fatal accident occurred.

Southern Pines, N. C. (Special) .- Mrs. George A. Johnson, of Rochester, N. H. after returning from a dance at the Southern Pines Hotel, remarked to her Southern Pines Hotel, remarked to her thusband: "Oh, I wish I was dead." Knowing that she was subject to hysteria, Mr. Johnson paid slight attention to her remark; but in a few minutes she went into an adjoining room, locking the door. Mr. Johnson was startled at the report of a pistol, and, after summoning a neighbor, forced the door open, to find his wife dead, with a pistol clutched tightly in her right hand.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

As a result of a battle between union and non-union structural ironworkers employed on a bridge in Cleveland aree men were badly cut and bruised by being struck with bricks and clubs. wenty five men took part in the fight, nd only quit upon the arrival of the

Suit has been brought by the de scendants of the original proprietors of Ellis Island, in New York Bay, who claim the island through royal grant given their ancestors. They aver that given their ancestors. They aver that the island is part of New Jersey. Five men of the crew of the tug Pilot were drowned in the Delaware

near Philadelphia as the result of a collision with the steamship Winifred.

Mrs. Albert A. Phares, of Jackson-ville, N. J., was held for the action of the grand jury on the charge of poissoning her husband.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, addressed a let-ter to the chief of police of Tampa, Fla., demanding protection for two organwho have been threatened with

cides there is not sufficient evidence to nated a ment by Gomes and other leaders of the Nanalist party, charged with assisting

It has been learned that the son of President Palma, of Cuba, was secretly narried in New York to Miss Mabel Jacobs, the daughter of a wealthy to- 1906,

tion of the Alliance Francaise in the United States was held in New York and attended by delegates from all parts of the country.

The American Bridge Company imported a number of nonunion men from Virginia to work on the new Wabash bridge across the Monongahela river at Pittsburg.

Miss Alice Roosevelt arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, was received by Governor Hunt and his family, and held an informal reception at the pal-

There was a collision between union and nonunion men, the latter being dis placed at the shipyard on Staten Island to make room for returning strikers. A negro attempted to burn the home of W. H. Boyd, at Birmingham, Ala,,

and attacked his wife, who had fired at the man. She is severely injured, Evidence was given in New York that Police Instructor Cross had instructed Wardman Bissert to tip poolrooms that were to be raided. The steamer Metamora sank in the Acklawelia River, Fla.; two negroes were drowned and some of the passen-

count of the strike of the mule spin-

George B. White, vice-president and director of the Bank of South Penn-dvania, at Hyndman, Bedford county, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Bank Examiner W. A. Mason, harging him with embezzlement and ther irregularities amounting to about

Ex-Attorney General Griggs made the final argument in defense of the Northern Securities Company in the verger case before the United States Court of Appeals, and Special Consul Watson began the final argument for the government.

Fereign.

Dr. Stuebel, director of the German Colonial Office, replying to socialist in-quiries in the Reichstag, said house-hold slavery had been abolished in Tag-oland, German West Africa.

Premier Combes, in the French Sen-ate, stated that the government would maintain the concordat between church and state on condition that the clergy

teep out of politics.

The political situation in England is omplicated by the announcement that the government proposes to bring in a bill providing a modified form of home

circles that Mgr. Joseph F. Mooney, vicar general of the Archdiocese of New York, will be chosen bishop of

Baron von Holleben, the former German ambassador, has been ordered to return to the United States to ormally present his letters of recall The elegant residence of the Hum-ert family, in Paris, which was the

scene of their triumphs and downfall, was sold at auction for \$64,400. The epidemic resembling smallpox on the Island of Trinidad is pronounced by medical men there to be various or chicken-pox.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain stat-ed in the House of Commons that 100.ooo Boers had been repatriated, that the British government was giving the new colonies as military com-pensation \$75,000,000 toward the expenses of their resettlement.
Samuel Untermeyer, of New York,

organizing a combination in Eng-France to control steam-pump, engine and waterworks. There was a clash between the Cath-

olics and Protestants of the Fiji Islands as the result of the conversion of a number of Catholics to Protestant-

The midlent festival in Paris was wit nessed by many Americans. An American cakewalk by Southern "darkies" was a feature of the procession.

The first Cuban consulate general in

France was inaugurated at Marseilles with much ceremony, the Cuban flag eing saluted and cheered. The Austrian War Minister has forbidden all officers to join the Anti-

dueling League. The anniversary of the death of Louis Kossuth at Budapest was the occasion for riotous demonstrations by the students, who hoisted mourning flags over the university and compelled the pro essors to suspend lectures.

Financial

New York Central directors have deared the regular quarterly dividend of Morgan and William Rockefel-

attended the New Haven Railroad's bor conference. If Keene wins his fight against Hariman in Southern Pacific it may in-tuce minority interests in other rail-

oads to follow suit. Rumor again names W. P. Snyder, of the Clairton Steel Company, as the future president of the United States

Steel Corporation. Boston advices say that the Domin on Steel Company needs \$10,000,000 to put it upon a good earning basis. Pittsburg has subscribed to a large part of the Union Steel Company's

new 5 per cent. bonds at 101. At a recent half-yearly meeting of the directors of the Bank of England the directors of the Bank of England the statement showed net profits for the six months ending February 28, £739,815, making the reserve £3,750,127. After paying a 5 per cent. dividend the reserve will be £3,022,479. The impression prevails that Keene arrived in the evening on a special train from Havana. They all expressed their surprise and enthusiasm at the wonderful and undeveloped resources in the interior of the island.

The impression prevails that Keene and Harriman will settle the Southern Pacific dispute so as not to damage the rest of the market. days, when they will go to Guantana-mo and inspect the proposed site for a coaling station there.

STRIKE COMMISSION'S AWARDS

Miners Get Nearly all They Asked For-Increase of Wages, in Most Cases, Ten Per Cent. and Shorter Day for Laborers-Sliding Scale of Pay-Practically a Profit-Sharing Device.

Cont and Iron Police.

of the disturbances in the coal regions during the late strike grew out of their presence. Should this matter be

stabulary, appointed and paid by the county or State, the commission believes that much of the disorder which accompanies strikes would be avoided.

Employment of Children.

"Another subject, not a matter of submission, but concerning which much

testimony was offered, is that of the employment of children. Boys are em-ployed in the breakers. The attention of the commission was called to the

painful fact that in other industries boys and girls are employed and work

long hours both day and night. While the law prescribes the ages at which

is not placed sufficiently high. Infancy should be protected against the physi-

cal and moral influences of such em-ployment, and there ought to be a

more rigid enforcement of the law

No Compulsory Arbitration.

to recommend any such drastic measure. We do not believe that in the

meet with general approval or with suc-

providing for compulsory arbitration, our industries are too vast and too complicated for the practical applica-tion of such a system."

MYSTERY OF BAR OF GOLD.

From Union Depot Office.

Detroit, Mich. (Special) .- No arrests

with the mysterious disappearance

from the Union Depot office of the

Pacific and Dominion Express Com-

pany of a bar of gold in transit from Salt Lake City to the East, which is

The four bars arrived from the West

ger in charge. They were receipted for by Foreman Miller, of the local de-

pot office. All express matter for the East received on No. 4 is held in the depot for an eastbound Wabash train

which leaves at 10.50 o'clock. The four

ingots were taken into the depot office

stood by the police that the gold wa

on the truck in the office, which is or

nell says that he has found that at least

nine persons were in the office at dif-

ferent times while the gold lay on the truck exposed to view and that several

of them handled it and commented on

its value. Two men who were in th

proved to the satisfaction of the offi-

cers that they had nothing to do with

When the train was finally ready it

was found that there were only three ingots on the truck. A frantic search

of the office was made, but no trace of the fourth bar was found. The train

was held for a time, but finally the three

ingots were dispatched on their way

and Foreman Miller notified the po-

lice of their disappearance. It was at

first thought that the bar might have

been left by mistake in the express car of train No. 4, and the car was search-

office were taken into custody,

the disappearance of the gold.

level of the street, Captain McDon-

Shortly before the eastbound train

were in transit from the

placed in the safe.

"There are some who have urged the

which now exist.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The report of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, appointed by the President to investigate the differences between the operators and miners in the Pennsylvania poses, the employes of one of the anthracite region, just made public, occupies 87 printed pages, bearing date of preserving peace and projecting prop-March 18, 1903, and is signed by the erty. seven members of the commission. Briefly stated, the report recommends:

t. Increase in wages of miners at an as average of 10 per cent. 2. A sliding scale of wages and a mini-

mum wage rate. 3. That no person shall be discrimi-nated against in the matter of employ-ment by reason of membership or nonmembership in any labor organization.

Decrease of time of working hours, That the laws restricting child labor in the mines be more rigidly enforced. 6. That the awards of the commission shall remain operative until March 31,

The annual meeting of the Federaion of the Alliance Francaise in the ing to the report have won in the contention for an increase in wages and against the employment of child labor. The main contention of the miners. however, that the United Mine Workers men be recognized as an organization by the Wa-operators, is lost. The commission de-clines to make any recommendations of a specific character as to whether the labor organization shall be recognized. It treats of the subject in a general way, but refrains from recommending that the United Mine Workers' organization be recognized or not.

Basis of the Award.

A recapitulation of the awards of the mission is as follows: That an increase of 10 per cent, in

wages be paid to all contract miners.
Engineers employed in hoisting water
shall have an increase of 10 per cent, on
their earnings between November 1, 1902. their earnings between November 1, 1962, and April 1, 1903. Other engineers and pumpmen shall have an increase of 10 be employed in factories or mills, it appears from the evidence that the age

Firemen shall have an increase of to per cent, for the same period. All em-ployes or company men other than those for whom special awards are made shall have an increase of 10 per cent, for the

During the life of the award the present methods of payment shall be adhered to unless changed by mutual agreement. Any difficulty or disagreement arising out of the award which cannot be adjusted by the superintendents of the mines and the miners shall be referred for settlement to a permanent joint com-

No suspension of work shall take place pending the settlement of the differences. Whenever requested by a majority of the contract miners, check weighmen or check docking bosses, or both, shall be

Mine cars shall be distributed among the miners as uniformly and equitably as possible, and there shall be no concerted effort on the part of miners to limit the coal output. In all cases where the miners are paid by the car, the in-crease of wages is to be based upon the

The Sliding Scale.

A sliding scale of wages shall be adopt-

For each increase of 5 cents in the average price of white-ash coal of sizes above pea coal, sold at or near New York, between Perth Amboy and Edgewater, and reported to the Bureau of Anthracite Coal Statistics, above \$4.50 per ton free The missing ingot was one of four ard, the employes crease of 1 per cent, in their compensa-tion, which shall continue until a change tion, which shall continue until a change sumably Salt Lake City. It is said that in the average price of said coal works a the Philadelphia Mint was the destinreduction or an increase in said additional compensation hereunder; but the The four bars a rate of compensation shall in no case be on Wabash train No. 4 at 8 o'clock less than that fixed in the award. That less than that fixed in the award. when the price of said coal reaches \$4.55 per ton the compensation will be

increased 1 per cent, to continue until the price falls below \$4.55 per ton, when the I per cent, increase will cease, or until the price reaches \$4.60 per ton, when an additional I per cent, will be added, and so on.

These average prices shall be computed monthly by an accountant or commission-er, named by one of the circuit judges of the Third judicial circuit of the United truck, to be wheeled out to the ex-States, and paid by the coal operators, press car. The train was an hour and such compensation as the appointing a half late, however, and it is underudge may fix, which compensation shall be distributed among the operators in not put into the safe again pending proportion to the tonnage of each mine. the time for the train to leave, but lay proportion to the tonnage of each mine.

As to the Union. That no person shall be refused en ployment or in any way discriminated against on account of membership or non-membership in any labor organiza-tion, and that there shall be no discrimination against or interference with any employe who is not a member of any labor organization by members of such

The following general recommendations are contained in the report:
"The commission thinks that the practice of employing deputies, upon

the request and at the expense of em-ployers, instead of throwing the whole responsibility of preserving peace and protecting property upon the county and State officers, is one of doubtful wsdom, and perhaps tends to invite conflicts between such officers and idle men, rather than to avert them. Peace and order should be maintained at any cost, and should be maintained by regularly appointed and responsible offi-ed at Buffalo, but there was no gold cers and deputies, at the expense of the bar found.

Packers Fined \$5100 Each.

the case, which amounts to \$5000.

less the fines and costs are paid within 30 days, the defendants will be ousted from the State, so the court orders.

Moody at Santiago.

Santiago, Cuba (Special).-The Unit-

ed States dispatch boat Dolphin arriv-

ed here from Havana with Postmaster-

General Payne on board. Secretary Moody, Senator Proctor, Congress-men Cannon and Foss and their party

They expect to remain here several

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Jefferson City, Mo. (Special).-The A man giving the name of John Ben-Armour, Cudahy, Swift, Hammond and nett gave himself up to the sheriff at Fremont, Neb., declaring he was the murderer of Nora Fuller, a girl killed Schwartzschild & Sulzberger Packing Companies, the five defendants in the ouster proceedings brought by the Attorney General of Missouri against the alleged beef combine last summer, were fined \$5000 each in the Missouri Supreme Court and ordered to pay the in San Francisco a year ago. George Willard, who is wanted by the police of France as well as a number of American cities for daring beries, was arrested, after a hard fight, Court and ordered to pay the costs of

on a Chicago street car. Rear Admiral Crowninshield lowered his flag and gave up the command of the European Squadron.

Superintendent Bull, of the Buffale police, still insists that a woman killed Burdick, and he says he suspects the same woman now that he did the day of the murder. The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador is reported to have bombarded the town of Carupano and to have destroyed many

Arugments were concluded in the

Wabash injunction case, which was taken under advisement by Federal Judge Adams in St. Louis.

The Reichstag adopted the appropriation of \$750,000 to cover the expenses of Germany's participation in the St. Louis

WITH THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS,

February Breaks Record.

The February figures of the Bureau of Statistics just made public, show the of Statistics just made public, show largest exports of any February in the history of United States commerce, and also that the exports for the three months ended with February were larger than those of the corresponding pe-

er than those of the corresponding period of any earlier year.

On the import side the figures show a continuation of the growth which has characterized the last two years. and the figures of the eight months ended with February suggest that the imports of the United States in the fiscal year 1903 may exceed \$1,000,000,000, while the export figures seem likely to exceed \$1,400,000,000,

In February the exports amounted to \$125,502,105, which is \$12,000,000 in excess of any preceding February. Taking the three months ended with February, 1903, the total exports are \$401,526. ties usually works injury to the cause in which they are engaged-that of 200, against \$215,151,471 in the three months ended with February, 1803. These large figures, the Bureau of Statistics "The employment of what are known as 'Coal and Iron policemen' by the coal-mining companies, while a necessity as things are, militates against the very purpose for which they are employed Although the testimony before pulletin says, are due in part to the fact that the new corn crop is rapidly enter ing the markets of the world, to which the United States was able to make but slight contributions last year, the corn exportations in February, 1903, having the Coal and Iron policemen were men of good character, there were a suffi-cient number of bad characters, taken been 13,000,000 bushels, against a little over 1,000,000 bushels in February last from cities, to discredit the efforts of the whole body. The employment of this body of police is authorized by year. Cotton exports also show a marked gain over those of last year, the value of cotton exported in February, 1903, being law, but they are really the employes of \$37,423,317, against \$24,768,762 in Februthe coal companies, and thus do not secure the respect and obedience to which officers of the law are entitled. Their presence is an irritant, and many

Ex-Confederate Pensions.

The Interior Department has decided that the bar to allowance of pensions their presence. Should this matter be remedied by legislation, so that the laws could be enforced and peace preserved by a regularly constituted conto soldiers who served in the Union Army during the Civil War and who had previously served in the Confederate Army is removed by Section 1 of the joint resolution of July 1, 1992 relating to pensionable status of such

It is held to be unnecessary for such claimants to file a new application for pension subsequent to July 1, 1902. The application of these veterans fil-The application of these veterans field previously to that date, it is held, gives them a legal status as pension claimants. The decision was the last one signed by Assistant Secretary Campbell before relinquishing his office. The department holds that claimants who have been pensioned and afterward decorated from the full because terward dropped from the roll because of such service are entitled to restoraon, and that those who had claims ending which were rejected under a departmental decision in 1894 are enti-fied to have their claims adjudicated on their merits, notwithstanding previous Confederate service.

Appropriations for Canal.

It is considered doubtful whether the appropriation of \$40,000,000 for the commission to recommend the adop-tion of compulsory arbitration, so call-ed, as the means of securing this depurchase of the property of the Panama Canal Company and the appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the payment to sired result, but we cannot see our way Colombia and for preliminary work upon the Isthmian canal, as provided United States such a system would in the Spooner act, are legally avail-able upon the ratification of the canal cess. Apart from the apparent lack of constitutional power to enact laws

treaty by Colombia.

If the treaty just ratified by the Senate complied with the law making the appropriation the money would be available for all the purposes designated immediately after the ratification by Colombia. The appropriation however, is made conditional upon certification of the conditional upon certification of the conditional upon certification. tain things specifically and distinctly indicated, and the treaty, it is asserted, does not comply with these conditions. If the law officers of the Government deal with this question in An lagot Valued at \$23,500 Has Disappeared have been made as yet in connection conformity with their custom in dealing with appropriations the money will not be available, but will have to be re-appropriated, with the conditions inconsistent with the treaty omitted.

Egyptian Clover in the United States.

The attention of the Department of Agriculture has been directed to state- | He is a stone mason and works at his nts that the department recon Egyptian clover for general distribution in this country. Omelan and statement is not correct. Bulletin No. 23. Bureau of Plant Industry, shows the latitude in which Egyptian lover is grown is that of Central Florida and the extreme southern point of Texas. It is probable that this clover will be of no value in this coun-

try except in the extreme South.

In the Departments. Mr. Bowen received a handsome silver loving cup as a testimonial from the people of Venezuela.

In response to requests of the Gov. ernors of Arkansas and Tennessec, Sec-retary of War Root ordered that tents immediately sent to the flooded dis-Marcus Braun, of New York, been appointed immigration inspector.

go abroad and investigate immigration conditions. An agreement has been reached by the allies upon amendments to the proposed draft of The Hague protocol.

Count and Countess de Castellane
called on President Roosevelt at the
White House.

It was discovered that there were several conflicting and apparently im-possible conditions in the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty as amended and adopted by the Senate which may kill it. Civil Service Commissioner Foulke

strongly resented criticisms made upon

him by senators for writing letters to correct inaccuracies in statements bearing upon the action of the department. The President appointed Dr. W. D. Crum collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., and W. M. Byrne United States district attorney for Delaware. A court-martial was ordered to try George H. Edds, chief commissary steward at Newport, R. I., on the charge of securing commissions on

purchases of provisions. The United States Senate ratified the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty after the amendments agreed to by the Foreign Affairs Committee had been adopted. Col. Peter O. Hains will be promoted to the rank of brigadier general when General Wade becomes a major

The Seligmans, affiliated with the Speyers, have offered to assume the Venezuelan debt. Judge Gray, chairman, and Carroll D. Wright, recorder of the Strike Commis-

general.

sion, have presented the report of the commission to President Roosevelt.

The President withdrew the nomination of William Plimley for assistant treasurer at New York, and substituted the name of Hamilton Fish, who was confirmed promptly by the Senate.

Dr. Thomas Herran, secretary of the Colombian Legation in Washington, has informally advised his government of the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty.

Treaty. The Caribbean squadron has sailed from San Juan for Puerto Cortez, Hon-

duras The Navy Department has issued the new regulations governing the examina-tion of candidates for admission to the

TWO BOATS CRASH IN FOG

Big Steamer Plemouth Run Into in the Sound By City of Taunton,

SIX LIVES LOST IN THE COLLISION.

Large Vessel Has Gaping Hole Torn In Her Side-Members of the Crew Drowned In Their Bunks in the Hold-Passengers' Cabin Splintered, and Many Have Narrow Escapes -Both Craft in Badiy Disabled Shape.

New London, Conn. (Special).-In a heavy fog which descended upon the waters of Long Island sound, the big Fall-River passenger steamer Plymouth, which left in the afternoon for Fall River with 500 passengers and # crew of 200 men, was run down while passing through the Race by the freight steamer City of Taunton of the same line, also from New York. Five of the crew, one passenger and probably others were killed.

A full hundred feet of the starboard side of the Plymouth was smashed in as if it had been paper. The staterooms of the second cabin and seven on the saloon deck were entirely cut away, while down in the hold members of the crew who were asleep in the steerage were drowned by a torrent of water that poured in through the great gap made. The hole is 10 feet square on the star-board side of her hull, about 35 feet from her bow.

The collision was totally unexpected, The collision was totally unexpected, and one of the worst in the history of navigation on the sound. The Plymouth was proceeding slowly on her course and blowing her whistle. Hearing the whistles of the Taunton in close proximity, she had slowed still more. Out of the fog, close at hand came the Taunton. The Taunton was proceeding at a fairly good rate of speed, blowing her whistle and ringing her bell. There was a quick interchange of signals, but the sharp prow change of signals, but the sharp prow of the Taunton sunk itself into the starboard side of the Plymouth a dis-tance of 8 or to feet. The collision was square, so that the Taunton, cut deep, carrying in the rail of the Plymouth and the steel straps which sur-

Second Pilot Hammel and Captain Davis of the Plymouth were on duty in the pilot-house when the collision came. First Pilot Edward Geer had ust gone to his stateroom, having left post at midnight.

As soon as the lights of the Taunton appeared Captain Davis sent a warning over the boat by signals. The head watchman, McCarthy, had started to call some of the crew in the steerage when the Taunton struck. McCarthy

was instantly killed.

When the crash came there was much fright among the passengers. Every-one aboard was awakened. Many were thrown from their berths. They rushed out on the decks and into the cabins. Shricks were heard all over the boat. Persons ran to and fro in an excited and terror-stricken condition. The excellent discipline that prevailed the officers and crew alone averted a panic.

MARRIED SEVEN TIMES.

A Michigan Man's Varied Experience to Matrimony.

Buchanan, Mich. (Special) .- William Hulbett, of this place, is claiming the record in the matter of contracting marriages, and up to this time there has been found none to contest the claim. Hulbert has been married seven times and he is not yet 50 years old He got four wives out of two families having married two sisters in the Mad-non family and two in the Murphy family. Death claimed three of Hul-bett's wives, and three were divorced.

In the matter of romance the seventh r last episode is said to have eclipsed all of the others. He advertised in a New York paper for a wife, and as a result the woman of the Empire State

now presides over his home.

The General Staff. Washington, D. C. (Special).-The Navy Department issued a general order convening a board to meet in this city March 30 to recommend the detail of 42 officers from the Army at large to constitute the personnel of the general staff under the act of February 14. The board is to consider only the effi-ciency of officers, and no recommendations or letters except those submitted through military channels, are to be considered by the board, which will consist of Major Generals Young, Chaffee and Bates, Brigadier Generals Carter, Bliss and Randolph and Major Henry A. Green, asistant adjutant gen-

Had Premouition of Death. Mahanoy City, Pa. (Special).-John P. Price, a former borough supervisor, called on several friends here and asked to be pallbearers at his funeral, saying he had a premonition of death. Although he seemed to be in his usual health when he made the strange request, he fell dead of apopiexy two ours later as he sat in the sun in front

of his home. Bill Falled to Pass.

Harrisburg, Pa. (Special) .- In the House the bill presented by Mr. Blumle, of Cameron county, and which had previously passed second reading-"to subsidize large families and pro-vide for gold medals for mothers of large families"-failed on final passage by a vote of 65 to 55, less than a con-

Lost \$200; Hanged Himself.

York, Pa. (Special).-Hamilton Hinkle, of Dover, seven miles from York committed suicide by hanging. He was suffering from aberration of the mind caused by the sale of his house several days ago. Hinkle offered his dwelling for sale, and Samuel Wallick bargained with him for \$2,200. Soon afterware another purchaser appeared and offered him \$2,400. Hinkle tried to get Wallick to release him, but without success. The loss of the \$200 so preyed upon his mind that he went to his barn and hanged him-

Pittsburg (Special).-The Crucible

Steel Company of America has sold to the United States Steel Corporation the controlling interest in the Clarton plant According to the Gazette, the minority interest, it is said, will be owned by the Snyder will remain as president of the concern. This sale includes a billet contract by which the Steel Corporation will sell billets to the Crucible Company. It also ends the hopes of independents for chean sheet bars and billets.

And the playand we will be with matches.

The charge of embezzlement preierred against Councilman W. G. Leddy, of New Castle, by the trustees
of the Knights of the Golden Eagle
will be withdrawn.

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Pensions granted Pennsylvanians:-Pensions granted Pennsylvanians;— John Huiy, Sheffield, \$6; Frederick Hillegas, New Buena Vista, \$12; John McQuiston, Pittsburg, \$6; William P. Beatty, Washington, \$12; John C. Mil-ler, Tunnelton, \$10; William Reed, Al-legheny, \$10; Henry Lane, Turtle Creek, \$12; David L. Deyarman, Brush Valley, \$12; Robert Armstrong, She Valley, \$12; Robert Armstrong, Shelocta, \$8; Alfred H. Pierce, Smethport, Sta; Stephen B. Day, Washington, \$24; Stephen B. Day, Washington, \$24; Solomon Graybill, Richfield, \$12; D. G. C. Peer, Bolivar, \$2; Samuel Yahres, Etna, \$6; Daniel McQuinten, Pittsburg, \$8; Andrew Miller, Altoona, \$6; John W. C. McCurdy, Pittsburg, \$8; William D. Gordon, Erie, \$6; John W. Coughler, Clarion, \$6. William D. Gordon. Erie, \$6; John W. Coughler, Clarion, \$6; John Miller, Altoona, \$to; John P. Shannon, Pittsburg, \$12: George Kiehl, Bentleyville, \$10; John Sweir, Ellisburg, \$8; George F. Austrow. Millwood, \$10; Catharine Gibbs, Mt. Pleasant, \$8; Mary E. Pew, Mercer, \$8; minor of Abram P. Pew, Mercer, \$10; Mary Heusal, Madera, \$8; Margaret J. McCurdy, Pittsburg, \$8; Jacob W. Glossner, Chicora, \$6; John A. Stambaugh, Green Park, \$8; William Hirst, Altoona, \$12; Alfred Kerr, New Haven, \$10; John A. Horton, Mines, \$10; John Dice, Keystone, \$8; John Y. Stoner, Wolfs Store, \$10; Henry Savitz, Tyrone, \$10; George Henry Savitz, Tyrone, \$10: George Markel, Bellefonte, \$10: Frederick Boyer, Johnstown, \$12: minor of Hen-ry S. Robb, Monaca, \$14.

George Smith was killed by a train

Mrs. Elizabeth Comisky, aged 40, omnitted suicide at Oil city by taking audanum.

Mrs. Samuel Davis, who was arrest-ed for shoplifting at Meadville, was committed to jail for court.

A freight wreck at Larimer sta-tion, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, derailed an engine and several cars and delayed passenger traffic several fours.

In answer to a knock at her door,
Mrs. John Wren, of New Castle, was
confronted by a masked burglar, who forced his way into the house and com-pelled the woman to hand over \$80, which her husband had received a few

days before.

The congregation of the First Christian Church at Sharon will erect a novel temple of worship. The present church will be disposed of and in its place a two-story brick block will be erected, with storerooms underneath. The second floor will be used for thurch purposes.

Superintendent Beavers, of the sal-ary and allowance division of the Post Office Department, announced the following list of additional clerks and pro-motions in post offices in Eastern Pennsylvania, to take effect July 1:--Bryn Mawr, two promotions, from \$500 to \$600; Scranton, three additional clerks, at \$600; two promotions from \$100 to \$200; one from \$300 to \$400; one from \$500 to \$600; three from \$600 to \$700; one from \$700 to \$800; five from \$900 to \$1000; Towardo, one promotion from \$500 to \$800, two from \$700 to \$800; Waynesboro, one promotion from \$500 to \$600, one from \$700 to \$800; Mechanicsburg, one promotion from \$500 to \$600; Royersford, one promotion from \$600 to \$800, two from \$500 to \$600; Hanover, one additional cierk at \$600, one promotion from \$700 to \$800, one from \$800 to \$1000, Carlisle, one promotion from \$400 to \$600, three from \$500 to \$600.

When all the appropriations are made by the Legislature this year it will be found that they will be less by \$2,000. ooo than the estimated revenue for the next two years made by the State's financial officers. Chairman Bliss, of the House Appropriations Committee, who is regarded as voicing the views of the State administration in the House has told the committee that the state administration in the House has told the committee. has told the committee that it is the Governor's wish that \$2,000,000 remain for emergencies after all the appropria-tions are made. The estimate made by the financial officers is \$31,000,000 for next two years. The committee will scan all bills very closely, but if

appropriations are over \$29,000,000 Governor will do the rest. A jury awarded fifteen-year-old Harry Hulstine, of Londonderry Township, \$4505 and his mother \$851.25 damages for alleged injuries inflicted by John Baum, a farmer with whom the lad was employed three years ago. The farmer, it is alleged, in chastising the lad with a strap, struck him with the buckle and the boy is threatened with the loss of his right arm.

Dr. H. D. Heller, State Quarantine Physician, wants an appropriation of \$25,000 for a boarding boat for which a yearly rent of \$3000 is now paid. A request has been made to reduce the appropriation from maintenance from to \$39,000, which reduction equals the amount of the rent. Theodore Weaver, a Westmoreland

county road supervisor, was killed by a train near Tarr station. Michael Ryan was assaulted and robbed on a principal street in New Cas-le, and Edwin J. Cole and Harry Brown, colored, were arrested for the

crime. Ryan identified both principals Atorneys for Harvey Tillefro, charged with the murder of his wife, have petitioned Judge W. D. Patton, of Kitlanning, to continue the trial to the June term of court, alleging that public opinion is so strong against the pris-oner that a fair verdict would be im-

There is a move on foot among the rango glass factories to erect a \$50,000 co-operative plant in New Castle, by reason of the men being thrown out of employment by the shutting down of he window glass concerns by the combine. The move meets with the approval of all the employes, as it is announced that the glass-blowing devices introduced into the factories it New Castle.

While attempting to cross a moving rain on the Pennsylvania tracks at New Brighton Charles Frick, a well-snown resident, fell and had both legs aken off. He was head machinist a he Pierce-Crouch engine works, and vas returning from work when the ac-ident occurred. Little hope is enterained for his recovery.

In his garrett, where it has been for rears, William A. Caldwell, of Buyers-own, recently discovered a sign of the old Hat Hotel, which was painted by

Benjamin West, the celebrated American painter, of the eighteenth century. George Croft, aged 50, a well-known resident of Vesta, was found dead in a odging house at Charleroi. Last night Croft and Andrew Frew secured a foom at the house and when Frew awoke in the morning he found Croft on the floor dead. Croft had been irinking hard for several days.

The 3-year-old daughter of John Alen, steward at the Mercer county almshouse, was burned to death while playing with matches.