THE MILITARY WAS SENT TO SCENE.

Chief Witness Against Curtis Jett and Tom White for the Murder of Marcum Is the Victim of the Feudists-Hotel Guests Escape Without Injury, But the Property is a Total Loss to the Owners.

Louisville, Ky. (Special).-The City Hotel, at Jackson. Ky., a three-story building owned by Capt. B. J. Ewen, the principal witness against Jett and White, now on trial for the assassination of Lawyer J. B. Marcum, was burned to the ground.

Fifteen guests were in the hotel, but no insurance on the structure and the place hotel, with its furnishings and the effects of the guests, is a total loss. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the belief is general that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Captain Ewen had recently put up an addition to the hotel. This was just completed and was as yet unoccupied. fire was discovered.

The town of Jackson has no fire department and its citizens were awak-ened by the firing of pistols and guns and much excitement prevailed. A detachment of multary came on the double quick from their camp, across the river, and rendered valuable aid in assisting the guests to escape and pre-

Captain Ewen has been kept at the camp of militia since he testified last Monday that he saw Curtis Jett fire the shot which killed Marcum. Nobody was seen to leave the hotel before the fire broke out.

It was only two days ago that Jackson was put under martial law.

The burning of Ewea's hotel is not only considered as incendiary, but also as accessory to other acts of intimidation in connection with the pending trial of those accused of the murder of B. Marcum, who was an attorney now held by leaders of the faction with which the defendants were identified. It has openly been predicted that arson would go along with assassination, as disciplinary measur-might be needed in Breathitt county. measures

EAST ST. LOUIS AN ISLAND.

Flood Not Subsiding and 10,000 Refuges to be Fed.

St. Louis (Special).-With 10,000 refugees to shelter and feed, East St. Louis is still battling against the flood, which, by seepage and additional encroachment through minor levees, is now an island. The city is entirely surrounded by water, and two-thirds of its territory is under water.

the backwater that inundates East St. Louis remains static ary, and it prob-ably will be weeks before it is gone. Business has not been resumed to any extent, and the soldiers are still aiding the local police in preserving order.

Leading citizens have taken up the proposition to build a dike of solic masonry all along the river front to protect the city from future inundation. They assert that such a flood-proof dike is essential for the future upbuilding of the city and that Congress should aid in

Various estimates have been made regarding the property loss in East St. Louis, but the estimated loss most generally accepted by the real estate men is \$300,000. Verice, Madison and Granite City are still submerged and the refugees of refuge in East St. Louis and St.

BANKS IN A GREAT MERGER.

Nine Big Concerns in Pittsburg to Be Comblacd. Pittsburg (Special).-Plans have been

perfected for the formation in Pittsburg of one of the greatest combinations of banking interests ever condertaken in the

By the deal the Farmers' Deposit Na tional Bank, Colonial Trust Company, Colonial National Bank, American Trust Company, Pennsylvania Trust Company Columbia National Bank, Tradesmen National Bank, Germania Savings Bank and Freehold Bank will be merged making the largest and most powerful financial institution between Philadelphia and Chicago. The capital of the new Alexander and Queen Draga, who is still concern, which probably will be known at Geneva, says he has not yet received as the Colonial Trust Company, will be the tender of the crown. The provisional premier of Servia says the Parliaindivided profits and about \$55,000,000 ment must first elect the king.

Hay-Herran Treaty.

Panama, Colombia (By Cable),-Senator Obardia and Dr. Samuel Quintero and Senor Jose Maria Jovane, tria will see that this is not done. members of the House of Representatives, left here for Bogota. All three said they would do their best to obtain the ratification of the Hay-Herran treaty. The congressional delegation treaty. The congressional delegation from Panama is composed of two senators and four representatives who vor the treaty and one senator and one representative who are opposed to it. An influential petition to Congress, praying for the acceptance of the Hay-Herran treaty, is now being signed at Cartagena.

Cholera Spreads in Luzon.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Official advices to the Marine Service represent a sharp increase of cholera cases in the Philippines since the beginning of the rainy season. Many of the cases have occurred in Manila, but a rapid spread down the coast of Luzon also is reported.

About half of the Manila cases occurred among the crews of the launche and other small craft that rever leave the harbor. Not a single case, it is said, could be traced to importation by sea.

Rules of a Large City Found.

City of Mexico (Special .- The ruins of a large city have been discovered in a remote part of the State of Puebla by Francisco Rodriguez, an archæologist, who has just made a report of his feed to the Government authorities here. The city contains large pyramids and extenfortifications. It is in the midst of lense forest, and much excavation will necessary to learn its true extent and portance. A commission will be ap-rated by the Government to explore

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER KING AND QUEEN

Domestic.

Lewis Nixon resigned as president of the United States Shipbuilding Com-Thomas Marcum, bother of L B. Marcum, for whose murder Curtis Jett and Thomas White are being tried at

lackson, Ky. made a dramatic address

or the pr The Equitable Assurance Company has refused to pay \$55,000 insurance on the life of Arthur R. Pennell, who fig-ured in the noted Burdick case in Buralo, on the ground that Pennell was a

The hotel employes' strike has caused ing, the guests to wait upon each other nd to eat under police protection.

In the Textile Workers' strike the eighty-ninth firm granted the demands.
It is rumored that Col. Robert C. is to retire from the presidency Fifteen guests were in the hotel, but of the Western Union Telegraph Com-all escaped without injury. There was pany, and Charles A. Tinker take his

The one hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the American flag was observed at the Betsy Ross House in

Judge Gray, chairman of the Anthracite Strike Commission, appointed Prof. Charles P. Neil, of Washington, miners' wages under the sliding

Mrs. Isaac Poore, the wife of a far-It was in this part of the hotel that the mer of Washington county, Tenn., who was criminally assaulted by a negro, is expected to die. A mob was dissuaded from lynching the negro.

The doors of the Bessemer (Ala.) Savings Bank and the Bank of Com-merce were closed, the president of the ormer, who is a confessed defaulter, sing a fugitive.

James Dumas, proprietor of a transfer company, in Indianapolis, Ind., killed Sarah F. King, wife of Wesley R. King, a workman, and then committed suicide.

Mrs. Mary McKnight, who confess-

ed having poisoned her brother and his wife and child in Kalkaska, Mich. was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The hearing in the case of the charges against the coal-carrying railroads was continued before the Inter-Commerce Commission, sitting

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals refused to modify its recent decree allowing the Pennsylvania Railroad to remove oad to remove Western Union wires. A number of New York merchants brought charges of extortion and con-

spiracy against various steamship lines running to South Africa. President Ramsey, of the Wabash Railroad, denied that there was any whom he always treated with scan truth in the various sensational railroad rumors.
Three robbers looted an express train

on the Eric Road, cear Englewood, Ind., and two were captured with their pockets A meeting was held in New York of

Cotton Duck Corporation, but nothing was done toward the proposed combination of plants. In the trial of Robert A. Ammon, in lew York, William F. Miller testified

that he gave Ammon \$255,000 and got back only \$5,000. The river stage continues to fall, but the death warrant of A. E. Batzon, con-

victed of killing seven members of the Early family, Judge Horton, in Chicago, fined the members of the Northern Illinois Coal Dealers' Association \$500 each for con-

Alexander McDowell McCook United States Army, retired, died at the ome of his daughter, in Dayton, O. Seven persons were drowned at Aber-deen, Ark., on White River, by the

apsizing of a houseboat. Robert Neill was robbed while en oute from Liverpool to New York on the steamer Germanic of \$20,000. Justice Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court in New York, decided that the presidents of coal roads must answer certain questions propounded by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Fereign.

The army is controlling Servia and the people remain calm in advance of the election of the new king. Ex-Congressman W. Bourke Cochan was given a dinner by members of the Irish party in the House of Com-

ons restaurant in London. Premier Guiseppe Zanardelli formally nounced the resignation of the Italian

The Allan Line steamer Norwegian ashore at Cod Roy, N. F., and is likely to be a total wreck.

Monsignor Kelly, rector of the American College in Rome, gave a din-ner in honor of Mgr. F. Z. Rooker and Bishop Dougherty.

Lady Henry Somerset was re-elected president of the World's W. C. T. U.,

n session in Geneva, Switzerland Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, declared king of Servia by the conspirators and military officers who murdered King deposits, making total resources of \$78,- georgevitch will be chosen because Russia and Austria will favor his selection The European powers are awaiting developments. There is a feeling among the intelligent classes in favor of the abolition of the monarchy and the creation of a republic, but Russia and Aus-

> J. Pierpont Morgan, Professo New-omb and Bishop Lawrence, of Massahusetts, were among the Americans preserted at King Edward's last levee of

A crisis exists in the Italian Cabinet it the King has induced Signor Giolitti minister of the interior, to withhold his An insane man was seized as he ap

proached the carriage of the Emperor of Austria in Vierna.
The British budget bill passed the House of Commons without a division.

Financial.

The South African gold output for

1902 exceeded \$35,000,000.

"Reorganization plans" are all laid on the shell. Good thing.

America's debt to Europe is lower now than it has been for a number of years. Good estimates put it as low as \$60,000,000.

Call loans in Wall street fell to the nusualy low figure of 1 3-4 per cent. Directors of the Northern Central Railway Company have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per

It is safe to predict that Rockefeller will not get even a little control of Copper metal prices stiffened up

foreign markets and reflected healthier tone of share values. About \$30,000,000 of Mexican National R ed with the bankers under the reorgani

Labor troubles have largely induced the Baltimore & Ohio to abandon some important improvements that

Bears are hard driven for "cards" when they put out foolish reports such on that President Cassatt will retire.

OF SERVIA KILLED

The Queen's Two Brothers and Six Others Also Slain.

KING ALEXANDER SHOT ONE ASSASSIN

Conspiracy Resulted from King Alexander's Arrogant Course and Hatred of Queen Draga-Prince Peter Karageorgevitch Proclaimed King by the Assassins and Choice Will Be Ratified by Parliament - Populace Acquiesces in the Bloody Deed and in Sympathy with the New Dynasty.

Belgrade (By Cable) .- A military conspiracy, which subsequent events show had the sympathy of the majority of the Servian people, was carried out in the early hours of Wednesday morning, and King Alexander Queen Draga, her two brothers and several ministers were assassinated.

Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, the pretender to the throne, has been proclaimed king by the army, and there nmissioner to compute the increase is every reason to believe that this decision will be confirmed by the Servian

Parliament. The victims of the assassins were: King Alexander. Queen Draga.

The Oueen's two brothers. Premier Markovitch. The Minister of War. One other minister,

Two aides-de-camp and two other officers.

The revolution was executed without any opposition on the part of the people of Belgrade, and the capital and country remain tranquil.

While the main outlines of the events which took place within the royal palace are known, the details are conflicting, owing to the extraordinary secrecy with with the plot was contrived and carried out. The chief conspirators were all men of high rank, who acted in concert with the army. The participation of the latter in the assa tions, which blotted out the Obreno vitch dynasty, which has ruled Servia, with a short intermission, for nearly a century, is mainly due to the atti-tude of King Alexander and his conwhom he always treated with scant courtesy. His desire to remove the war school from Belgrade to Shehatz parcularly gave the officers offense.

The date is a sinister one in the his-ory of the Obrenovitch house, being being the thirty-fifth anniversary of the as sassination of King Alexander's grand uncle Michael, who was done to deat by agents of Alexander Karageorge vitch, the then leading member of the house which has long disputed the throne of Servia against the Obrenovitch family, and whose head, Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, has been pro-

The prime movers in the plot were Ljubomir Schiokovics and Vojislav Velikovics, who had entered the new cabinet as ministers of justice and finance, respectively. M. Schiokovics was condemned to 20 years' penal serfor an attempt to assassinate rmer King Milan.

aimed king.

The King and Queen passed the eve their death quietly. They attended choral festival, then took supper in e Konak and afterwards retired st. Meantime the conspirators held meeting in the Kalimegden Park-ne Sixth Infantr- Regiment, which was chosen to carry out the coup d'etat was recently nunished for having used its weapons against a crowd of dem-

onstrators. Dissatisfaction against King Alexander's rule has been accentuated sinchis suspension of the constitution las April, and it is from that time that the military plot dates. The organization of the bloody deed was carried out with consummate skill. The King for the past two months was thrown is guard by the apparent quietude of the reception of his recent coup d'etat. In the meantime the conspirators had decided on June 10 as the date for the execution of the revolution for two reasons-firstly, it was the anniversary of the murder of King Alexander's granduncle Michael, and, secondly, bewould permit the Skupschina to set tle the succession to the throne ac cording to the King's wishes, and it was believed that the brother of the hated Queen would be his choice.

About 1 o'clock in the morning the Sixth and Seventh Regiments called to arms and were led to the royal palace, which they entirely sur-rounded. A band of 30 officers, led by Colonel Maschin and Colonel Mischies, forced their way into the palace, shooting all who attempted to bar their passage. They were aided by treason within. The aide-de-camp on duty, Colonel Naumovics, had been won over by the conspirators and was entrusted with the plans for action within the royal inclosure. Several doors leading to the royal apartments were blown in by dynamite, Colonel Naumovies himself bursting in the door of the royal bedchamber with a bomb. The officers had called on the King to open, but he curtly refused. As the door fell the King rushed to a window and appealed for assistance, but no answer came. Realizing the situation, he returned to the Queen, holding her his arms to protect her, and awaited

the conspirators. Colonel Naumovics and the officers then entered the room. Naumovics presented to the king a form of abdication for his signature. The docu-ment contained the statement that by marrying a "public prostitute" the

Powder Plants Combine.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).-The San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—The negotiations in progress during the last attack on the village of Yenije, in Prumonth for the absorption of the four California powder manufacturing companies by the \$50,000,000 corporation reeartly organized under the laws of New Del., are declared by officers of the local companies to have been practically completed. It is expected that all the California plants will pass into the control of the Dupont Company by July 1,

Mob Gave Up Negro.

Johnson City, Tenn. (Special) .- Mrs. Isaac Poore, wife of a Washington county farmer, was criminally assaulted. Adam Jackson, a negro from Charlotte, N. C., is accused of the crime. A mob caught him and had strung him up, when a deputy sheriff and posse arrived. The negro was taken down in response to appeals of the posse. He confessed to his crime, was bound to court and is now in jail at

King had degraded Servia and that he must abdicate. The King's answer was to draw a revolver and kill Naumovics on the spot. Colonel Mischies picked up the document and presented it again. King Alexander waved it from him. The officers then, with their revolvers drawn, fired a hail of bullets and the royal couple fell together to the ground. The King lingered until 4 o'clock, when he died. The floor of the royal chamber was almost covered with blood. The band who carried out the assas-

Not Compelled to Produce Their Contracts.

The Announcement That President Baer Was Upheld Started a Buying Movement in the Coal Roads Stocks in Wall Street-Reading, Eric and Pennsylvania Were Taken in Large Blocks.

Court, handed down a decision upholding the contention of the coal-carrying railroads that contracts between them and sales agents are privileged doc-

London (By Cable).-The powers may yet take a hand in the Servian situlating to the conduct of their business Judge Lacombe makes but one ex ation should there be any tendency to anarchy or the development of a revolu-tionary spirit. It is believed that conditions at Belgrade are not as serene as the government born of assassins

The Judge decides that the Commis Servia the powers will exact the punish-ment of the murderers of King Alexsion has the right to compel the pro duction for its inspection of any con-tracts which refer wholly to the trans-portation of coal. He states, however, that he has carefully inspected copies of the contracts which the Commission Another lispatch from Belgrade says the draft of a bill, with marginal notes written by the late King Alexander, has been found in the palace. It provided for the proclamation of Queen Draga's brother as heir to the throne. This, the

The official Servian dispatches confirm press and other statements to the effect that the provisional government has decided to leave the choice of a king to the Skuptschina.

dispatch adds, is held by the conspirators

to be complete justification for their ac

King had degraded Servia and that he

The band who carried out the assas-

palace, where the curtains

This resistance was probably of

sinations appear to have met with a great resistance on the balcony side

torn and the window broken as though

the occupants had tried to escape int

the garden. Torn gloves and article of soldiers' clothing lie scattered be

fered by two loyal aids-de-camp, who

POWERS MAY INTERFERE.

Not Prepared to Recognize Assassins-May

Demand Punishment.

A special dispatch from Rome says

semi-official note published there de clares that whoever is made King of

ander and Queen Draga, as civilized

Europe cannot tolerate that high ad

ministrative and military positions in any country should be occupied by as-

would have the world believe.

were killed.

Filipino Outlaw Taken.

Manila (By Cable).-The constabilary captured in Rizal province Faustino Guillermo, the most noted outlaw in the Island of Luzon. Guillermo approached a detachment of constabulary and offered the man a bribe to desert and join him. A successful trap was planned and Guillermo was made pris-During and since the insurrection Guillermo has committed many murders and robberies.

Six Men to Be Hanged. Montgomery, Ala. (Special).-The State Supreme Court broke all records by handing down opinions in the cases of Felix Hall, Sidney King and Albert Jones, of Jefferson county: William Starks and Alex Means, of Montgomery county, and James Stuart, of cox, affirming the action of the lower courts of convicting them of murder and sentencing each of the prisoners to death. The court fixed June 30 as

the date of the six executions

Earthquake Shock in the West. San Francisco (Special).-A sharp shock of earthquake was experienced here at 12 o'clock, lasting over 10 seconds. No damage is reported. The shock was felt to the south in Los Acton, Sergeant, Oakland and Banos. Santa Margarita, and on the east side at Newman. Northward the shock was severe at Tiburon, San Rafael, Peta-luma and Vallejo, where it was quite

prolonged.

"Fire Bugs" Kill Five. New York (Special).-Five personsfour children and a man-were burned and suffocated in a fire at 347 East One Hundred and Thirtee th street, which the police say, was started by incen-diaries. Two other persons were removed to the Harlem Hospital suffering from burns. The police say that the hallways were soaked with kerosene and that bundles of oil-soaked rags were also

Kerosene Explodes.

Milwaukee, Wis. (Special).-An explosion caused by pouring kerosene into a lighted stove at the store and residence of John Brozokowski, here, resulted in the death of two persons, the probable fatal injury of one other, and the burning of six more so badly as to requir the attertion of a physician. The fire department had a hard fight for an hour before the fire was extinguished.

"Species of Slavery and Unlawfal."

Chicago (Special),-Sixteen strikers, alleged to have violated an injunction obtained by the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company, were fined \$10 each in Judge Holdom's court. "For a corporation to be compelled to contract with a union to have in its employ only traion men," he said in his decision, "is a species of slavery and unlawful." case will be appealed.

Historic Man Dead.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).-Major W H. Gibbs, who is said to have fired the first shot of the Civil War upon Fort Sumter, died in this city. Major Gibbs was a gunner in Capt. George James' company, to whom General Beauregard sent the order to open fire upon Majo by Anderson. He served as postmaster at the Columbia under President Cleveland.

SPARKS FROM THE & IRES.

nelia.

Donations of \$400,000 to Columbi University were announced at the commencement of that institution. the two gifts, of \$300,000, is for the erection of a dormitory.

A stage traveling between Weaver-ville and Redding, Cal., was held up by two masked robbers, and the passengers compelled to surrender their val-

Columbia University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Jules Jusserand, ambassador of France in Washington. It is estimated that the 8500 men now

out because of the tieup in the building trades in Pittsburg may be trebled. In the United States Court at St. Paul, Minn., argument was heard against the Northern Securities Company.
In the trial of Curtis Jett for killing Attorney Marcum J. B. Ewen told of seeing Jett commit the murder.
A terrific hail and rain storm prostrated wires and blocked the trolley cars in Philadelphia.

COAL ROADS THE VICTORS

THE STOCKS RISE WITH THE NEWS.

New York (Special).-Judge Lacombe, in the United State Circuit Court, handed down a decision upholdand sales agents are privileged documents, and as such the Inter-State Commerce Commission has no right to compel their presentation as evidence. The decision also upholds the refusal of President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and

other witnesses to answer questions reception. He holds that Mr. Baer should have answered one question which was put to him regarding details of general expense. Judge Lacombe claims that documents had already been introduced in evidence containing items such as were asked for, therefore Mr. Baer erred in not answering that particular

had asked for and which were furnished to him for that purpose by the attor-neys for the defendant corporations, and decides that they are contracts for the purchase of coal in Pennsylvania and not merely transportation contracts.

CONFESSION OF A BORGIA.

Her Brother, His Wife and Child the Victims-Meant No Harm.

Kalkaska, Mich. (Special),-After two weeks' work Prosecutor E. C. Smith has secured the confession of Mrs. Mary McKnight to the cold-blooded and premeditated murder of her own brother, John Murphy, Gertrude Murphy, his young wife, and their three-month-old baby. A partial confession was made Monday evening, in which Mrs. Mc-Knight denied killing the baby. Late Tuesday night Smith again called at the voman's cell at her request, and this time she made a complete confession.

In her first statement she admitted giving Mr. and Mrs. Murphy capsules of strychnine and quinine mixed. Tuesday night she said: "I didn't intend harm to any of them. I did give the baby the strychnine. It woke up and cried while its mother was gone, and I mixed up a little strychnine in a glass with some water and gave a spoonful to the baby. I didn't mean to harm the little thing. I confessed all to the Lord and I fee that he has forgiven me. I really didn't mean to harm any of them. When Gertrude came home and found the baby

dead she got awfully nervous. She to me and said: "'Mary, can't you give me something to quiet me; something that you take

vourself? said that I would, and I really didn't think that it would hurt her if I gave her one of the capsules. She had pasms right after that, and I suppos that it was the strychnine that killed her. I really didn't mean to hurt her, though. Then John seemed to feel so badly about it, so broken up, that I often thought after Gertrude died that

would be better if he were to go, too. "John was feeling bad one night-a weeks after Gertrude He came to me and wanted something to quiet him. I had two or three cap-OH HIV go and get one of them. I didn't mean to hurt him, but I thought it would soothe him, and then I thought it would be for the best if he were to go anyway. He helped himself. I don't know whether he took one or two. Then he went to bed, and by and by he called me. Mother came, too, and he began to have those same spasms. I suppose that the strychnine was work-

The whole of the confession was given voluntarily, and Mrs. McKnight signed it after Prosecutor Smith had written it out.

Hotel at Palm Beach Burned.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (Special) .smaller of the two largest hotels at aim Beach, was seen to be in flames. The hotel building, powerhouse, Cory's joined there by the battleship Kearsarg hotel, and one of the large tages north of the hotel were destroyed. Some furniture from the hotel was sav-ed, but it was bady damaged. The The Breakers, \$500,000; forniture, \$200,000: Casino, cottage and Cory block, about \$25,000. Other cases about \$5000. The hotel was inured for \$300,000, but the furniture was uninsured. Cory's block is supposed to have been about half covered by insurance.

Collision on Southern

Alexandria, Va. (Special).-A headon collision occurred between two ireight trains on the Southern Railroad near Ravensworth, twelve miles below this city, derailing both engines, which were demolished, together with several cars. Charles D. Keys, of this city, a railroad insurance agent, and Fireman Johnson, colored, of the northbound train, were badly injured. It is reported here that Keys' condition is critical. Engineer Mason Saunders, of the orthbound train, was injured in jump-

Royal Medal for M'Kim.

London (By Cable).-In order to ssociate himself with the American na- gler. ion and President Roosevelt in the recent particular remodeling of the White House, King Edward has awarded the royal gold medal for the promotion of architecture to C. F. McKim, the New York architect, who designed the work. The presentation of the medal is fixed for June 22. On the following day a dinner will be given in honor of Mr. McKim at the Royal Institute of British architects, the invited guests in-cluding Ambassador Choate.

Murder Mystery Solved. Rochester, N. Y. (Special) .- The

Rochester, N. Y. (Special).—The mystery of the murder of Theresa Keating, committed November 10, 1000, has been solved by the confession of August Russell, who admitted to Chief of Detectives Hayden that he killed the girl. Russell says that on the day of the murder he had been drinking heavily. That evening he met Miss Keating coming along the street and made a proposal which she resented. Russell says he then attacked the girl, striking and choking her, and finally left her unconscious at the place where her dead body was afterward found.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Porto Rico's Large Trade. Porto Rico is furnishing a market

of a million dollars a month to the producers and merchants of the United States and supplying nearly a million dollars' worth each month of tropical products required by the United States. The total shipments of domestic mer-chandise from the United States to Porto Rico in the 10 months ended with April were \$9.344,318, and of foreign merchandise \$218,276, making the total value of merchandise sent Porto Rico from the United States \$10,-062,594. The total shipments of merchandise from Porto Rico making the total supments from that island to the United States in the 10 months ended with April. \$8,833,464. In the month of April the shipments from the United States to Porto Rico were \$931,526 and from Porto Rico to the United States \$1,919,023. These figures indicated to the United States \$1,919,023. ures indicated that the shipments from the United States to Porto Rico during the fiscal year which ends with the present month will aggregate about \$12,000,000, and those from Porto Rico to the United States nearly an equal

Shortage of \$75,000 Alleged.

James M. A. Watson, Jr., who has been deposit clerk in the office of the Auditor of the District of Columbia ince December, 1898, was arrested here on a charge of embezzlement preferred by the District Commissioners. were current that he was alleged to be

nearly \$75,000 short in his accounts. Hurried conferences followed, resultng in the arrest of the young man at his me, at 2020 Columbia road. The Commissioners, after a conference with Major Richard Sylvester, the Chief of Police; Mr. Andrew B. Duvall, the Coropration Counsel, and Mr. J. T. the Auditor, stated that the leged shortage amounted to about \$67,

The alleged shortage is one of the ost peculiar ever noted in the history of local or Government affairs. Watson, who is known as a "young man about town," serving the District as an ordimary clerk at a salary of \$1,500 a year is interested in half a dozen enterprises He is the son-in-law of John H. Bryant a retired contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Waton and Mr. Bryant live in a magnificent three-story brownstone and brick dwell-ing at 2020 Columbia road, and the young man and his wife have always

been regarded as well-to-do persons.

tion of the constitution of the which prohibits any member of The Panama Canal. President Roosevelt sent for William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Canal Company, to confer with him about the canal situation. Mr. Cromwell spent half an hour with the President in the forenoon, and the conference was resumed by appointment at

clock in the afternoon. It is understood the President is coniderably concerned over the canal outlook. The administration is not in the least disposed to be impatient with Co lombia, and is willing to allow the Bo gota government a reasonable time t execute its obligations to the Unite: States. At the same time the Washing States. ton authorities regard these obligation as mere binding than those of an ordinary treaty and cannot admit the right of the Colombian government to

recede from them.

If not carried out by ratification of the canal treaty, which comes before the Colombia Congress at its meeting this month, the United States hopes.

Colombia will find some other means Colombia will find some other means of executing its obligations to this country as regards the Panama Canal Cromwell declined to see callers

after his conference with the President Turks Kill an American.

United States Consul Heenan, partment that Quarekin B. Chitiian, ar American citizen, was killed in that city

captured. key, in 1863, and came to the United States when a child. He lived at Worcester. Mass, where he was naturalize and ordained as a clergyman, returning to Europe last September. It is assumed here that the Russian authorities at Odessa will mete out justice for the killing.

Warships Make a Quick Ron. The European Squadron, composed of the Chicago, San Francisco and Ma-At 11.30 o'clock a. m. t'e Breakers, the chias, arrived at Southampton, making a quicker passage from the Mediterran joined there by the battleship Kearsarge

In the Departments. Civil Service Commissioner Procter says evidence seems to indicate appoint ments to the Washington Postoffice have been made without a strict regard or the public interest.
The United States Steel Corporation

s the first large concern to make a report of its business to the Department of Commerce and Labor. The draft of regulations for the gen eral staff has been nearly completed They make the chief of staff a more powerful official than the commanding

general or the adjutant general under present regulations. William C. Hook, of Leavenworth, Kan., has been selected to succeed Judge Caldwell, who recently resigned the circuit judgship of the Eighth district. Judge Peter C. Grosscup, of Chicago, had an interview with the President, at

was discussed. The details of the project for the gen eral staff for the Navy were submitted to Secretary Moody.

which it is believed the subject of trusts

It has been discovered that the steamer Vera Cruz, which was wrecked off Ocracoke Inlet, N. C., was a smug Count Cassini referred to his intimacy with a number of Jews to show that he

Prof. James C. Monoghan was pointed editor of the reports of Bureau of Foreign Commerce in Department of Commerce and Labor Russian government declines to re-ceive any outside aid for families of the victims of the Kisheneff massacre; nor will she receive any outside representa

Robert A. Sedwick, a clerk in th Treasury Department, made despond ent by financial embarrassment, com-mitted suicide.

tions regarding the affair.

The monthly government hows average condition of shows average condition of spring wheat 05.9; acreage spring wheat 17, 257,000 acres, a decrease of 36; spring wheat acres, 17.27. Average condition wheat acres, 182.2; oats, 85.5, against 00.6.

70.6.

There were no further developments in the grand jury's investigation of the postoffice affairs, and no further indies ments are to be looked for this week.

The orders issued for American ships to Valparaiso have been revoked.

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

William A. Frazier, of Glasgow, Scotland, and Albert Gusnick, of Sandusky, O., both stonemasons, were killed about noon by a Lake Shore passenger train They were working for the railroad company on a culvert and no-

railroad company on a culvert and no-ticing an approaching freight train stepped on to the other track and were run down by the passenger train. Both were terribly mangled. E. A. Meskill, of Wellsville, O., a Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad brake-man, while walking on the tracks in the Conway yards, was run down and en-Conway yards, was run down and cut to pieces by a freight train.

The inquest into the death of William Washington, of Sharon, colored, who died from injuries alleged to have been inflicted by abuse at the hands of his father, Henry Washington, and histep-sister, Cora Bolan, was held. Mr. Charlotta Washington, whose testimos and not been taken before, told the st of how the boy had been burned whot irons and placed on a red hot sto She restified that the father compelled the boy to sleep in the kennel with 11 dogs. The jury returned a verdict that the boy died from abuse and held the father and Cora Bolan responsible.

Great excitement has been aroused by developments which seem to point to an attempt to murder Mrs. Charles Ingles, of Uniontown. Some time ago she was shot from ambush and seriously wounded, and Harry Artis, of Fairchance, was brought before a jutice in the case, but Mrs. Ingles did n appear against him. It is now chare that a few days ago Artis talked w two colored men, H. O. Grady a Thomas Walker, offering them a gowatch and \$50 to kill Mrs. Ingles, a

providing them with an ironwood stick or the purpose. During an electric storm at Holli-daysburg a bolt of lightning struck and killed a herd of seven cattle that vere standing in the pasture field of Jere-

niah Mattern. William Jasper, colored, who claims be an ex-policeman from Pittsburg, is being tried for burglary at Unions wn. Mark Quinn, of Clairton, was struck

y a train at Cochran Station and killed He was aged 30.1 Representative Samuel Ripo, of the Eleventh Legislative district, from Philadelphia, who last May was appointed by Dr. B. H. Warren, commission the State dairy and food comm

as an agent in the department, in

Legislature from accepting any appointment during the term for he is elected, has returned to Dr. War he is elected has fetulined which has been paid him while acting in the capacity of an agent. Mr. Ripp has tendered his resignation to Dr. Warren. E. J. Bowers, a barber, of New Castle, met instant death on the Mahonin Valley electric line, when he was struck and dragged several yards. His head

was almost severed and his body badmangled. His pockets were empty, and Coroner Porter will investigate, as there is a possibility of foul play. Braddock borough school board re-organized with four new members. Edward J. Snail was elected president. William S. Stewart secretary and Edwin R. Oskin treasurer, Fifty-two teachers were re-elected, and of the six not elec-

ed five are expected to marry in the coming year. All Susquehanna county assembled at Montrose to participate in the Wel-come Home" to Galusha A. Grow, who, in his eighty-first year, is retiring to private life, after half a century of pubic service. There was a paradespeechmaking. Addresses were ered by Mr. Grow, J. T. Dubois, stead; W. M. Post, Montrose; exgressman George A. Post, New city; Burgess D. T. Brewster, Ge H. Warner, Washington, and on tiers of greeting were rea

President Roosevelt, Secretary Hay and The wages of puddlers at the Bethlehem Steel Company have been increased from \$4.75 to \$5 a day.

Miss Belle Schiffer died at the hos-

gital at Easton from injuries sustained several days ago by a fall from a roof where she was hanging clothes.
Pottsville Aerie, No. 134, Fraternal
Order of Eagles, initiated ninety new
members, completing a membership of
500. A banquet followed.

Goods Association, it was decided to Goods Association, it was decided to close the stores at 5 p. m., daily, during July and August with a Friday half-holiday weekly.

Reaching for her doll, which had fallen over the railing of a twenty-foot porch in front of her home in Potts-ville, 6-year-old Ella Brinich punged

At a meeting of the Lancaster Dry

readlong to the pavement. struck the curb, and she sustained two fractures of the skull. The Water Commission recently appointed by Bethlehem Council to inquire into the source of that town's water sup ply, has organized and elected Dr. H.] Lacias president, and A. T. Rau, super intendent of the Moravian Parochia

School, secretary and treasurer. Samuel A. Loose was elected pres-dent of the Hamburg Savings Bank rice Peter Burkey, deceased.

Rev. J. H. Neibuhr, of Allentown, has accepted a call to the First German Baptist Church, of Williamsport. and will assume his new duties at once The Longswamp school board organ-ed with M. A. Wetzel president

ampbell Hertzog, secretary, and Wiliam B. Fox, treasurer.

Jesse Underkoffler, a brakeman, had
its foot severed, several ribs fractured and was internally injured when run down by a car at Finland.

His blouse catching on a spigot, Fireman Amos Spangler, of Tamaqua, was thrown under his engine. His right leg and right load ware cut off

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and right hand were cut off. Luke Dowling, aged 19 years, a river at West Shenandoah Colliery, was kicked by a vicious mule, hurled was kicked by a vicious mule, hurles down an embankment and seriously in

iured. The Board of Education of Chester has organized for the year by the election of William M. Bowen, presi dent; David F. Rose, secretary; David F. Burns, treasurer, and George M. Booth, solicitor. The newly elected members who took the oath of office are James Waugh. First ward; David F. Rose. Second ward; Joseph H. Ladomus, Third ward; Dr. John MacFayden, Foarth ward; Thomas P. Feeler, and the control of the control ward; Thomas P. Feeler, and the control ward; Thoma

den, Foarth ward; Thomas P. Feeley.

Attorney C. C. Lee filed the will of Peter H. Miller, late of Pittsburg. The value of the estate is said to be \$500-000, and the will provides that one-tenth of the entire estate shall be held in trust by the decedent's brothers for the benefit of charities.

Colonel Joseph W. Hawley, of Media, has been appointed by Governor Pennypacker, chairman of the Antie-tam Battlefield Commission

The contract for the new Howell street passenger station for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Chester, has been awarded to William Provost, has been awarded to William Provost, Jr., a local builder. It will be a brick structure, to cost \$15,000.