BOATS BATTLE AT SEA

Japanese and Russians Each Lose a Vessel.

HOT FIGHT NEAR PORT ARTHUR.

Six Russian Torpedo Boats In the Engagement-They Were Probably Making on Attempt to flive the Japs the Slip Five Russian Torpedo Boats Return to Port Arthur

London, (By Cable).-The advices from Port Arthur through Russian sources of the engagement outside the tharbor between Russian torpedo boats and Japanese warships, supposedly torpedo boats or destroyers, In which a Russian torpedo-boat destroyer and a Japanese torpedo boat were sunk, seem to bear out the opinion of experts here that the Russian situation at Port Arthur is becoming desperate.

The continued Japanese attacks are having the intended effect upon the town and the fortifications. Vicero-Alexieff, in his report to the Czar, while stating that "the results of the bombardment were insignificant," admits that people in the town were killed and wounded by the exploding shells.

Admiral Markaroff, who has just assumed command of the Russian flect at Port Arthur, is apparently making neart, O.

Miss Mary Wyker, of Erwinna, Pa.,

Miss Mary Wyker, of Erwinna, Pa., vessels, including torpedo boats, to who was shot by Paul Weaver because she rejected him, died from the in-

gunboats at Niuechwang have receivorders to leave immediately the river opens. At Liao Yang there are now 12,000 troops working night and day on the fortifications. A great fortified camp is being formed south of the town; it extends three miles in The Russian force on the Yalu

River now amounts to 20,000 men. As an example of the terrible power of the Japanese "Shimose" powder a correspondent of the Standard, at Tokio, relates that a Russian sailor who was hurt in the naval fight off Che-mulpo, and who has been brought to Matsuyama, Japan, has 160 wounds.

London, (By Cable). - The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from Tokio, dated March 7 and saying:

"It is reported that the Japanese fleet engaged the Russian Vladivostok squadron at sea. The result of the engagement is not announced, but it is believed the Russian ships were destroyed or captured."

St. Petersburg.-The whereabouts of Captain Reitzenstein's Vladivostok prominent citizens. squadron is carefully guarded by the military authorities, but there is a strong impression here that when the seven Japanese warships appeared off the har-bor Sunday and Monday the Russian squadron was outside, perhaps down the coast, co-operating with the Russian land force near the mouth of the Tumen

If the Russians were outside and the Japanese definitely ascertained that fact, big sea fight is probably imminent, and It is considered certain that the Japanese In that case will lie on and off Vladivostok to prevent the return of the Russians. giving battle if they are caught in the open sea. All the harbors along the coast in which the Russians might seek refuge are frozen and the squadron mus eventually be forced to return to Vladi-

Although the Japanese squadron is superior in numbers and guns, consisting of a battleship and four armored cruisers. gumo and the Yakumo, and two unarunder Captain Reitzenstein, the Rossia. Gromboi, Rurik and Begatyr, are among the finest vessels in the Russian Navy, constituting as sister ships a homogen ous fighting unit, and experts here are measure of Rear Admiral Uriu's ships.

A naval service organ lengthily that the present Japanese naval disposition presages a movement on a large scale in the Sea of Japan and the paper accounts for all the Japanese ships except the battleship Yashima and the armored cruiser Tokiwa, one first-class protected cruiser and five second-class, eckoning the battleships Fuji and Shik ishima, the armored cruisers Iwate and Asama and the protected cruiser Takashiho as being injured.

CROPS IN FARMERS' HANDS.

on March I.

Washington, D. C., (Special). - The March report of the Bureau of Statistics St. Petersburg for the Far East to of the Department of Agriculture shows take command of the Russian milithe amount of wheat remaining in farm- tary forces, bade farewell to the Czar, ers' hands on March I to have been about and was presented with a sacred picture by the Municipal Council. 132,600,000 bushels, or 20.8 per cent. of last year's crop, as compared with 24.5 per cent. of the crop of 1903 on hand on March 1, 1903, and 23.2 per cent. of the crop of 1901 on hand on March 1, 1902.

The corn in farmers hands is estimated at about 839,000,000 bushels, or 87.4 per cent of last year's crop, against 41.6 per cent of the crop of 1902 on hand on March 1, 1903, and 29.2 per cent. of the crop on hand on March 1, 1902.

Of oats there are reported to be about 273,700,000 bushels, or 34.9 per cent. of last year's crop, still in farmers' hands, as compared with 36.9 per cent. of the crop of 1902 on hand on March 1, 1903, and 30.6 per cent. of the crop of 1901 on hand on March 1, 1909 hand on March 1, 1902.

Bakers' Trust Was Soon Killed.

Newburgh, N. Y., (Special). - A Bakers' Trust, organized in this city, lasted just a day and a half. For several weeks the dealers have been engaged in organizing to raise the price of bread, and on Monday of this week the new scale on all bread and cake went up. In consequence the dealers were hit hard, for the public simply refused to buy som and on Tuesday the combine

Candy Caused Death.

Pierre, S. D., (Special).-The coroner's jury which has been investigatwho died from the effects of poison sent her in a box of candy, reported as follows: "We, the jury, find that Bliss Rena Nelson came to her death Korea, but to open it up to the comthrough the eating of some tables merce of the world ing the death of Miss Rena Nelson, through the eating of some tablets of chocolate candies contained in a box received through the United States mail at Pierre, S. D., and postmarked Boone, Iowa, and that said tablets contained corrosive sublimate in sufficient quantities to cause death."

Korea, but to open it up to the commerce of the world.

The obstructionist members of the Hungarian Dict have given up their fight to secure the use of the Hungarian language in the army, and a memorable seene of reconciliation occurred in the Diet.

THE KISHENEFF MASSACRE.

Prisoner Sentenced to Twenty Years For th Murder of Jewish Couple.

Kisheneff (By Cable).-The trial of prisoners charged with participatio in the massacre of Jews here last April is closed. After a fortnight's deliberation the court gave judg-ment in the case of Busneke and 57 others, of whom 18 were charged with homicide during the anti-Jewish rioting and 40 with creating disorders. Rusneke and Bodijan were found guilty of the murder of a Jewish couple

named Forrarii. Rusneke was sentenced to four years' imprionment and Bodijan to 20

Filteen persons accused of rioting were each condemned to a year's imprisonment, and three others to four months. Thirty-six of the accused were discharged.

Two damage suits were not considered and 64 were disallowed.

The damage suits were all brought The final judgment will be announced formally April 25.

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

One man was cremated and another seriously burned in a fire that de-stroyed the ferry steamer Shenango while frozen fast in the ice off Con-

Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Haverford, on the suburbs of Phila-

kely to prove a total wreck The steamer Graf Waldersee Contrary to the general belief, it was brought to New York 1,800 Russians Vandine's fate, and not that of Marx. who fled to escape military service. The Auditorium Theatre in Chicago decision

was allowed to reopen, having been ronounced safe from fire.

John White, chief attorney of the Modern Woodmen, is dead at his home, in Rock Island, Ill.

Was Frozen First in Ice Off Conneaut, Ohio Firemen Perished.

The British steamer Cape Corrientes arrived at New York after having rescued the crew of a dismusted bark in midocean and suffered an explosion which set the steamer on fire.

Seventy-five Carbondale (Mo.) citizens attempted to take a negro from the juli at Murphysboro. The sheriff frustrated the plan, however, and arrested four Secretary of War Taft had a cenference neer John Morrell. in New York with a number of promi-

nent railroad men and financiers with reference to his railraod schemes in the The Grand Duke of Oldenburg, who came to see Niagrar Fall under winter conditions, arrived at New York on the

steamer Koenigin Luise. A terrific gale, which came as climax a series of snowstorms, has cut off California from communication with the

A man while lighting his pipe set fire to gasoline in a car on the way to Harrisburg, Pa , and four men were burned to

Philipe Bunan-Varilla, who recently resigned as Panama minister to the nited States, sailed from New York to

The Interstate Commerce Commission the interstate commercial that is a number than issued an order directing a number than issued an order directing a number than discovering that McCarter was a facility and the hold of the vessel Morrell will in the hold of the vessel Morrell tions of all terminal connecting roads. Dr. Andrew S. Draper, president of

the University of Illinois, commissioner of education of New York. The new board of directors of the American Ice Company elected Wesley M. Oler, of Bultimore, president.

Mrs. Sherman Lye, accused of mailing to Rena Nelson a box of poisoned candy, was released from custody

A number of securities of the United States Shipbuilding Company were sold

Charles Edward Langham, father of the Baroness von Sternburg, died at Epwanda, Cal.

Lieutenant Commander Cutler, in charge of the Porto Rico Lighthouse Service, was arrested on the charge of false imprisonment. Between 700 and 800 delegates to the

The Quantity of Wheat, Corn and Oats Held tion at Jerusalem sailed from New York.

General Kuropatkin, about to leave

The United States government will custain the action of Captain Sawyer, of the gunboat Helena, in protesting against the sinking by the Russians of junks at the entrance of Niuchwang harbor.

On account of conflicting reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders in Manchuria the Russian corps which has arrived at Harbin will be detained there.

The Russians are engaged in build-ing defenses at Wiju, which will co-operate with the fortifications already constructed on the left bank of

Japanese officials at Tokio believe that lack of ammunition was the reason that Vladivostok forts did not re ply to the Japanese bombardment. At Nagaski repairs are being made

to the ships that were damaged in the engagement at Port Arthur. The trials of the rioters and muderers at Kishineff were concluded. One man was sentenced to 20 years for the murder of a Jewish couple

Forty students were wounded in rioting between German and Czech students in front of the university in Vienna.

Dr. Labori, an American mission ry, has been killed in Persia.

HANGING FOR BANDITS

Penalty for Murder at Chicago Car Baru Riots.

ONE OTHER YET TO BE TRIED.

Jury Agrees on a Verdict After Deliberating for a Day and a Night The Condemned Men Hear Their Fate Stolidly - Emil Rocski, Who Participated in Some of Their Crimes To Be Tried Separately.

Chicago, (Special). - Hanging for all was the verdict of the jury in the first murder case against the so-called 'car-barn bandits," Harvey Vandine, Peter Neidermeier and Gustav Marx, who attempted notoriety by a desperate all-day battle that started in a 'dugout" near Liverpool, Ind., where the trio had taken refuge after a series of remarkable crimes, including the murder of two employes of the Chicago City Railway at one of the company's barns in this city, the motive in each instance being robery.

Emil Boeski, who was with the pandits in the dugout, and who participated in many of their crimes, it to be tried separately, not having been implicated directly in the particular murder for which his associates were first arraigned.

The verdict of the jury was delayed somewhat on account of a temporary division of opinion as to making the punishment alike for all the defend-

led to the discovery of the hiding place Cabling from Yinkow a corresponCol. William F Cody (Buffalo Bill)
of the other bandits. Mark entered a
entered suit in Denver, Col., against
bis wife for divorce, on the ground of
while the other bandits attempted to nelty.

Burglars blew open the sale in the emsylvania Railroad Station at pleaded in the case of Vandine.

The bandits heard their doom stol-Mark Dunn was hanged at St. Joseph. Mo., for the murder of Alfred er was also present. Neither woman Fenton, a farmer, at Rushville, Mo. The cable-ship Scotia went ashore Marx did not appear. She was said to Spanish Rocks, near Guam, and is be at home in a state bordering on

that caused the delay in arriving at a

BIG FERRY STEAMER BURNED.

Conneaut, Ohio, (Special) -A large car ferry steamer, Shenango No. 1, owned by the Marquette and Bessemer Dock and Navigation Company, was destroyed by fire off this port, resulting in the death of Fireman Chas. McCarter of Cheboygan, Mich., and the probably fatal injury of Engi-

The boat was one of the largest of her kind on the great lakes, valued at \$350,000, and had a carrying capa-city of 26 cars. The fire is supposed have resulted from an explosion of oil in the engine-room. The vessel atto Port Stanley early in January, but was caught in the heavy ice. She finally succeeded in working her way back into the Conneaut Breakwater, there she has remained frozen in by the ice ever since. When the fire was discovered, it was found that she was too far out to be reached by the ical fire department.

Engineer Morrell was the only member of the crew awake when the Morrell was the only flames broke out. Finding that the fire was beyond control, he hastily returned to awaken him. He was caught by the flames, and before uld be rescued was so badly register.

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HEAVY LOSS TO MINERS.

Geological Survey's View of the Big Anthracite Strike. Washington, D. C., (Special).-The re-

port of Edward W. Parker on the production of coal in 1902, about to be issued by the United States Geological Survey, gives a review of labor troubles during that year and their effect upon the coal production. The report says:

The troubles in the anthracite district resulted in a decrease of nearly 40 per cent, in production to the operators, as compared with 1901. Approximately 145,000 men were idle for 98 working days, and the public was put to greater inconvenience and annoyance for want of fuel than had ever been known before in the history of the country. It is estimated that the total number of working days lost by this strike was 14,210,000, which, at an average of \$2.50 a day, meant a loss of about \$35,000,000 in

The strikes in West Virginia were organized for the purpose of compelling Isthmus.

The operators to recognize the union.

The Service strikers carried their point in the firmed the Kanawha river, but in the New river district the strike failed of its purpose. The time lost in West Virginia in 1902 was 1,362,054 days, or nearly twice as much as that lost by strikes in all the United States in 1901. The estimated oss of tonnage for the State caused by the strike was about 4,500,000 tons, al io actual decrease in output as compared

No Peace at Santo Domingo.

Washington, (Special) -Very much selated cablegrams from United States Minister Powell, just received at the State Department, report a big battle across the river from San Domingo, March 4, in which the insurgents were worsted and fled, leaving their guns and ammunition on the field. The surgents, however, were reported to Emperor William left Berlin for a have been in possession of the Town trip of six or seven weeks' duration, of Azua. The United States ship To-during which he will visit other peka touched at San Domingo March 8, and proceeded to Azua.

Shot Teacher and Himself.

Erwinna, Pa., (Special)-Paul Weaver, aged 19 years, visited the school here in which Mary Wyker, aged 22, was a teacher. The young people had been sweethearts, but Weaver was recently discarded by Miss Wyker. After the pupils had been dismissed Weaver pulled a revolver and shot Miss Wyker twice, leaving her apparently dead on the floor. He returned to his home and going to the barn placed a rope about his neck. He then shot himself and his body was later found hanging from a rafter. Miss Wyker's condition is critical.

WOMEN'S TERRIBLE FALL.

Drops Seven Stories in a New York Office Bullding.

New York (Special).-Miss Bessie Lazare, a stenographer, aged 23, was mortally injured by falling seven stories - from the eleventh to the fourth floor - in the building at 15 Dev street.

Her piercing screams as she shot down the main light shaft of the building created a panic among the tenants. She had been sitting on a window sil and lost her balance as she turned to talk to someone in the room. Her fall was broken at the fourth floor by a wire netting over a skylight.

She was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital unconscious, suffering from a fractured skull and internal injuries. Miss Lazare lived in Brooklyn and was employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS

No American Slave Dealers in the Philippines.

U. S. Officials Must Be Discreet.

President Roosevelt, after a conference with Secretary of State Hay, issued the following executive order respecting the observance of the proclamation recently mulgated declaring the neutrality of the United States between Russia and Japan, the two combatant nations in the

Far Eastern war now in progress: "All officials of the government-civil, military and naval-are hereby directed not only to observe the President's proc-lamation of neutrality in the pending war between Russia and Japan, but also to abstain from either action or speech which can legitimately cause irritation to either of the combatants. The government of the United States represents the people of the United States n 4 only in the sincerity with which it is en-deavoring to keep the scales of neutral ity exact and even, but in the sincerity with which it deplores the breaking out of the present war, and hopes that it will end at the earliest possible moment and with the smallest possible loss to those engaged. Such a war inevitably increases an injury or slight by outsiders. often combatants make conflicting claims as to the duties and obligations of neutrals, so that even when discharging these duties and obligations with scrupu lous care it is difficult to avoid givin; offense to one or the other party. To such unavoidable causes of offense, due to the performance of national duty, there must not be added any avoidable causes. It is always unfortunate to bring Old World antipathies and jealousies into our life, or by speech or conduct to

excite anger and resentment toward our nation in friendly foreign lands; but in a government employe, whose official posigovernment employe, whose official posi-tion makes him in some sense the repre-sentative of the people, the mischief of such actions is greatly increased. A strong and self-confident nation should be peculiarly careful not only of the rights, but of the susceptibilities of its neighbors, and nowadays all of the na-tions of the world are neighbors one to the other. Courtesy, moderation and self-restraint should mark international, no less than private, intercourse.

'All the officials of the governmentcivil, military and naval—are expected so to carry themselves, both in act and in deed, as to give no cause of just offense finish the work in hand and to begin to the people of any fercign and friendly new improvements is \$18,500,000, power—and with all mankind we are At meetings of the directors of the now in friendshi THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Use of American Ships.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries authorized a favor aroused the others on board, and all able report on a House bill providing escaped except the fireman, McCarter, that all supplies for the use of the army and navy of the United States shipped out of the United States shall be transported either in ships belonging to the Government or in ships of American

The bill is to go into effect 30 days Carter's body was consumed by the after its passage. A provision incor-porated by the Senate in a bill of the same nature passed by that body was added to the House bill as an amend-ment, to the effect that should the freight rates charged be extortionate the Presi-dent may suspend the operation of the set and open the competition to the vessels of other countries.

Hon. George W. Croft.

As the result of blood poisoning, caused by a splinter in his hand, Hon. George William Croft, representative in Congress from the Second district of outh Carolina, died at his boarding place, Sixth street Northeast. The immediate cause of death was given as heart exhaustion.

Several operations had been performed in the hope of saving Mr. Croft's life, but without avail. He received the injury nearly two months ago, but the od poisoning did not develop for some time afterward.

Salaries of Canal Board.

President Roosevelt has fixed the salaries of the Isthmian Canal Commission ers at \$12,000 a year and in addition thereto \$15 a day while they are on the

The Senate, in executive session, con-firmed the nomination of Henry B. Richrdson, of Louisiana, as member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Has No American Wife.

much currency has been obtained in the press by a story that the Emperor of Korea had married an American woman named Emily Brown that United though, on account of increased activity States Minister Allen, at Seoul, has been in other portions of the State, there was obliged to print identical replies to a number of women correspondents deny-ing the truth of the story.

Congressional and Departments.

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Isthmian Canal Commissi \$12,000 per annum. The battleship squadron has left Guan-

President Roosevelt has directed the transfer of John Barrett, present minis-ter to the Argentine Republic, to be ninister to Panama. Other changes in the Diplomatic Corps in South America were also made. The subcommittee of the Senate Com-

Secretary Taft relative to legislation for the government of the Canal Zone. It is not likely that the case of Sena tor Reed Smoot will be passed upon at this session of Congress.

The Senate passed the Philippine Shipping Bill and the Army Appropri-ation Bill.

U. S. AS PEACEMAKER

Suggestions That This Country Act With France.

HOW IT IS VIEWED IN PARIS.

The idea of a Prominent American Railroad Man That France and United States, Because of Their Friendship Toward the Belligerents, Are Best Qualified to initiate a Peace Movement.

Paris, (By Cable). - The informal officials consider that any peace overtures would be futile at the present stage of the conflict, yet the suggestion leads to the belief in high quarters that France and the United States will become the eventual peacemakers. The suggestion came from one of the most prominent American railroad men, who probably has the larg-

any American. at the American Embassy and other official quarters. In the course of his visit he strongly urged that France and the United States, by reason of their international friendship toward the two belligerents, were specially qualified to initiate a peace movement. The American believed Russia would gladly avail herself of the opportunity even now, and that international in-fluence would favorbly incline Japan

est railroad dealings with Russia of

suggestion was entirely cial and informal, but none the less it was expected that it would prove germ for official action. However, no such official action is likely at the present time, as it is the accepted view of the French and American authorities that neither of the belliger-ents would listen to any peace over-

As one of the highest officials sumd up the situation. The suggestion is worthy of consideration as showing that the repub-lics are well qualified to become the eventual peacemakers, but certainly such a movement would be untimely now, for both parties are in hot blood, and, unfortunately, nothing will avail there has been some blood-

PENNSYLVANIA WILL SPEND \$20,560,000. Big Expenditures for Improvements East of

Pittsburg. Philadelphia, Pa., (Special).-Not including the money to be spent on the New York tunnel and terminal the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, through the board of directors, approved expenditures for improvements east of Pittsburg in

1904 to aggregate at least \$20,500,000.

Of this sum \$5,000,000 will be spent upon new work, including the improving and enlarging of the track facilities in and about Broad Street Station, this city, and \$13,500 000 will be spent upon work

as laid out in the annual report.

The additional \$2,000,000 is needed for improvements that are called for from time to time. The directors, who were in session about an hour considering the expenditures for the present year, have before them a schedule of work to be done. The actual amount needed to

was elected a director to succeed L. F

JEALOUSY CAUSES DOUBLE TRACEDY. Young School Teacher Dying and Her Assail-

ant Dead By His Own : and Frenchtown, N. J., (Special). - Miss Mary Wyker, a prefty young school teacher of this place, is dying, and Paul Weaver, an 18-year-old youth, is dead. as the result of the latter's insane ousy, which led him to make a murder

ous attack on the girl and then, when he was pursued by a posse of his neighbors and former friends, take his own life. Weaver used a revolver on the girl and later used the same weapon on him-self, also noosing a rope about his neck to make sure that death would be his

The attack on Miss Wyker was made as she was going from her professional duties at the Union school to her board-ing house, the home of Hugh Furness. He fired three times and two of the bullets found their mark, inflicting wounds that are likely to end in the

young woman's death. Early in the morning the mother of the young man found his dead body hanging from a noose tied to a rafter in a feed-room on the homestead farm. He had adjusted the rope while standing on some boxes and then shot himself in the

SAVED TRAIN; LOST HIS LIFE.

Killed 'n Freventing a Wreck on the California Limited.

Albuquerque, N. M., (Special). In a successful effort to save the Santa Fe's fast California Limited from being wrecked, Jesus Salamandin, a section oreman at Curbero, was run over and

Salamandin was riding on his railroad motor when he heard the limited coming around a curve just ahead. He stopped his car and could easily have escaped, but the car, if left on the track, would have wrecked the train.

He succeeded in getting it off the track unable to get out of the way himself.

\$100,000 For Murder.

Winchester, Ky., (Special) Mrs. Ara bella Marcum, for herself and children, filed suit in the Circuit Court against Jas. Hargis, Alexander Hargis, Edward Callahan and B. F. French for \$100,000 damages. She alleges in her petition that the defendants entered into a conspiracy with Curtis Jett and Thomas White to murder her husband, the late Callahan was formerly tanamo for Pensacola to engage in target
Sheriff of Breathit county. Jett and
practice.

Rector's Wife Foils Burglar. Trenton, N. J., (Special).-Mrs. Ham

ilton Schuyler, wife of the rector of fashionable Trinity Episcopal Church, foiled burglars who tried to rob the rectory. Afterwards a policeman held up the mittee on Interoceanic Canals heard rector, mistaking him for the robber. The thieves left a door open and the cold draught awakened Mrs. Schuyler. She quietly te'ephoned for the police and aroused her husband. The thieves heard the rector moving about and fled, leaving behind silverware they had collected total at \$350,000 to \$400,000.

EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES.

Seven-Months' Period That Brenks All Records.

Washington, (Special). - United States exports of manufactures in January, 1904, and in the seven months ended with January, 1904, show a larger total than ever before in the same months of the year. For the month of Juauary they amounted to \$38,213,352, while the highest January record on any former occa-sion was that of 1900, when they were \$35,586,940.

For the seven months ended with Janu-Paris, (By Cable). — The informal ary they amount to \$250,214,936, and the suggestion that France and the United highest record for that seven-months' States act jointly as peacemakers in the Far Eastern war has been made with January, 1901, when the total for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and the United Inguest record for that seven-months that France and Inguest record for that seven-months that Inguest record for that seven-months that France and Inguest record for that seven-months that France and Inguest record for that seven-months that Inguest record for the Inguest record for that seven-months that Inguest record for the Inguest record for the Inguest record for that seven-months that Inguest record for the Inguest record for th preceding January, and for the seven months ending with January is about \$11,000,000 more than in any preceding seven months ended with January. These figures are shown by an analysis of the January exports, just prepared by the Department of Commerce and Labor, through its bureau of statistics.

President Invited to Preside. Washington, (Special). - President Roosevelt has been invited to preside at a great popular meeting in the During a recent visit here he called interest of home missions, to be held at Buffalo next May, during the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. The invitation was extended by the Rev. S. V. V. Holmes, pastor of the Westminister Church, in Buffalo, through Representative Alexander, of that city. The President, who presided at a similar meeting in New York some years ago, did not give a definite response to the invitation, indicating that he would do so at a later date. His acceptance is so at a later date. His acceptance is regarded as doubtful, however, as he has felt obliged to decline invitation of all kinds for this year.

Shot By His Planymate.

Waynesboro, Pa., (Special).-Gerald Middower, II years old, son of L A. Middower, was shot in the head at his home here by Robert Frantz, aged 12. The lads were playmates. They went to Frantz's home, where the latter his brother's bureau and playfully pointed it at young Middower's head and shouted: "Hold up your hands!" The boys were standing only a few feet apart. The pistol was discharged and the bullet entered Middower's mouth, splitting the tongue, and lodged in the back part of his bead, inflicting a serious, perhaps fatal, nouth.

A Double Tragedy.

New York, (Special).-Robert Gray. a painter, and his wife Lizzie were found dead in their apartments here. the woman in bed with her skull rushed in and her husband in the bathroom, having apparently committed suicide by gas asphyxiation. case is supposed to be one of murder

\$10,000 For Denny Memorial Hall.

Carlisle, Pa., (Special).-A mass meeting of the citizens of Carlisle was held and \$10,000 was raised for the crection of Denny Memorial Hall, reently burned. Rev. Miles O. Noll Carlisle, presided. Addresses were ently burned. made by President Reed, John W. Welzel, Rev. G. M. Diffenderfer and Gen. Horatio C. King, of Brooklyn, new improvements is \$18,500,000.

At meetings of the directors of the Pennsylvania company and of the Pan the town will be canvassed and the was elected a director B. Morris balance of the \$20,000 raised.

Ate Wife and Child. Dulath, Minn., (Special).-Gustave Brandon, who has been cruising between Tower and Koochiching, has arrived here on his way to Minneapolis, and confirms a report of alleged cannihalism on the Nett Lake reser-Brandon was near Pelican Lake when he was told that an Indian had killed and eaten his wife and child He says his information is unquestion ably authentic. He was told that the Indian during a drunken spree killed both his wife and child, and later de-voured parts of th ir bodies to avert

\$24,137,611 Less Earned. New York, (Special).- The second annual report of the United States Steel Corporation, dated March r. has just been issued. The statement is a voluminous one. Net earnings for he year, after deducting expenditures for maintenance and interest on bonds and fixed charges of subsidiary companies, were \$109,171,152, compared with \$133,308.763 in 1902, a decrease of \$24.137.611. The balance of net earn ings for 1903 was \$83,675,786, as against \$108,534,374 in 1902.

American Missionary Killed.

Urumia, Persia, (By Cable)-News has reached here that Dr. Labori (Labarce?) an American missionary, has been killed on the road to Khoi. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Labarce, who is probably referred to in the above dispatch, is one of the best-known Presbyterian missionaries in the Asiatic field, baying been stationed in Persia since 1860.

Explosion at Torpedo Plant.

Knightstown, Ind., (Special).-The plant of the Knightstown Torpedo Company, two miles from town, was destroyed by an explosion of nitro-gly-cerine. Stephen Clark, an employe, blown to pieces, as were a just as the train reached him, but was of horses and wagon. Glass plate in this city was broken.

FINANCIAL.

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows a decrease of 13,500,000 marks in cash. It is reported in railroad circles that

the Union Pacific, Illinois Central and Chicago & Alton will be merged unless the Northern Securities decision is abso utely against the company.
It is understood that Union Pacific gross earnings for February will show an increase of over \$500,000 and that South-

ern Pacific carnings will show a gross increase of over \$800,000. The Eank of England on Saturday pur-chased in open market £17,000 in gold bars and received from the Cape £15,900. Despatches from Chicago say that the

Burlington loan for \$5,000,000 was made with the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank. The manufacturing crisis in Spain which has been troubling commercial circles for some time past, is becoming more acute.

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Four foreigners were cremated in a box car containing gasoline which caught fire ten miles east of Harriscaught hre ten miles east of Harrisburg, burg, George Klinger, of Harrisburg, and William C. Lyter, of Lewistown, were badly burned. The men were employed by H. S. Kerbaugh & Company, on the Pennsylvania Railroad improvements at Enola and were beimprovements at Enola and were being sent to Bainbridge to clear the ice from the tracks. One of the cars in which twenty-six men were carried, contained five barrels of gasoline. The men were nearly all asleep. One of the men struck a match to light his pipe. A spark landed on the gasoline barrel and in an instnt the whole interior of the car was a fiery furnace. The men were awakened by the in-tense heat. There was a scramble to get out in which four were unsuccess-ful. They were trampled by the ful. They were trampled by the others and their bodies were afterward found burned to a crisp.

To increase its coal output, the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company is tunnelling to tap and draw off millions of gallons of water from the old workings of the Beech-wood Colliery near Pottsville, abandoned fifteen years ago. Valuable coal veins in the old mine will be worked

Three thousand five hundred dollars, an annual pass over the lines of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad west of Phildelphia, and a good job are the terms by which Edward P. Keiffer, of Somerset, settled his claim for damages against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. Keiffer was a vic-tim of the wreck of the Duquesne limited near Dawson on the night of December 23. He was badly burned Charles Adams, to years of age,

pleaded guilty in court at Media to the charge of highway robbery and carrying concealed deadly weapons, and was sentenced to sixteen years in the Eastern Penitentiary. Adams held up three Chester citizens on the night of January 4, and at the point of a revolver made them give up their money and valuables. An explosion of dynamite and gun-powder at the Pennsylvania Railroad improvements two miles west of Millersburg instantly killed James Kerns, a foreman, and Pietro Mazi-

gotti, a laborer, and seriously injur-ing two other laborers. All of the men were employed by Thomas F. Kerns & Son, railroad contractors. James Kerns, the dead foreman, was a nephew of the senior member of the While returning to his home at Buck, John Todd was set upon by thieves and beaten into insensibility. His skull was fractured and one ear pounded off. He was robbed of \$200 in checks and \$55 in cash, the pro-

The new West Chester town counil has appointed these borough offi-ials: Borough surveyor, Nathan R. Rambo; street commissioner, John C Heed; chief of police, Robert O. Jeffries, with the present force of lay and night patrolmen; Edmund H. Brown was re-elected president of the

ceeds of a tobacco sale.

for the execution of James Alexan-ler and W. L. Hartley, at Pittsburg, The congregation of the First Bapist Church, of West Chester, has adopted plans for a new \$15,000 church be erected this summer.

Governor Pennypacker fixed May

A class of thirty was initiated into the Bethlehem Aerie of Eagles at a meeting which was attended by mem-bers of the order from throughout the Lehigh Valley. James McPherson, Clarence Carr and Micheal Collins, members of the "Shirtwaist gang," of Bridgeport, were

attempting to kill Frank Smith, farm-The Pennsylvania Rallroad Company distributed among the employees of the Altoona and Januara shops \$552,982 pay for the month of Febru-iry. It is the biggest amount ever rry. It is the biggest and of the

vear. General orders were issued from the headquarters of the N. G. P., confirming the sentence of Rudolph H. Schaffer, Company L. Eighteenth Regiment, to take effect immediately. Schaffer was recently found guilty by a general court martial of fraudulently obtaining money and sentenced to be dismissed from the service. Several sportsmen living in Lower Saucon and at Springtown have form-

ed an association called the Landsdale Game Protective Club, with the object

of restocking that vicinity with small game to take the place of that which the long, cold Winter destroyed. The farms of H. S. Mill, at Springtown, has been leased and will be used as a game preserve. In Criminal Court at Media, Judge Johnson sentenced Charles Kimball, of Chester, to cleven years in the Eastern Penitentiary. He was convicted of as-sault and battery with intent to kill and

highway robbery, having assaulted and robbed George MacKenzii last Christmas Day. The victim was in the hospital for seven weeks by reason of the assault.
While Earl Davis and several other fishermen were out along the Brandy wine, near West Chester, they discovered a sixteen-pound carp frozen in a of ice that had been deposited in the ad jacent meadow by the freshet a few days

Fire in No. 11 mine stable, 600 feet below the surface, at Tamaqua, killed thirty-seven mules. It may be necessary to flood the mine.

Chief Burgess Eilis C. Abrams, of Prospect Park, returned the light ordinance to Council with his veto, which

has been sustained. The electric light

company refused to sign an agreement with the borough and unless some action is taken by the body soon the town will be without street lights. Cooking and sewing schools of a novel character have been established on the South Side. Hazleton. Girls employed to the mills gather at the homes of differ ent fellow-workers two nights each week and those who are preferent in sewing and cooking teach those who are back ward in these branches of household

James, W. Elliiott, 55 years fold, of Phoenixville, committed suicide by hanging himself with his handkerchief to the grating of the door of his cell in the Chester County prison, Elliott was awaiting trial on the charge of assault and battery upon his wife.

A new Hazleton ordinance requires irivers to tie their horses whenever they leave the wagon. The ordinance does not stipulate the size or the thickness of the tie-strap and many horsemen who de not like the law secure their animals with light threads.

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The Kansas City Court of Appeals de-cided that grain speculation is gambling.