# LATEST NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

## KING OSCAR ACCEPTS.

He Will Serve as Umpire on all Arbitration Tribunals.

The last step, aside from the ratification of the treaty by the Congress of Venezuela, necessary to give effect to the Venezuelan arbitration agreement between the United States and Great Britain, has been completed by the formal assent of King Oscar, of Sweden, to the clause of the arbitration con. vention which makes him the final arbitrator in case the other members of the tribunal are unable to agree. The Congress of Ven-ezuela meets in February, and while there has been some objection raised in Venezuela to the agreement for a settlement of the long-standing boundary dispute, it is understood that these objections are not potent enough to prevent ratification of the agree-ment in the face of its strong indorsement by President Crespo and the members of his cabinet.

# HUNDREDS OF HOMES BURNED.

### Flames of Conflagration Lighting Cubas Sky at Night.

A dispatch from Key West says: Over 500 families are reported to have been burned out of their houses owing to the recent orders to destroy the property and even the homes of pacificos. Many of these persons have been unable to save even their clothing. Mothers are carrying their bubles in their arms, and are without food and resing places. Old gray-headed men and women are hardly able to move, owing to the prolonged period of suffering, and many of them will probably starve to death.

The magnificent sugar estate of Santa Rosa. near Ranchuelo, has been burned by the insurgents. For several days the horizon was brilliantly illuminated by the destroying fires. Many of the cane fields in this vicinity are still burning. The sugar plantations of Hormiguero, Parque, Alto, Tumba and Saco, all belonging to foreigners and located in the Clenfuegos district, have received orders to suspend the grinding of cane. They hope to commence again on Janua y 12. The colony of El Tocino, near Esperanza, has also been burned by the insurgents, and the destrucbarbon by the hard strength, and the destruc-tion of property is reported as being very ex-tensive. A large number of huts in the vicinity of San Felipe were burned on the night of January 5, leaving many country families destitute and homeless.

Reports received from San Antonio de Los Banos are to the effect that all last night and early this morning fires were illuminating the horizion in all directions. The de struction to property going on seems to be especially serious in the sections of county between Gonea and Tumbaders.

Remedies report indication that the insurgents have for a third time beseiged the town of Mayajiba. This is the town which offered such heroic resistence to the Cuban forces. Only recently the garrison was increased there, and a large supply of mmunition was ordered in the local fortifications. In the district of Remedios and Sancti Spiritus it is vident that a forward movement is going on among the insurgents. A concent is going on large forces of Cubans has evidently been planned, and it is supposed that they are awaiting the arrival of Maximo Gomez at Remedics,

Near Campo Florida it is reported more than 2,000 insurgents are banded together, a formidable and well armed force. In other sections in the vielnity of Campo Florida small companies of Cubans are reported, and it is ovident that an effort will be signade to prevent the advance of the Spanish forces,

Manzanillo reports have been received to the effect that the insurgents, not long ago fired on the coast steamer Fausto and as a result two of the passengers were wound-

It is reported that the soldiers who killed

# INAUGURAL DAY PLANS.

Committee Confident of Making the Event a Successful One.

The arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect McKinley are progressing very satisfactorily and it is believed that the decorations, illuminations and ceremonies incident to the event will equal to beauty

and impressiveness those of any former in All of the money asked for by the executive commit ee has been contributed, and and many of the contracts have aiready been

Chairman Wright of the committee on public comfort, reports that he will be able to furnish lodgings for 100,000 persons if necessary. General Clay, from the committee on military organization, reports that there would be in the parade the entire division from Fennsylvania, consisting of the governor and his staff, division and brigade mmanders and their staffs; three regiment of 10 companies; 12 regiments of 8 companies each; one battalion of four companies; one separate company; three troops of cavalry; two companies of naval militia, in all 8,000 men. Maryland will send her entire Nati-onal Guard, and large bodies of troops are expected from New York, New Jersey, Onio, Bhode Island, Massachusotts and other states.

The cadets from the United States military academy at West Point and from the United States navil academy at Annapolis also will be in line, as well as crack military or aniza-tions from different parts of the country.

Applica ion from many civic societies and clubs for positions are also being received. The inaugural ball premises to be an exfor the banquet to an premises to be an ex-ceptionally brilliant affair. The contract for the banquet was let to Carl G. Essner, of Philadelphia. A military band of 65 pieces, and an orchestra of 125 pieces will furnish the music from separate stands.

The committee of civic organizations con-mplates the erection of information booths along the line of the parade, and in the business portion of the city to be manned by the Washington high school cadets. The Washington light infantry, veteran associa-tion, has tendered its services to do escort

duty.

### WAS \$60,000 SHORT.

#### A Baltimore Bank Cashier Upon Being Discovered Commits Suicide.

Richard Cornelius, Cashier and for fortytwo years connected with the National Farmers and Planters Bank in Baltimore, Md., of which Enoch Pratt was president up to the time of his death, was discovered to be short in his accounts to the amount of about \$60,000. Monday Mr. Cornelius was notified of this discovery and left the bank. At 1:15 o'clock Monday afternoon his dead body was found in the duck pond at Druid Hill park. He had committed suicide by ning. On Saturday last, the attention e bank officers was called by the bank drowning. examiner to an irregularity in the accounts of a country bank, for which the National Farmers and Planters bank was correspondent, and the officers immediately began a quiet investigation of the cashier's accounts.

When Mr. Cornelius arrived at the bank Monday morning he was summoned before the board of directors. Mr. Cornelius, it is nderstood, claimed that he could make a satisfactory statement, and he was allowed to go into another part of the bank to get a certain paper. He did not return, and after the lapse of some time, the directors ascertained that he had left the building. Detec-tives were at once summoned and they trac-ed Mr. Cornelius to Druid Hill park, where in a short time his body was found in the pond.

Mr. Cornelius began his career with the the National Farmers and Planters bank forty-two years ago as messenger boy and worked his way up to the position of cashier. Until Baturday there had aever been oven a susp cion against his integrity. He was never known to speculate and fived very frugally.

### CHURCH CROWDED

# When a Terrific Explosion Raised the

# SEVEN NUNS PERISH IN A FIRE TRYING TO SAVE OTHERS.

A Terrible Disaster in a Canadian Convent.

The lives of seven Ursuline sisters were lost in a fire that destroyed the convent of Our Lady of Lake St. John, at Roberval, Lake

St. John, Quebee, The establishment was controlled by the Ursulines of Quebec, a cloistered order, and the oldest religious

sisterhood in Canada, The names of the dead are as follows: Miss Eliza Gosselln and Miss Rose Gosselin, St. Jean Chrystostome; Misses Emma Lestourneau, Quebec; C. Garneau, St. Foye; Laura Rudon, Herbertville; Bpuille Deschambault, and Louise Girard, Roberval.

When it became known that the convent was on fire there was consternation in the village. Ordinarily in that institution there were almost 50 young ladies under tuition, besides a number of nuns, novices, etc., making a total of almost 100. Most of the students were away, however, on their holi-day vacation. The utmost confusion pre-valled at the scene of the fire. Nuns and They are quarterel comfortably, and so far none are reported missing. With the nons, however the case was different. Theirs was the especial care of looking after the young girls, and when the roll was called, seven de-voted women did not answer. They were overtaken by flames and smoke and perished. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, with only about \$12,000 of insurance.

### A CUBAN RETREAT.

Insurgents Cut Crops as They Took the Back Track.

Advices from Havana show that at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of January 3, the insurgent force commanded by Juan Delgado, opened fire on the forts at Calabarar, province of Havana. The military governor, Maj. Justiz, had charge of the troops in the garrison and they resisted the attack of the in-surgents so briskly that the latter were obliged to retreat. On the following mornobliged to retreat. On the following morn-ing the insurgents renewed their attack simultaneously on forts No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8, with a lively discharge of muske try, which was answered by the garrison. At same time the insurgents burned the flue dweiling of Senor Fernando Garcia, situated

near the railroad station. The flames from the burning build ng brightly illuminated the city, causing great alarm among the people in the town. The builets flew thickly, many of the mis-

sives penetrating dwellings and the store of Pedro Barcens was pierced in twenty different places. The Spanish forces finally compeiled the insurgents to retreat. While the Cubans were retiring they destroyed with their machetes all the tobacco that had been planted in the vicinity. Advices received confirm the report that

Calixto Garcia, with 5,000 well armed insur-gents, after an engagement and upon the arrival of Gen. Bosch's convoy at Bayamo, marched toward Ignani, which place they besi-ged for a space of five days. It is said est-ged for a space of five days. that the garrison of the town heroically re-sisted the attack of the insurgents until the arrival of the column of Gen. Bosch, when Calixto Garcin and his men were compelied to retreat towards Santiago de Cuba, countermarching afterwards in the direction of Holguin.

One hundred and fifty-stx wounded Spanish soldiers arrived at Hayana from the province of Pinar del Rio Tuesday last.

#### THE FOOTPAD FOOLED.

Fo. Once the Farmer Outwits the Banco Man.

James Young, a farmer of Klecknerville, Lehigh county, Pa., figures as hero in getting the best of a highwayman and capturing \$500. While driving home he was accosted by a woman carrying a satchel, who asked

pad in skirts, and with his volley of epi-thets he sent several bullets whizzing past Young's head. But horse and driver went

pluning alone down the road and escaped

When Young got home and investigated

compact little roll in brown paper tucked

away in a bottom corner of the grip. Un-wrapping this, Young found that the roll was

made up of bank buls and treasury notes ag-

CHOLERA ON SHIPBOARD.

English Troop Ship Manages to Keep It

Well Confined.

The cases of cholera on board the troop-

ship Nubia, which arrived at Plymouth, Jan. 10, have been confined to the troops. The

deaths of the two Lascars which occurred

on the voyage, are now attributed to dy-en-

tery, though they were at first reported as choiers. The Nubia proceeded to sea on Saturday night to bury the body of a victim

who died after the arrival at Plymouth, Another soldier died on Saturday night and

was taken to be buried at sea. On Sunday most of the passengers landed after the usual precautions against infection had been

taken. The remaining cholera patients, to-gether with a few of the suspects, were taken to the hospital ship, while the troops were still detained on board.

Euicide of Another Banker.

nastic club for 25 years. For a like num-ber of years he had been connected with the

bank, and Schauer was reduced from the position of cashier to that of bookkeeper.

Two and a half years ago he was permantly retire. The fact worried him. He has

To Limit Judicial Power.

then he was appointed to the position he held up until the time of his death.

tools and explosives there was a

# PIRACY ON THE SEAS.

## This is the Charge Uncle Sam Brings Against the Three Friends.

The announcement of the probable purpose of the United States government to prosecute the alleged filibuster, Three Friends, and the men who fitted her out for her last expedition to Cuba on a charge of piracy has caused a sensation. The libel is a piracy has caused a sensation. The libel is a lengthy document. The third count, which is the menancing one, describes the fitting out of the Three Friends with munitions of war to assist those engaged in armed resist-

It is significent that in the libel no parti-cular section of the revised statues is speci-field as having been violated by the Three Friends. This libel also differs from previous ones flied against the vessel in that the persons are named in connection with fitting out the allege expedition. These charges, and the further fact that the Three Friends is reported to have used her Hotchkiss guns against a Spanish gunboat, are responsible for the impression that the government in-tends to proceed against the vessel and those who fitted her out on a charge of piracy. The date named is the day on which the Three Friends is said to have fired on the Spanish gunboat,

It should be understood that so far only the vessel has been taken in custody by the government. The men named in the libel are still at liberty, and will not be arrested until indicted by the United States grand jury, which is now in session. But, while nominally at liberty, the men are closely watched by the government detectives, and would be immediately arrested if they should attemp to leave the city.

It is hinted that by playing on the fears of one of the men who accompanied the Three Friends on her last expedition, District At-torney Clark has induced him to turn state's evidence, and his testimony is mainly relied upon to secure indictments against the men nd their subsequent conviction. The district attorney is said to be acting

under special instructions from Washington, and he is said to be in constant telegraphic communication with Attorney General Harmon. In this connection, it was learned that the libel was prepared upon lines prepared by the attorney general himself.

# DEATH TO TRAIN ROBBERS.

#### Governor Stone, of Missouri, Urges Ex treme Penalties for the Crime.

Governor Stone has this to say of train robbery in his annual measage to the legisiature: "During the last three years several of these crimes have been committed. Trains have been stopped and express cars rifled, and on one occasion a conductor was shot and seriously wounded. I care neither more nor less for railroad and express companies, than for other corporations or citi-zens, but the crime is one which calls for more than ordinary attention, and the neces sity for its suppression is so great that it should be visited by the most extreme punishment. It is a crime penetrated by maked desperadoes, who go prepared to commit murder if it is necessary either to succeed

mental effect on the state. When such crimes occur with frequency an impression becomes widely current that life and property are unsafe within the jurisdiction where they provil. It is a crime which should be absolutely exirpated. That cannot be ac-complished by p-nitentiary sentences. The thirty-eighth general assembly, alive to the importance of the subject, made the crime a capital offense. The infliction of capital punishment, however, was left to the discre-uon of the jury. Several convictions have been had since the enactment of the law referred to, but only penitentiary sentences were pronounced. In my opinion the men perpretrate these crimes should be hanged, and I believe that the law should be so amended as to provide that every person convicted of it should suffer death. The governer should also be authorized to offer a reward of at least \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of the offense The measure I propose is severe, but the crime should not be permitted in the state, and the milder remedies will not be sufficient to prevent it " prevent it.

# PROGRESS OF THE CUBAN WAR. **GOMEZ PROPOSES PEACE.**

Gen. Weyler's Recall the First Thing Demanded.

A dispatch from Washington says that positive statements are made, based on information from Spanish legation sources, that Gomez, the Cuban commander-in-chief, has submitted a proposition for peace to Senor Segasta in Madrid. The recall of Weyler, the insurgents insist, shall be preliminary to all negotiations. It is also stat-ed that Campos Isasi, or Pando will be ac-HLAL-

cepted in Weyler's place. -The proposal was submitted to the junta December 29. General Gomez begins with a vehement declaration that the insurgents will continue the fight as long as life lasts, and until the island is laid in ruins, unless their demand for practical home rule is com-plied with. General Gomez names seven terms or conditions of treating with Spain. They are:

First-The recall of General Weyler. Second-Restriction of the present almost

succeratic power of the governor general, sent by Spain to rule in Cuba. Third-Election of all mayors and municipal officers of the island by the people by Dular vote.

Fourth-A new postal system. Fufth-A new system of internal taxation, the money derived from internal taxes to be the money derived from internal taxes to be spent, within reasonable limits, in Cuba and for the benefit of the people. An abatement of tariff taxes, especially in the case of flour, for which Cuba is dependent upon the United States, with provision for freerer commercial intercourse with the United States. Sixth-An increase in the Cuban represen-

tation in the Spanish cortes commensurate with the population, wealth and revenues supplied by the island.

Seventh—An embodiment of the conces-sions in the form of a treaty with the United States government as a guarantee that they will be carried out after the insurgents lay down their arms.

Senor Quesada, of the Cuban junta, in Washington, made the following statement in regard to the published report that Gen. Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the Cubin army, had sent through an intermediary to Senor Segasta, Liberal leader in Spain, the conditions on which the Cuban surgents were ready to treat with Spain. "The whole story is a lie, given out by the Spanish legation, in their aim to divert pub-

his opinion. In the first place, Gen. Comez-has no authority to do such a thing; in the last war be held the same position as now, and did not take any part in the treaty of EI Zanjon, saying that that was not within his We can emphatically say that any such letter has been rejurisdiction. it is a lie that any such letter has been re-ceived by the junta, on December 29, or on any other date

#### A CHEAT RIVER ROAD.

### Ten Miles of Right of Way Becured From One County.

L. H. Hamilton, of Philadelphia, a representative of the West Virginia Northern Railroad Company, whose principal office is at Philadelphia, has secured from the court of Preston county ten miles of right of way for the proposed railroad down Cheat river. The court granted the company the use of an abandened country road, provided work be commenced at once. Mr. Hamilton assured the court that his company would at once commence the work on this road, which is to connect with the Baltimore and Onio at

connect with the Baltimore and Onio at Rowlesville, thence down the river to some point near Fairchance, Pa. The road will be net of 50 miles in length and will pass able hitberto undeveloped section of valueble timber and coal lands. J. J. Stoer and J. F. Stoer, of Philadel-phila, are known as being large stockholders in the company, and other Philadelphia people are interested. The Messrs, Stoer are owners of valuable timber and mineral territory along the Cheat river and own

territory along the Cheat river and own several large lumber mills in operation in this county. A railroad down Cheat river has been considered for a number of years, and another company has had a charter for several years. It is known as the Ckeat River Railroad Company, of Pittsburg. The correspondent has been informed that this company is also ready to build, and will do so delphia parties do not keep the franchise alive that they acquired by beginning work. The only practical route for the first nine or ten miles of the road proposed is upon the county road, which has a natural grade. of the county road, which has a natural grade. The level shore al ang the stream is not wide enough for more than one-half, hence the right of way along the county road here is a

ONE BIG ADVANTAGE. Dun Sees' Something Good in the Outlank

# For 1897.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade same "The year 1897 begins with one clear adapt tage; the past year has swept out of the up a great number of unsound concerns, slid anytime of activity would have been degerous to business. Of the 15,226 commende and banking failures in 1896, with liabi ma and banking failures in 1896, with liability of \$278,816,749, a large share represent crippling losses in previous years, sets violence of peculative storms in 1890, et is first half of 1896, while thousands more suited from the fury of the political torses last fail. Banking failures amounting is \$20,718,915 during the year averaged is 156 each and were 144 per cent larger is is 156 each and were 144 per cent larger is is 156 each and were 144 per cent larger is 156 each and were 146 ea

The failures of brokerage and "other" on-mercial concerns averaged \$58,418 each, is-creasing 183 percent over 1895, while man-facturing failures averaged \$28,808 each ad facturing failures averaged \$22,505 each, ad increased 34 per cent, and trading failures a-creased 18 per cent and averaged call \$9,606 each. Over four-fifths of the increase in manufacturing and trading failures we have in manufacturing and trading failures wata lumber manufacturing, 170 per cent dr. goods, 50; woolen manufacturing, 161 dob ing trade, 20; shoe trade, 87; leather and sho manufacturers, 167; grocery trade, 8 machinery, 70; milling, 117; furniture, 8 ad printing, 27 per cent. In ten other bracks the increase was moderate in amount, and a tive, with the unclassified manufacturing as five, with the unclassified manufacturing ad trading failures, the limbilities were smaller

than in 1895. While banking failures have not coust a the West, apprehension about them has a most wholly subsided, and no serilas is duence upon general trade is now expected Many sound concerns were doubless cash by the epidemic, but practically all the in portant failures are traced to disregad a portant failures are traced to disregal a law and of banking sense at periods some what distant. It is feit at the West that a business will be the sounder after its par-ing, and the return of money to New Yat has exceeded shipments to the interior b 20 one doe for this work. \$2,000,000 for this week.

\$2,000,000 for this week. Wheat rose to 32 cents on Monday, but he declined again at S9½ cents, with westerns celpts a million busicels smaller than he year, while Atlantic exports, four inside were 2,037,000 bushels, against 2,337,336 hea els hist year. The trade accounts indican great quantity in farmers' hands, enough permit more than 100,000,000 bushels to be provided in the remaining six months. exported in the remaining six months.

## MURDERED FOUR PEOPLE

#### Simon Cooper Swings a Deadly Ar in Seta Carolina

Simon Cooper went to Lynchburg a c to force a young colored girl to matty She and her mother escaped and m the swamp. A posse started in pa Cooper, missed him, and next m came out of the woods, went to th a colored man named Boyle, to and compelled Boyle's son to

him. A mile further on he went to A mile further on he went of Benjamin Wilson, killed him his son, Wesley. Cooper 1 horse to Wilson's buggy and gro named Smith on the road also. When the bodies of th found the old man was sitt with a shotgun in his hand; was in another bed with while on the floor lay the woman, her head smashed in cat.

A later dispatch from Su mon Cooper the negro outla dered three members of the and a colored servant, was here. Cooper was captur posse and was being taken to the mob derided to bang his sheriff, aided by two me lynchers, but were overpo was thrown over the limb the man swung upward the body was per by more than 150 bullets. One cut then

or escape. "It surpasses all other crimes in its detri-

time brought about an international complitween the Mexican and Spanish authorities, were intoxicated at the time the outrage was committed.

## MASSACRED IN AFRICA.

### Nine Englishmen Killed Near the Guinea Coast.

On the Guinea coast Consul Phillips, two onsular officers, Locke and Campbell: Major Crawford, the Deputy Commissioner; Captains Bolsragon and Maling, officers belonging to the Niger coast force; Dr. Elliott and two civilians, with a number of kroomen and native carriers, have all b on massacred by the King's people while on a peaceful mission to Bentn city. The Consul's yacht has just returned to Bonny with the news.

A cable message from London says: The Foreign office has received private confir-mation of the news from Bonny, on the Guinea coast telling of the massacre of Consul Phillips and his companions while on a peaceful mission to Benin City. The news has created a great sensation, as the victums are all well known. Lord Salisbury came to the Foreign office

especially from Hatfield House to receive the earliest official details and to consider

It is stated in the Foreign offlee advices that the party was unarmed when it left the consulate at Benin, on the west side of the Niger, traveling toward the Adamacue country. They were surprised on the fron-tier territory at Benin City where they were fired upon suddenly and massacred. The object of the murder is not yet known. Benin City is within the Niter protector-

Benin Cl y is within the M ter protector-ate, and is 60 miles up the river Benin. The population is 50 000, and it is governed by a fetish priesthood, notorious for human sac-rifices. It is thou ht that the massacre is possibly connected with the recent escape of the King of the Orika tribe in New Calabar. He had been captured by the British. It is feared that the disaster will have a bad effect on the Niger Company's expedition, which is about to proceed against the Emir of Nupe.

#### The Sultan Coerced.

A dispatch from Constantinopie to the London Standard says that rumors of a mas-London Standard says that rumors of a mas-sacred of Christians at Trebizond, which originated by the statement that an Italian gunboat had been ordered thither, are un-true. An Italian subject named Marani was secretly shipped at Trebizond for exile to Erscroum. The Italian ambassador, Signor Panisa, demanded the immediate return to Constantionals to process this, and these Constantinople for proper trial, and threat-ened to send gunboats till the porte gave a written promise of compliance. The inci-dent has caused a sensation at Constantino-ple on account of the belief that Italy was backed by the powers.

#### Idleness Causes Insanity.

On the first of the mouth convict labor was abolished in all the prisens of New York state, and on last Friday Frederick Hoffman, a prisoner, while depressed from lack of employment, threw himself from a gallery to the floor, 75 feet below. He can-not recover. Hoffman told Warden Sago that he feared his mind would give way un-less he had work to do. He was a printer.

### Killed Bats With Powder.

At Millersville, Ohio, a son of Alex Dol-wick got hold of several pounds of blasting powder and must to the cellar, accompanied

An awful crime was attempted Friday

night at the McEndree Chapel, two miles east of Buenn Vista, Ohio, Bey, Plumb has for some time been holding revival meeting

at McEadree, Friday nicht the house, a beau-tiful frame, new and strong, was packed with people. Suddenly, as the congregation was kneeling to pray, a dealening explos-ion took place beneath the floor of the church. The floor seemed to raise several inches, and the whole building was shaken. Forechack became panle-stricken. Many tious. Then Young dropped his whip in the road, and remarked that he dared not get out and get it "for fear that frisky nag would break somethin"," and so he diplomatically got his skirted companion to jump out and Everybody became panic-stricken. Many rushed out to see what was the matter. pick up the whip. As as soon as the man dropped into the road Young rave the word and the horse dashed off in a mad gallop. Oaths now came from the deserted foot-

Everything was quiet, and not even the smell of powdar could be detected. No reason is known for the attempted crime. One of the officers of the church stated that had the blast been more closely confined, and the force of the explosion not been allowed to fill the entire space under the church, it to fill the entire space under the church, it would have succeeded, and doubtless many lives would have been lost. the contents of the stranger's satchel he was astonished. In addition to a kit of the best

#### Mail Delivery to be Curtailed.

According to Assistant Postmaster General Jones the Postofiles department will not hereafter extend the letter carrier system to the suburbs of cities and boroughs. Where the system is now in operation it will not be changed, but in all future cases the delivery system will stop at the corporation lines. This is an important decision to boroughs which have outgrown their original lines without annexing the additions built up, as no additional letter carrier will be granted to serve the outlying parts. Under this rul-ing the two additional carriers asked for at Washington, Pa., will hardly be granted.

#### Vest Renominated.

The Democratic caucus at Jefferson City, Mo., nominated Senator George G. Vest as a candidate for United States Senator to succeed himself Governor Stone's name was placed before the caucus by Washburn, of Polk county. Speaker Farris, for the Governor and by his authority, stated he was not a candidate, and withdrew his name. The Legislature will vote for Senator on January 19, when it is confidently expected that Vest will be re-elected.

#### CONDENSED ITEMS.

E. S. Dreyer, the Chicago banker who is very ill, cannot be told yet of the suicide of his triend and fellow banker, Wm. A. Ham-Christian Schauer, Jr., treasurer of the Nations Bank for Savinge, of 110 Federal street, Allegheny, Pa., was found hanging in a closet of the Allegheny Gymanstic club, corner Ohio and North streets. Mr. Schauer had been a member of the Allegheny Gym-

It is stated that Baroness Hirsch will give another 2,000,000 frances (\$400,000) to build a hospital for consumptive children on the Rivera.

Tom Johnson, the Cleveland street car magnate, completed a deal in Detroit which practically gives him entire control of the lines in that city.

Torpedo boat No. 5 was launched at the Columbian iron works, Baltimore. She is one of a fleet of 16, each of which is to make 24% knots an hour.

The last official act of Gov. Ulsham, 'of Wisconsin, was to pardon Bose Zoldoske, who has already served four years of a life sentence for the murder of Etta Maley.

New York police say Belle Morgan, Cincinnati suleide, has a record all over the country as a thief under the names Mary Stuart, Mabel Stanley and Mabel Millet.

The Chilean government is sending thirty families to colonize the island of Juan Fernandez, which the skipper said he saw disappear some time ago. It is there all right

United States Sensior-elect Money created excitement at Havans by remaining away ng away

ermission to ride.

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gregating \$500.

Shortly after the passenger got into the wagon Young discovered that his companion was a man in woman's clothes, poorly dis-guised. Without betraying his discovery the driver resorted to a clever ruse. He an-noyed the horse by twitching at the lines unil the animal became apparently very frac-

A BURNING VESSEL

#### It was Seen for a Time, But Drifted From View Off Southport

What appeared to be a serious fire at sea

was discovered by inhabitants of Southport, Conn., early Wednesday. About one mile off shore a vessel of some kind was burning on more a vessel of some kind was burning fiercely, and in about haif an hour it was ap-parent that the vessel would be burned to the water's edge. At daylight the weather began to thicken and the burning vessel soon drifted from view to the westward. Owing to the darkness and thick weathdr it was impossible to tell the character of the versel, but from the volume of flames it was believed it was either a three-masted schooner or a sound steamet.

A tug put out toward the scene from a point west of Southport.

#### TO TEST THE NEW NAVY.

#### Admiral Bunce's Fleet Will Try a Blockade of Charlesten.

Admiral Bunce's squadron of evolution is to blockade Charleston early in February. The scheme involves the maintenance of a strong blockading fleet off Charleston harbor and the assignment of one or more fast ves-sels, including the Vesuvius, to do as block-ade runners. The fleet will be the most powerful gathered in recent years, including the battleships Massachusetts, Indiana, Maine and Texas; the eruiser- New York, Brookiyn, Columbia, Newark, Raiel h, Montgomery, Marblehead and Castine; the ram Katabdin monitors. Puritan and Amphithrite; torpedo boats Cushing and Ericsson, the dispatch boats Dolphin and Vesuvius and the transport Fern.

#### Wild Bear Causes a Runaway.

While Lewis Weber and sister were driv across iron mountain, near Cumberland, Md., in a buggy a large black bear jumped out of the woods into the road ahead of the buggy, which so frightened the horse that it ran off. The vehicle was upset and the occupants thrown to the ground and serious ly injured. A party of hunters went after the bear, but failed to capture it.

#### NEWSY NOTES.

Sir Henry Irving's illness will keep him off the stage for several months.

Word comes from Panama that a schem Real Estate Loan and Trust company, of Allegheny. Some years ago this company consolidated with the Workmans Saving is on foot to revive the Panama Canal Com-

The majority of the Illinois Democratic central committee put through the Aitgeld' siate against Herrichsen.

Mrs. Lansing Rowan, who once challenged Corbett to a fight, is to marry Maurice de Vritz, the opera baritone.

John Krause tried to drown himself at

Emma May Bradish, of Soranton, Pa., has sued Sanford Grant, son of a banker, for \$10,0.0 damages for having kissed her.

law.

At Berlin it is denied that Count Papper

# DIED FROM THE PLAGUE.

valuable one.

#### Fugitives From Bombay Carry the Contagion into the Country.

Dr. Monzer, senior physician of the principal hospital in Bombay, died from the bubonie plague, which is epidemic there. The authorities of the Indian government, at Calcutta, have sent Dr. Cleghorn, the di-rector general of the medical service of the government of Bombay, to investigate and report upon the increase of the plague in that city. Despite the panic which prevails that eity. Despite the panie which prevails there many victims of the plague refuse to accept medical treatment, regarding the disease as a visitation of God.

It is estimated that in the aggregate 35,000 persons have fled into the country from that city carrying the contagion to places where it did not previously exist, or where there were only a lew cases of the disease.

#### SIX PERSONS DROWNED.

#### Five Children of One Family Among the Victims.

One man and five children were drowned

by the floods in Texas county, Mo.. Thos. Wilson, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Kinnery, and her five children, attempted to ford Prairie Creek. The team became unmanageable and lost their foothold. manageaute and lost their footnoid. The wagon sank and the whole party were thrown into the water. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Kin-nery succeeded in getting to the shore, but the others were drowned. Daniel McGlotheran was drowned the same day while trying to cross Mill creek. The town of Mill creek is flooded by the

Osage river, and a steam ferryboat is regular trips through the streets. making

#### An Awful Death Rate.

The Times of India says that owing to the exodus on account of the plague, the popu. lation of Bombay has been reduced one-half. The weekly mortuary is 200 per 1,000, and more shops are closed than open in the native quarters.

The piece goods market has been closed on account of the plague. It is officially announced that 1,250,000

persons are now engaged in the relief work and it is added that the number will probaand it is added that the number will proba-bly reach 2,000,000 during the coming week. A public meeting has been called under the residency at the vicercy, the Earl of Eigin, o consider the state and measures to re-bleve the famine sufferers. It is suggested hat a fund be formed and subscriptions in-ited irom Great Britain, the colonies and America.

America.

## Looking to Bimstallism.

Senator Chundler has practically made a anyass of the senate on the proposition for a international conference on aliver, and consuder that there will be an opposition

and the corpse fell to the ground, whet coroner found it some hours later, when went to hold an inquest.

# PHOTOGRAPHIC COUNTERFEITS

#### Arrests Made in Detroit and a Big fest tion Promised.

United States secret service officers is arrested Al Soper, the third man dar with implication in the forgeriss of add the National Bank of Commerce d'S York and the Union National East db troit. Soper was an employe d the Cadillas barber shop at Detroit, as was per, the alleged principal in the crime officers claim to have found further and nating evidence and other arrests and pected.

pected. Detective Burns said that a large and of photographic counterfeit money is to culation all over the United states. Here the process was first employed about years ago, and it has steadily imposi-character until it has been very far-ous. For two years the officers of the erament have been trying to least a counterfeiters.

counterfeiters, "Before we get through with this of said he, "we will have a big sensation, can rest assured of that."

## CAPITAL NOTES.

The House Committee on Public Ban and Grounds has favorably reported bill, which has already passed the Se providing for the erection of a public ing at Washington, Pa., at a cost of \$756 The House Committee on Comment thorized a favorable report upon Com-man Dalzell's bill permitting the Union way company to construct a bridge the Monongahela river, between allest county and Miffla township, Pa.

county and Midla township, Pa. The House Judiciary committee m favorable report on the Senats bilas an ed, relating to contempts of cont hi present form the bill provides that at tempt in the presence of the court may ished by the court, alone, but asy an outside of the court, except the rela-witnesses or jurors to attend, must be by a jury if the accused so demands.

## An English Scandal Suit

The representative of one of the great toric families of England, Earl Russel, The representative of one Reseat torie families of England, Earl Reseat the satisfaction of sending his mohene to prison for eicht months, that ben sentence imposed on Lady Scott for en libel. It was a nasty bit of scat-around. The case is a sequel to the proceedings between the Resela-wife, who is a daughter of Lady Sea rulely on the part of the noise sea also making other odious charge da revolting character. She failed to may her case and was sentenced to ray the of the suit, amounting to \$25,000. Toto this the mother-in-law caused in charges to be printed against the an-for this the lengthy trial being closed plea of guilty, she has been surged term of eight months without had an

# BRIEF MENTION.

Herman Stimm shot and killst and son at Janesville, Wis., and es

six or eight months he was unempleyed and then he was appointed to the position which To Limit Judicial Power. The bill limiting the power of judges to punish for contempts of court which Repre-sentative Ray of New York framed as a sub-stitute for a bill, passed by the senate last session, was acted upon favorably by the house committee on judiciary. By a vote of eight to four the committee decided to report favorably the hill to the house, those voting for it were: Republicans -Henderson, of Iowa: Ray, of New York: Broderick, of Kansas; Uplegraff, of Iowa; Gilletto, of Massechusetts; Coanoliy, of Jill-

Lincoln park, Chicago, but desisted when a policeman threatened to shoot.

All the trusts operating in Georgia have cancelled existing contracts with merchant<sup>4</sup> and jobbers on account of the anti-trus

pany. In Kansas City two elevated electric cars collided and five people were badly hurt;

none fatally.

retire. The fact worried him. He has brooded over it ever since that time. For