NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

THE IMMIGRATION BILL

A Special Provision Exempting Cuban Refugees-The Vote.

The immigration bill now goes to the President, the last legislative step having been taken in the senate Wednesday by an agreement to the conference report on the bill. Strong opposition was made to the re-port, but on the final vote the friends of the measure rallied a small majority, the vote being: Yeas, 34; nays, 31. The bill as passed extends the immigration restrictions against extends the immigration restrictions against "all persons physically capable and over 16 years of age who cannot read and write the English language or some other language; but a person not so able to read and write who is over 50 years of age, and is the parent or grandparent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years of age and capable of supporting such parent or grandparent may accompany such parent or grandparent, may accompany such immigrant or such a parent or grandparent may be sent for and come to join the family of a child or grandchild over 21 years of age, similarly qualified and cap-able, and a wife or minor child not so able to read and write may accompany or be sent for and come to join the husband or parent similarly qualified and capable." For the purpose of testing the immigrant's literacy, he is compelled to read and write from 20 to 25 words of the United States Constitution. Aside from these extensions of the present law, the bill inaugurates a new system of restricting immigration from border countries and designed to apply principally to immi-gration from Canada. The provisions are

Section 4. That it shall hereafter be uniawful for any male allen, who has not in good faith made his declaration before the proper court of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, to be employed on any public works of the United States, or to come regularly or habitually into the United States by land or water, for the purpose of engaging in any mechanical trade or manual labor for wages or salary, returning from time to time to a foreign country. Section 5—That it shall be unfawful for

any person, partnership company or corpo-ration knowingly to employ any allen coming into the United States in violation of the next preceding section of the act, Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to saliors, deckhands or other employes of vessels, or railroad train hands, such as conductors, engineers, brakemen, firemen, or baggagemen, whose duties require them to pass over the frontier to reach the termini of their runs, or to beatmen or guides on the lakes or rivers on the northern border

of the United States,
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A violation of these sections is made a mis-demern or, punishable by a fine up to \$500 or imprisonment up to one year, or both. A special provision exempts from the operation of the law persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorder there. The law is to take effect July 1 pert July 1 next. final vote was taken and the confer-

ence report was agreed to, yeas, 34; nays, 31, Yeas - Republicans - Aldrich, Allison, Baker

Brown, Burrows, Cullom, Chandler, Davis, Eikins, Frye, Gallinger, Goar, Honr, Lodge, MeBride, Morrill, Nelson, Perkins, Platt, Pritchard, Proctor, Quny, Sewell, Sherman, Thurston, Wetmore—26. Democrats—Chilton, Faulkner, Hill, Martin—4. Populists—Rular, Vaffar, Patterner, Chileston, Faulkner, Hill, Martin—4. Populists—Rular, Vaffar, Patterner, Chileston, Patterner, Chileston, Patterner, Chileston, Patterner, Chileston, Patterner, Chileston, Chiles

ton, Faulkner, Hill, Martin—4. Populists—Butler, Peffer, Pettigrew—3. Silver Republicans—Teller—1. Total 34.

Noes—Republicans—Carter, Hansbrough, Hawley, Shoup—4. Democrats—Bacon, Berry, Blanchard, Caffery, Call, Cockrell, Gibson, Gorman, Gray, Lindsay, Mills, Mitchell (Wis.), Morgan, Murphy, Palmer, Pasco, Purph, Boach, Tilman, Tarole, Vet, Vilas, Purph, Boach, Tilman, Tarole, Vet, Vilas Pugh, Roach, Tilman, Turple, Vest, Vilas, Voorhees and White—25. Populists—Stew-rrt—1. Silver Republicans—Mantle—1.

Mr. Quay gave softee in the Senate that he would offer an amendment to the sundry civil bill changing that portion of the last river and harbor act relating to improvements in the Ohio. The law as it now stands appropriates \$1,900,000 for the completion of movable dams Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5. Senator Quay's amendment appropriates \$3,000,000. It provides that the government shall not be obliged to pay more than 25 per cent of the total amount in any one year for the work performed. In accordance with this plan he proposes making available the sum of \$750,000 to be expended at once in the con-tinuing of work on these dams.

A SOCIETY OF MURDERERS.

Killed Relatives for Years to Get Their Life Insurance.

A special from a place in Hungary called Hodmegae Vassarbely tells of the arrest of six men and two women accused of the wholesale slaughter of relatives for the sake of securing their life insurance. The Hungarians formed a society for getting rid of relatives. One man poisened his father, mother, wife, wife's father and others not related to him, and so gained several thoussand florins. One woman murdered her mother, sister and a neighbor. All the other murderers are charged with one crime aplece. A midwife planned the society, and, apiece. A midwire planned the society, and, like several of her accomplices, is fairly well-to-do and intelligent. All were regular attendants at church, and told the judge they believed in God, who punished evil and rewarded good.

Seventeen bodies have been exhumed. The midwife confesses that she has been at the trade for many years, and always called in doctors, when using poison, to prevent sus-picton. In every case now being investi-gated poison was administered, and then a doctor was sent for, and in no case did any doctor suspect foul play.

WORK OF GUERRILLAS.

Insurgent Prisoners and Children Shot in Cold Blood.

A band of Spanish guerrillas, commanded by Major Taso, of General Parez's army, in Pinar del Rio province, is reported to have captured the heights of Montevari, north of Paso Real de Santiago, putting over 100 prisoners to the sword. The heights were partially fortified, and a number of Cuban lamilies were there, the insurgents number-

ing about 200. Taso had the aid of a deserter from camp, and, making a night attack, surprised the place, and after three hours hard fighting captured it. About 100 insurgents escaped, but the others and many women and children were captured. Drawing the prisoners up in line the Spanish troops shot them down in cold blood and then put to death the children, reserving the women and girls for soldiers. The bodies were flung down the heights, completely choking up a small

An imperative order for reinforcements was received in Havana from General Weyler. It is reported that Gomez has outwit-Spanish commander in some manner and that his plans have miscarried, much to

THE SILVER AGITATION.

Chairman Jones Will Carry on a Campaign in the Colleges.

Charles N. Crewson, of the University of Chicago, who was prominently connected with the Bryan League of College Clubs during the late campaign, has received word from Chairman James E. Jones, of the Democratic National Committee, urging Democratic National Committee, urging upon him the importance of reorganizing the clubs and starting at once a "campaign of education" in the interest of free silver and the Presidential election of 1900. DR. RUIZ WAS MURDERED.

Consul Lee Examined the Body. Fears

for Another's Fate. Dr. Ricardo Rutg, a naturalized American citizen, arrested on suspicion by the Spanish a week ago, was found dead in his cell in the Guanabacca jail last Thursday. The body bore marks of violence. The jailer, Fondeviela, said that he died by suicide. Consul-General Lee sought the privilege of viewing the body and asked for a full

The Spanish at first ignored both requests. Gen. Lee telegraphed to Washington. No

reply was received. On Friday Gen. Lee imperatively demand-d that the body of Dr. Ruiz be turned over to him and that an autopsy be made by two physicians, one of whom should be designat-ed by him Gen. Lee.

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The Marquis of Ahumada, acting captaingeneral in the place of General Weyler, who
is in the field, issued the necessary order,
but so long was the delay that although
Guanabacca is less than three miles distant,
Gen. Lee was not admitted to the prison
there until Friday afterness thirty horse there until Friday afternoon, thirty hours after Dr. Ruiz' death, and barely in time to stop the burial of the American physician in a plain, white pine coffin by a squad of negro Spanish servants.

When the coffin was opened it was found at Dr. Ruiz' face had been so battered with blows and so cut with wounds as to be aimost unrecognizable. The other prisoners said that piercing cries were heard from his cell on the night of his death, Gen. Lee could reach no other conclusion than that Dr. Ruiz had been murdered. He immediately ordered an autopsy to be made.

PREVENTION OF BLACKLISTING.

Bill of Great Moment to Workingmen Fa vorably Reported.

The House Committee on Labor authorized a favorable report of a bill introduced by Representative Lorimer, of Illinois, to prevent conspiracies to blacklist.

It provides that a combination to prevent the employment of any person on a transpor-portation line because of participation in strike or labor trouble, or membership in any lawful labor union or organization, any lawful labor union or organization, shall be unlawful conspiracy and punishable as such, unless illegal acts were committed in connection with the strike or labor trouble. Any person injured by such conspiracy may sue for damages sustained, and in places where malice is shown full exemplary damages may be recovered.

Letters were received from P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; E. E. Ciark, of the Railway Conduc-tors, and W. V. Powell, of the Railway Telegraphers, all approving the bill.

INCITED TO FIGHTING POINT.

Rebelled Against Being Compelled to Do the Work of a Woman.

Edward Stanley, 719 Flushing avenue, Williamsburg, N. Y., who was arrested on complaint of his wife, Emma, for threatening to cut her throat because she was ing to cut her throat because she was persistent in his remaining at home and caring for their three children, was sentenced to pail by Justice Goetting in default of \$1,000 bail to keep the peace. Stantey is 35 years old, while his wife is 32. For some time Mrs. Stanley has kept the house together from her earnings and required her hubsand, in true new and required her hubsand, in true new required her hubsand, in true new woman style, to remain at home and take woman style, to remain at nome and take care of the children and houswork. Severai times of late he tired of this way of living. On the day he threatened his wife he had rebelled and declared that the time had come for him to stop doing the work intended for a woman. "He told me," said Mrs. Stanley, in court, "that I would not live to see another day." Ste-ley admitted having the unit not intend to carry out his threats.

The Wool Trade.

The "American Wool and Cotton Reporter" says of the wool trade: A diminished activity has characterized the market of the week. The falling off is what every-had expected as the result of the enormous transactions recently recorded.

The feature of the market is the firmness of prices, which is encountered in many directions. While a part of the trade are disposed to take their profit whenever they see it, there are not lacking those whose expectations of materially firmer quotations are leading them to hold on to their wool very tenaciously. Ficeces are firmly held, sales being stronger than in the previous week. There is a very fair trade doing in week. The supply of the supply of medium and held out well. The supply of medium and coarse wools in the Boston market appears

McKinley Rates Restored.

The Republican members of the ways and cans committee decided to restore the Me-Kinley rates on coal and coke—75 cents per ton of 28 bushels on bituminous and shale and 10 cents on coal slack, such as will pass through a half inch screen. The present rates are 40 cents and 15 cents. Coke is advanced from 15 to 20 per cent ad valorem. The operators explained that Canadian competition had reduced wages.

Although no final agreement has been reached, there is a practical understanding that the new bill will return to the McKinley rates on tobacco, except on the grade known as filler. The rate on this will be 70 cents a pound, double the McKinley duty.

Presented to the Texas.

Ten thousand people witnessed the pre-sentation of the silver service to the battle-ship Texas at Galveston, Tex., Feb. 19. Gov. ship rexas at Gaiveston, Tex., Feb. 19. Gov. Culbertson expressed the sincere appreciation of the people at the high compliment which had been paid the State by the Secretary of the Navy, and as a slight token of that feeling they commanded him to make a present, through Capt. Glass, to the battle-ship named after the State of Taxas. Capt. Class scake subgrittenity of the battle-ship. Class spoke eulogistically of the battleship Texas, and described her as one of the best and stanchest ships in the American navy. The silver service consists of fourteen piece of sterling silver, weighing 1,200 ounces and

CAPITAL NOTES.

Ex-President Harrison's wife gave birth to a girl baby Sunday. The baby weighs 8) 2 pounds. Mother and child are doing well.

The senate confirmed these Pennsylvania ostmasters: John G. Cobier, Everett ohn M. White, Evans City; James S. Gale; Milford.

The senate committee on military affairs took adverse action on the proposition to bring the cadets from West Point to the in-

Reports from the forty-four rural postofflees of the country where free delivery has been ried shows that it has been a great suc-cess. It is now estimated that the service can be extended all over the country at a cost not exceeding \$40,000,000 per year.

Alfred T. Simmons, a Baptist minister, was struck by a flying board in a saw mill near Everett, Pa., and his skull crushed. He died in an hour.

It is now estimated that the rural free delivery would cost \$40,000,000 per year. Before it was experimented with the estimate of cost was \$20,000,000. The president has signed the act aut horiz

ing the secretary of the navy to arrange for the transportation of contributions to relieve the famine sufferers in India. Joseph Murdock, of Scott county, Va., who was supposed to have been murdered 25 years ago, and for which crime Bud Lindsey served 21 years in the Virginia penitentiary, has returned to his former home. Lindsey died recently.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL REVIEW

A HOPEFUL WEEK IN TRADE.

Large Increase of the Iron and Steel Business a Feature.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: A large increase in the iron and steel business on account of sales covering eight to twelve months' production of the largest works; a better demand for woolen goods, and slightly better for cottons, a gain which may better prices in boots and shoes, slightly better prices for wheat, cotton, wood and iron, and a money market well adapted to encourage liberal purchases against future improvement in business, have rendered the past week more hopeful than any other since early in November. There are also many early in November. There are also man elements that have their favorable influence upon the money market, and upon future un-

In nearly every branch the great iron and steel industry feels the upward impulse sup-plied by purchases of steel rails, said to be half a million tons each from the Illinois steel company and from the Carnegie company, besides some from other companies, in part as low as \$15 per ton, about 100,000 tons to foreign purchasers at \$17@18 but all recent sales at \$20 at eastern and \$21 at western mills. Nearly all the great railroads have seized the opportunity to supply them-selves with rails for one or two years requirements.

These enormous orders have advanced

Bessemer pig at Pittsburg only 16 cents per ton, with grey forge a shade lower, and no considerable change appears in finished products, although plates are unchanged in price with a good demand, and nails are held at recent prices. The bar association no longer controls anything.
Other industries are gaining also, though

less conspicuously. The recent decline and subsequent rise in raw cotton have not materially affected the manufacture. The sales of wool have sharply lectined, amounting to \$7,409,300 pounds for the week, against \$9,-155,300 for the previous week. The demand for woolen goods does not seem to have expanded materially. The Atlantic exports of wheat, flour included, were only 1,235,275 bushels for the week, against 1,810,304 bushels for the week against 2,810,410 bushels for the week against 2,810 bushels for the week against terially affected the manufacture. The sales els last year, but for three weeks have been 5,936,471 bushels, against 5,448,829 bushels last year. The western receipts for the week were 1,507,845 bushels, against 83,415,558 bushels last year. Meanwhile the western receipts for corn have been well nigh double last year, and for three weeks the Atlante last year's, and for three weeks the Atlantic exports have been 6,317.214 bushels, against 3,234,899 bushels last year. Failure for the past week have been 303 in the United States, against 280 last year, and

58 in Canada, against 66 last year.

"Bradstreet's Financial Review" says The action of the European powers in inter-vening in Crete relieved the panicy feeling vening in Crete relieved the panicy feeling that was shown in the continental markets last week. The situation continues, however, so straiged that there has been no revival of speculative activity in foreign mark-Our own market was helped occurrences. The old chief bearing in the investigation of the industrial companies the investigation committee, ha The old chief bearish factor, created to have much weight with the The week has been a dull one throughout,

and given up almost entirely to maneuvering by board room traders,

Railroad earnings were irregular, though no very unfavorable exhibitions appeared, and the granger stocks acted steadily.

A BIG MASSACRE REPORTED. It is Stated that 2,000 People Were Killed

in Crete. Rumors of a wholesale massacre of Mus-

of the reports placing the number of killed at 2,000, which includes almost the entire Moslem population of the town. It is said that me, women and children were killed indiscriminately by the Christians. The rumors have created the deepest anxiety at

General Bor, who is command of the gendarmerie at Cana, has sent two Italian offi-cers of the gendarmerie to Sita in a gunboat to inquire into the truth or faisity of

the report.
The fort at Voucoulis, which is garrisoned by 500 Turkish troops, has been besieged for several days by a large force of well-armed insurgents. The commander of the besieging force called upon the Turkish command-er to surrender, and promised safe conduct any of the garrison who choose to accept it, Turks refused to surrender under any terms. It is stated that the garrison has provisions enough to last for 20 days, and a plentiful supply of ammunition. It is reported that Greek troops started for

Vaucoulis to aid the insurgents in the cap-ture of the place. The Greek troops have surrounded eight Moslem villages.

INAUGURAL DECORATIONS.

The Pension Ball Room Will be Massed With Beautiful Flowers. In the adornment of the inaugural ball-

room on former occasions, the decorations were more in keeping with a cornation or a military occasion. This time it was determined to make everything subservient to the floral decorations and to seek their harmony.

The band stand will be constructed after

the style of the famous golden gate at the world's fair, and will be elaborately decorated with plaques of flowers, asparagus and wreaths of American beauty roses. The gold colored material, which will cover the music stand will be decorated with plaques of roses, tulips, narcissus and other The fountain in the center of the ballroom will be filled with exotic ferns and water lilies. Over the balconies and about their columns Alabama smilax will be trailed in

ARTHUR DUESTROW HANGED.

End of the St. Lonis Murderer After Long Litigation.

Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire, who on February 16, 1894, shot and killed his wife and child in that city, was hanged in the court yard of the county jail at 12:55 Tuesday. A few hours before the execution took place Duestrow threw off the mask of insanity, sobbed like a woman, and admitted that he killed his wife and child,

The Iron Situation. The Iron Trade Review says: The steel rail

war was brief and flerce, and the execution was quite all that could be desired. Prices were cut deeply enough to satisfy buyers that there was nothing left but to buy all their needs required within the limit of their credit. It is safe to say that nearly \$20,000. 000 worth of rail business is on the books of members of the late pool to-day, nearly all of it taken in five days of last week. If we count 375,000 tons of Pittsburg sales, in addition to the 100,000 tons of foreign orders and 100,000 tons of rails optioned to home roads, and to this \$250,000 tons taken by Illinois, add 200,000 to 250,000 sold by east-ern mills, we shall have a total of 1,075,000 tons. Of this total an amount more than equivalent to all the rail business of 1896 was taken after a declaration of war on the 6th instant. There is no truce as yet, and no instant. There is no truce as yet, and no signs that one will be patched up. The Pittsburg mills are practically booked for the year; the western companies from two-

KING GEORGE SPEAKS.

Great Demonstration in Athens. Forty Thousand People Participate.

Over 40,000 persons participated in a demonstration Sunday afternoon on University square, Athens, in favor of the union of Crete with Greece. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. An address was adopted declaring that the king and people were ready for any sacrifices of blood and treasure to bring the sacrifices of blood and treasure to bring the present Cretan policy to a successful issue. The crowd then marched to the palace and a deputation presented the address to the king. Tremendous cheering followed. His majesty king George, Crown Prince Constane, duke of Sparta and other members of the royal family occupied places on the balcony. The king addressed the crowd as follows:

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"You are executing the true mandate of
the Hellenie people. I thank you for this
imposing display of your feelings. May God
protect our beloved country and strengthen
our common efforts. Long live the Hellenie
nation." The address of King George was
followed by vociferous cheering.

Prince Nicholas has arrived at Larissa, a
town on Thessali, on the Turkish frontier.

own on Thessaly, on the Turkish frontier, twenty miles from the gulf of Salonica. Sev-en hundred Greek soldiers, with artillery, have landed near Kissoto.

A Turkish transport, accompanied by a critish torpedo boat, is engaged in conveying 1,500 troops from Candin to Canea.

WILL DIE TOGETHER.

on and Walling to Go Through the Trap at the Same Time.

Sheriff Plummer has received the death warrants in the cases of Jackson and Walling, condemned for the murder of Pearl Bryan, directing him to carry the warrant into execution between surrise and sunset on the 20th day of March. This gives to the sheriff the power to make two executions, one after the other, or hanging both men at once. He announced the latter method. Therefore there will be no opportunity for separate confession for effect upon the other man. Judge Helm ordered a death warrant watch to be placed on the condemned directing that one man shall be constantly on duty to prevent escape or harm to the criminals by themselves or others. Four men have been appointed, who will divide the time into

PRIZE FIGHTER KILLED.

Ben Coleman's Neck Broken During a Ring Fight at Cincinnati.

Ben Coleman was killed in a prize fight at the Manhattan Athletic club in Cincinnati, Ohio. Coleman and William Rogers, both colored, put on four ounce gloves for a ten round contest. In the early part of the first round Rogers struck Coleman in the face, and Coleman fell, he head striking heavily. He lay motionless, and after ten seconds Rogers was declared winner. Efforts were then made to revive Coleman, and it was discovered that he was dead. Spectators all say that he broke his neck in the fall. Rogers escaped, but referee Simcoe was arrested. Coleman's body was carried out, and then the main event of the evening came off, a ten round contest between L. Roberts, white, and Jim Johnson, colored, known as The Artist. Roberts was badly punished in the fourth round and the police stopped the fight. A large crowd was present.

Train Robbing and Wrecking.

In the year 1898 there were thirty-three ratiroad trains held up in this country by imitators of the James and Younger gang. The next year the number was thirty-four. It was forty-nine in 1895 and last year dropped to twenty-three. In the past zeven years there have been 183 trains held up or wack-of for the purpose of robbery. The number of persons killed in the perpetration of this train-wrecking or holding-up crime was seventy-three, the number wounded fifty-eight.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

The towboat John D. Lewis was destroyed by fire at Paducah, Ky.

At Gloucester, Mass., the Webster block was destroyed by fire; loss \$70,000. The village of Chilambo, Centra;

where Dr. Livingstone is buried, has been

The lower branch of the Nevada Legislature rejected the female suffrage bill by a vote of 15 to 5.

A vein of ore yielding \$8,000 of gold to the ton is reported to have been discovered in Randsburg, Col. The Chicago Interdecorating company has assigned with liabilities of \$102,000 and as-

sets of \$18,000. Daniel McCarthy, a printing house employe, was hanged at Chicago for the murder of his wife May 12, 1896.

John Jacob Astor,s \$5,000,000 hotel, which is in course of erection next to the Waldorf, will be called the Astoria.

Thomas Willis, colored, was hanged at New Castle, Del., for the murder of his in-fant child May 4 last. The Bolivian Government has increased all import tariff duties 25 per cont, the new law taking effect January 1.

The Missouri senate passed a bill appropriating \$1,800 to erect a monument at the grave of Daniel Boone and wife, in Warren

It is said that Emperor William slighted United States Ambassador Uhl, Mrs. Uhl and other Americans by not speaking with them at the opera house ball.

Postmaster-General Wilson announced that he had accepted the presidency of the Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va., to begin July 1.

Robert Dulin, who killed a colored barber near Sistersville, is said to be a former resident of Washington county, Pa., where he was employed as an oil driller.

The wife of the late Sir Richard Wallace, England's famous philanthropist, has left her magnificent art collection to the English

nation. It is valued at \$17,500,000. St. Louis bloomer women are threatened t present by the "Sisterhood of Death." at present by the "Sisterhood of Death." Anonymous letters are being sent out. Com-

plaints have been made to the police. Judge John E. Bacon, United States Min-ister to Paraguay and Uruguay during the first Cleveland administration, died at the first Cleveland administration, died at the Columbia hospital, Columbia, S. C., on Feb-

A O. Boyce, aged 70 years, convicted of arson and burglary, has been sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment in Redwood Cal. Boyce is considered the worst "bad man" California has seen in years.

It is announced that all the leading Kentucky distillers will keep their plants closed this year. During the next regular session of congress an effort will be made to reduce he whiskey tax from \$1.10 to 90 cents The German ship Baitimore, from London

for New York, foundered at sea January 24, only one man was saved. The President commuted to five years the

sentence of eight years' imprisonment im-posed upon J. E. Crandall, late President of the First National Bank of Johnson City, Tenn. Crandall was convicted of making false entries. At Falls Village, Conn., the wife of Post-

THE LATEST FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

FIRING ON THE CRETANS.

The Foreign Admirals Had Given Them

Warning. The admirals commanding the foreign fleets visited Col. Vassos, commander of the

Greek army of occupation, and informed

him that they would attack the Greek troops and the Greek warship Navarros Misonlis if Yassos made an attack on Canes. Col. Yassos replied that he did not intend to attack Canea or the flags of the powers. He would remain on the defensive until he was Notwithstanding this assurance, firing took place Sunday on the hills east of the town. The combatants, who were Greek Christiaus and Mussulmans only, were in plain view from the ships from the harbor. The reply of the Mussulmans to the fire of the Christiaus was very feeble, and it could be easily seen they would be compelled to abandon their position if the Christians.

be easily seen they would be compelled to abandon their position if the Christians pressed them. Their gun practice was so very poor that it excited ridicule on board the ships. The main position of the Christians was in a hamlet on the ridge of the hills, where they had hoisted the flag of Greece. This position was about 4,000 yards from the warships.

At 4:30 the flagship displayed signals for the Dryad, Harrier and Revenge and one vessel each of the Italian, German and Russian squadrous to open fire on the Cretan

sian squadrons to open fire on the Cretan position. The order was quickly complied with. The British vessels fired 40 shells and the other vessels about 30. The aim of the gunners was very good, and it was seen that the position of the insurgents was becoming untenable. In about 10 minutes the Greek flag was hauled down, and as soon as it diseared the order "cease firing" and the guns of the fleet became silent,

and the guns of the fleet became silent.

Thereupon the flag was again hoisted on its staff. The rocks in the vicinity were crowded with Cretans. The Mussulmans, encouraged and emboldened by the assistance that had been given to them by the fleets, now began a lusillade on the Cretans, who were engaged in removing their wounded. The Christians were evidently dispirited by the action of the fleets, and made no attempt to return the fire. tempt to return the fire.

The action of the warships has caused the

The action of the warships has caused the deepest indignation, and the supporters of the Sultan are bitterly denounced on all sides. It is declared that the powers in upholding Moslem rule by force of arms have made a melancholy and degrading spectacle that Greece will never forget.

The forts fired blank cartridges at the Greek dispatch boat Peinelos, which had exchanged shots with a Turkish frigate. After shots had been fired by both vessels the

changed shots with a Turkish frigate. After shots had been fired by both vessels the frigate withdrew. The German warship Kaiserin Augusta has arrived here and landed marines who will share in the foreign

PLAGUE AND FAMINE.

Awful Mortality Reported in the Stricken Indian Districts.

People from the central native states and Bundelkund district have been flocking into British territory for the past month, and hundreds of starving people are meeting the trains and begging as their only chance of subsistence. The villages are turning the refugees away and many are dying on the rails. Children are deserted and left to forrails. Children are described and the sawful age for themselves. The mortality is awful at Banda, the blackest spot of the Bundelat Banda, the blackest out of a population of

at Banda, the blackest spot of the Bundel-kund province, where out of a population of 700,000, 200,000 are receiving relief. Since the outbreak of the plague 6,853 cases have been reported in Bombay, and 5,483 deaths have been recorded. In Bombay presidency 9,911 cases and 8,806 deaths from the plague have occurred.

GOLD FROM THE COAST.

Bearly \$5,000,000 Received Since the End of January. Reports of gold from the Pacific coast con-

inue to attract attention. Since the end o January they amount to between \$4,000,000 mad \$5,000,000 a good deal of which has been received by registered mail. San Francisco has to remit in order to discharge her obligations in New York and as neither New York exchange nor legal tender notes can be ob-

tained in San Francisco to any large amount the gold has to be shipped.

Some of the gold that is being received now came from Australia for New York account. Last fall during the panic there San Franelsee took about \$9,000,000 gold from the East and New York City took the government and other bonds in payment for a good deal of it. About April 1, however, it is ex-pected that the tide will change as is usual at that time of the year and the current of money set in again toward the Pacific const. In the meantime the gold that is being received from San Francisco is mostly going into the clearing house vauits in exchange for clearing-house gold certificates.

SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

A New Title to Mr: Thurber's Suc-Cessor. Congress has acted on the suggestion of

President-elect McKinley and changed the title of the office now held by Mr. Thurber and soon to be held by Mr. J. Addison Porter, from that of Private Secretary to the President to that of Secretary to the Presi-

When Mr. Hamilton Fish was Secretary of State he once took Senator Hawley to task for speaking of the private secretary to the President, as secretary to the President, teliing him that the Secretary of State was the secretary to the President, under the tradi-tions of the Government, and that nobody

else could properly have that title. The change was made by the Senate in the Leastlative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill and the House has now acquiesced in the amendment. The salary was left at \$5,000.

REBELS PUNISHED TO DEATH.

Warships Enforce French Authority on Two Pacific Islands.

News from Tahiti is that on December 26 last Governor Gallet left Papete on board the French corvette Dugusy-Tronon, with the transport Aube, to punish the people, on Raiatea and Tahea islands, which refused to Tabitan volunteers, with sallors from the warships, were the combatants. The bom-bardment of Tabea village was effected by the warships, and on January 3 a fight took place at the village of Tovation, where the natives made a gallant stand against 700 French troops. They suffered defeat and had 17 killed and 5 wounded. According to the official narratives, the victory will suffice to produce an excellent effect upon these rebellious natives, who are charged, among other crimes, with having an English flag in their possession.

A New Railroad Survey.

Engineers are at work on a new railroad between Beren and Sandusky, O. The line, At Falls Village, Conn., the wife of Postmaster Walter Chagrin and Charles Mead
were found dead in the former's house Saturday morning. Three builet holes were in
Mead's head and one in the head of Mrs.
Chagrin. An empty revolver lay between
the corpses.
Sir Charles Cameron, Liberal, was elected
to the British house of Commons from the
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western. It is reported that the Johnson
votes to 4,331 for Charles Scott Dickson, Conservative. HANNA WILL BE SENAM

Gov. Bushnell Publicly Attent Decision.

Gov. Bushnell furnished the ement for publication Sanday "It has been my intention to make nouncement in relation to the would take in the matter of a symmetry to fill the prospective rule the Ohio representatives in the Ustates Senste until the vacance But on account of the a existed. But on account their desire terest of the people and their desire what will be done, I deem it but make the following statement: When the statement is the statement of make the following statement: When tor Sherman, resigns to enter the Cabal President McKinley I will appoint to the him Mark A. Hanna, of Cuyahoga count serve until his successor is chosen serve until his successor is chosen Seventy-third General Assembly of State. I trust this action will met un approval of the people.

ASA S. BUSHING Tank Steamer Goes Down

The German tank steamer Ditmes Wischausen and thirty-five men was pably lost with all hands, 280 miles to make the control of t ably lost with all hands, 280 miles such of Halifax, February 17 or eise sail been drifting at the mercy of the eise ever since. Capt Forth says he sighted tank steamer February 10 the distress signals, having lost her let distribute and lost having lost her let distribute signals. The let distribute signals have let distribute signals and let distribute signals and let distribute signals. The let distribute signals are let distribute signals and let distribute signals and let distribute signals. The let distribute signals are let distribute signals and let distribute signals are let distribute signals. The let distribute signals are let distribute signals are let distribute signals and let distribute signals are let distribute signals. The let distribute signals are let distribute signals. The let distribute signals are let distribute signals are let distribute signals are let distribute signals. The let distribute signals are let distribute signals are let distribute signals are let distribute signals. The let distribute signals are let distribute signals are

Hold-up was a Failure.

News has been received at the many office Muskogee, I. T., of an attempt had up a train on the Iron Mountain and Watova. When the northbound account when the best of the second dation train took the siding at Water maked men entered the coach and compa Conductor Wallace to hand overthe for lars he carried. At this juncture the map passenger train pulled in. It had been intention of the robbers, apparently, to he up this train, but the alarm had been and a crowd of armed citizens gathers quickly that the outlaws sought aler flight.

Deficiency Bill Reported

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The general deficiency bill was finished the house committee on appropriation reported to the house. The total ameans ried by the bill is \$8,438,937. For each ing work on the Mississippi from the of the passes to the mouth of the Ohloft 000 is given, and for the Mississippi from the bourt, \$325,000. An appropriation of its 000 is made for the entertainment of the universal postal union to meet in Water ton next May. What Lil Wants. What Lil Wants.

Ex-Queen Lil has at last explained bension to the United States. She has constituted the country to oppose the new propose annexation which she is sure the Isle 6s ernment will submit to the incoming desistration. She does not expect to see "wronge" righted by the United States is will be content if this Government shalls made neutral. The Dolle Government The Dolle Government and the content of the conten

main neutral. The Dole Government and says, is handicapped by the passive appetion of the native masses and by an increasing deficit in its revenues, and will fail at

own weight. Six Persons Butchered. A sextuple tragedy was committed as Winona, N. D., on the ranch of liev. Thus Spicer, The horribly mutilated bods of Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, their daughter, in Spicer. The horribly mutilated looks Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, their doughter in William Rouse, with her I-year-old in boys, and the aged mother of the pestuar of Winona, were scattered about the minimum there is no clue to the perpetraten in suspected the murders were committed in Indians. The Standing Mark Indian terms in la not far away.

A Man Patally shot During a drunken riot at the Union for nace, twenty miles east of Altona, Fa, B bert Beale, one of the participants wash just over the heart, and another bulk grazed his wrist. While lying in a height condition from the effects of his wounds in rioters stoned and clubbed him to asta almost beyond recognition. He cannot pe-sibly recover. A number of the risters wa badly bruised and injured, but not sense

hurt. The men were all intericated. Spaniards Win Again.

According to a dispatch from Mania severe fighting has taken place between its Spanish troops and the insurgents of its Philippine islands. The Spanish, it is stated, have captured at the point of its leponet the entrenched insurgents positions the Ymus road. It is added that 400 has gents were killed and that the Spaniaris is twe nty-six men killed and sixty wounted

NEWSY NOTES.

The Oklahoma Legislature killed the Woman Suffrage Bill.

Charles White, who was shot in an attempt to rob Thomas Henry Hylands at East Bridge port, Conf., died. Henry Kleeber, one of the oldest and be known music dealers and plane merchants Pittsburg, Pa., aged 80.

William J. Bryan, after addressing the Kansas legislature, spoke at a mass meeting in Topeka on political topics. The Indiana Legislature has passet also preventing fusion—candidates from having heir names twice on the election ballst.

The council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs has decided to hold the ar-nual convention this year at Omaha. A bill making it a purishable offers by wear a high hat at a theatrical performers in Colorado passed the assembly by a rotati

42 to 15. Near Kinmundy, Ill., a freight week to curred on the Illinois Central railreal is engineer, fireman and one brakemas see

A bill was introduced in the Kansas Ser to repeal the prohibibitory law and stable State dispensaries for the centrel of a liquor traffic.

Edward J. Smith, a miser, was found for in his room at 172 Butler street, Brooking a search revealed \$225 in cash and tank took representing \$12,700. The North Dakota legislature has demitted that all railroads shall be assessed for his tion at not less than \$5,000 a nile regulation

of their cost or earnings. The new Congressional library in Washington has been completed within them limit, and at a cost of only 63 cents a cost foot, including decorations.

The post mortem examination of the be of Arthur Duestrow, hanged at Unios, is revealed leptomeningitis, or white special the coating of the brain.

In attempting to arrest William Tess Sheriff Monroe of Hampshire county, is badly stabbed and his clothing cut to part of Testers is in jail on a lunary charge. Teeters is in jail on a lunacy charge.

Coroner McCartney, of Biair county, a entered suit for fees alleged to be due to the county commissioners hold that a criminal finding is returned the care The Wakefield Rattan company has co solidated with the Heywood Brethers com-pany, placing the rattan manufacturing busi-ness under con-

under one corporation with a capital of \$6,000,000.

By a decision of the secretar, of the in-terior the great trail of swimp land in Florida known as the Everglade is conveyed to the state of Florida. The tree comprises about 2,242,800 acres. The state takes its ittle subject to the right of occupancy by about 200 Seminole Indians.