

THE ADAMS POISONING.

Roland B. Molineux Arrested on a Charge of Murder.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE EXPERTS

All Declare That Molineux Addressed the Package of Poison to Harry Cornish From Which Mrs. Adams Took the Dose Which Caused Her Death.

New York, Feb. 28.—Roland Burnham Molineux, son of General Leslie Molineux, of Brooklyn, was arrested last night charged with murdering Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, in this city on Dec. 28, 1898. He was locked up in the Tombs prison. The arrest followed the verdict of the coroner's jury accusing him of the crime. While the inquest was into the death of Mrs. Adams, it also went into the circumstances of the death of Henry C. Barnett, of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, who was poisoned by a powder received through the mails, as was Mrs. Adams. The cases are so closely connected that they can scarcely be considered separately. The proceedings of the final day of the inquest were sensational in the highest degree. The case had dragged along monotonously, witnesses being examined



ROLAND B. MOLINEUX.
for the sole purpose, as it seemed, of contradicting Harry Cornish's testimony in minor details or of eliciting suggestions as to a motive that might have led Cornish to commit the crime. The newspapers from the beginning had stuck to Molineux as the person most to be suspected, but the prosecuting officials apparently never harbored such a thought. The examiner was kind and gentle when Molineux was on the stand, gruff and severe when dealing with Cornish.

The curtain rose on the last act of the melodrama yesterday afternoon. A shopkeeper who rented private letter boxes swore positively that Molineux was his patron, using the name of "H. C. Barnett." It was proved long ago that bottles of medicine had been sent to that letter box. Then the handwriting experts were called, and one after another declared that the hand that wrote the address on the poison package and forged the names of Harry Cornish and H. C. Barnett to letters sent to drug firms or ordering powder medicines was the hand of Roland B. Molineux. The experts were absolutely certain in their identification of the penmanship, and would make no qualification of their statements. District Attorney Gardner then summed up the case, directly accusing Molineux.

The jury brought in a verdict charging Molineux with the murder, and he was at once arrested and committed to the Tombs without bail.



MRS. ADAMS, THE VICTIM.

member of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, from which he resigned because of that quarrel. Molineux's father is a valet manufacturer, and is reputed to be a millionaire. The prisoner has gone into good society, being of excellent address and manners, and prospective heir to a great fortune.

The jury deliberated three hours and a half, and then returned with a verdict holding Molineux responsible for Mrs. Adams' death. The coroner immediately issued a warrant for the arrest of Molineux, and the latter was at once arraigned before him. Through his attorney, Bartow S. Weeks, he demanded an immediate hearing, but Assistant District Attorney Osborne objected, saying it was impossible to proceed with the inquest. The hearing was then set down for Wednesday morning, and Molineux was committed to the Tombs without bail.

Candidate For Loubet's Vacant Chair.
Paris, Feb. 27.—M. Constans, who was recently appointed French ambassador to Turkey, has officially announced that he is a candidate for the presidency of the senate. He will arrive here today. His chances are considered good in spite of the violent opposition of the radicals.

Beliefs Want to Surrender.
Manila, Feb. 28.—Two commissioners who returned from Malolos under a flag of truce from 8,000 rebels are anxious to surrender. They also express the belief that Aguinaldo is inclined to accept pacific overtures. Major General Otis did not return to the commissioners.

QUAY TRIAL AGAIN POSTPONED.

This Time the Prosecution Objects to Proceeding With the Case.
Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—The trial of the Quay conspiracy case has been postponed until April 10. The announcement was made in court before Judge Beitel by District Attorney Rothemel. No sooner had the change been made known than it was asserted that the cause for halting the case was an astounding discovery affecting the jury panel. Officials in the district attorney's office declined to discuss this, beyond stating that there was only one reason why the trial should not go on, the prosecution being entirely in readiness to proceed. Rumor had it that a case of impersonation had been detected, but concerning this no definite information was obtainable.

After court adjourned Mr. Rothemel said in reply to an interrogation: "While I will say nothing whatever about the case which induced me to continue the case, except what I said in court, I can state that the entire subject was submitted to Judge Beitel and approved by him before I made the application for postponement."

VIOLENT FILIPINOS.

They Charge the American Soldiers With "Repugnant Barbarism."
Hong Kong, Feb. 28.—The Filipino government has issued another virulent anti-American decree, in which the following passages occur:

"The American guns respect neither honor nor property, but barbarously massacre women and children.

"Manila has witnessed the most horrible outrages, confiscating the properties and savings of the people at the point of the bayonet and shooting the defenseless, accompanied by odious acts of abomination, repugnant barbarism and racial hatred worse than the doings in Carolina. Unless you conjure a holy war for independence you are only worthy to be slaves and pariahs. Proclaim before the civilized world that you will fight to the death against American treachery and brute force. Even the women should fight if necessary.

"American professions and promises are pure hypocrisy. They covet the spoils of this patrimony of our race, wishing to implant here a more irritating and barbarous dominion than in the past."

BRAZILIANS TO BLAME.

Forced French Boundary Commissioners to Act in Self Defense.
Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 28.—Further advices from Cayenne, capital of French Guiana, say that additional French troops have been dispatched to Couann, because the governor received information that a strong body of Brazilians was proceeding up the river. It is presumed that the French troops went to meet them.

Every effort is being made to suppress official news about the situation between the belligerent boundary commissioners and their forces. But advices received from fugitive settlers say the present state of affairs is due to the Brazilians, who attacked the Frenchmen and forced the latter to act in self defense, after a hot dispute between the commissioners, from which the Brazilians hastily withdrew and removed their camp, and in the collision a few men were killed and some were wounded on both sides.

The camps, it appears, subsequently sustained a watchful peace, while awaiting instructions. The natives are said to be preparing to join in the fighting if hostilities are renewed, which is causing the foreign settlers to flee from the disturbed district, abandoning their property.

A Big Railway Deal.

Buffalo, Feb. 28.—The Commercial says: A stupendous business deal is nearly completed, involving \$25,000,000 of capital. It is the sale of the entire street railroad system of Buffalo and a number of suburban lines. The deal includes all the Niagara Falls railways, including that running along the river bank on the Canadian side. This immense combination of interests has been sold to a syndicate composed of New Yorkers and Philadelphians.

Absurd Stories of Friction.

London, Feb. 28.—The Berlin correspondent of The Times, emphasizing what he calls the "absurdity of most of the stories regarding friction between the Germans and Americans at Manila, says: "The German cruiser Irene left the Philippines over a fortnight ago, and is now on her way from Hong Kong to Amoy. As for Vice Admiral Von Diederichs, he left the Philippines months ago."

Bernabe's Probable Successor.

Madrid, Feb. 28.—It is reported here, though there is no official confirmation of the rumor, that Senor Don J. Brunetti, Duc d'Arcos, former Spanish minister to Mexico, will be designated minister to the United States on the resumption of diplomatic relations. The report that Senor Polo y Bernabe, late Spanish minister at Washington, was to go to Lisbon is officially confirmed.

To Be Cardinal Ireland.

London, Feb. 28.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily News says he learns, on reliable authority, that Archbishop Ireland will be created a cardinal at the next consistory.

VOLUNTEER FILIBUSTERS

Organized to Invade a Central American Republic.

EXPECT TO DO SOME FIGHTING.

The Invaders Are Promised Remuneration in the Shape of Land Grants—Should the Expedition Succeed in the Plans of the Leaders.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—The first detachment of the filibustering expedition organized here for an invasion of Central America left Kansas City last night. The soldiers of fortune numbered about 150, and were provided for in four special coaches, which were attached to the regular southbound passenger train on the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis road. William G. Thompson, formerly captain of Company D, Fifth Missouri volunteers, is in command.

The filibusters expect to take ship at Mobile or New Orleans, though on this point the majority of them have not been fully advised. At the port of embarkation they expect to be joined by detachments from St. Louis, Chicago and other cities.

It is now known beyond question that the men composing this expedition expect to do some fighting in Central America. Reports as to their destination have been conflicting, both Guatemala and Honduras having been mentioned, but men who are leaders in the adventure have secretly informed their friends that their real destination is Nicaragua. The men enlisting have been assured that the invaders have good backing and have been told that capitalists of national prominence are furnishing the money to equip, transport and arm the expedition. The men are said to have been promised rewards in lands and concessions.

T. A. Whitten, a lawyer, who has been active in organizing the companies here and who left with the men last night, declared that the men had been hired to work on a railroad.

Major Warner, United States district attorney, and United States Marshal Durham investigated the affair, but when the band started south they both declared they had discovered nothing to warrant the arrest of the alleged invaders. They have advised the Washington authorities fully. Dr. R. E. Heath, consul here for Honduras, has also notified his government and the Honduras consul at New Orleans of the movement.

HOPE FOR MR. KIPLING.

The Famous Novelist Battling Bravely Against Dread Pneumonia.
New York, Feb. 28.—The following bulletin was posted at 2 o'clock this morning regarding the condition of Rudyard Kipling: "Mr. Kipling is, as at the



RUDYARD KIPLING.

last report, holding his own. The advent of a crisis may be delayed, as the inflammation has developed in the upper portion of the lungs, while the part originally affected had nearly resolved. The severity of the disease during the past few days has been due to the advance of the inflammation upward, while the parts originally affected were not yet available for respiration."

Mr. Kipling went out driving at 5 o'clock last evening with Mr. Doubleday, and remained out an hour. It was the first time in two days that she had left the bedside of her husband. That she considered Mr. Kipling's condition warranted her leaving him even for a short time was regarded as a hopeful sign.

Levi C. Bird Against Addicks.

Dover, Del., Feb. 28.—The regular Republicans of the Delaware legislature, who are opposing the candidacy of John Edward Addicks, the Union Republican leader, for the United States senate to succeed Hon. George Gray, yesterday took up a new candidate in Levi C. Bird, of Wilmington. Mr. Bird, who is a prominent lawyer, is a brother-in-law of the late Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, and the regulars say it is their intention to vote for him again tomorrow and perhaps longer in an endeavor to draw votes from the Addicks line. The general assembly will finally adjourn on March 13, and as the situation now appears there will be no election of a senator unless a compromise candidate shall be agreed upon.

Nicaragua's Revolution Ended.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 28.—The government troops, under General Rouling, from Greytown, attacked and captured the bluff in front of Bluefields. General Reyes, the insurgent leader, fled for protection to the British consulate at Bluefields. He will surrender without further resistance, thus closing the revolution. General Rouling also captured a schooner near Monkey Point, containing some 26 refugee Nicaraguans, who were en route for Bluefields.

The Twenty-four Hour Cycle Race.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The 24 hour bicycle race was won by Stevens, of Buffalo, after an exciting finish by about five wheel lengths from Turville. The score of the five leaders at 10:23 p. m., the end of the 24th hour, was as follows: Stevens, 459.0; Turville, 459.0; Lawson, 455.5; Pierce, 455.3; Waller, 451.4.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Feb. 22.
Our military officials in Cuba are showing marked courtesy to Cuban General Gomez.
Robert E. McKisson was renominated as Republican candidate for mayor of Cleveland.
The Reading (Pa.) Iron company has voluntarily advanced wages of its 2,000 employes.
A plot to exterminate all foreigners in and about Manila was checkmated by General Otis' vigilance.
The first message of President Loubet to parliament has greatly strengthened the French republic.

Thursday, Feb. 23.
Lord Charles Beresford, of England, predicts that China will be bankrupt in four years.
The khalfa is advancing on the Nile with 20,000 troops against the Anglo-Egyptian forces.
The Spanish-American war passed without a single execution of a soldier for military crimes.
The French court of cassation, it is said, will annul the conviction of Dreyfus without a retrial.

A young woman was found dead in a New York hotel asphyxiated by gas. Her escort had left her shortly before.

The body of G. B. Meeks, the first American soldier killed in the Spanish war, arrived at Clyde, O., from Key West.

Commissioners from Negro Island, one of the Philippines, have assured General Otis of allegiance of that island to the United States.

Friday, Feb. 24.
Ex-State Treasurer Benjamin J. Haywood, of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Sharon, aged 50.
Filipinos started several fires in Manila and caused great destruction of property. Our troops arrested 150.
A delegation of Kickapoo Indians in Mexico are endeavoring to arrange for the emigration of their tribe to that country.

The bill reviewing the grade of admiral of the navy, intended for Rear Admiral Dewey, passed the national house with a shout.

Edward Yeaker, Democrat, defeated for mayor of Reading, Pa., by 58 votes, will contest the election of his Republican opponent, A. H. Lauer.

The funeral of the late President Faure, in Paris, was a brilliant tribute. President Loubet and ex-President Casimir-Perier walked in the funeral procession.

Saturday, Feb. 25.
The national senate passed the river and harbor bill by 50 to 3.
The entry into Havana of General Manimo Gomez, escorted by United States troops, aroused the wildest enthusiasm.

Admiral Dewey telegraphed to Washington that, "for political reasons," the battleship Oregon should be sent to Manila at once.

Congressman Johnson, Indiana Republican, declared in a speech that the senate was coerced into ratifying the peace treaty.

The Hamburg-American line steamer Bulgaria, supposed to have been lost at sea Feb. 5, arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands. Several passengers were injured during the gales.

Monday, Feb. 27.
Ex-Congressman Levi Maish, of Pennsylvania, died in Washington, aged 62.
Premier Dupuy is acting energetically in suppressing monarchist activity in France.

Secretary Alger has abandoned his proposed trip in a government vessel to Cuba and Porto Rico.

Since the close of the war the immigration of Spaniards to this country has increased 100 per cent.
The report that Admiral Dewey has had a collision with the German naval commander at Manila is without foundation.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadelphia and Baltimore.
Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Flour well maintained; winter superfine, \$2.50@2.50; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$1.90@3.30; city mills, extra, \$2.75@3. Rye flour scarce and firm at \$3.30 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, February, 95¢@77¢. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, February, 29¢@39¢. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, 26¢@30¢; No. 2 white, clipped, 25¢@37¢. Hay weak; choice timothy, \$11 for large bales. Beef firm; beef hams, \$15.50@19. Pork dull; family, \$12@12.50. Lard easy; western steamed, 35¢@52¢. Butter firm; western creamery, 16¢@21¢; factory, 12¢@14¢. Eggs, 21¢; imitation creamery, 12¢@13¢; New York dairy, 13¢@21¢; do. creamery, 15¢@21¢; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 24¢@26¢; do. wholesale, 28¢. Cheese firm; large, white and colored, 10¢@10¢; small do., 11¢@11¢; skims, 7¢@7¢; part skims, 6¢@7¢; full skims, 3¢@4¢. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 35¢; western, fresh, 34¢; southern, 34¢.
Baltimore, Feb. 27.—Flour dull; western superfine, \$2.50@2.60; do. extra, \$2.50@3; do. family, \$3.30@3.50; winter wheat, patent, \$3.70@3.80; spring do., \$3.50@4.10; spring wheat, straight, \$3.60@3.80. Wheat dull; spot, month and March, 76¢@76¢; May, 74¢@74¢; steamer No. 2 red, 74¢@74¢; southern, by sample, 70¢@71¢; do. on grade, 74¢@75¢. Rye firm; No. 2 nearby, 61¢; No. 2 western, 63¢. Lettuce at \$2.50@2.75 per gallon for finished goods in carloads; \$1.25@1.50 per gallon for jobbing lots.

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MOON'S PHASES.			
Third Quarter	4 11:06 p.m.	Quarter	18 10:24 a.m.
New Moon	11 2:53 p.m.	Full Moon	27 1:18 a.m.

INCREASED ARMY BILL

Passed by the Senate With the Gorman Amendment.

RUSHING APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The House Sends to the Senate the Army and the Fortifications Bill—Mr. Dockery Says This Congress Will Appropriately \$1,600,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 28.—After a contest that will be memorable in the history of the senate the compromise army reorganization bill was passed last evening at 7.10. When the senate convened Mr. Gorman, of Maryland, insisted that his amendment providing that the army should not be increased permanently or beyond July 1, 1901, be incorporated in the measure. For several hours it appeared probable that his insistence at least would throw the bill over until today, and perhaps defeat it. An agreement was reached finally, however, and Mr. Gorman's amendment in a slightly modified form was accepted. The notable speech of the day against the measure was delivered by Mr. Vest, of Missouri, but his brilliant eloquence availed nothing against the measure.

The house was in session seven hours yesterday and sent to the senate two more appropriation bills—the army, which has been under consideration for several days, and the fortifications. The former carried about \$70,000,000 and the latter approximately \$4,700,000. The final conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was also adopted. The only amendment of importance attached to the army bill was one giving two months extra pay to enlisted men in the regular army who served beyond the limits of the United States during the war with Spain, and one month's extra pay to those who served in the United States. The discussion of the administration's policy relative to the Philippines, which has been occupying the attention of the members to the exclusion of almost everything else during the consideration of appropriation bills for the last two weeks, was continued, several speeches being made on the subject. Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, the leading Democrat on the appropriations committee, asserted that the appropriations for this congress would reach \$1,600,000,000.

FALL RIVER MILL WORKERS

Have Wages Restored to the Price Formerly Paid.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 28.—As the result of a three hours' conference between the executive board of the Manufacturers' association and the Fall River Textile Council representatives, held yesterday, the final proposition to the operatives was a complete restoration of the wage scale prior to the cut down of Jan. 3, 1898. The cut at that time was one-ninth in all departments, which meant a decrease of over \$20,000 in the weekly payroll of the mill workers of the city. The restoration will date from April 3 next. The offer of the manufacturers included a clause requiring the employers of the local labor leaders to bring about the adoption of a sliding scale at the convenience of the manufacturers and operatives alike. The restoration, however, was not made conditional upon the adoption of the sliding scale.

It was again called to the attention of the council that the wages paid at present in Fall River were higher than those paid in New Bedford or Rhode Island cotton towns and much higher than in the smaller New England towns and in the south.

It is generally understood, however, that New Bedford and Rhode Island cotton manufacturers will follow the lead of Fall River in granting a restoration of wages at once. Robert Knight, of Providence, the largest cotton manufacturer of the state, if not in New England, declares that the example set will probably be followed throughout New England.

A Transatlantic Rate War.

London, Feb. 28.—The Daily Mail this morning announces the break up of the transatlantic line "combine," in consequence of which the American line managers have reduced first class fares to \$60 and second class to \$35. It is rumored, according to the same authority, that the White Star Steamship company will reduce rates to even lower figures, and in that event a keen rate war will ensue.

Blind Woman Murdered.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Corn S. Henderson, a blind housekeeper employed by J. W. Holtzlander, was found dead in Holtzlander's house, No. 1385 Madison street. A blood stained hammer, with which Miss Henderson's head had been crushed, was found on a window sill, while in another room was a bundle of valuables hastily put together. Holtzlander has been arrested pending further investigation.

Impudent Robberies in Cuba.

Santiago de Cuba, Feb. 28.—Several impudent robberies have been committed recently near San Luis, and on Sunday another store was completely sacked by 12 armed Cubans. Many minor depredations are reported. Apparently neither the Ninth immune regiment nor the gendarmerie can afford the necessary protection to property.

Death of Major General Reynolds.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Major General Joseph J. Reynolds, U. S. A., retired, is dead, aged 77 years. A month ago General Reynolds had an attack of paralysis, which culminated in a cerebral hemorrhage, causing death late Saturday afternoon. The remains will be interred at Arlington tomorrow or Wednesday.

Geronimo For Aguinaldo.

Perry, O. T., Feb. 28.—William T. Walker, Indian agent of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians, has received a letter from Geronimo, the noted Indian chief, now a prisoner at Fort Sill. Geronimo says the Americans should let Aguinaldo alone and let him and his people live free.

Germans Assailed in China.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—According to an official dispatch from Peking several Germans were grossly insulted and afterwards assaulted last Saturday at Tien Psin, the port of Peking. They had great difficulty in escaping from their assailants.

ACCIDENT ON THE PENNSYLVANIA

Head-on Collision Kills One and Injures Thirteen.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—One person was killed and 13 others injured last night in a head-on collision between two Pennsylvania railroad trains near the Forty-fourth street bridge, West Philadelphia. Wesley Walton, fireman of West Chester, Pa., was killed. The injured are W. B. Matthews, assistant station master at Broad street station; Mrs. J. A. Wallace, Alexander Bishop, aged 24 years; Abiel Trandy, aged 21; Richard Larverson, aged 62; Thomas Clegg, Samuel Serill, aged 28; Lewis Kraft, aged 22, all of this city; and George Passon, conductor, aged 42 years, and Ellsworth Ford, brakeman, aged 32 years, of Packerburg, Pa., and Mrs. C. M. Grubb, of Atlantic City, and Henry Watters, engineer of the West Chester express, and T. C. Myers, engineer of the Paoli train. None is seriously injured except Mrs. Grubb and Mrs. Wallace, each of whom has a broken leg and internal injuries.

The accident was due to an open switch. The colliding trains were the Paoli accommodation, bound for this city, and the outward bound West Chester express. The trains are scheduled to pass each other shortly after 5 o'clock. The engineer of the Paoli train either did not notice the open switch or it was too late to stop. Nearly all the injured passengers were in the forward car of the West Chester train and their injuries consist chiefly of bruises.

PENNSYLVANIA SENATORSHIP.

Legislators Go Through the Form of Balloting Daily.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.—Sixteen of the 31 voters polled for United States senator yesterday's joint ballot were cast for Senator Quay. Fourteen went to George A. Jenks and one to Colonel E. A. Irvin, of Clearfield. Mr. Jenks' vote was 13, but before the result was announced Mr. Creasey, of Columbia, voted for the Democratic candidate. Senator Samuel G. Weiss, of Lebanon, qualified as a member of the senate and attended the joint meeting, but declined to vote.

The result of the joint ballots, from the thirtieth to the thirty-fifth, was as follows:

	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
M. S. Quay	9	12	96	80	13	15
George A. Jenks	6	8	73	65	11	14
John Daltzell	1	1	15	12	0	0
C. W. Stone	0	1	6	7	0	0
George F. Huff	0	1	5	4	0	0
E. A. Irvin	0	6	7	6	1	1
P. A. B. Widener	0	0	2	2	0	0
Alvin Markle	0	0	0	1	0	0
Charles Tubbs	0	0	2	2	0	0
Frank M. Ritter	0	0	1	1	0	0
Charles E. Rice	0	0	2	1	0	0
G. A. Grow	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	16	23	215	186	28	30

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—The Reading, Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley Coal companies have announced their intention of making an advance of 25 cents a ton on coal on their line and city trade within a day or two. This advance will make the price per ton at the mines: Broken, \$2.25; egg, \$2.40; stove and chestnut, \$2.50.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.—Speaker Farr last evening appointed Messrs. Kreps of Franklin, Koozts of Somerset and Voorhees of Philadelphia, Republicans, and Tague of Luzerne and Skinner of Fulton, Democrats, a committee to investigate the Koozts bribery charges in connection with the passage of the McCarrel jury bill in the house and the contest for United States senator.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Evection starting her in the face Miss Mande C. Leigh, a young dressmaker, turned on the gas and was found dead in her room at her home, 1539 Montgomerie avenue, yesterday morning. Miss Leigh had fallen behind in her rent, and was to have been sold out for non-payment. She threatened that if this occurred she would kill herself, and when the blow fell she carried out her threat.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 28.—Nicholas and Neil Matz, brothers, of Hazleton, were given a habeas corpus hearing in court yesterday on the charge of having murdered Francisco Matchella, at Hazleton, in 1892. The prosecutor in the case swore that the Matz brothers offered him \$100 to kill Matchella, and that on the day Matchella disappeared the Matz were seen with guns in their possession. The court did not consider the evidence sufficient to hold the prisoners on the charge of murder, and they were discharged.

Pittsburg, Feb. 27.—The consummation of the big \$25,000,000 combine to be known as the New York Gaslight, Heat and Power company has been made possible by the decision of the directors of the Standard Underground Cable company to surrender to the combine \$149,000 worth of bonds of the United Electric Light and Power company, of New York, held by it as collateral. It appears that the combine, which is intended to absorb the illuminating and power interests of the country, could not be completed without these bonds, and George Westinghouse, who is largely interested, has secured the authority to turn the paper over to the combine at actual cost.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—William Epps, alias Turner, and Samuel Dobson, colored, who are charged with the murder of aged Mrs. Lawler in this city several weeks ago, were brought back to this city from Richmond, Va., late Saturday, since when Dobson has made a confession to the detectives, placing the entire blame on Epps. Mrs. Lawler, who conducted a small grocery, lived alone, and was found choked to death. A small amount of money was missing. Suspicion was directed against the negroes and their arrest in Richmond followed. Dobson says their purpose was to rob only, and he waited outside while Epps entered the house. He declares he knew nothing of the murder until the next morning, when Epps told him he had to kill the woman.

Death of Ex-Congressman Maish.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Ex-Representative Levi Maish, of Pennsylvania, died here yesterday from an attack