Report That He Has Joined British Defenders of Ladysmith.

STORY OF SUNDAY'S FIGHTING.

The Battle Field Abounds in Hills Favorable to Guerrilla Warfare, But According to British Reports Boers Are Gradually Retreating.

London, Jan. 23.—An unofficial dispatch comes from an excellent source in Pietermaritzburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith, with 1,600 men. This is not confirmed from any other quarter, but it is known that Lord Dundonald's flying column has been acting well to the left of the line of the advance.

The Daily Mail has the following, dated Sunday night, from Spearmans Camp:

There has been hot fighting all day. At dawn our attack was resumed along the entire line, all the brigades taking part. We soon discovered that the Boers still occupied the range of hills in force, their position being very strong. The range is intersected by ravines and many approaches

very difficult of access.

Today the Boers who were driven from their trenches yesterday took cover in Dongas and behind the rocks



LORD DUNDONALD.

with which the hills are strewn. The forces, therefore, commenced the task of driving them out and set to work with good heart in the early morning. fuch firing took place, and our firing ras slow, but gradually British pluck told its tale, and the enemy fell back to another kopje. We swarmed on and occupied it, and then the attack recomnced with the utmost gallantry.

The country simply abounds in hills favorable to guerrilla warfare, and our task is an arduous one. Nevertheless, it is being gradually accomplished. Whenever any of the enemy were observed taking up a fresh position our field batteries poured in showers of shrapnel and the rapid movement of the guns, followed by accurate shooting, must have greatly distressed them.

The enemy were on the defensive al-

most the entire day, save once, when they attempted to outflank our left and were signally checkmated. They reed almost entirely on rifle fire. A few thells were fired from a heavy piece of ordinance, but these fell harmless. now occupy the the left, and are converging slowly but -purely to the Boer center. The Boer ces is unknown, but must have been leavy. Their killeu and wounded are arried away to the rear rapidly. trong rumors are in circulation that e Boers are retiring. The battle will resumed tomorrow.

A dispatch from the front dated Satrday gave the British losses in the rst day's fighting as 11 officers and 79 men killed and wounded.

The British in other districts in outh Africa continue inactive. Lord lethuen's 13,000 men remain behind eir works. General French's 4,000 Pensburg were roused on Sunday a general alarm that the Boers vere attacking, but it turned out that here was no basis for this. General stacre is quiescent at Colesberg.

ighting Paymaster" Critically III. Omaha, Jan. 23.-Brigadier General . H. Stanton, U. S. A., retired, forrly paymaster general of the army. nd generally known as the "fighting aymaster," is lying dangerously ill t his home in this city. There are mall hopes entertained of his recovry. His trouble is a general breakig down of his system, and is compliited by grip. Stanton is one of the est known and best liked men in the rmy, having served with distinction roughout the west. He earned his tle of "fighting paymaster" by alays insisting on being transferred to be line when there was any trouble ith the Indians.

Our Expensive Commissions Washington, Jan. 23.-The president terday sent to the senate, in rense to a resolution of inquiry, a reort from Secretary Hay as to the por-on of the \$50,000,000 defense approfiation expended by the state departnt. The total amount was \$493,860. principal items being: Paris peace nission, \$155,102; Philippines comseion, \$136,420; transportation of stitute refugees from Cuba and Porto lco,, \$14,890; pay of special agents, 0,325; cablegrams, \$8,624.

The Clark Election Contest. Washington, Jan. 23.—The senate mmittee on privileges and elections d but a brief session yesterday on count of the non-appearance of witstana house of representatives, tesed that he was offered \$10,000 to te for Senator Clak by persons nom he considered representatives of

Virginia's Invitation to Bryan. ond, Jan. 23.—The state asably yesterday adopted the following nt resolution: "Resolved, That Hon. Iliam Jennings Bryan, the greatest ag exponent of the honored prin-se of the Democratic party, is here-nyited to address the Virginia leg-ture at such time during the pres-session as may best suit his conNEGRO RUNS AMUCK.

Two Dead and Two Wounded in an Attempt to Arrest a Desperado. Macon, Ga., Jan. 23.-Two negroes shot to death and two white men desperately wounded were the casualties in an attempt to arrest a negro here yesterday. J. H. Butler, who did most of the shooting, was himself shot to death. His victims were Armstead Bryant, colored, shot through the heart and instantly killed; B. Seltman, white, shot through the stomach, will probably die, and John Reed, white, shot in the neck, is in a precarious

condition. Butler threatened to kill a negro woman and when Policeman Peace attempted to arrest him the negro began to shoot. He ran up Fourth street, one of the busiest streets in Macon. pistol in hand, firing at everybody in sight. The shooting attracted a number of policemen and citizens. When Butler fell, mortally wounded, five policemen and 15 citizens were firing at him. When examined it was found that three pistol bullets had gone completely through his body, and there were other wounds.

Why He Left the Ministry.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 22.-Rev. James G. MacInnes, pastor of the Oakland Congregational chapel, yesterday announced his retirement from the ministry. Said he: "I believe in dancing and a long list of other things that are tabooed by church goers when indulged in by ministers. If a man needs a drink he has the right to take it. When I meet a man on the street I like to slap him on the back and say, 'Hello there, Bill,' in a good hearty voice. I believe in God and Christianity, but the church is burdened with false ideas and full of sinful hypocrites, and some of my friends who might be called 'lushers' are infinately better than these frauds of piety. The ministry is no place for a young man who wants his personal liberty."

Professor Hazen Fatally Injured. Washington, Jan. 23.-Henry A. Hazen, professor of meteorology and one of the chief forecasters of weather conditions of the weather bureau in this city, was probably fatally injured last night by being thrown from his bicycle. The accident occurred while the professor was on his way to the bureau. At the corner of Sixteenth meet him in the law courts on condiand M streets he ran into a colored man, the force of the contact throwing him from the wheel and pitching him forward on his head. The skull was cracked from over the nose to the back of the head, and there was also a hemorrhage of the brain. Physicians afterward trepanned the skull, and removed a large clot of plood from the

Ex-Consul Macrum Sails For Paris. Rome, Jan. 22.-Charles E. Marcum. former United States consul at Pretoria, who arrived here Saturday, left yesterday for Paris. Mr. Easton, of the Washington Post, who accompanied Mr. Marcum, said, in the course of an interview at Naples, that the Boers know they must ultimately be defeated. but are determined to resist to the last. He praises the Boer tactics and ex-presses admiration for the bravery of both armies. The Afrikanders are regarded by Mr. Easton as "a permanent danger to the British."

The Scourge in Honolulu.

Sloux City, Jan. 23.—Chrys Moller, a bullion broker of Tien Tsin, has just arrived here. He says the bubonic plague in Honolulu is worse than redying daily. He describes the burning lished anonymously in 1843, was a of Chinatown by a vigilance committee while his ship was at Honolulu. The citizens claimed that the location was unsanitary and favorable to the spread of the plague. The Celestials were given time to remove their proprty, and were ordered to live on a hilltop on the edge of the city.

Lecturer Bitten by a Rattleanake. Baltimore, Jan. 23.-Dr. Howard A. Kelly, professor of gyneacology in the medical school of Johns Hopkins hospital, was bitten on the right hand ast night by a large rattlesnake, which he was exhibiting to illustrate a lecture in the medical school. The doctor sucked the blood from the wound and continued his lecture for nearly an hour after the occurrence. When he left for his home he expressed the conviction that he had succeeded in drawing all the venom from his

Austrian Miners on Strike. Vienna, Jan. 23.-Thirty thousand more Austrian miners have gone on strike, their employers having refused the demands for higher wages and an eight hour day. The total number now out is 70,000, and before the end of the week it is expected that 20,000 others will have joined. The employers threaten dismissal and eviction within three days. Police precautions have been taken to prevent violence. The coal famine threatens to check every

branch of Austrian industry.

Osman Digna Captured. Cairo, Jan. 20 .- News was received here last night that Osman Digna principal general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, has been captured. It had been known that he was in the neighborhood of Togar six days ago, and several expeditions were organized from Suakim, under Captain Burgess, with the result that Osman Digna was taken unhurt in the hills Thursday. He arrived at Suakim today

A Hitch in Bergman's Fire. Lorain, O., Jan. 23.-B. Bergman, proprietor of a clothing store in this city, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by an insurance agent, charging him with having attempted to burn his stock. Fire was discovered in the store early in the morning, and was quickly extinguished. Piles of clothing were found saturated with gasoline. Bergman was unable to give bond.

naica Rejects Fruit Trade Scheme Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 23.-Jamaica has emphatically rejected Joseph Chamberlain's English direct fruit scheme to divert the bulk of the colony's trade from America to England, and which calls for a subsidy of £40,000 annually, Jamaica paying one-half. The consensus of public opinion indicates a preference to depend on American trade.

CASTELLANE INDIGNANT A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED Wednesday, Jan. 17.

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of inheritances to \$10,000,000.

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Bedloe.

Bar association, advocates limitation

The senate committee on interoceanic

canals agreed unanimously to report

a bill for the construction of the Nica-

furing the Spanish war, ex-Congress-man David G. Celson kided Lieuten-

Luther Demarce, the latter two acci-

Thursday, Jan. 18.

S. Blackburn United States senator.

Kentucky aggislature elected J. C.

Chicago's big drainage canal has

been opened, and St. Louis brings suit

to prevent sewage entering Desplaines

The senate confirmed Robert M. Mc-

Hong Kong, succeeding Dr. Edwin S.

Captain Sigsbee has been formally

detached from the command of the

Texas and assigned to the head of the

The Virginia house of delegates passed the "Jim Crow" car bill, a

whites and blacks on railways.

expected to live. She is over 80

liable to a legacy tax.

young men, were killed.

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dise from the Orient.

Friday, Jan. 19.

masses for the repose of the soul are

he would not throw up his hands.

Masked robbers murdered a bartender

Tidal waves, higher than have been

known for a long time, have swept

Michael McLean and Patrick Ledely,

The Yaqui Indians of Sonora, Mex-

ico, say they will not moiest Americans in that state since they appreci-

ate the Indians' struggle for independ-

Saturdny, Jan. 20.

writer of hymns, is dead in London.

Plans are under way for the con-

struction of 300 miles of trolley lines

into Honolulu by means of merchan-

ton baseball club, while insane, killed

his wife, two children and himself at Brookline, Mass.

A baby bern in B-litimore last Mon-day, the coroner's jury says, was ourn-ed and stranged to death. The moth-

er, Mary Borderley, will be arraigned.

foot steamer built on the great lakes, was launched at he yards of the Amer-

ican Ship Building company, at Lo-

The John W. Gates, the first 500-

naval intelligence bureau.

At Frankfort, Ky., in a feud began

James H. Gear was re-elected United States senator from Iowa. He Bitterly Denounces Paris Re-There are 632 Cubans and 105 Amerieans in Cuba's postal service. ports That He Gambles. The national senate ratified the Sa-

WILL BRING SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

The Paris Editor Says He Will Be Delighted to Meet the Count in the Law Courts, Provided the Trial Be a Serious One.

New York, Jan. 23.—Count Boni de Castellane, who arrived here with his wife (nee Anna Louid) yesterday from Havre, France, is very indignant over the stories prounded in Paris news-papers regarding him. He declares that he has never gambled in any form and has never lost in speculation. Regarding Editor De Rodays, of

The Figaro, he says:
"He is a mar, a nonentity. He is not the kind of man to accept a chal-lenge. No, I shall not challenge him, but when I go back I shall use my cane on De Rodays if he does not re-

The count has sent the following

cablegram to De Rodays:
"Sir: There has been communicated to me on board the ship the calumny in the Parksian papers which emanated from The Figaro. You will at once print a formal denial. I reserve the right on my return to tell you what 1 think of your disloyal act."

Later the count sent a second cablegram to M. De Rodays, as follows: 'I have just learned of the infamous slander directed against me by you at the instigation of the Drevfusards. My father has already denied it and has expressed his contempt, to which I join my own. I shall have recourse to the law courts and shall sue for 100,000 francs damages, of which the poor of Paris will get the benefit."

EDITOR DE RODAYS' REPLY. Will Welcome a Suit For Damages in a Serious Trial.

Paris, Jan. 23.-The Figaro publishes Count Boni de Castellane's cablegram and says:

'We disdain his insults, which do meet him in the law courts on condition that the trial be a serious one, and that nothing be kept back which would throw the fullest light on the matter. But owing to the professional secrecy of stock brokers there is only one means of clearly establishing the truth, and this means lies in the hands of De Castellane. Let him request the minister of finance to send an inspector to inquire of the stock brokers -the minister of finance can alone do this at De Castellane's request-and then we shall know positively if De Castellane has been slandered and if he never speculated on the Bourse. This is the only course open to De Castellane. Everything else in his cablegrams of threats is what Americans call a 'bluff.'" the

RUSKIN'S RESTING PLACE. Noted British Author to Be Baried in Coniston Churchyard.

London, Jan. 22.—The remains of John Ruskin, who died at Brantwood of influenza on Saturday, aged 81, will be buried in Coniston churchyard, in accordance with a wish he expressed some years ago. For many years his mind had been impaired. The funeral will take place Thursday. His book, "Modern Painters,



THE LATE JOHN RUSKIN.

bomb in the camp of criticism, inasmuch as it passionately protested the superiority of the new masters of painting over the old, adducing Turner as its supreme example. At almost one stroke the work established his reputation as an art critic, and the standard he so fearlessly laid down in the face of all convention have now been finally accepted by the art world. He subsequently became a most prolific writer, and for many years lived chiefly on the sale of his works. His works on political economy, however, excited ridicule. He declared that laborers should receive equal pay regardless of their relative skill, and that the labor saving machinery is the enemy of the laborer. He attempted to carry his views into practice, and with his overgenerous giving got rid of most of his fortune, great as it was.

Twenty-four Sailors Rescued. Norfolk, Jan. 23.—The United States revenue cutter Onondaga arrived here yesterday from Fenwick Island, where she rescued the crew of the British merchantman Sutton, which stranded on the Fenwick Island shoals Saturday night. Two lifeboats from the Onondaga went at night through a high sea to the side of the stranded vessel, and after much difficulty succeeded in getting the Sutton's entire crew of 24 men into their boats. Owing to the very rough weather the lifeboats were three hours in getting from the Sutton back

The Texas' New Comman New York, Jan. 23.—Captain Will-iam C. Gibson succeeded Captain Sigs-bee in command of the battleship Texas at the Brooklyn navy yard yes-terday, and the vessel will start south this week to augment the North Atlantic squadron in the tropics. After a brief rest Captain Sigsbee will take charge of the intelligence bureau of the navy department at Washington, His injured leg is improving slowly.

Offset by a Repulse in the Batan- News Items of Interest From All gas Mountains.

President Logan, of the New York TREACHERY ON NEGROS ISLAND.

> Last Month's Uprising Was Fomented by the Officials Who Were Inaugurated by Our Army Officers With So Much Ceremony.

Manila, Jan. 22.-An escort of 50 men of Company C, Thirteenth infanant Ethelbert Scott, Charles Julian and try, Lieutenant Raiston commanding, was ambushed near Lipa, in the southern part of Luzon Island, Saturday. The escort consisted of 50 convalescents from the hospital, who were going to rejoin the regiment. The escort had charge of a pack train of 22 horses, transporting army rations from Santo Tomas and San Pablo, in Laguna province.

The insurgents hid in the bushes along the road and opened fire upon Wade, of Philadelphia, for consul to the pack train from three sides. Two of the Americans were killed, five wounded and nine are missing. The Americans were compelled to abandon the train, and the horses, with their packs, fell in o the hands of the insurgents, who pursued the retreating escort for three miles along the road, until the Americans were reinforced.

measure requiring separate cars for Another ambuscade, in the Batangas mountains, resulted disastrously for Mrs. M. J. Patterson, the only child the insurgents. The force attacked was the Forty-fifth volunteer infantry. of Andrew Johnson, is critically ill at her home in Greenville, Tenn., and not under Colonel Dorst. The Americans killed eight, wounded three and took 17 prisoners, including a Spaniard, and Bequests made to priests for saying captured six rifles. The casualties on the American side were only two

slightly wounded.

Mail advices from Negros bring particulars of the uprising last month in in a Leadville, Colo., saloon, because the southern part of the island in which Lieutenant A. C. Ledyard, Sixth infantry, was killed. Instead of bethe coast of Chile, doing considerable ing an unimportant revole of native police, as was at first reported, it appears to have been an attempt to over-In a New York storage warehouse throw American authority. The move-ment was started by the officials of the five men fell 140 feet with an elevator. autonomous government, the men who were elected and inaugurated with so much ceremony jast November.

Eleven of these officials, including the president and several councillors. were lodged in jail on charges of plotting treason. Several secured their release under heavy bonds, but others remain in prison.

Canon Henry Twells, a well known General Smith found evidence that the revolting police were following the orders of the autonomous government. which designed to use the forces under its control to overpower the Amer-The bubonic plague was introduced icans. The plot failed through being started prematurely, but Negros was John Mitchell and W. C. Pierce were in a state of uneasiness for a week. Two companies of the Twenty-sixth re-elected president and secretarytreasurer of the Mine Workers' union. infantry were hurried from Iloilo to Martin Bergen, catcher of the Bosreinforce the garrison at Bacolod.

The officials arrested include some of the most prominent men in Negros. It is believed that they will be expelled from 'he island.

Another Defeat For Filipinos Manila, Jan. 23.-Two companies of the Forty-sixth infantry, under Major Johnson, and three companies of the Thirty-eighth infantry, commanded by Major Muir, defeated 800 insurgents at Taal, province of Batangas, Saturday. taking the town. The United States gunboat Marietta also shelled the place. Two Americans were wounded

Kankakee, 11ls., Jan. 22.-The will

of Father Chiniquy, the famous ex-

communicated priest who died in Mon-

erty he leaves to his wife, and daugh-

To each of the three poorest women in

Moonshining in New York City.

the basement of the five story brick

building at 89 Madison street yester-

day brought to light an illicit distil-

lery capable of producing more than

50 gallons a day. The place had been

under surveillance since its opening,

about ten days ago, by Edward F

Long, of the internal revenue service.

The fire itself did very little damage.

About ten days ago a man who gave

bis name as Samuel Freeman rented

the basement for a paint shop. Free-

man, who was there at the time, did

his best to put it out, but seeing that

it was impossible turned in an alarm

and disappeared, together with two

Manila's Growing Imports.

statement showing the imports at the

port of Manila for the three months of

July, August and September last. The

total value of merchandise entered at

Manila custom house for the three

months named was \$5,802,581. In ad-

dition there was \$52,520 in gold coin

and \$255,294 in silver coin from Brit-

ish India and \$332,707 in silver coin

members from the wine room, the

partment made public yesterday

Washington, Jan. 22.-The war de-

New York, Jan. 23 .- A small fire in

his parish is given \$100.

Monday, Jan. 22. Richard D. Blackmore, the English novelist, died at Teeddington, England, Lorenzo Borgomast and Baptista Excommunicated Priest's Will.

Rodeschi, stone cutters, were asphyxiated in New Fork, having gone to bed intoxicated. Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," will run the Topeka (Kan.) Capital as a Christian daily

paper the week beginning March 12. Charles L. Foote, formerly post master and city treasurer of River, Mass., who is alleged to have embezzled \$6,000 four years ago, was

arrested at Chicago. Mrs. Annie Elisworth Smith, widow of the founder of the Century company, died in New York, aged When a girl of 17 she sent the first telegram from Washington to Baltimore.

A Sunday fight between Italians in a New York tenement district resulted in the death of Antonio and Caspar Colletti and David Salvatoro, Vincenzo Spilleti and 17-year-old son Frank, the alleged murderers, are in jail,

Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Eleven men were entombed and one killed by the caving in of a tunnel in Los Angeles. It is reported in Copenhagen that

the Danish West Indies are to be finally ceded to the United States. The Chinese government has

quiesced in French demands for territory at Kwang Chan Wan bay after two more Chinese defeats. The British royal commission ap-

pointed to inquire into the cause of railway accidents recommends the compulsory use of automatic couplings. Though living in poverty alone, Mrs. Margaret Harold, who was burn-

ed to death in Philadelphia on Saturday, had amassed a considerable fortune. The United States government is

threatened with a grave situation in Cuba unless it speedily replaces the military by a civil government in the island.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS. Philadelphia, Jan. 22 .- Flour weak: win-

from China, bringing the aggregate of ter superfine, \$2.25@2.40; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@2.20; city mills, extra, imports up to \$6,443,102, or at the rate \$2.50@2.70. Rye flour quiet and steady at \$5.15@3.30 per barrel. Wheat strong; No. of more than \$25,300,000 a year for Manila alone. 3 red, spot, in elevator, 69670c. Corn firm No. 2 mixed, spot, in elevator, 1862314c. No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 2946394c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 18622c. Fell Two Thousand Feet to Death. Houghton, Mich., Jan. 23.-Two min-Oats steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 11@32c.; lower grades, 28@30c. Hay firm; choice timothy, \$16@16.50 for large bales. Beef dull; beef hams, \$22@22.50. Pork firm; family, \$14@14.50. Lard quiet; western steamed, \$6.35. Butter steady; western creamery, 21@25c.; do. factory, 16@20c.; June creamery, 20@224c.; imitation creamery, 10@25c.; New York dairy, 19@26c.; do. creamery, 21@25c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at \$54@27c.; do. wholesale, Es. Cheese firm; fall made, fancy, large and small, 124@13c.; late made, large, 114@13c.; do. do., small, 12@154c. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 15c.; western, ungraded, at mark, 14@15c.; western, 25c. ers named Kratt and Sweet dropped nearly 2,000 teet in the Atlantic mine. The accident came through another accident at the engine house disabling the hoist. Both men were horribly mangled. They leave large families. Pertinent Prayer For Lawmakers. Albany, Jan. 23.—Rev. George N. Earner, pastor of the West End Presbyterian church, who offered prayer in the assembly last night, prayed fer-vently that the Lord would protect the

A FILIPINO VICTORY KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS.

Parts of the State.

MURDER MYSTERY AT CHESTER.

Body of George B. Eyre Found in the Delaware River-Murder at Scrapton Christening-Trying to Avert a Strike in the Anthracite District.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 22.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of George B. Eyre, of this city, on Dec. 21, was partially solved yesterday, when the body of Eyre was found on the shore of Raccoon Island, in the Delaware river, opposite Chester. When found the feet were tied with a rope. An inquest on the body too Bridgeport, N. J., showed that death had resulted from a gunshot wound on tne back of the head. The bones of the head had been crushed by a blow from some heavy instrument, and 35 pieces of bone and a number of grains of No. 5 shot were removed. The jury returned a verdict of death by violence at the hands of some unknown persons. No arrests have been made.

Murder at a Christening

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 23.-At a christening at the home of John Larda, in Peckville, yesterday, Peter Chiprono had some words over a trivial matter with August Esconia, and drawing a revolver fired a 44-caliber bullet into the brain of Esconia. He fired again and shattered the arm of Americo Marraguillo, again and August Bonnia received the bullet in his thigh. The rest of the bullets he tried to distribute among some thirty odd guests, but no more took effect. Policeman arrived in time to prevent further trouble. Esconia died without a murmur. The wounded men will probably recover.

Death of a Veteran Editor.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Jan. 22.-Ex-Judge Schoch, the oldest editor in point of active and continuous service on one newspaper in the United States, died at his home here yesterday at the age of 86. Ex-Judge Schoch took charge of The Jeffersonian in 1840 and since then has been editor and publisher. He enjoyed the best of health up to within two weeks ago, and did work on his paper until quite recently. He for years has been prominently identified with the Quay faction in the Republican party.

Pulatial Suburban Home Destroyed. Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 20.-The palatial suburban home of Charles B. Harris, the inventor, was entirely destroyed by fire late Thursday night, entailing a loss of from \$50,000 to \$60 -000. Insurance carried will aggregate about \$28,000. Beyond a small amount of wearing apparel nothing was rescued from the blazing dwelling. The family were forced to 1 the a rope out of bedclothing and lo er themse' to a porch, from whence they leaps the ground. An overheated furnace is supposed to have caused the fire.

Gifts to Pennsylvania University. Philadelphia, Jan. 20.-Provost Harrison has just published his annual report of the trustees of the university for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899. The report gives an account of the present condition of the university, and of the year's work and benefactions. The and ten insurgent dead found on the year's gifts amounted to \$616,441. the little less than five years of Dr Harrison's provostship the donations have aggregated \$2,804,319, but the report states that at least as much more is urgently needed.

Trying to Avert a Strike

treal last year, was filed in the Kan-Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 23.-Charles kakee county court yesterday. In the will Father Chiniquy says he dies in J. Thain, secretary of the United Mine Workers of America for this district. the faith of the Presbyterian church. said in an interview yesterday that the He renounces more than ever, he says, only way a general strike could be the church of Rome, and calls upon his avoided in the anthracite coal region compatriots to do the same. His propwas recognition of the members of the union by the operators. The Wilkesters, except his library, worth \$7,000. barre board of trade, Commercial club, which he bequeaths to his son-in-law, business men in general and ministers Rev. Joseph Morin, who is carrying on of the gospel are using every effort to Father Chiniquy's missionary work in avert a strike. Canada. Father Chiniquy also asks that his comin cost no more than \$10.

Probably Fatal Mine Explosion. Scranton, Pa., Jan. 23.-A serious mine explosion occurred yesterday in the Marvine mines, North Scranton, and resulted in the probably fatal injury of one man and the serious injury of two others. Thomas Coleman, of Parker street, aged 19 years, and Frank Parks, of Depot street, aged 20 years, the two most seriously injured, were employed as driver boys. Coleman will probably die.

Used Counterfeit Union Labels. Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 20.-Just before adjournment of court yesterday afternoon L. W. Frankhauser, of Terre Hill, was convicted of using counterfeits of Cigarmakers' International union labels. John C. Fleischman, of Lititz, and John Burkholder, of Martindale, were convicted of the same offense. They will test the constitutionality of the law under which they were convicted.

Temperance Lecturer's Downtall. Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—Excessive use of morphine, to which, it appears, he had been addicted during the past four years, was the cause of the death in a hospital here last night of Will J. McConnell, of Cleveland, well known in the west as a temperance lecturer. It has been commonly reported that McConnell used both liquor and drugs to excess, though still lecturing.

The Coal Embargo.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20 .- The inability of the railroad companies to deliver coal at tidewater points rapidly enough is having a serious effect on the coastwise shipping of this and other ports. For the first time in 26 years the entire fleet of the Philadelphia and Reading Transportation line's fleet of steam colliers is tied up here, and the crews laid off.

Officer Killed While on Duty. Washington, Pa., Jan. 23.—Constable George W. McCammon, of West Alexander, was shot and killed yesterday by a young man named Frank McGee.
McCammon had an alleged sheep thief
in custody and was taking him to the
office of Squire Walts for a hearing,
when McGee interfered. McGee