CONVICTION FOR GUILTY OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT DETERMINED.

In an Address He Gives the Investigating Committee of the War Department Unlimited Scope and Authorit; -All Classes Represented.

The commission appointed by President McKinley to investigate the administration of the war department in relation to its conduct of the Hispano-American war began its labors formally last Monday. The commission effected an organization by electing Gen. Granville M. Dodge president; Mr. Richard Weightman. secretary; and Maj. Stephen C. Mills, of the regular army, recorder.

The president is understood to be thoroughly pleased with the personnel of the commission. It was his effort to secure as members of the commission men of the highest character and standing, in whose opinions and judgment the country would have all confidence. He desired also to have represented on the board all phases of public and political feeling, every section of the country and all classes of business —professional, commercial and military.

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In addressing the commission the president said, among other things:

"Gentlemen—Before suggesting the matter which shall come before you for investigation, I desire to express my appreciation to each of you for your willingness to accept the patriotic service to which you have been invited. You are to perform one of the highest public duties that can fall to a citizen, and your unselfishess in undertaking it makes me produndly grateful.

"There has been in many quarters, severe criticism of the conduct of the war with Spain. Charges of criminal neglect of the soldiers in camp and field and hospital and in transports have been so persistent that, whether true or false, they have made a deep impression upon the country. It is my earnest desire that you shall thoroughly investigate these charges, and make the fullest examination of the administration of the war department in all of its branches, with the view to establishing the truth or falsity of these accusations.

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"I put upon you no limit to the scope of your investigation. Of all departments connected with the army, I invite the closest scrutiny and examination, and shall afford every faculty for the most searching inquiry. The records of the war department and the assistance of its officers shall be subject to your call.

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"T-can not impress upon you too strongly my wish that your investigation shall be so thorough and complete that your report, when made, will fix the responsibility for any failure or fault by reason of neglect, incompetency or maladministration upon the officers and bureaus responsible therefor—If it be found that the evils compained of have existed.

"The people of the dountry are entitled to know whether or not the citizens who promptly responded to the call of duty have been neglected or misused or maltreated by the government to which they so willingly gave their service. If there have been wrongs committed, the wrong-doers must not escape conviction and punishment."

EIGHT MINERS KILLED.

Disastrous Explosion in a Mine at Brownsvile, PaMany Workmen Narrowly Escape.

Eight miners were killed last Friday in the Empire mine at Brownsville, Pa. The disaster was caused by a gas explosion resulting from the careless exposure of a naked lamp by one of the miners. More than a hundred men narrowly escaped with their lives. The dead are:

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James Hall, 27 years of age; wife
and one child.
John Bennett, driver, 22; single.
Harry Hager, 17; single.
John Harrison, colored, 35; wife and

John Harrison, colored, 35; wife and two children.

Salem Harrison, colored, 25; single. William Pritchard, 50; wife and seven children.

John Cartwright, 30; wife.
Robert Davidson, 45; single.
Startling statements were brought out at the inquest over the bodies of the victims of the Umpire mine horror near Brownsville. Under a fire of questions from the mine inspectors Henry Farran, fire boss, told of having found and reported gas in parts of the mine. James Broderick, mine boss, admitted that he knew there was gas k o'afia and both acknowledged that they allowed the men to go into dangerous places with naked lamps.

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Unannounced, President McKinley a few days ago made a personal inspection of the hospital at Fort Meyer, Virginia. The President carefully inspected the kitchen and examined the food supplied to the hospital patients. At the conclusion of his examination he expressed himself as well satisfied with the arrangements made for caring for the sick, but desired it to be understood that the patients were to want for nothing that would improve their condition or render them more comfortable. The patients were particularly pleased at the visit of the President, and Maj. Davis said, as the party-left the hospital, that it would party left the hospital, that it would do more to cheer up the sick men than any quantity of medicine.

Maria Teresa Floated.

The wreckling company at Santiago engaged under Lieutenant Hobson in the work of saving the wrecked Spanish warships has succeeded in floating the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa. The ruiser after being got afloat was taken in tow by the Potomac and, convoyed by the cruiser Newark, the Scorpion and the Alvarado, proceeded for Guantanamo Bay, Sunday. The successful Esue of the attempt to float her was greeted with the blowing of wristles, the firing of National salutes and by cheers, in which the Cubans joined, disturbing the noon siesta.

Prisoners Revolt

The deputy for French Guiana has received information of the outbreak of a mutiny among the convicts at Cayenne. A large body of prisoners revolted, murdered their guards and captured the military stores, and are now trying to effect the release of 4,000 other prisoners still in confinement. Military assistance, is urgently sought from Martinique.

Cervera Deplores the Injustice.

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Before Admiral Cervera landed at Sanander from the steamer City of Rome last Thursday, the local authorities went on board the transport to welcome him home. In response to their greetings the admiral thanked them for their courtesy and said that he needed consolation after undergoing such heroic, but barren sacrifice as he and his men had experienced. He spoke with bitterness of the situation in which his sailors were placed. They had returned calmly, having done their duty, but were filled with sadness by the atmosphere of injustice which enveloped public opinion.

RELEASING CUBAN PRISONERS.

Are the Most Substantial.

A Havana Paper Argues That the American Methods
Are the Most Substantial.

The Cuban cabinet composed of the
colonial secretaries meets daily, and
pardon is granted to a great number
of prisoners, who are thereupon turned into the streets of Havana.

La Lucha, in an editorial recently
treating upon the question of the future of Cuba, concludes with saying:
"The only difference between ourselves
and the Americans is that they occupy
themselves with material interests and
the organization of public health, while
we write verses on liberty and sonnets
to the moon as a solution of our very
terrestrial problem. We are supporters
and followers of ideals and the muses,
while they are stanch dependents upon
reality and earthly things. We are of
heaven and they are of the earth. Victory, therefore, cannot be doubtful, unless we change our tastes, ambitions
and temperament.
Capt. Gen. Blanco, amplifying his decree of August 22, has pardoned 119
persons who were exiled from the
island for all kinds of crimes.

President McKinley Receives Them at the White
Fouse and Extends Congratulations.
President McKinley Wednesday informally received a delegation of about a dozen members of the Roosevelt Rough Rider regiment. A majority of the delegation are from New Mexico and are en route home.

Each of the callers was presented individually to the president, who, after greeting them personally, talked with them and to them as a body in an informal manner.

"Your record is one," he said, "of which the entire nation is proud. I tell people who talked with me about the Rough Riders, that you left the boats in squades of twenty or thirty, inquiring the way to Santiago, and that you hardly stopped until you arrived there. "You have not only done well," he said, "but I, have no doubt you would all be willing to again serve your country in an emergency."

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"We want our colonel to raise a bri-gade instead of a regiment, next time," said one of the younger members of

the party. MOVEMENTS TOWARD PEACE.

At Santiago 1,200 soldiers are on the sick list.

Secretary Alger inspected the camps at Chickamauga Park last Thursday. Gen. Garcia, the Cuban leader, will visit Washington in the near future. Gen. Alger inspected the hospital at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., last Sa-

Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., idea Stunday.
Tuesday the Spanish troops at San Juan, Porto Rico, began embarking for Spain.
There were 500 serious cases of sickness among the soldiers at Camp Wikoff last Wednesday.
The United States Peace commissioners arrived in London on their way to Paris last Saturday.
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Spanish prisoners at Manila, who are in the hands of rebels, are suffering for the necessities of life. The Philippine insurgents are experencing difficulty in raising taxes with which to maintain their army.

Corporal Bernard Bohn and Private Morris, both of the Eleventh infantry were killed by lightning at Porto Rico Convicts who fought in the war against the United States have re-ceived a pardon from the Spanish Queen Regent.

Camp Meade, at Middletown, Pa., vill probably be abandoned soon, the roops there being sent to Cuba or to amps in the South.

General Woodford, late minister to Spain will not return to his former post. His presence at Madrid might tevive bitter feelings.

Charges are made against the Philip-nne rebels of brutal treatment of briests. An American officer has been ent to investigate the matter.

The Rough Riders' horses were sold at auction in New York last Tuesday. There were 1,007 of the horses and their prices ranged between \$15 and \$30.

It is said that the Rothschilds will do n Spain \$25,090,000 as soon as the treaty of peace is signed. The Almalan silver mines will be taken as segurity.

The meeting of the peace commis-sioners at Porto Rico continue without friction. Spanish troops are leaving for home as fast as transports can be

Secretary Alger received the troops Camp Hamilton, Lexington, Ky., st Tuesday. He denies that he offer his resignation to the president a weeks ago.

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Capt. Gen. Blanco has sent a message to the government through Gen. Plando, his second in command, to the effect that the army in Cuba will do its duty in the event of the failure of the peace commission and a renewal of thestifities. he peace co

The quartermaster's department claims that much of the illness among the soldiers was due to their refusal to drink boiled water which the govern-

nediate evacuation of Cuba by Spain's roops. There was a desire on the part f Spain to keep her troops in Havana ntil next spring.

Two representatives from Manila, elegated by Aguinaldo, are now on heir way to see President McKinley a the interest of ultimate independence for the Philippines.

The sickness among the American troops at Porto Rico is still increasing, and at last reports there were 2,500 soldiers under treatment. There are 700 ill in Gen. Ernst's brigade.

Twenty Spanish vessels, including twelve steamers, at Manila, have completed their transfer to the American flag and a majority of them have now proceeded on coasting voyages.

The peace commission at Havana has requested the United States to grant them a special credit, for the purpose of relieving the distress of needy Americans on the island of Cuba.

Cuba.

Brigadier General G. A. Garretson, in his official report of the battle near Yauco, Porto Rico, July 26, in which the position of the enemy was stormed, recommended for promotion for gallantry Major Webb C. Hayes, of the First Ohlo cavalry.

Applications for the discharge of soldiers must go through the regular army channels. The influence of senators, congressmen and other officials has no weight whatever at the war department.

FRENCH PEOPLE HEAR A WARNING.

PICQUART'S PREDICTION.

Intimates That Ropes and Razors, Found in Accus Prisoners' Cells, Are Not Always Evidence of Suicide-Dreyfus Examination.

The trial of Col. Picquart and M. Loblois, a lawyer, on the charge of revealing documents concerning the navealing documents concerning the national defense, was to have begun at Paris a few days ago before the correctional tribunal. The public prosecutor, however asked for an adjournment on the ground that the prosecution of Col. Piquart on the charge of forgery and using forged documents had been ordered by the minister of Mr. Zola during the latter's famous trial, indignantly opposed the adjournment, which he said was an attempt to clutches of the military authorities. Col. Picquart into the clutches of the military authorities. Col. Picquart then rose and made a statement, which caused a sensation. He said: "This is, perhaps, the last time I shall speak in public. I shall sleep, perhaps, in the military prison of Cherche Midi. Therefore, I wish to declare that if I find there the stranging cord of Le Mercier Picherd, or the razor of Col. Henry, it will be murder, for I have no idea of committing suicide."

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The audience was intensely moved and shouted "Vive Picquart."

The judges, however, after a short deliberation, decided to indefinitely adjourn the case, and Col. Picquart was led away between policemen.

Le Mercler Pickard, the man referred to by Col. Picquart, was a detective, understood to have been employed in the Dreyfus affair, who was found hanged in his lodgings about a year ago under circumstances which sast some doubt upon the theory put forward that he had committed sulcide. The commission appointed by the minister of justice, M. Sarrien, to examine the documents in the Dreyfus case and pronounce upon the advisability of the government formally granting the prisoner on Devils island a new trial, met the other day at the ministry of justice. The greatest precautions were taken to insure secrecy. It is understood the commission will come to a decision shortly when M. Sarrien will communicate its finding to a cabinet coucil, which will be presided over by President Faure.

The London Observer recently asserted that Comte Esterhazy has said in the presence of more persons than one that he was the author of the famous Dreyfus bordeau, which he wrote "at the request of Col. Sandherr, now dead."

CRUELTY OF A SPANISH GENERAL.

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ssassinates Thirty Citizens Who Were Declared

Loyal Citizens by Superior Officers. A prominent Spaniard who has just rived at Havana from Santo Espiritu rived at Havana from Santo Espiritu ls of many atrocities committed by e Spanish general, Ignacio Estruch, that vicinity. As a result many fam-ess have fled to the fields and others we died panic-stricken, suffering om untold cruelties. Gen. Estruch rrounded himself with advisers, who licated to him persons to be killed or iled.

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Estruch made a list of fifty persons, submitting it for approval to General Aguirre, commander of his division, who consulted with Marco Garcia, civil governor of Santa Clara province. Garcia said the list was not reliable, as all the persons named therein were loyal autonomists.

Estruch, chagrined at his failure, formed a secret service police of twenty-five gendarmes, armed with daggers. The blacklisted persons were arrested by night and slain outside the city walls. When the families of the missing inquired, Estruch replied that they had been arrested and released, and had probably escaped to the fields and joined the rebels. Thus Estruch assassinated about thirty persons.

Estruch was arrested for his crimes, but was released and sent to the Jauarcy troch, not being court-martialed on account of lack of proof.

One of the daggers used by the Estruch police was presented to Capt. Gen. Blanco, who was horrified at the sight. Among the persons assassinated was Candido Spalederon, a newspa-

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War Whoops in the White House.

President McKinley met a dozen of Roosevelt's rough riders last Tuesday. They assembled in the east room and the president shook hands with them. He also complimented the plainsmen and they became enthusiastic. One of them proposed three cheers. They began with an Indian war whoop as an overture and followed it with three cheers which shook the mansion. The president smiled with pleasure.

"Will you go to Cuba again if we call you?" he asked.

"You bet we will. We will go now," exclaimed one enthusiast and similar expressions were heard all along the line.

Epain Assisting Reconcentrado

Marquis Cervera, military governor of Marianao, Cuba, has issued an order providing for the return of refugees from the country—reconcentrados—to from the country—reconcentrados—to their farms and fields, offering absolute protection to all those going back to their homes and lands. To this end he has arranged for three omnibuses to run twice a week from Marianas to run twice a week from Marianas to fufferent interior points in the vicinity, taking, free of charge, the families and baggage of those who wish to return to their homes. The civil governor, beside issuing orders to the mayors of Cano and Bauta to co-operate with the mayor of Mariano, has to the same end set aside the sum of \$500 to be distributed among these families who return to labor on the farms.

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The London Observer states that Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, of France, has been in London for 10 days past. He explains that there is no longer justice for him in his own country, and says that what he did was done in bilind, unquestioning, brutal obedience of orders from superiors. If I were ordered to take a gun and shoot my own brother, I would do so without hesitation," Count Esterhazy declared. He added that out of the 1,000 documents in the Dreyfus dossier, approximately 600 were forged, and that he was prepared to show by whem and in what circumstances the forgeries were committed.

Five Eundred Dervishes Killed.

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Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent leader, in a message to President McKinley, reasserted that his people would be friendly to America, and asksonly that the islands be not returned to Spanish domination.

C. W. Metcalf of Cleveland is making an effort to have Gen. Otis removed. Otis is now in command of the troops at Manila. Mr. Metcalf's son died in a pestilence camp at San Francisco which was selected by Gen. Otis.

NEWS NOTES.

Twenty thousand Odd Fellow paraded in Boston last Wednesday. Hazen S. Pingree has been renom-inated by the Republicans of Michigan

Capt. Brooks of the yacht Chisps was murdered by pirates at Sausalita Cal., last week.

The wheat crop of Manitoba this season will be 40,000,000 bushels against 20,000,000 last year.

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Cadet Philip Smith has been suspended from West Point one year without pay for hazing.

Policeman Tuxford of Chicago was killed by Clarence White, a burglar, whom he was trying to arrest.

Three men locked August Arnold, a Chicago saloonkeeper in his ice chest and then robbed the safe of \$10.

Acting secretary of state Adee was given a special commission by presi-dent McKinley, making him actually secretary of State.

Dense clouds of smoke covered lake Superior last Monday and Tuesday. Twelve vessels were wrecked representing a loss of \$350,000.

Dentist Kennedy of New York will have to stand trial for the death of Emeline Reynolds who was found murdered some weeks ago.

Ex-United States Senator William

Ex-United States Senator William W. Eaton died Wednesday morning at Hartford, Conn., aged 84. He was stricken with paralysis Sunday.

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Seven masked men held up a train within seven miles of the Kansas City depot, blew up the express car and are alleged to have secured a large sum.

The German bark Olga arrived at Philadelphia a few days ago. Six members of her crew, including the captain and mate died of scurvy on the ocean. To entertain President McKinley during the Knights Templar Conclave at Pittsburg next month, Christopher Magee, of that city, will spend \$15,000.

St. Patrick's church at Audenried, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., is slowly sinking into an abandoned coal mine and the entire building is likely to disappear.

Gen. Merritt who has returned to this country from Manila, will marry Miss Laura Williams before he leaves for Paris. He is one of the advisors of the peace commission.

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Major General "Joe" Wheeler accepted an invitation to be commander of the mounted division in the grand parade during the Knights Templar conclave in Pittsburg.

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The body of Jennie Hickey was found in the lake at Chicago last Thursday. Bruises upon her throat showed that she had been strangled to death and then thrown into the water.

Mrs. C. L. Foster of Louisville, Ky., sent her 4-year-old child to the drug store for quinine Monday and soon after taking the drug Mrs. Foster died. It is believed the child was given polson by mistake.

Sir Arthur Curie.

on by mistake.

Sir Arthur Curtis, an English nobleman, searching for gold in the Klondlke, has disappeared. Indians want \$1,000 reward for finding the body, and this leads his friends to believe that he met with foul play.

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By means of poisoned wheat thousands of sparrows have perished at
Mishawake, Ind. It now develops that
these birds are killed and shipped to
Michigan where a bounty is paid for
sparrows' heads. Indiana pays no

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General Nelson A. Miles will in a few days receive from the chief bankers in New York and prominent commercial men an invitation to a banquet in his honor, which will be held in this city next month, the date to be set by General Miles.

The dismembered body of the young woman found at Bridgeport, Conn., has now been positively identified as that of Miss Emma Gill, a domestic. She was employed at Hartford, Conn., and her suitor, Harry Foster, has been arrested on suspicion.

Chris. Shuh, a German miner of Long Run, O., who was bound over for killing Julius Baldash, a Spaniard, during a heated argument and quarrel at the outbreak of the recent war, was released by the court a few days ago as no indictment was found.

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Mrs. Temperance Hollis, who died at Dover, Del., a few days ago, was 125 years old, according to the certificate filed with the health department. She was buried from the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Margaret Wooders, who is 75 years of age.

A decision was handed down in the supreme court at Madison, Wis., recently which upholds the law forbidding the printing of a candidate's name in two columns of the official ballot and practically knocks out fusion in this state in the future.

A Train Load of Silver.

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A train bearing 10,000,000 ounces of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco is soon to work a new era in the Federal government's method of transporting the precious metals between its mints. The shipment is to be made on a special freight train guarded by Federal soldiers and detectives. This amount means over 300 tops or fifteen carloads. The express charges on any such quantity, at anything like schedule rates, would be an item which even the United States treasury could afford to figure on saving. Assistant secretary Vandērlip, of the treasury department, has been in Chicago for the purpose of making the definite arrangements.

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It is the present intention of the Administration to send to Cuba as a garrison force about 40,000 troops, in addition to the force now in Santiago under command of General Lawton.

Within two weeks orders will be issued for the movement to Cuba of the first 10,000 of the permanent garrison, and it is the expectation now that they will sail from the United States about October 10. These troops will be followed quickly by others, until the entire force of 40,000 has been established on the Island.

Havasa Now Admits supplies.

The supplies on the steamer Comal, intended for the relief of starving Cubans, will probably be landed at Havana now free of duty. A dispatch to the Herald says that in answer to a second request by the American commissioners in Havana, the Spaniards have replied virtually granting the principle plied virtually granting the princip for which the Americans contended. The Spankards have all along tri-to collect \$60,000 in custom duties

History and to Death. The Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler died in the hospital at Plainsfield, N. J., the other night from a violent attack of hiccoughs. He was attacked three weeks ago with gastritis, which developed in hiccoughs. These refused to yield to treatment and death finally

o yield to treatment and death finally esulted from exhaustion. Yellow Fever and Malaria Two deaths from yellow fever, one from pneumonia and 25 believed to have been caused by malaria are reported to have occurred since August 20 among Ray's troops and the companies of the Third volunteers.

COMMISSIONERS URGED TO HURRY.

CUBANS SUFFERING.

The Evacuations of the Spaniards Must Begin Octo 15-Protest Against the Removal of the Columbus Menument.

The officials at Washington ar vatching with interest the progress be ing made by the Military Commission at Havana in securing the evacuation of Cuba. The commission has been very slow in making reports to the war

of Cuba. The commission has been very slow in making reports to the war department, but from the latest received it appears that the body would like to have more definite instructions as to procedure.

It seems that the Spanish side has said that they could not begin the evacuation of the island until the 1st of November, and that it could not be completed before the 28th of February. In view of the alarming state of the Cubans, who are suffering from hunger and the inability in the present uncertain conditions to obtain work, the president decided that he could not assent to the consumption of so much time. Therefore, he caused the commission to be instructed to demand that the evacuation by the Spaniards begin not later than October 15, and that it be completed by December 31.

What the result of this demand will be is not yet known, but it is said that the administration is determined to tolerate no dilatory tactics on the part of the Spanish forces in leaving the island, although disposed to permit reasonable indulgence.

Notice has also been taken of the expressed purpose of the Spanish Captain General to remove from the island the remains of Christopher Columbus, with part of the surmounting monument. If a monument is not a permanent fixture, then it is hard to decide what is, and it is possible that attention will be called to the infraction of the terms of the protocol, although this must be done with haste in order to succeed in its object, as the removal is said to be fixed for Tuesday.

The officials of the war department pronounced to be without foundation the alarmist stories coming from sources in San Francisco that Germany had shown a disposition to arm the Philippine insurgents/with a view to inciting them to harrass the American army at Manila.

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A Madrid dispatch says that the ministerial authority has declared that the United States government has no right to a protectorate over any of the islands of the Philippine group and that the Spanish peace commissioners will energetically defend Spain's rights to their possession.

China Now Governed by the Dowager Empress—Reform Edicts Cansed the Change.

An imperial edict just issued defintely announces that the emperor of China has resigned his power to the

itely announces that the emperor of China has resigned his power to the dowager empress, who has ordered the ministers to deliver to her in future their official reports.

It is difficult to obtain reliable information at the palace in regard to the proceeding, but the recent reformatory edicts probably caused the change. While the emperor was subservient and a mere figurehead, the dowager empress permitted him to remain in peace, but so soon as he attempted to act on his own initiative his practical deposition was the result. His principal adviser, Kang Yuomi, the Cantonese reformer, fied in spite of the vigorous attempts made to arrest him, and it is said he is now on his way to Shanghai.

Although there is no positive confirmation, all the evidence tends to the conviction that the emperor of China is dead. A private dispatch says he died on September 21, directly he issued the edict giving the dowager the regency. Nobody doubt that Yang and Chang yen Hoon, who was minister at Washington in 1895, are both innocent of the charge of poisoning the emperor.

CANADA GREETS AMERICAN SEAMEN.

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The Cruiser Marblehead Participates in the Exercises
Honoring Champlain.
Last Wednesday the Canadian people paid a magnificent tribute to the memory of the French explorer Champlain, who 290 years ago founded the city of Quebec. To Americans the most interesting feature of the occasion was the hearty and enthusiastic reception given to Capt. McCalla of the United States cruiser Marblehead and his marines and sailors. Three British warships, the Henown, the Indefatigable and the Talbot, arrived several days ago to participate in the ceremonies, but her majesty's seamen did not get the spirited reception given the battered and bruised old Marblehead and her little handful of Yankee sailors fresh from the stormy scenes on the south coast of Cuba. ple paid a magnificent tribute to the

Fatal Sham Naval Battle.

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A representation of the Manila naval battle was one of the attractions at the Pittsburg Exposition last week. Thursday night, after the preliminary shots had been fired the time approached for the blowing up of the opposing vessel. When this occurred two bodies were seen being hurled through the air which the spectators considered part of the performances. The two men, however, were really killed. They were G. C. Adams, who had charge of the battle and his assistant, Charles Miller. The bomb explosion was premature. mature.

An Epidemic May Result.

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The condition of the Spanish prisoners at Manila is beginning to excite anxiety among the military officers. Eleven thousand of these prisoners are quartered in churches and other public buildings within the narrow confines of the walled city, where most of the Spanish people live, where the American garrison is necessarily quartered and where Gen. Otis has located the army headquarters, the Spaniards having not the least knowledge of the laws of sanitation. of sanitation.

Practically all details of the negotiations for the purchase of Drummond's big tobacco plant in St. Louis by the American Tobacco Company have been closed. The price to be paid is said to be on a basis of \$10,000,000. All this money will not be paid in cash, a certain number of the shareholders of the Drummond Company having consented to take stock in the new company.

Cubans Taunting Spaniards

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Disturbances in public places between Cubans and Spaniards at Havana are becoming frequent. The Cubans are assuming an insolent and abusive manner in their treatment of the Spaniards, whom they lose no opportunity of openly referring to as vanquished. Many of them wear miniature Cuban flags, the lone star of which acts upon the Spanish officers as does a red rag upon a bull.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED.

Spontaneous Combustion Causes a Terrible Disaster at Teledo-Victims Hurled Through the Air and Found Burned to a Crisp-Loss \$450,000.

Eight men cremated and eight more

Eight men cremated and eight more fatally burned is the result of the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo, O. The spontaneous combustion of dust in the Union grain elevator, owned by Paddock, Hodge & Co., Tuesday caused this terrible destruction of life. None of those who were taken out after the fire started were far enough from death's door to tell any of the details.

The list of dead, so far, is as follows: Grace Parks, aged 19; John Carr, shoveler; Fred Garrett, shoveler; Everett Smith, machinist; unknown. Polish shoveler, another shoveler unknown. The following are missing and are belleved to have been burned inside the building; Frank Van Hoesen, grain inspector. Samuel Alexander, weigher, Harold Parks, aged 6, son of Supt. W. J. Parks; Charles Keefer, engineer; Davenport and Brinkerhoff, shovelers.

William J. Parks, the superintendent

Supt. W. J. Parks; Charles Keefer, engineer; Davenport and Brinkerhoff, shovelers.

William J. Parks, the superintendent after being blown through the window of the lower story, was conscious for a moment, and said that a terrible explosion occurred on the south side of the elevator, and that he knew there were about 20 men at work on the seven floors of the enormous building. None of those who are now alive will survive the burns and bruises with which they are covered. Besides those regularly employed at the elevator the three children of Superintendent Parks were visiting him at the time. One of these may recover from his burns, but Grace, a Ir-year-old girl, is burned almost beyond recognition, and Harold, the third child, has not been found, being either blown to atoms or cremated.

the third child, has not been found, being either blown to atoms or cremated.

The river cut off escape on one side and the flames seemed to be less fierce there. The families of a dozen men who were known to be at work within rushed to the scene and women calling for their imprisoned husbands, brothers and fathers made a scene indescribable. It was learned that the force of 20 men expected to load 80,000 bushels of grain during the night.

William Parks was found first. He was twenty feet from the building, frightfully burned and his clothing almost entirely torn off. He had been hurled from his place in the main room through a window and his agonizing cries were most pitiful.

Another employe, John Carr, was hurled from the fifth floor of the building, and was found bleeding and burned with many bones broken. He did not long survive, Fireman David Kemp and Charles Keifer, the engineer, were found at their places in the engine rooms. They were wounded by falling timbers and their faces were charred to a crisp by the flames.

The little daughter of William Parks was sitting at the desk in the office at the time of the explosion, and she was hurled out of the door. She walked down the elevation on which the building stands and dropped down, to be carried away unconscious.

The heat became so intense that twenty cars standing on sidings near the burning building were added to the loss.

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Mr. Paddock, a member of the firm owning the plant, said that there was between 500,000 and 600,000 bushels of grain in storage at the time, the most of it being winter wheat. The property and the grain are an entire loss and will reach \$450,000. The insurance is \$125,000 on the building, and the grain is covered with \$238,000 insurance.

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Albert Tatzke, of Rochester, N. Y., who has gained much notoriety as "the strong jawed man" in dime museums, added to his fame a few days ago by drawing a freight car weighing 74,000 pounds on the level for 15 feet with his teeth. New York Central engine No. 23, with John Ott as engineer, had Tatzke on board. He held a mouth piece, to which a chain was attached connecting the car. When all was ready Ott started the engine gently and with it came the car. Last spring Tatzke arranged to pull against a team of horses. The driver started the horses on a jump, which resulted in the loss of three teeth.

Stars and Stripes Float at Hayans.

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Tuesday morning the first American flag in Havana was hoisted on the flagstaff of the Trocha hotel, the head-quarters of the American-evacuation commission. A guard of marines was posted at the entrance to the grounds. Col. Clous and Capt. Payne stood on the roof of the hotel at either side of the flagstaff. At 10 o'clock sharp a quartermaster of the steamer Resolute hoisted the flag, which unfurled and fluttered proudly in the breeze.

Strangled to Death. Strangled to Death.

Andrew Cassagne was strangled to death by three men the other night in the tenement in Brooklyn. Mrs. Cassagne had left the room for a few minutes, and returning found her husband dead on the floor, while three men stood over him. She was grasped by two of the men, who choked-her nearly to insensibility, while the third man searched the room, finding \$500 under the mattress of the bed. The three men then fled.

Parson Embezziei \$20,000.

The Nebraska Methodist conference, after a three day's trial. Saturday found Rev. C. M. Ellenwood, late treasurer and acting chancellor of the Wesleyan university, guilty of misappropriation of funds of the university to the sum of \$20,000. The verdict of the jury is that he be deposed from the ministry and expelled from the church. No criminal suit has yet been begun.

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Eugene D. Mosher, deputy warden of the branch prison at Marquette, Mich., was perhaps fatally stabbed by convict Dick Huntley, Sunday morning. News of it has just sifted through the prison walls. Half a dozen prisoners were in the plot, which included the murder of Warden Freeman as well as the nurder of the deputy. Huntley's finger was shot off before he was subdued. Will Not Dwell Under the American Flag. Will Not Dwell Under the American Flag.
It is announced that 10,000 Spaniards, residing in the island of Porto Rico, have refused to live in the island under the American flag, and have demanded that they be returned to Spain at the expense of the government. The question of the repartition of the discontented Spaniards has been referred to the state council.

CABLE FLASHES.

All anarchists who are not residents of Hungary will be expelled. While hunting the other day Em-peror William brought down ten splen-

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did stags.

Twenty fishermen were drowned in the Baltic sea during a storm a few

days ago.

The French vessel Ville de Fecamp foundered last week off Fecamp and her crew of thirty-six were drowned. England took as a defeat for herself and a victory for Russia the ascension to power of the empress dowager of China.