BIG STEEL COMBINE COMPLETED.

GIGANTIC SCHEME.

The Conclusive Session Was Held Saturday. The Name is the "United States Consolidated Steel Company."

J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, has just completed the project by which another and the greatest consolidation of capital is added to the notable list of those of the last ten years. The steel trust plan was consummated at a conference in his office late Saturday afternoon.

An official announcement says that the Carnegie Company, the Federal Steel Company, the National Tube Company, the American Steel & Wire Company, the American Tinplate Company, the National Steel Company, the American Steel Hoop Company and the American Sheet Steel Company are to be combined into one concern, which is to issue stock in return for theirs, the valuation having been determined upon the assets and earning power of the respective corporations thus merged.

The new trust, it is understood, will be called the United States Consolidated Steel Company. It will have a total capitalization of $1,100,000,000. Of this $30,000,000 will be 5 per cent. general mortgage bonds, $400,000,000 will be 7 per cent. stock and $400,000,000 will be common stock.

BOERS DEFEATED.

DeWet Routed by Col. Plumer's Column and Loses His Artillery.

Gen. DeWet was routed Saturday by Col. Plumer, with whom were Cols. Henniker, Craddock, Jeffreys and Gabbo. This success was preceded by a series of desperate attempts on the part of the Boers to escape from the water belt of the Orange and the Brake rivers.

Gen. French reports from Piet Retief that the result of the columns sweeping the country east is that the Boers are retreating in scattered and disorganized parties to the number of some 5,000 in front of him. Amsterday and Piet Retief have been occupied and there troops are protecting the Swazi frontier. French will push on, but is much hampered by the continuous heavy rains.

Summary of total losses inflicted upon the enemy up to February 16: Two hundred and ninety-two Boers known to have been killed and wounded in action, 56 taken prisoners, 183 surrendered, one 15-pounder gun, 402 rifles, 100,000 rounds of small ammunition, 3,500 horses, 70 mules, 3,530 trek oxen, 18,700 cattle, 155,400 sheep and 1,070 wagons and carts captured. Our casualties are: Five officers and 41 men killed, and four officers and 108 men wounded.

EDICT RECEIVED AT PEKIN.

Tung Will be Degraded, Tuan and Lan Exiled and Others Die.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have received telegraphic instructions from the court to notify the ministers of the powers that an edict has been issued regarding the punishment of Chinese officials, confirmatory of the demands made by the ministers, as follows:

"General Tung Fuh Sian, to be degraded and deprived of his rank; Prince Tuan and Duke Lan, to be disgraced and exiled; Prince Chuang, Ying Nien and Chao Shu Chiao to commit suicide; Hsu Chan Yu, Yu Nsien and Ki Hain to be beheaded."

This is not exactly what the ministers demanded, but it is considered advisable to agree to it, as the demand for lives has been agreed to except in the case of General Tung Fuh Sian, whom the court is powerless to molest. There is a private understanding that his life will be claimed when it is possible.

TO TAKE OKLAHOMA LAND.

Chicago G. A. R. Men Forming a Club to go to the Territory.

A number of Civil war veterans of Chicago, Ill., are discussing the advisability of organizing a club to go to Oklahoma in search of homesteads next summer when President McKinley issues a proclamation declaring 2,500,000 acres of good farming land open for settlement. George S. Cragg, of U. S. Grant post No. 28, is one of the leaders in the movement, and says that a score or more of veterans have expressed a desire to join in the scramble for land next August.

The old soldiers will have an advantage over other citizens. Under the law a man must live on the government reserve for five years before he owns it. With old soldiers the length of time they served in the war is deducted from the five years. Each man who stakes off a claim is limited to 160 acres under the law.

FINDING THE BODIES.

Indications are that British Columbia Miners Were Killed by Afterdamp.

A special from Cumberland, B. C., says: Six hundred feet below the ground and over 1,000 yards from the foot of the shaft No. 5, a little gang of men were working in an heroic attempt to reach the bodies of their fellow miners who perished in Friday's explosion. Four bodies have so far been recovered. The first body found was that of a Scotch miner. Nearby was that of his Japanese helper. These two were lying on their backs close together with their hands up to their foreheads. There are no marks of burning and the conclusion, therefore, is that they were suffocated by the after damp. They had evidently moved but a few steps from their work when overcome.

Owing to the difficulty of working continuously in the dense atmosphere of the pit, it was several hours after the discovery of McInnis' body that two more bodies were found. These have not yet been identified. They are mangled almost beyond recognition.

Famine in Apaulia.

As a result of poor crops and the heavy snowfall great misery exists in the Apaulia district, Italy. Thousands of persons are without shelter or bread. Two thousand peasants attacked the local authorities, assailing them with stones and other missles, and troops were sent to the scene to preserve order and at the same time to render what assistance they could.

It is feared that trouble is imminent similar to that which occurred two years ago, when the inhabitants invaded a number of estates to work without the consent of the owners.

Chwang Commits Suicide.

Pekin advices assert that the empress dowager has already caused the decapitation of Yu-Hsien, and that under imperial orders, Prince Chwang has committed suicide. Li Hung Chang has assured the foreign envoys that the sentence of the imperial court on these two men has been carried out in accordance with the demand of the powers.

Honors for Whitelaw Reid.

It is announced in New York that Whitelaw Reid is to be named as envoy extraordinary of the United States for the coronation of King Edward VII., which will probably take place in June, although the exact date has not yet been settled. Mr. Reid acted as the special envoy of this country at the queen's jubilee.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

It has been decided to open the gates of the Pan-American exposition on Sundays.

The payment of secret premiums is said to be the cause of Russia's tariff reprisals.

Twelve persons are dead as a result of the railway disaster near Bordentown, N. J.

At Woodruff, Wis., fire destroyed all the business houses with the exception of one saloon.

Americans living in London will assist in raising funds for Queen Victoria's memorial.

At Mena, Ark., Peter Berryman, colored, was taken from the city jail and hanged by a mob.

Fire in the business portion of Atlanta, Ga., destroyed property valued at nearly $500,000.

Japan, provoked by Russian occupation of Manchuria, may compel concessions or go to war.

The Coplay Cement Company, of Allentown, Pa., sold out to a New York syndicate for over $1,000,000.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West India islands by the United States are still in progress.

The first snow in Mississippi in two years began Friday. Similar news comes from Georgia and Texas.

A contribution of a quarter of a million dollars by John D. Rockefeller to Brown University has been announced.

The American government is urging a reply from British government on amendments to Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

In a quarrel at Ondurman, Egypt, between soldiers of two Soudanese regiments five were killed and 20 wounded.

Consul General Wildman lost his life in the Rio de Janeiro disaster while waiting for treasure he had in the ship's safe.

It is thought the British government will establish tariff for revenue to raise money to pay the expenses of the Boer war.

The big steel combine is to be known as the United States Consolidated Steel Company, with a capital of $1,100,000,000.

There has been a rich strike on Lepine creek, 15 miles from Dawson, where quartz assaying $84 a ton was found.

The question of an extra session of congress will depend largely upon the conduct this week of four filibustering senators.

General Cailles, of Manila, has issued a proclamation offering ten Mexican dollars apiece for the heads of Americans.

Brooding over a scolding from his father, James Tallison, a sensitive boy of 14, tried to kill himself at his home, at Brooklyn.

Supt. Dillingham, of the New York health department, urges the people of the city to be vaccinated, as smallpox is spreading.

The arrangement whereby farming implements may be imported into Turkey free of duty has been renewed for another decade.

Illinois Legislature adopted a resolution to investigate Dowie's Zionist bank, but the latter says he will resist the committee.

The Thirty-seventh infantry, the first of the volunteer regiments to return from the Philippines, was mustered out at San Francisco.

The Columbus (O.) Anti-Saloon league proposes to bring suit against saloons on the ground that they are public nuisances.

There is scarcely a city of 8,000 population or over in Indiana that has not sent to Andrew Carnegie its petition for a public library gift.

The salary of every telegrapher on the Big Four railroad has been advanced 12½ per cent., a total increase of about $100,000 a year.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine presented to Chicago university the Chicago institute on pedagogy, representing an endowment of $2,000,000.

Gen. MacArthur's reception at a Philippine city was extremely cordial. Important arrests of insurgent sympathizers have been made.

Senor Cisneros, delegate to Cuba constitutional convention, refuses to sign the document, and predicts war with the United States.

It is believed in Germany that Russia's real tariff war will be with that country, and that the present one with America is merely temporary.

Three persons were killed and several injured at Goshen, Ind., by the Wabash westbound passenger train running into a sleigh filled with people.

President Steyn and Gen. DeWet, in behalf of fighting burghers, issue a proclamation in which British soldiers are charged with all manner of crime.

At Rochester, N. Y., the Genessee National Savings and Loan Association went into the hands of a receiver. Liabilities of $200,000 are double the assets.

New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company will use an armed force in defense of its rights in Venezuela.

While riding on a Washington, D. C., street car, a negro swallowed a piece of tobacco. He became very ill, and died upon being removed to the hospital.

The Shamokin (Pa.) silk mill, employing 250 operatives, has been closed down by the owners for an indefinite period because the employes formed a union.

A thief entered the St. John Evangelical Roman Catholic Slovak church at New Haven, Pa., and stripped it of everything valuable, robbing the poor boxes.

Trouble has been caused in Ripley county, Indiana, by a club formed by young women who agreed not to associate with young men who drink or smoke.

The William H. Crocker expedition from the Lick observatory to observe in Sumatra the total eclipse of the sun May 17, sailed from San Francisco Tuesday.

The German government will soon send to this country an expert to examine American agricultural machines with a view to their introduction into Germany.

The work of recovering the bodies of the victims of the mine disaster at Cumberland, B. C., proceeds slowly. So far eight bodies have been found, four being whites.

A man known as Frank Schultz, but who is supposed to be Baron von Kaltenburg, exiled from Germany for lampooning Prince Bismarck, was found dead in bed in Chicago.

While a number of persons were trying to scare a visitor by shooting off their pistols in Panola county, Miss., Charles McCarthy, a member of the legislature, and one of the jokers were shot dead.

Reports that the gold mining district of Northern Luzon are lately more encouraging. A find of $2,500 gold was recently made in a single pocket in Lepanto province, about 175 miles north of Manila.

Two thousand Polish citizens of Toledo, O., have signed a petition asking for a federal appropriation for the erection of a monument to the memory of Count Casmer Pulaski, the Polish patriot, who was killed at Savannah, Ga., October, 1779.

The estate of Collis P. Huntington at the time of his death was valued at $70,000,000, as indicated by the deposit of a check for $700,000 with the controller of New York city to cover the inheritance tax. Since then the rise of railroad securities has increased the estate to $80,000,000.

MRS. NATION WANTS HER LIBERTY.

THREATENS THE JUDGE.

Writes the Court to "Quit Fooling" and Release Her—Letter Ignored—Other Messages Reach Judge Hazen.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, tiring of jail life, has written Judge Hazen a letter demanding release.

"I want you to quit your fooling," she writes, "and let me out of here. If you cause me to miss my engagements I won't feel like a ministering angel unto you. It is time for you to recover yourself before the devil, your master, makes a clean sweep with you into h—. You know you are persecuting one of God's children, who loves you for Jesus' sake. Let me out that I may go about my business of saving such poor devils as you. Write or come to see me right off."

Judge Hazen has ignored the letter, placing it in the waste basket with dozens of others received on the subject from different parts of the country. Some of these letters threaten the judge. One from Bunker Hill, Kas., says a committee of 50 will administer a coat of tar and feathers to him if Mrs. Nation is not released at once, and another from a woman in Douglass, Mich., says: "We now propose if Mrs. Nation is held longer to raise the greatest army of women the world has ever known and wipe men out of existence. It is our intention to begin with you."

TEN WERE KILLED.

Bad Railroad Collision in New Jersey—Fire Added to the Horror.

One of the worst collisions in the history of the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad occurred Thursday evening at Ruslings siding, near Bordentown, and about eight miles south of Trenton, N. J. The "Nellie Bly" express from New York for Atlantic City collided with passenger train No. 330, running from Camden to Trenton. The number of dead so far as known is ten and the number of injured upward of 25.

Most of the injured are Italians who were riding in the smoking car of the express train. They were being taken to Atlantic City to do construction work for the railroad company.

The scene at the wreck is described by those who were present as horrifying. The two trains collided at full speed and both engines were completely demolished. The forward car of each train, in both instances a combination baggage and smoker, was entirely demolished also, and to add to the horror the wreckage took fire. The second car of the "Nellie Bly" turned over on its side and the passengers had to climb out through the windows.

COMPROMISE AT PEKIN.

Foreign Ministers and Chinese Officials Finally Reach an Agreement.

A compromise has been agreed upon between the foreign envoys and the Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang. The envoys propose to permit the court to commute the sentences of decapitation in the cases of Prince Tuan, Duke Lan and Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang to life imprisonment, and will agree to the following punishments: Prince Chwang to be strangled, Yu Hsien to be decapitated, Chao Shu Chiao and Ying Nien to be permitted to strangle themselves and Chi Hsin and Hsu Cheng Wu to be beheaded in Pekin. If the court advances no new obstacle, the negotiations on the first point of the demands of the powers may be considered closed.

This agreement removes the excuse for Count von Waldersee's projected military expedition into the interior. The foreign ministers think the gravity of the situaton over, but it is expected that difficulties will arise when some of the governments send their indemnity claims.

LEFT TO SAVAGES' MERCY.

Kitchener Turned South African Homes Over to Ferocious Blacks.

London telegrams say: The British war office meets with silence Gen. DeWet's charge that Kitchener has been conducting a war of extermination. The fact was known before DeWet told it. Not only have the Boer women and children been left to the mercy of the savage blacks, but the Basutos have been incited to attack the defenseless homes and destroy or carry off their inmates.

The English have been content to kill or deport the men, leaving it for the blacks to finish the work on the women and children, and as all weapons are seized when the English can get hold of them, the women are utterly without means of fighting off the savages when they come.

Americans can get an idea of the situation by imagining the male settlers of a frontier territory carried off as prisoners, and the women and children left in their homes without means of defense with hordes of bloodthirsty Indians nearby.

Two Costly Fires.

The Buckeye hosiery mills at Dresden, Muskingum county, O., were entirely destroyed by fire Wednesday. The mills were owned by Messrs. McGovern and Prettyman. Loss, $6,000.

Fire, which had its origin in the electric light department at Scotland Soldiers' Orphans' industrial school, at Chambersburg, Pa., destroyed the fine industrial building and caused a loss of at least $75,000.

Drowned Her Six Children.

Mrs. Rose Wurzer, a widow, in a fit of insanity, drowned her six children, aged from 4 to 12 years, at Uniontown, Wash. Two were boys and four girls. She threw them into a well 30 feet deep containing two feet of water, then jumped in herself and held the heads of the children beneath the surface until all were drowned. Mrs. Wurzer was found alive in the well.

British Recruiting Stations.

Mr. Broderick, the war secretary, and Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, are trying to arrange with the Canadian government for the establishment in Canada of permanent recruiting depots for the British army. In order to avoid the political feeling which such steps might engender in the dominion, it has been suggested that a new Canadian regiment be established.

Texas Oil Refinery Burned.

Fire almost totally destroyed the works of the Galveston (Tex.) cotton oil refining company. The origin of the fire is not known. The damage is estimated by the owners at $90,000, partly covered by insurance. Eight cars standing on a sidetrack loaded with cotton seed meal and soap were burned.

Miners Drowned by Flood.

As a result of the giving away of a wall the Asylum mines at Tuscalossa, Ala., were flooded and 30 negro miners are now entombed in ten feet of water, it is thought, with little prospect of being rescued.

Fatal Gas House Explosion.

By an explosion in one of the buildings at the city gas works at Richmond one man was killed, one end of the building was blown out and six men were injured, but none seriously.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Exposition Measure Passed.

The bill to authorize the holding of the international exposition in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Louisiana purchase at St. Louis in 1903, and appropriating $5,000,000 therefor, passed the House Monday under suspension of the rules by a vote of 191 to 41.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was taken up and it was figured that the appropriations would total $694,118,595, exclusive of the sinking fund requirement of $53,000,000, against $657,150,862 for the current year.

Mr. Cannon showed that the increase in the army bill was $3,627,653; in the naval bill, $13,598,057; in the postoffice bill, $22,242,701, a total of $49,492,871. The sundry civil bill is reduced $5,616,651 and permanent appropriations are cut $8,354,000. The government has saved $9,400,000 in interest on the public debt by the refunding bill of last session, and deficiency appropriations will be reduced $2,500,000.

In the Senate the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying $124,308,088, was taken up, but no action taken.

Reject Conference Report.

By the emphatic vote of 18 to 42, the Senate Tuesday rejected the conference report on the military academy appropriation bill. This action came at the conclusion of a spirited debate on the provisions against hazing inserted in the report by the conference committee of the two branches of Congress.

The House spent the day on the sundry civil appropriation bill. The feature of the day was the debate on the question of national irrigation of arid lands in the west, which came up incidentally. Mr. Cannon reported the last of the general appropriation bills, the deficiency.

Civil Appropriation Bill.

The House finally passed the sundry civil appropriation bill Wednesday and entered upon consideration of the general deficiency, the last of the general appropriation bills.

The Senate spent the day on the postoffice appropriation bill. The amendment of Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, proposing a reduction of about 9 per cent. in the pay for railway postal services, was defeated, 18 to 51. A sharp controversy on the pneumatic tube question was precipitated by an amendment offered by Mr. Mason extending that service to Chicago, and one by Mr. Vest extending it to St. Louis.

Claim and Pension Bills Pass.

Two of the great supply bills of the government, the postoffice and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bills, were passed by the Senate Friday. Early in the day Washington's farewell address, in accordance with a custom of the Senate on Washington's birthday, was read, the reader being Senator Bacon, of Georgia.

The House devoted the day to odds and ends of legislation. Under an arrangement entered into, a large number of these smaller bills, in which members are individually interested, were passed. Twenty-nine claim bills and 139 pension bills were passed. Among the latter was the Senate bill to pension the widow of the late Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in the Philippines. As the bill passed the Senate it carried $100 a month. The House cut the amount down to $50 on the representation that Mrs. Lawton enjoyed a comfortable income.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Senator Depew reported favorably from the committee on expositions the House bill for the Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis.

Capt. Nehemiah M. Dyer, who commanded the cruiser Baltimore during the battle of Manila bay, has been retired on account of age.

More than 1,000 sailors and marines, the biggest contingent the navy has had in Washington since the civil war, will march in the inaugural parade.

George D. Gear, who was appointed judge in the circuit court of Hawaii, is the man who preferred charges in the House against Delegate Wilcox of that territory.

The Senate committee on military affairs Wednesday completed its consideration of the army appropriation bill. The committee endorsed the action of its sub-committee in adding the Spooner Philippine amendment to the bill.

As a result of several conferences between the secretary of war and the Cuban Economic commission, correspondence has been opened with Gen. Wood at Havana with a view to the creation of a joint committee for the revision of the tariff of Cuba.

Gen. Thomas M. Anderson, senior vice commander of the Sons of the American Revolution, and other officials of that organization, were before the House committee on judiciary Tuesday advocating legislation against the desecration of the flag.

AN IMPORTANT ARREST.

For Aiding the Filipino Rebels a French Subject Comes to Grief.

At Pagsanjan, province of Laguna, Lieutenant Vaughan, of the Thirty-seventh infantry, arrested Fernando Rustan, general agent of the Tabacalaria Company, on the charge of having aided the insurgents.

Rustan is a French subject and a close friend of the insurgent General Cailles, and was to a certain extent associated with W. D. Carman, the American contractor, who was recently taken into custody charged with having furnished supplies to the insurgents.

It has also been learned that Rustan furnished the insurgents with supplies, information concerning the American troops and their movement as well as with money. He dealt directly with the rebel General Cailles, who has been operating continually in the district east of Manila. Mr. Webb, the bookkeeper of the Philippine Trading Company, has made a partial confession to the effect that certain Belgians residing in Manila and the Bay Lake district were implicated in the plot to kill Captain Jones, commanding the American troops stationed in the town of Bay.

Chinese Attack Germans.

Several hundred imperial Chinese troops attacked 50 Germans west of Pao-Ting-Fu, February 21. The Germans were hard pressed, fought a rear guard action and eventually drove the Chinese back. The Germans had one man killed and seven wounded. It is estimated that the Chinese lost 200 in killed and wounded.

Farmer Boy Holds Up a Bank.

The private banking institution of F. B. Vennum at Fosher, a small hamlet situated in the northwest part of Champaign county, Ill., was robbed by a lone highwayman who secured $1,620. The burglar, a reckless farmer boy, aged 22 years, was caught after a chase and all the money recovered.

Girl Shoots Her Father.

Isaac Slater, of Fort Wayne, Ind., was shot and seriously wounded by his 15-year-old daughter. The girl shot to save her mother from being killed at the hands of the husband and father. The girl was arrested, but immediately released.

Five Were Cremated.

At Versailles, Ind., George James and his four daughters, Georgia, 17; Theresa, 15; Nora, 12, and Electa, 7, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home. Edward James, a son 14 years old, escaped.

STEAMER CRASHES ON THE ROCKS.

MANY PERSONS DROWNED.

Pacific Mail Ship Rio de Janerio Went to the Bottom Near San Francisco, and 122 Lives Were Lost.

The Pacific Mail steamer Rio de Janeiro ran on a hidden rock while entering the Golden Gate, San Francisco, Cal., early Friday morning in a dense fog. She sank a few minutes after striking. It is thought that about 122 persons were drowned, most of whom were Chinese and Japanese, but it is impossible to ascertain the exact number, as Purser John Rooney, who had the passenger list and roster of the crew, is among the missing.

At five o'clock in the afternoon 10 bodies had been recovered, two white women, one white man and seven Chinese. The most prominent passenger on the steamer was Rounseville Wildman, United States consul at Hong Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. It is thought all were drowned. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan when she struck. He was rescued. Capt. William Ward went down with his vessel.

As nearly as can be learned, there were 201 people on board the Rio de Janeiro, as follows: Cabin passengers, 29; second cabin, 7; steerage, Chinese and Japanese, 58; white officers, 30; Asiatic crew, 77; total, 201.

The following have been accounted for: Rescued, 79; bodies at the morgue, 10; total, 89; missing, 112.

The saved number 79, classified as follows: Cabin passengers, 12; white officers, 11; steerage (Asiatic), 15; crew (Chinese), 41.

The lost number 122, classed as follows: Passengers, 24; officers, 19; crew (Chinese), 36; steerage (Asiatic), 43.

That the steamer sank almost immediately after striking is the report of a majority of those rescued. Some of the passengers say that she instantly lifted forward, and that in five minutes she went down, while others declare that she remained afloat for half an hour after she struck. The wreck lies about three-fourths of a mile south of Fort Point and about 1,000 yards off the rocky shore. The smokestack and a portion of the upper works are visible.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Indiana Woman Has Been Selected President General of Revolution's Daughters.

The wife of Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, was elected president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The vote announced is as follows: Mrs. Fairbanks, 333; Mrs. Donald McLean, New York, 208; Mrs. Washington Roebling, New Jersey, 42.

Other officers were elected as follows: Vice president general in charge of the organization of chapters, Mrs. Miranda B. Tulloch, District of Columbia; chaplain general, Mrs. W. A. Smoot, Virginia; registrar general, Miss Minnie Mickley, Pennsylvania; treasurer general, Mrs. G. B. Darwin, District of Columbia; librarian general, Miss Julia T. McBlair; editor American Monthly Magazine, Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, Ohio; business manager of magazine, Miss Lillian Lockwood, District of Columbia; Mrs. E. W. Howard, Virginia, recording secretary general.

The following vice presidents general were elected: Mrs. William Lindsey, Kentucky; Mrs. George M. Sternberg, District of Columbia; Mrs. C. Waring, South Carolina; Mrs. M. T. Scott, Illinois; Mrs. A. A. Kendall, Maine; Mrs. J. R. Mellon, Pennsylvania; Mrs. N. H. Granger, Ohio; Mrs. Major General Wheaton, District of Columbia; A. G. Foster, Washington.

FINDLAND IN MOURNING.

Protest Against Russianization of the Country Reverses Senate's Order.

The people of Helsingforg, Finland, have shown that they are not reconciled to the new order of things by hostile demonstrations on the anniversary of the publication of the czar's manifesto to the Finnish senate, concerning the Russianizing of Finland. Black sheets, displayed in the streets, were inscribed with the names of the senators who voted in favor of the proclamation manifesto, while at night the windows of the residences of the Finns were hung with black curtains and the lights were extinguished. A deputation of women placed a mourning band on the monument of Alexander II. Groups of men marched through the town, forced the Russian storekeepers and others to extinguish their lights, and made a demonstration in front of certain senators' houses.

An address, signed by 850 women, was presented to the vice president of the senate, protesting against the transfer of the records of the Finnish state department to St. Petersburg. The transfer has been countermanded.

CABLE FLASHES.

Minister Conger will leave Pekin for home at once.

M. Paul Armand Silvestre, the French poet and critic, is dead. He was born April 18, 1837.

At Madrid, Spain, there has been a heavy fall of snow, the first in eight years, and traffic is difficult.

There were three heavy earthquake shocks at Arica, Chili, Wednesday. The inhabitants were panic stricken.

The London county council has decided to spend $50,000 in precautionary measures against the bubonic plague.

Dr. T. D. Anderson, at Edinburgh, Scotland, discovered a new star of great brilliancy in the constellation Perseus.

Herr George Speyer, the Frankfort banker, has given 1,000,000 marks to the city to promote scientific instruction.

The Dutch National present for Queen Wilhelmina will take the form of a new crown, and £20,000 has been subscribed.

Cold and stormy weather prevails throughout Germany. At Leipsic the temperature was 13 degrees below zero.

Heavy snowstorms around Kharkoff, capital of the government of that name in European Russia, have blockaded three railway lines.

The Turkish minister at Madrid, Izzet Pacha, has again tendered his resignation to the porte, owing to the nonpayment of his salary.

The famous observatory on the Seeburg at which the celebrated astronomers Euckol, Zack and Lindenan worked, has been destroyed by fire.

Affmadu, in British East Africa, the headquarters of the Ogaden Somalis, has been occupied by a British punitive expedition, and the Ogadon sultan is a prisoner.

The session of the Austrian parliament was suspended in consequence of a row between the Germans and Czechs, the latter bombarding the president with wads of paper.

The official report of the fire that began February 5 in the petroleum fields at Baku, Russia, says that 127 persons perished and a number of others are expected to die from their burns.

During an election riot at Eelitsen, Bulgaria, the peasants fired on the gendarmes and wounded one. Thereupon the gendarmes returned a volley, killing three peasants and wounding five.

Influenza is again very prevalent in Berlin. During the month of January there were 57 deaths from the disease, but no fewer than 63 deaths attributable to this malady were officially reported last week.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

Mine Workers Preparing for the Annual Convention—Five Italians Killed at Sharon—Big Coal Land Deal.

Jeannette business men have formed an organization for the purpose of starting a new glass plant in that place. It will be run on the co-operative plan, and none but residents of Jeannette will be employed. A 30-blower tank will be erected, and from 200 to 250 men will be given employment at the start.

A crusade has been made by the truant officer of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, on the parents of all truants, and notices have been served on them to appear before the board of directors. They say they will pay no attention to the summons, and declare they will fight the case in court if fines are imposed according to the provisions of the compulsory school law.

The school board of Evansville, Bradford county, has filed a petition in the Dauphin county court for a writ of mandamus on State Treasurer Barnett and Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer, to compel them to pay the district its share of the school appropriations for the current fiscal year on the basis of $5,500,000.

Local unions of the United Mine Workers all over the Central Pennsylvania district, the bituminous field, are electing and instructing delegates to the convention which meets at Altoona March 5. It is not likely that a demand for an increase of wages will be made, but an eight-hour day will be insisted upon.

The widow of Charles Lynch, of Vintondale, who sustained fatal injuries by falling down stairs at the Cook hotel in Johnstown, has filed suit at Ebensburg against the proprietor for $5,000. She claims the stairway was not protected by a railing.

The big deal for 35,000 acres of coal land in Allegheny, Lower Burrell and other townships in the northern end of Westmoreland county is to be closed. The land goes to Drape & Kirkland, of Pittsburg, at a cost of $30 an acre.

Thieves broke into the residence of Mrs. Wallace, widow of C. P. Wallace, a prominent banker of Beaver Falls, ransacked the lower rooms, ate a hearty breakfast and carried off more than $100 worth of silverware.

Miss Maggie Cline, a clerk in the Adams Express Company's office at Uniontown, made an ineffectual effort to commit suicide by taking poison while despondent, supposedly over a love affair.

Five Italians in the employ of the Hall Furnace Company, Sharon, were run down by a southbound freight train about one-half mile north of Sharon on the Erie & Pittsburg railroad, and all were killed instantly.

The Washington county bloodhounds which were purchased to run down negro highwaymen have proved their mettle by following a trail successfully 4½ miles.

Seventy-five miners employed at the Jamison works No. 2, near Greensburg, are on strike on account of the inauguration of piece work, which they claim will materially reduce their wages.

John A. Thomas, widely known by his sobriquet of "Indian Doctor," was found dead in bed at Corry. Thomas was 77 years old and a civil war veteran.

As an incentive to the establishment of a State hospital at Uniontown citizens agreed to furnish a site near Mountain View Park.

Horcops Serafin, a Titusville silk weaver, has received letters patent on a pile fabric process by which he claims he is in a fair way to revolutionize the oriental rug and carpet trade.

David Cartwright has returned to New Castle a rich mine owner in Oregon. He left there in the 60's to make his fortune. His younger brother Richard shares his good fortune.

George Dales, of Kittanning, in handling dynamite at a stone quarry, was seriously injured by a premature explosion, his right hand being torn off and his head cut in a number of places.

Sick and tired of life, John Donovan, aged 60 years, a mill worker of Sharon, lay down by the track of the Pennsylvania and had his head ground off under the wheels of a passing freight train.

The outcome of the disbanding of the Punxsutawney lodge of the Junior Order of American Mechanics recently has been the arrest of 12 of its leading members, principally officers, on a charge of conspiracy.

As a result of the contention between the Erie Railroad Company and its striking boilermakers, 100 men from various departments have been laid off in the company shops at Susquehanna.

The authorities of Grove City College have completed arrangements to take two full companies of uniformed college cadets to Washington to participate in the inaugural parade on March 4.

A little daughter of Andrew Moravic, a miner at Brownfield, tossed $700 in paper money in the grate and it was burned.

President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers has issued a call for a joint convention of the anthracite coal operators and miners at Hazleton, March 12.

The sexton at Sweet Valley cemetery refused interment to the remains of Ralph J. White, the aged farmer who killed his nephew and committed suicide.

The silk workers' strike at Scranton has reached an acute stage, non-union workers being boycotted at every turn, and mills heavily guarded.

Edward Glazier, of Transfer, Mercer county, is back from the Klondike, with tales of hardship. He was reduced to eating raw dog.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

WEDNESDAY.

Bills were passed finally in the Senate as follows: Creating the office of assistant district attorney in counties having two law judges. Repealing an act to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in Fayette City, Fayette county. Amending an act regulating the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery, so that any person who has assumed the title of veterinary surgeon or an analogous title shall be admitted to register as such and pay registration fee at any time prior to January 1, 1902, but not on or after that date.

THURSDAY.

The following bills were passed finally in the Senate: Authorizing school boards to grant school districts for lyceum and other literary purposes. Supplementing the corporation act of 1874 by providing for the merger and consolidation of any manufacturing corporation with any other corporations. Endowing the trustees of hospitals and asylums under the control of the State with corporate powers.

In the House the day was devoted to the reading of new bills.

FRIDAY.

A bill providing for the removal of judges on account of mental or physical disability was introduced in the House by Mr. Harrison, of Philadelphia. Mr. Ford introduced a bill authorizing county commissioners to borrow money and issue bonds for building, improving and repairing public roads and highways.

The worn-out uniforms of the British army, when sold, bring back into the war office treasury close upon $150,000 a year.

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NEWSY CLEANINGS.

A cruciform structure has been found in Mitla, Mexico.

This country is spending $1,000,000 a day on its army and navy.

Snowfalls have occurred in Algiers, and several natives have been frozen to death.

Christians of New York City contributed last year $27,000,000 for gospel work.

The Rev. John Naile, of Trappe, Penn., has just celebrated his one hundredth birthday.

A Cleveland, Ohio, man has been sent to the penitentiary for four years for throwing his baby at his wife.

Yale University is likely to receive $125,000 by the will of the late Professor Salisbury. His library goes with it.

A British army surgeon asserts that he has driven malaria bearing mosquitoes from Hong Kong neighborhoods.

The estate of Lord Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun, who died recently in London, is valued at $7,000,000.

Greenwich time has been adopted officially by Spain, and the hours are numbered from one to twenty-four as in Italy.

James Hendricks, of Wilkesbarre, Penn., convicted of murder six years ago, has been released from prison through his brother's efforts.

The seat of Daniel B. Hatch, of the old firm of Hatch & Foote, which failed last fall, has been sold on the New York Stock Exchange for $51,000.

Seattle purposes to build a canal eight miles long from Puget Sound to Lake Washington, which is twenty miles long, 200 feet deep, and will make an ideal harbor.

The Navy Department is considering the advisability of establishing a naval station on Blythe Island, Ga., which property was acquired by the department under provisions of an act of Congress of 1857.

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