The representatives of the miners during the course of proceedings before the strike commission at Scranton, Pa., called one of the independent operators, J. L. Crawford, president of the Peoples Coal Company, to witness stand, but he refused to wer what were considered the answer what were considered the most important questions. When Mr. Crawford was asked "When did you ship coal last?" he replied: "Yesterday." "What are you getting for it?" "I don't know exactly." "Can You come near it?" "I can if I want to." "Don't you want to?" "No, sir." "You are a party to this commission and went to New York to see the coal presidents?" "Yes, sir." "Then you refuse to give this commission that information?" "I don't think I am compelled to, sir." "Which road do you sell to?" "Delaware, Lackawanna & Western." "What do you get for it?" "About 65 per cent of what the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western gets for it." At this point attorneys for the operators objected to, the inquiry proceeding further along the lines of what a company's profits were. Mr. Darrow said he called the witness to show that the coal companies were able to pay the advance in wages asked for. Wayne MacVeagh, in his cross-examination of Mr. Mitchell, he said, intimated that the increase, if granted, would ultimately be placed on the "bowed backs of the poor," and he wanted to show that the companies are well able to give the increase asked for without putting it on the poor. Mr. Darrow then continued the examination. "How many tons do you produce a day?" "Nine hundred to 1,000 tons." "And you don't know how much you get for it?" "If can give an estimate." "Well, what is it?" "About \$2.50 a ton." On further examination Mr. Crawford said that during the latter part of the strike his colliery was in operation and he got \$20 a ton for his coal. Chairman Gray here stopped the examination, saying that the exceptionally high prices during the strike were not perthent to the inquiry. Two witnesses, employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company, testified that before the strike of 1900 the men when they worked received 94 cents a car, and that the strike was ended by the company agreeling to give the men an increase in warges of \$4.23 a day for 17 days worked in November. The witnesses handed in a statement which was given h

## AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Representative Dalzell introduced Pittsburg & Lake Erie ship canal bill in Congress.

The Anti-Saloon League adopted resolutions declaring against the repeal of the anti-canteen law and pledging its efforts to continue the

The American Institute of Archi-tects e' cted as honorary members Andrew Carnegie, Samuel A. D. Ab-bott, of Boston, and Emil Nauchamer,

The bar of the United States supreme court met and took appropri-ate action in honor of the memory of the late Justice Horace Gray, of that court. Senator Hoar, of Massachu-setts, presided and delivered a culo-gistic address.

George Sawter, United States copl at Antigua, British West Indies,
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Culture were favorably reported.

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Senator Quay introduced a bill in the Senate appropriating \$2,625,000 to enable the secretary of war to establish a permanent camp ground for the instruction and maneuvering of troops of the regular army and National Guard in the vicinity of Somerset, Pa.

### CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

LVII. CONGRESS.

Immigration Bill. Immigration Bill.

The Senter Tuesday adopted an amendment to the National Guarl bill designed to prevent controversies as to when a man becomes a United States soldier. The bill to regulate immigration was called up Amendments were adopted to exclude professional beggars from admission to this country; providing for the careful inspection of families of aliens who already have been admit to this country; providing for the careful inspection of families of aliens who already have been admitted and filed their preliminary declarations for citizenship, and that skilled labor may be imported if such labor cannot be found in this country. The section relating to the exclusion of anarchists was amended so as to make it specifically provide for the exclusion of anarchists who advocate the destruction of the government of the United States, or of all governments by violence.

Holiday Adjournment.

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The House Tuesday passed the resolution for a holiday adjournment from December 20 to January 5. The London dock charge bill was opposed by Mr. Dalzell, Pennsylvania, and was killed by striking out the enacting clause. The Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$9,715,930, was reported from committee.

Refund War Taxes. Refund War Taxes.
The Senate Wednesday took up the bill passed by the House at the last session to admit Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as States. A debate ensued, participated in by Quay, of Pennsylvania; Beveridge, Indiana; Nelson, Minnesota. Without further action on the Statehood bill, the Senate passed the House bill 'remitting the duties on tea and a bill to refund war taxes to owners of private dies.

Tea Duties Remitted.

The House Wednesday passed the bill to remit the duty on tea in bonded warehouses prior to January 1, 1993, when the repeal of the duty takes effect. Another bill was passed to re-Tea Duties Remitted. fect. Another bill was passed to refund the duties collected on imports from Porto Rico and the Philippines between the ratification of the treaty from Porto Rico and the Philippines between the ratification of the treaty of Paris and the enactment of the revenue laws for those islands. The pure food bill was made a continuing order, not to interfere with appro-priation bills.

Strike Arbitration.

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After brief discussion in the Senate Thursday on the bill to admit New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma as States it was passed over until Monday. The bill fixing the compensation of the coal strike commission was passed with an amendment, making the pay of the members not already in the government service at \$4,000; providing that the compensation of the employes and recorder of the commission, who are not officers or clerks of the government, shall be such as may be fixed by the commission, and allowing the commission, and allowing the commissioners and assistant recorders \$10 per day for expenses, and all other employes of the commission \$6 per day. As passed, the bill takes the question of payment out of the hands of the President. The bill was further amended by changing the title of the commission to "The Anthracite Coal Strike Arbitration." The Senate then adjourned until Monday.

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In the House Thursday Mr. Olmsted, Pennsylvania, called up the resolution from elections committee No. 2, limiting to 40 days the time for taking testimony in the contested election case of Wagoner against Butler, from the Twelfth Missouri district. Butler, who is a son of Edward Butler, the St. Louis millionaire, recently convicted of bribery, was expelled at the last session and was re-elected in November by a majority of over 5,000. Mr. Wagoner contests on the ground of fraud at the polis. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 155 to 118. Contested Elections

Three Appropriation Bills.

The House Friday passed 172 private pension bills. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$26,930,453, was reported from committee. Bills appropri-

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San Juan, December 11, announces the opening of the fleet maneuvers by the combined squadrons under his command.

The delegates to the National Indian Association were received at the White House by Mrs. Rocsevelt, who expressed to them her interest in the organization, of which she is honorary vice president.

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# MARINES LANDED IN VENEZUELA.

CASTRO'S NAVY DESTROYED.

Hostile Anglo-German Fleet Moves on Laguayra to Enforce Payment of Claims.

The combined Anglo-German flee ntered the harbor of Laguayra Wed esday, December 10, and anchored ithin 300 feet of the custom house began landing marines. I erman and the control o'clock Tuesday are not the harbor the Venezuelan waships General Crespo, Tutumov Ossun and Margarita, which had 390 men or board. They went alongside the control of the new sessels and ordered the new them. to surrender, and without a shot being fired the British and German forces seized the fleet in the name of the German Emperor and the King of England. Two of the vessels which were undergoing repairs were broken the Company of the control of the control of the vessels which were undergoing repairs were broken the company of the control of the control of the vessels which were undergoing repairs were broken the control of the vessels which were undergoing repairs were broken the control of the vessels which were the vessels up. The German cruiser Panther steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her decks cleared for action. The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor and the General Crespo and Tutumo and Margarita were sunk. The Ossun was the only vessel spared, in view of the protest made by the French charge daffaires, Quievreux, who notified the commodore of the allied fleet that the Ossun is the property of a Frenchman. One hundred and thirty German sailors proceeded to Cardonal, a suburb of Laguayra, in which is situated the residence of German Consul Lentz, who, with his family, they escorted to Laguayra and placed on board the warship Vineta. On their way back the sailors met a party of Venezuelan soldiers, but no collision took place. A landing party of 30 British seamen went to the British consulate and conducted the British consulate and conducted the British consul and British residents have been arrested by Venezuelan forces with the exception of Fleddwork, Price and Lepage, directors of the harbor corporation, who barricaded themselves in their houses. They were rescued by British sailors and taken to the Retribution. Their houses were surrounded by Venezuelan policemen, but when 320 sailors marched to their relief the policemen made no resistance. All the stores and banks at Laguayra were closed. Great excitement prevailed up. The German cruiser Panthe steamed into the harbor during thes men made no resistance. All the stores and banks at Laguayra were closed. Great excitement prevailed as the population were afraid that the town would be shelled by the Anglo-German versels. A Venezuelan government communication to its representative at Paris, France, protests that Great Britain and Germany, acting in concert, have committed an act of hostility in a manner as arbitrary as it is unprecedented by the seizure of Venezuelan vessels lying at Laguayra. The communication says that indignation in Venezuela is at its highest pitch and the government is resorting to reprisals. It has arrested the resident subjects of both hostile countries and has seized the rail-ways and other undertakings belonging to them. At the British and German embassies at Washington it was said that President Castro's arrests of German and British subjects in Venezuela are sufficient ground for a declaration of war. Mr. Bowen, United States minister at Carneas, who had undertaken to look after the interests of British and Germans, at once demanded of Castro their release. Castro at first demurred, but when Mr. Bowen produced his automorphism of the communication and British subjects in Venezuela are sufficient ground for a declaration of war. Mr. Bowen, United States minister at Carneas, who had undertaken to look after the interests of British and Germans, at once deraanded of Castro their release. Castro at first demurred, but when Mr. Bowen produced his automorphism. men made no resistance. All the stores and banks at Laguayra wer closed. Great excitement prevaile bease. Castro at first demurred, but when Mr. Bowen produced his authority from the German and British envoys, who had left Caracas, he consented to release the principal prisoners, and Mr. Bowen will insist or the release of the remainder. In the House of Commons of England Lord Cranbourne, under foreign secretary, said that the British claims against Venezuela that necessitated coercion included a demand for compensation for interference with trading vessels, the imprisonment and ill treatment of British subjects and the destruction of the property.

# Tenders His Resignation.

Philip W. Moen, second vice president of the American Steel and Wire Company, has resigned and will retire from business.

her For indulging in disorder 13 cla-y it dets, members of the third class at 26 the Lexington (Va.) Militady Insti-ting tute, were dismissed from the school ack and ordered to return to their homes. and ordered and ordered and ordered and ordered are under arrest pending action of the superintendent.

Four Killed by Dynamite. Four men were killed and 10 injured, three probably fatally, by the explosion of a box of dynamite in No. 5 mine, of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at South Wilkes-barre.

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A \$500,000 Fire at Atlanta, Fire at Atlanta, Ga., burned out the stores of the Snook & Austin Furniture Company, the Jacobs Drug Company, P. M. Rose's liquor store, the Williams hotel and the Norcross building. The loss was \$500,000.

### LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Four Philadelphia public schools ere forced to close for want of coal Galusha A. Grow made what is alled his farewell speech in Con

Stone on the stock quarantine, Governor Stone was not ruling Illi-

President of the Manufacturers' Association told the Civic Federation that there are not enough men in the country to work three shifts of eight hours.

Mr. Carnegie upon his arrival in New York, said President Roosevelt and Attorney General Knox were taking the right line in dealing with trusts.

Flans for a combination of the arger toy factories of the country tre almost completed. The combination will have about \$2,000,000 nation

Bishop Talbot and leading woman member of St. John's Episcopal church of Huntingdon were defend-ants in suit for neavy damages by deposed rector.

James B. Hawley, acquitted of the charge of killing his brother at Detroit on the ground of self-defense. The brothers were prominent long-shoremen and wreckers.

Edward and Oliver Tompkins, ne-groes, 4 and 2 years old, at Wash-ington, were burned to death. Rosa Prue, with whom they were left in charge, was placed under arrest.

April 30 Fixed in Resolution Introduced in Congress.

A joint resolution was introduced close their plants for want of coal.

First of 65 Carnegie libraries was dedicated in New York Saturday. State capitol commission of Penn-sylvania closed contract with George Barnard, sculptor, for mar decorations for interior of new cap-

General Kritschinger and Commanants Jouliert and Fouche, formerly of the Boer army, were among the passengers on the Atlantic Transport

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## STORE ORDER ACT INVALID.

Courts Decide Unconstitutional Law

Advocated by Mine Workers. The Dauphin county (Pa.) court decided in an opinion written by Judge Simonton, that the store order law was unconstitutional. In a number of cases tried and decided the court found the companies against whom the taxes had been charged did not issue any store orders of the kind upon which the act imposed a tax of 25 per cent on their face value. The case of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, the court squareigh holds the act to be unconstitutional.

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There was seven inches of snow in Nebraska December 14, and four inches in Kansas. Six inches fell over the Rocky Mountain region from t Northern Wyoming to Southern New Mexico.

date fixed for taking effect in 1910. The increase on meats runs from \$1.50 a hundred on bacon to \$1.75 on meat delicacies.

Minister Bowen has suddenly becomes famous in Germany.

### INSULAR AFFAIRS.

Cholera Cuts Labor Supply-Rinder-pest Annihilates Water Buffaloes. Commerce of Philippines.

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Dispatches from Naples says Vesuvius is assuming a threatening appearance. A number of smaller openings have appeared around the great

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Pure Water for Public Use.
The American Public Health Association at New York adopted a resolution asking for legislation that would require railroad and steamship companies and hotels to furnish pure drinking water.

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The American Public Health Association that office is assured.

Chancellor von Buelow, in his argument on the third reading of the tariff bill in the German reichstag, said the allied governments would accept the bill and also the abolition of the municipal octrois since the date fixed for taking effect in 1910.

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