FREIGHT AND PASSENGER COLLIDE

TWO TRAINMEN KILLED.

Fifteen Persons Hurt-Passenger Hurled in All Directions-Many Miraculous Escapes.

Through a misunderstanding of orders on the Erie and Pittsburg railroad, passenger train No. 216, southbound, and freight No. 247 met head on one and a half miles west of West Middlesex, Pa., December 30, and as a result Engineer Neal Daugherty, one of the oldest engine drivers on the road, and Fireman LeRoy Roberts are dead. Several trainmen were erts are dead. Several trainmen must and a score of passengers in jured. Both engines were thrown in the ditch, reduced to scrap from. Following is a list of the dead and injured: The dead are: Neal Daugherty, of near New Castle; LeRoy Roberts, Erie. The injured are: Samuel crty, of near New Castle; Lerkoy Roberts, Erie. The injured are: Samuel J. McDonald, Greenville; Robert Williams, Erie; August Miller, Erie; Mr. Purvis, Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. Thomas Law and baby, Struthers, O.; Mrs. Alison, Sharpsville; Martin L. Strauss; H. S. Wilgus, residence unknown; J. F. Peterson, Jamestown, N. Y.; W. K. Ponds, McKeesport; Eugene Morris, Pittsburg; David Evans, Pittsburg; David Evans, Pittsburg; Engineer Shallenberger and Express Messenger Gibson, Erie. The scene of the West Middlesex station about one and a half miles. It is the same spot where Engineer Daugherty was seriously injured about one year ago. Who is responsible for the collision has not been ascertained. It is said that the freight train had orders to pass at Whentland. After starting for the latter place the train broke in two. The engineer backed his train for the other cars and was just getting under headway when the passenger train loomed up a short distance ahead, running about 30 miles an hour. Neither engineer nor fireman had time to jump before the crash dame. The impact was terrific. Both engines were battered and twisted, rolled over the embankment, and the express, baggage and smoking cars were badly shattered. The smoker was well filled with passengers and they were hurled in all directions. Many were thrown bodily from their seats to the forward end of the car, a distance of 30 feet. ts, Erie. The injured are: Samue McDonald, Greenville; Robert Wil

WESTERN MARYLAND R. R.

Engineers Appointed to Make the West Virginia Connection.

The Western Maryland railroad has organized its engineering corps, with Virgil G. Bogue as consulting and supervising engineer; John Q. Barlow, in charge of construction; Barlow, in charge of construction, C. C. Van Devanter, resident engineer, and H. R. Pratt, engineer of maintenance of way. Work will begin on the 65-mile link to connect the Western Maryland at Cherry Run, W. Va., with the West Virginia Central at Cumberland, Md.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Attorney General Knox was requested to present to the Senate and House Judiciary committees his views on further anti-trust legislation.

Sergeant John A. Mason, who gained world-wide notoriety for his attempt to kill Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, passed through Washington en route to a soldiers' home in the West.

Henry King, chief, and F. P. Metz-ger, assistant chief of the draughts-man's division of the land office, sub-mitted their answers denying the answers denying the conduct detrimental to government interests.

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At the session of the American Scientific Association Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, said that it cost \$1,250,000 a year to make the forecasts; that the frost warnings of a few days ago in Florida saved millions of dollars to the people of that State.

It is claimed by railroad officials that the rates on certain articles have been unreasonably low.

SQUADRONS REASSEMBLED.

Admiral Believes That Maneuvers are Proving Beneficial.

Secretary Root announced that the

her needs

The latest list cabled the war department from Manila by General Davis reports the following deaths from cholera: James Hamilton, company D. Twenty-sixth infantry; Robert D. Finney, Company D. Twenty-sixth infantry; Thomas J. Kelly, Company A. Eleventh infantry; Louis Kopiesoko, Company L., Eleventh infantry; Jacob Cohen, Company G. Fifth infantry; George Draveo. fantry: Jacob Conch, Fifth infantry; George Dravgo.

GOLD IS LACKING.

Installment of War Indemnity Due From China Will Be Paid in Silver.

The state department has been officially advised through its fiscal agents in China that the sec ond installment of the Chinese in ond installment of the Chinese indemnity fund, which fell due January 1, 1903, will be paid in silver, or rather on a silver basis. The first installment of the indemnity, which was due July 1 last, was likewise paid on a silver basis, the nations receiving the money reserving the right to reclaim the difference between the silver and gold basis. On January 1 the department had placed to its credit \$496,098. Most of the first installment paid to the United States last July, and amounting to nearly half a million dollars, was in payment of missionary claims for damages arising from the Boxer outpayment of missionary claims for damages arising from the Boxer out break. The department adopted th damages arising from the Boxer outbreak. The department adopted the plan of paying out 25 per cent of each large claim. This absorbed nearly all of the first installment. By this method something like two years will be required for the settlement of the claims. By a curious adjustment the commission, while allowing some of these claims with liberality, has placed a very low valuation on human life. Assuming a murdered missionary of the age of 50 to be capable of 10 more years' work at the rate of \$400 per year, it would award an indemnity of about \$4,000 to his or her heirs. The state department, which is the reviewing authority in these cases, probably will raise the allowance, but it may still further cut down the claims for personal property losses.

NEW LABOR UNION.

National League of Independent Workmen of America.

A new labor organization is in pro cess of formation under the title of the National League of Independent Workmen of America. Rev. E. M. Farchild, of Albany, N. Y., 'one of the promoters, says: "The specific objects for which the Independent Workmen propose to organize are to protect independent workmen, to sustain high wages, to establish reasonable hours, to compel labor unions to observe the laws, and to protect members against unjust treatment from employers by due process of law." It is proposed to put a national organizer in the field and to organize local branches all over the country and demand that employers run their shops as "open shops," in which union and league men can have an equal and fair chance for employment. Only American citizens will be eligible to membership. the National League of Independent

VAN COTT CHARGES FRAUD.

New York Postmaster Claims He Was Swindled by Employes.

Willis T. Gridley has been arrested at New York and Edna Ranney at Syracuse, N. Y., on complaint made by Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott, who is president of the National Mercantile agency, of which Gridley was secretary-treasurer, and Miss Ranney bookkeeper. Mr. Van Cott charges that Gridley prevailed upon him to sign worthless paper and, in co-operation with Miss Ranney, falsified the books go as to bring Mr. Van Cott in debt \$2.000 to the agency when the figures should have shown \$18,000 to his credit.

GAIN IS ENORMOUS.

Increase in Freight Rates Means a Least \$150,000,000.

charges of conduct detrimental to government interests.

Manuel Rango, editor of "Libertas," a Spanish paper at Manila, has been sentenced to \$2,000 fine and six months' imprisonment for libeling Gen. J. F. Bell, whom he accused of stealing a relief fund.

Senor Don Luis Felipe Carbo, who has been minister from Ecuador to the United States since January 15, 1896, will formally present his letters of recall within a few days, when Senor Baquerezo, his successor, will present his credentials.

Pekin advices received state that Sir Chen-Tung-Liang-Cheng, K. C. M. G., decorated with brevet court button of the third grade, expectant taotal of the first-class and minister designate to the United States, has been appointed a metropolitan expectant officer of the fourth grade. wheat fields to the Atlantic seaboard. It is claimed by railroau officials that the rates on certain articles have

Secretary Root announced that the corner stone of the Army War College in the Washington barracks reservation will be laid with appropriate ceremonies on the 22d instant. The Masonic rites usual on such occasions will be observed. The President and all the members of the cabinet will attend.

One hundred thousand tons of breadstuffs must be imported from wheat-producing centers to Australia during the coming season to meet harvest deficiencies, says United States Consul Goding at Newcastie, in a report to the state department. The crop in New South Wales will not reach 50 per cent of the quantity reached last year, and Victoria will require imports of 3.737,929 bushels of wheat to supply her needs Are Proving Beneficial.

December corn deal at St. Louis.

WORKMEN WILL SHARE IN PROFITS.

DETAILS OF THE PLAN.

United States Steel Corporation's 168,000 Employes All Can Become Stockholders.

Announcement was made December 31 of a comprehensive plan of the finance committee of the United States Steel Corporation by which the officers and employes of that institution will participate in the profits of the world's largest trust. The fundamental idea is first to get every employe interested as a stockholder, and, second, to share profits with them in addition to the dividends which they receive as such stockholders. At present the corporation and subsidiary companies employ about 168,000 men, whom it is proposed to divide into these six classes. Class A will include all those whose salaries are \$20,000 a year or over. Class B will include all those whose who receive salaries of from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year. Class C will include all those who receive salaries of from \$2,000 a year. Class C will include all those who receive salaries of from \$2,000 a year. Class C will include all those who receive salaries of from \$2,000 a year. Class C will include all those who receive salaries of salaries of the salaries of th Announcement was made Decem to \$20,000 a year. Class C will include all those who receive salaries of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. Clas D will include all those who receive salaries of from \$2,500 to \$5,000 year. Class E will include all those who receive salaries of from \$2,500 to \$5,000 year. D will include all those who receive salaries of from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year. Class E will include all those who receive salaries of from \$800 to \$7,500 a year. Class F will include all those who receive salaries of from \$800 to \$7,500 a year. Class F will include all those who receive salaries of \$800 a year or less. The preferred stock will be offered to any employe during January at \$82.50 per share. Employes can subscribe for an amount of stock not exceeding the sum represented by a certain percentage of their annual salaries as shown in this table: Class B, 8 per cent; class C, 10 per cent; class D, 12 per cent; class E, 15 per cent; class F, 20 per cent. Whenever \$90,000,000 and less than \$100,000,000 is earned during 1903, 1.2 per cent shall be set aside. Whenever \$100,000,000 and less than \$1120,000,000 is earned during 1903, 1.6 per cent shall be set aside. Whenever \$120,000,000 and less than \$130,000,000 is earned during 1903, 1.6 per cent shall be set aside. Whenever \$120,000,000 and less than \$140,000,000 is earned during 1903, 2.5 per cent shall be set aside. Whenever \$130,000,000 and less than \$150,000,000 is earned during 1903, 2.50 per cent shall be set aside. Whenever \$150,000,000 and less than \$150,000,000 is earned during 1903, 2.50 per cent shall be set aside. Whenever \$150,000,000 and less than \$150,000,000 is earned during 1903, 2.50 per cent shall be set aside. The question of what constitutes profits is to be determined entirely by the finance committee, which, it is stated, will have no interest in the profitsharing plan. If \$80,000,000 is earned in the coming year, \$800,000 will be set aside, one-half to be distributed in cash quarterly, the other half to be reserved until the end of the year invested in proferred stock; the stock thus purchased to be divided, one-half to employee entitled thereto, the other half to remain with the treasurer of the corporation. Each stareholder is to receive a certificate for his interest, containing these provisions: That if he remains continuously i these provisions: 'ins continuously in he remains rvice of the corporation or one its subsidiary companies for five years the stock shall be delivered to him and he may do as he likes

with it. USE AMERICAN METHOD.

Argentina's Educational Modelled After That of U.S.

Twenty-five women teachers went from the United States to the Argen-tine Republic a few years ago as mis-sionaries of American educational methods. The result is that the schools of the great republic of the south are now modelled upon the sys-tem born and developed in the United States. As a further result Argentine States. As a further result Argentin-nas sent James H. Fitzimmon, direc-tor of the national school of comtor of the lational school of com-merce, Buenos Ayres, as special com-missioner to the United States to make a study of the latest school methods, to buy school supplies and to engage seven competent educators as directors of the new normal s directors of the new normal chools that are to be opened next

Find Made by a Farmer

Frank McClung, a farmer living lear Lookout, Fayette county, West Virginia, while doing some work on his farm he overturned a large stone and ne found an old army canteen which contained \$1,238. The canteen which contained \$1,238. The canteen contained the following inscription: "George Hedges, Twenty-fourth Ohio." It was found in a field in which a party of Union soldiers camped during the Civil war.

After Spokane Ferries.

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Suits signed by Attorney General Knox have been filed in the Federal courts at Spokane, Wash., asking injunctions to stop the operations of six ferries on the Columbia river, in that state, some of which have been in use for nearly 20 years. The charge is that they impede navigation and endanger lives and property.

Must Supply Natural Gas.

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Judge Neal at Indianapolis, Ind.,
granted a temporary injunction restraining the Indianapolis Gas Company from cutting off the supply of
natural gas to consumers in Indianapolis. The company had served notice that the supply was to be cut off.

Memorial to James Watt.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Republic of Mexico considering advisability of adopting the gold standard.

There was a great increase in vol immigration during recen

Dr. Edward Everett Hale makes a special plea for public ownership of utilities.

New Orleans reports are that the Beaumont oil pool in Texas has been exhausted.

The United States Steel Corpora-tion filed a brief in Hodge suit at Trenton, N. J. Rotschilds are in a new concern that has organized to fight American

coal combine Baltimore & Ohio employes were arrested for cutting trolley wire near Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. Justice Shiras, of the United States supreme court, will retire during the February recess.

An Indiana inventor claims to have nvented an electrical appliance that will make the deaf hear. Vice Admiral Beresford of Eng

land said Great Britain ought to fight for the Monroe doctrine. Chicago suffered for fuel New. Year's' d'ay, though 300,000 tons of coal were in the railroad yards.

Topsy, once famous as baby elephant, became man-killer and was executed at Coney Island, N. Y. In fleet maneuvers off Culebra island the torpedo flotilla formed flying wedge and dashed through line

Conductor on Louisville & Nash-ville train was shot by train robber who secured \$25 from Pullman pas-

State department at Washington received President Castro's acceptance of the arbitration proposal December 31.

The 10,000 employes of the Presse Steel Car Company are offered an advantageous opportunity to become partners in the concern.

An endowment of \$250,000 has been raised for Hamline university, at Minneapolis, Minn., James J. Hill contributing a large amount.

The pipe line company at Corsi-ana, Tex., posted a bulletin advancing crude petroleum of light grade from \$1.01 to \$1.05 per barrel.

The entire plant of the Charles Abresch Company, Milwaukee, carriage manufacturers, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of upward of \$100,000. The disturbances in the interior of China are spreading. Five thousand troops have been sent to suppress the disorders in the province of

Che-Kiang.

David Cohen, his wife and their on, died from asphyxiation in a enement house in New York as the esult of the accidental escape of gas

from a stove.

The building occupied by the
Seventh Day Adventists and the "Review and Herald" Publishing Comview and Herald Creek, Mich., was burned; loss, \$550,000.

The price of soft coal in New York advanced another notch, reaching \$8.40 wholesale, freightage not in-cluded. Anthracite averaged \$10 a ton to the consumer.

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Brazil has accepted the invitation to participate in the St. Louis exposition in 1904, thereby assuring that all the countries of the western hemisphere will be representd.

Fire in a seven-story building in Wooster street, New York, occupied by small factories and printing estab-lishments, did \$200,000 damage. The occupants, including many girls, had

One hundred glass workers, headed by James L. Wise, a Muncie (Ind.) merchant, are planning to construct a co-operative window glass factory. The company will have a capital stock of \$75,000 paid up.

A lone highwayman held up the Calistoga and California Clear Lake stage on Mt. St. Helena. The express box, thought to contain much money, was taken and the four passengers were relieved of a few dollars.

Reviews by experts of the copper development of Arizona and Michigan show that the newer field

Trust Company of New York.

T. C. White, of Morgantown, W. Va., was elected treasurer of the American Geological Society, in session at Washington, D. C. C. A. Dudley, of Altoona, Pa., was elected a chancellor of the American Chemical Society.

A territorial charter was granted at Guthrie, O. T., to the St. Louis, Ed Reno and Western Railway Company to build a railroad 200 miles in length in Oklahoma. The Missouri Pacific is believed to be back of the road.

road.

RULE THE MOROS IN ORIENTAL WAY

REPORT ON PHILIPPINES.

Governor Taft Says Possibly Far In the Future We Can Abolish the Dattos.

The annual report of the Philippine commission, and a separate report by Governor W. H. Taft, made public at the war department, gives a re-riew of the results of the year's work of the commission and certain at the war department, gives a review of the results of the year's work of the commission and certain recommendations for legislative action by Congress deemed essential to the welfare of the islands. After giving a history of the establishment of civil government throughout the various provinces Governor Taft in his report says it has not been definitely determined what shall be done with the respect to Mindanao, where he says hostility to the Americans does not extend beyond the Lake Lanao Moros. The governor is of the opinion that it may be possible to induce the sultan of Jolo to part with some of the rights he claims to the Jolo group, and thus obvlate many obstacles now encountered. The Moros, he says, do not understand popular government, and do not desire it, preferring control by dattos. "Possibly far in the future," he says, "control by dattos may cease. For the present, however, it is necessary only to provide a paternal, strong but sympathetic government for these followers of Mohammed." Governor Taft tells of the conditions that have made it necessary for the islands to purchase about \$15,000,000 worth of food on which to live, and of the effects war has had upon agriculture, almost the only source of wealth in the Islands. The greatest blow to agriculture, he says, is the destruction of about 90 per cent of the water buffalo, on which the cultivation of rice is almost wholly dependent. Since the civil government was completely established in the Filipino provinces throughout, the archipelago, in July of last year, the governor Taft, "that as the conditions grow worse—for they are likely to do so before they grow better—it will be necessary in a province like Cavite where ladronism seems inbred in the people, to proclaim martial law and even to call in the military finally to where ladronism where ladronism seems inbred in the people, to proclaim martial law and even to call in the military finally to suppress it." but it is still hoped this may be avoided." For the year ended June 30, 1902, the imports, exclusive of quartermaster's stores, of all goods were \$41,000,000, while the exports were about \$27,000,000.

FUNSTON'S SPY CONVICTED.

Hilario Placido Has Been Sentenced

to Life Imprisonment. to Life Imprisonment.

Hilario Placido, the spy who assisted Gen. Funtson in capturing Aguinaldo, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, according to advices received from Manila by the war department. Placido was Gen. Funston's trusted aid on the expedition to Palanan in the spring of 1991. He commanded the little band that found its way to Aguinaldo's that found its way to Aguinaldo's stronghold in the guise of Filipina patriots. He had been a major of the that all the countries of the western hemisphere will be represented.

F. M. Atterbolt, who has been engaged for some time in an attempt to form a sombination of the paper bag and rope paper manufacturers of the country, has given up the project.

Insurgents, and was captured at Jaen Ecija. Gen, Funston says in his report that Placido "did his part well and was faitful to the last, notwithstanding his previous connection with the insurgents. He is the man, who in the critical moment seized and held Auguinaldo. nsurgents, and was captured at Jaen

Boycott Bremerton

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling, at Washington, D. C., ordered that no more warships shall be sent to the navy yard at Bremerton, Wash, until the evil conditions surrounding the yard are corrected by the civil authorities.

Corner Mexican Wheat.

The recent advance in the price of wheat has caused bakers at Mexico City, Mexico, to diminish the size of their loaves while still charging the same price, and this has worked a hardship on the poorer classes. The government has determined that the wheat ring which has ben monono. wheat ring, which has ben monopo-izing the grain market, shall be lealt a severe blow.

Caught Trying to Escape.

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Thomas Doyle, who is serving the twenty-year term in the New Jersey State prison for murder committed in Author 2009 and the practice of dueing. He will appeal to all Christian governments to suppress the practice, which is described as a survival of the middle ages.

Judge Anderson, of the Uhited States court at Indianapolis, has ordered the Chicago and Southwestern railroad to be sold to satisfy a mortage of \$1,000,000 held by the Central Trust Company of New York.

T. C. White, of Morgantown, W.

The mechanical and electrical equipment of power houses, passenger stations and the complete underground system of the new Pennsylvania tunnel at New York has been intrusted to the firm of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., designing and constructing engineers.

Want General Viljoen's Services. The British government is trying to secure the services of General Ben Viljoen, who is now touring the orces, which is going to Somaliland.

Exceeded, Requirements.

With People in Hawaii.

FINE WORK OF CABLE.

President and Other Officials Ex

change Congratulatory Messages

The new cable between San Francisco and Honolulu is in fine working order and a large number of messages are being handled. The achievement January 3, of sending the 3,500 word message from Honolulu, in addition to many private messages is considered remarkable work for the first day of the cable's installation. The following cable messages were made public at the White House, at Washington, January 3, "Honolulu, President of the United States, Washington, January 3, "Honolulu, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.: On behalf of the native Hawaiians of our territory, we desire that you, our President, should know of the deep and friendly interest they have felt from the first in the great commercial and National enterprise of belting the Pacific with an American cable, and of their great satisfaction and delight upon the completion this day of that portion of the work which now makes those upon the mainland, we out here upon the sea, one as were never before. We congratulate you, Mr. President, and through you our fellow citizens of the mainland. J. Kalanianaole, D. Kawananakoa, Samuel Parker, M. Probinson, Clarence L. Crabbe, A. N. Kepoiked, John Ena." The following reply was sent: White House, Washington, January 3, 1903. The President is much pleased to receive through you the cordial greetngs of the native Hawaiians, and extends to them his congratulations upon the opening of telegraphic communication with Hawaii Goorre B. Cortal them his congratulations upon the opening of telegraphic communication with Hawaii, George B. Cortelyou, Secretary." W. H. Eustis, you, Secretary." W. H. Eustis, special commissioner, sent a message from Honolulu to Secretary Shaw:
"Time between Washington and Hon-"Time between Washington and Honolulu this day abridged from six days to six minutes. All hal, the spirit of progress." To this the secretary replied: "Thanks for your message. May the new cable mark a distinct step in the world's progress." Postmaster General Payne received the following cablegram from Honolulu: "The postmaster and staff at Honolulus end compliments of the season to the postmaster general. Joseph M. Oats, Postmaster."

Not in Prison After Four Convictions.

Judge Evans, of the United States court, at Louisville, Ky., admitted to bail J. M. McKnight, former president who has been four times convict embezzling from the bank. has appealed from his last senten

CABLE FLASHES.

Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany has accepted an invitation of the czar to visit his majesty at St. Petersburg in the middle of at St.

"It seems to be beyond question." cables the Johannesburg correspondent to London, England, "that large and enormously rich diamond fields exist north of Pretoria."

A large audience at the Queens hall, welcomed the reappearance of Sousa and his band in London, Jan-uary 2. Many Americans, including Consul General Evans, were present.

France and Guatemala have agreed to submit to the international arbi-tration court at The Hague the French claims against Guatemala, which are similar to those against Venezuela.

Fifteen Turkish soldiers were killed or wounded in a recent fight with Eulgarian, troops at Drenovo. The Eulgarians were barricaded in a house and several were killed, but the survivors escaped.

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The appraisement of the estate of A. C. Hutchinson, late president of Louisiana & Texas railroad, shows its value to be \$991,168. The bulk of this property will go to the medical department of Tulane university.

The Kongo administration at Brussels Belgium, has received news that

sels. Belgium, has received news that Lieutenant de Magnse and his party, who were in charge of Port Boni, on the frontier of Uganda, were attacked by a cannibal tribe on June 14, last, and that the entire party was murdered.

A treaty has been signed by the Bolivian minister of foreign affairs and the Peruvian minister plenipotentiary naming President Roca, of Argentina, arbitrator in the boundary disputes between Peru and Bolivia.

The sultan's troops have abandoned the fortress of Raselma, close to Fez, Morocco. The pretender is negotiating with tribes in the vicinity of Fez to assist his advance. The hostility against the sultan is spreading in Fez.

Captain Dawe was appointed minister of mines, and Henry Gear was appointed minister without portfolio at St. Johns, New Foundland, to fill the vacancies in the bond cabinet resulting from the withdrawal of Chief Justice Horwood and Postmaster General H. J. B. Woods.

The Anglo-American tobacco trust has introduced at Berlin, Germany, a system of rebates and premiums to small dealers. The trust owns only one factory in Germany, the Jasmatzi, at Dresden, which it has greatly enlarged and filled with new machinery of American make.

Memorial to James Watt.

Andrew Carnegie has notified the provest of Greenock, Scotland, that he is prepared to give \$50,000 to eroct a memorial to James Watt, in recognition of his engineering achievements.

Copper Company's Loan.

Tiple Consolidated Lake Superior Company is to have a cash fund of \$5,500,000. Instead of \$3,500,000. Instead o