

INTELLIGENCE FROM WASHINGTON.

IN FAVOR OF CUBA.

Concurrent Resolutions of Recognition Adopted by the House, 244 to 27.

The house adopted the conference report on the Cuban resolutions by a vote of 244 to 27. Eighteen Republicans and nine Democrats voted against the resolutions. There were 20 more votes against the report than against the original resolutions. The former vote was 262 to 17. By its action the house agreed to the senate resolutions and disposed of the Cuban question for the present. Those resolutions were as follows: Resolved, That in the opinion of congress a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

TROUBLE IN HAYTI.

President Hippolyte's Death Followed by a Night of Terror.

The New York Herald's correspondent in Port au Prince, Hayti, sends under date of March 30, the following particulars of the death of President Hippolyte and the ensuing events: The country has been more or less stirred by the entry into Jaqueim of Gen. Merisier Jannet two weeks ago. He seized the arsenal, took the ammunition and thoroughly terrified all the inhabitants. Hearing of the seizure, President Hippolyte decided to go to the city. He started for a 14 hours' ride across the mountains at 3 o'clock on the morning of March 24. As he rode he was suddenly seized with heart failure and died in a short time.

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VANDERBILT IN PERIL.

Gang of Anarchists Plotted to Abduct the Millionaire.

A conspiracy to hold up the Vanderbilt special train, and abduct Cornelius Vanderbilt, was thwarted by the confession of one of the plotters. The conspirators were arrested and made to Detective Gard, of the Pacific railroad. "Shortly before the Vanderbilt party reached El Paso," said Mr. Gard, "I received a letter containing the plans. They were to hold up the Vanderbilt special train at some point in the San Joaquin valley, and make the best haul possible. If no money was to be had Cornelius Vanderbilt was to be kidnapped, and held for ransom, and Chauncey Depew and every one else in the party was to be killed."

IGNORING EXTRADITION PAPERS.

Tennessee Authorities Gave Them to the Prisoner to Tear Up.

"Big Dan" Banack, an ex-convict from Tennessee, was recently arrested in New York city for raising a draft on the National Commercial bank of Albany, N. Y., for \$10 to \$1,000. What was expected to be the coal mines at Bay City, Tenn., a requisition was issued for him by the governor of New York, but instead of informing the authorities here when his term in Tennessee was to expire, in order that the papers might be served, Banack was turned loose and came east voluntarily. According to Banack's story, the papers were given to him when he was walking the streets of New York. Chief William of the Albany police says that proceedings will be begun against the Tennessee authorities for ignoring the extradition regulations between the states.

ANOTHER BATTLE REPORTED.

Inslan's Forces Attacked in Cuba. One Hundred Wounded.

Passengers arriving at Tampa, Fla., from Cuba report that Spanish General Inslan's forces were entirely surrounded by the insurgents and a hand-to-hand conflict ensued. The conflict ensued in Vuelta Abajo district. Nothing official has been published, but 100 wounded in this engagement were brought into Havana Friday night. All the wounded were mangled. Inslan also was wounded. Quintin Bandera, the insurgent chief, has sent a letter to General Weyler requesting humane treatment for helpless families. The Cubans here intended to burn the Spanish flag and Weyler's picture last night, but the police interfered.

EMPLOYED FOREIGN LABOR.

A New York Man Fined \$1,000 by the United States Court.

A verdict of \$1,000 in favor of the government was rendered in the suit brought in the United States circuit court against August Wittmann, of New York. Wittmann was accused of having imported into this country Carl Baltzer to run a steam Albert type press manufactured by a Leipzig firm. The defense claimed that Baltzer came here to work a new industry not then established in this country. The court held that the contract had been proven, and even if the industry was new the defendant had not made a proper effort to secure an operative here.

Whitescap in Kentucky.

One hundred whitescap visited the house of Nancy Blair, near Stockholm, Edmonson county, Ky., and gave her and her daughter, Mrs. Adeline Dugger, a terrible whipping and ordered them to leave the community. The mob then tore the house down. The women went to the home of Beth Davis, but the regulators notified Davis that his house would be torn down if he harbored them.

KILLED TWENTY MEN.

John Selman, Who Had a Record, is at Last Brought Down Himself.

John Selman, the victor of not less than twenty fatal shooting affrays in Texas, the exterminator of "bad men" and the slayer of the notorious John Wesley Hardin, is lying with a bullet hole through his body. About two or three months ago Selman and United States Deputy Marshal George Scarborough had a quarrel over a game of cards, since which occurred the relations between them have not been very cordial. Sunday morning at 4 o'clock they met in the Wigwam saloon at El Paso, Texas, and both were drinking. Scarborough says that Selman asked him to "come over here, I want to see you," and that the two walked out into the alley beside the saloon and Selman, whose son is in the Juarez, Mexico, jail on the charge of abducting a young lady from this side for immoral purposes, said to Scarborough: "I want you to go over the river with me this morning; we must get that boy out of jail."

Scarborough expressed a willingness to go with Selman, but stated that no bad breaks had been made in Juarez. Scarborough says that Selman then reached for his pistol with the remark, "I believe I'll kill you." Scarborough pulled his gun and began shooting. At the second shot Selman fell and Scarborough fired two more shots as Selman attempted to rise. When Selman was searched no pistol could be found on him, or anywhere around him. He says that he had a pistol but that it was taken from him after he fell and before the police reached him. He was hit by every shot Scarborough fired.

Scarborough is about 35 years old, was born in Oklahoma but was raised in Texas, and was several years sheriff of Jones county, Texas. He is now out of jail under bond. He is about 58 years old and has lived a stormy life. When not drinking he was a gentle and modest as a child, but he did not know what fear was and has killed not less than twenty outlaws. He was a dead shot and quick as lightning with a gun. Last August in this city the notorious John Wesley Hardin challenged him to a "free fight in the Acme saloon and Selman killed that dangerous outlaw.

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SHOTS AT THE POLES.

Twenty-Six Men Laid Out at Election Places in Chicago.

Shooting was common at Tuesday's election. The first one occurred near the balloting booth at 400 Dearborn-st. Joseph Grogan, a railroad man, was shot down. The wound may result fatally. Grogan was passing on his way from lunch when a colored man commenced shooting. In a fight at the polls in the First ward Frank Martin shot "Bill" Hickey through the wrist. Another shooting affray occurred at Twentieth and State-sts. J. H. Hanson (colored) fired at Walter Hill, also colored, but the bullet missed the mark. Fall returns from the First and Nineteenth wards, in which the most of the fighting occurred, show that 26 men were laid out in one way or another during the day. Joseph Trepan was shot in the ankle, James Dargatzis had his skull fractured, Olaf Hanson's nose was smashed flat, John Watson's ear was torn off and John McGrath was shot in the back. Returns so far indicate that the Republicans carried the city by a large majority.

CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES.

Rigid Measures of Retrenchment Ordered on the Ft. Wayne.

The employees of the Pennsylvania lines west are alarmed at the sweeping changes that are being introduced under the regime of the new general manager. Orders have been issued to cut down the operating expenses at all points, and wherever a man can be spared let him go. The Ft. Wayne dispatchers and operators all along the line have felt the first effects of the new policy of radical economy in rather a severe manner. Making dispatchers' office force on the entire northwest system has been reduced to a minimum. On the eastern division of the Ft. Wayne one set of dispatchers have been taken off, and the division between Homewood and Crestline have been doubled up, making the operating office force on the line here. Hereafter there have been two sets of dispatchers handling the trains between the points above mentioned.

England Displeased.

There is much indignation in England over the intention of the Sultan of Turkey to exclude Christian missionaries from Asia Minor, and those who were active in measures in behalf of the Armenians take a leading part also in voicing the public sentiment on this question. The case of the Rev. G. P. Knapp, the American missionary at Bitlis who is detained at Diarbekir, is attracting much attention.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

An incendiary fire destroyed four squares of Connetquotville, Ky.

At the present moment out of the 71 members of the Irish Nationalist party 10 are Protestants.

During the Franco-Prussian war the cost to the French nation of each Prussian killed was \$20,000.

Phelps & Miller, the largest jewelry firm of San Francisco, have failed, with liabilities estimated at \$70,000.

The ship building concern of Sir W. G. Armstrong & Co., limited, of Glasgow, will establish a plant in Australia.

Kangaroos are such a plague in Australia that the government pays a bounty of 8 pence for each animal that is killed.

A grand niece of General Israel Putnam, Mrs. L. W. Decker, died in Bangor, Me., a few days ago at the age of 89 years.

It is intended by German doctors to celebrate May 14 the one hundredth anniversary of Dr. Jenner's first experiment in vaccination.

Cecil Rhodes, ex-premier of the Cape Colony, who recently started from Capetown to Bulawayo, is said to be suffering from an attack of fever.

Capt. J. B. Johnston, Third Cavalry, who died at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., was buried in the Arlington National cemetery with military honors.

The New York supreme court has decided that a surgeon making an autopsy without the consent of the relatives of the deceased is liable to be sued for damages.

The bank statistics of Ireland for 1895 are the most satisfactory ever recorded, and show that Ireland has to be included in a thoroughly sound economic condition.

CASUALTIES AND CRIMES.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Seven People Killed and Several Injured by a Premature Explosion.

A terrific explosion, resulting in the killing of several men and injuring of several others, occurred shortly after six o'clock Wednesday evening, in the canon four miles from Ogden, Utah, April 8. The men were employed by the Pioneer Power Dam company, and were about to prepare a blast when a premature explosion occurred. The killed are: Dan Moore, Ogden; B. Kirkman, Ogden; George Weaver, Ogden; Nate Kempter, Provo; Jeff Ruby, Huntsville, Utah; Mike Lennan, Provo; Samuel Hatfield, Provo. The wounded were Andrew Sprowles, Alfred Ellington, George Slater and several others.

A BOILER LETS GO.

Two Men Killed and Four Persons Perhaps Fatally Injured.

A terrible explosion occurred at the sawmill of Dennis Boyd, situated at the North mountain, one mile north of Newville, Pa., which resulted in the death of two men, and the injury of four other persons, two of them girls. The dead are: John Boyd, 35 years of age, son of Dennis Boyd, the proprietor of the mill, and George Miller, 22 years old, son of Andrew Olier, a well-known citizen of this place. The injured are: Andrew Olier, who lost the sight of one eye, and had his arm broken; Olier's two young daughters and a son.

Killed in a Prize Fight.

Arthur Bradley and Richard Ingram, two factory hands engaged in a prize fight at Haverhill, Mass., and as a result the latter was killed. The fight was to be a friendly one, to settle the question of which was the best man.

DYNAMITED THE SCHOOLHOUSE.

Dispute Over the Building's Location Leads to Its Destruction.

The little township of Curtin, about 12 miles from Bellefonte, Pa., is in a turmoil of excitement over the burning and blowing up by dynamite of the district schoolhouse. Bad feeling was aroused about two years ago over the selection of a site for the schoolhouse, and the courts had to decide the matter. One faction was still dissatisfied and before dawn Tuesday morning about 20 men and boys set the building on fire. The other faction was soon on hand and tried to quench the flames. The incendiaries were, however, hiding in the woods, and while some of their enemies were in the burning building they threw dynamite on the roof. The building was completely demolished and those inside narrowly escaped with their lives. The two factions then engaged in a pitched battle in the darkness and the wooden axes.

GEN. HARRISON MARRIED.

The Ex-President and Mrs. Mary Lord Dimmick Made One.

The marriage of Mrs. Mary Lord Dimmick to Gen. Benjamin Harrison was solemnized at St. Thomas church, New York, Monday afternoon at 5:30. Dr. Wesley Brown, rector, officiating at the ceremony, the marriage which took place in the presence of twenty relatives and select friends of the bride and groom, was a very private affair. The edifice was not decorated in the lavish style that marked the nuptials of Miss Vanderbilt and Gen. Grant, but the decorations were refined and elegant. The bride wore a dress of white lilies, and the groom wore a suit of white lilies, and the chancel looked even prettier and more effective in the perspective than at the two previous weddings. Mrs. Dimmick arranged all the details, including the decorations, and her uncommon good taste in the selection of the beautiful flowers used and the simple and unobtrusive arrangement of the decorations by Mr. Fleischmann, the florist, were very marked features. The arrangement included a table with palms, tropical plants and banks of white lilies surrounded with bunches of ascension lilies. On either side of the altar was a large vase of white lilies and directly in front of the two end pews, on either side of the chancel, were two large vases of white lilies, and with butterfly bows of white ribbon, with large clusters of catalpa orchids attached to the ribbons, forming an April shower of delicate white flowers.

NEARLY 1,000 KILLED.

Cubans Win a Decisive Victory at Pinar del Rio.

A letter from General Garcia has been received announcing the safe arrival in Cuba on March 22 of the Bermuda filibustering party of 108 men, together with artillery and tons of ammunition. The party was met by General Maceo. The letter continues: "Maceo and Garcia, with 9,000 men, went down upon Pinar del Rio early on the morning of March 23. The 6,000 Spanish troops were captured two pieces of heavy artillery, 1,700 Mauser rifles, 1,300,000 cartridges, 2,500 swords and stores. They burned 600 houses.

A PURE FAKE.

That War Over a School House Did Not Take Place.

The citizens of Curtin township, Centre county, Pa., who are as peaceable as can be found anywhere, are greatly incensed over an item sent out this week, in which it was stated that they assayed in opposing factions at a school house, burned each other up with dynamite, and then fought a battle with axes until the district attorney was called on to quell the riot. The entire story was a fake, with the exception of the fact that the school house was destroyed by fire, but it occurred at night, and as no one is known to have been within a mile of it at the time of the blaze, the fire may have been purely accidental.

A DISASTROUS FIGHT.

Col. Stevant Compelled to Evacuate Kassala, Near Moscow.

A dispatch from Massowa has been received in Rome by the way of Perm Island reporting that after Col. Stevant's victory over the dervishes near Kassala on Saturday in a battle in which he lost 100 men and inflicted a loss estimated at 600 upon the dervishes he returned to Kassala and the dervishes retook the forts and encampments at Tueruf. On the following day Col. Stevant made a reconnaissance of Tueruf and vigorously attacked the forts. He captured some of them, but was unable to entirely dislodge the dervishes. He therefore returned to Kassala and informed Gen. Baldissera, commander of the Italian forces in Africa, that he was convinced that his forces were strong enough and that he proposed to renew the attack in the morning. In view of the general situation, however, Gen. Baldissera refused to sanction this plan and ordered Col. Stevant to evacuate Kassala and to retire with his column upon Agordat, half way between Kassala and Massowah, which Col. Stevant is now doing.

FOREIGN NOTES.

At Kube, Japan, besides the black plague smallpox and cholera are epidemic.

Princess Maud of Wales will be married at St. James, July 7, to Prince Charles of Denmark.

Germany has joined the protest against the king of Korea's presence in the Russian legation at Seoul.

CONFESSSED THE CRIME.

The Murderer of the Stone Family in Custody.

Detectives Doran and Decelle of Cleveland who have been employed on the Stone murder case for the past week, arrested John Smith, the ex-hired man of the Stone family in Tallmadge and took him to Akron. He was immediately placed in the county jail and the charge entered against him of murdering Alvin N. Stone, his wife and Ira Stillson. The detectives have been following Smith's movements very closely for the past week, but did not feel convinced of his guilt until Wednesday. Smith is about twenty one years of age and came to Summit county nine months ago, working for Mr. Stone. Two weeks before the murder he had a disagreement with Mr. Stone, and left him going to work for Edward Porter, who lives only a mile away from the scene of the murder. On the day after the murder he was apprehended, but was released, as no evidence could be secured against him. Smith was much enamored with Flora, the youngest daughter, and his attentions were distasteful to the father. Flora was the only one of the family not injured by the murderer, and on the morning after the murder she made a statement as to how she found the body of John's. The name Smith is an assumed one, by his own statements.

The officers secured a detailed confession from Cotel, but only a part of it has been made public. He says the devil told him to commit the crime and how to do it. He had a grudge against the murdered man because he had not paid him \$7 still due for work on the farm. Smith gained entrance to the house at the back door and having killed the old people he killed Stillson, the hired man, and a terrible explosion followed, which tore him and killed her. When he was locked out of the room in which Hattie and Flora Stone had slept he secured a knife from Stillson's pocket and going down stairs slashed the farmer and wife to make sure they were dead. He then went back to the room where he had, having been secured from the woodshed at Porter's farm, where Smith was employed. It was largely through working up his religious fervor that the confession was secured.

TURKEY BACKS DOWN.

Christian Missionaries Not to Be Expelled from Armenia at Once.

The steps taken in behalf of the missionaries in Asia Minor have had a beneficial effect. The Turkish government replying to the renewed representations on the subject made by the British Ambassador, Sir Philip Currie, and the United States Charge d'Affaires, John R. Bidle, assured the diplomats that the missionaries in Asia Minor would not be molested "so long as they conform with the laws of the country." This assurance does not carry with it the weight which it would in coming from any other government, but it is at least a question which the Turkish officials have been trying to prove that the missionaries are not "conforming with the laws of the country," and it was on this ground that the Sultan prepared and probably signed the trade protocol for the expulsion from the Turkish dominions. But the publicity given to the matter in the press has certainly caused a hesitation at the palace, and it is now thought likely that the trade will be withheld at least, until Russia has been further consulted on the subject.

MEASLES IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

Measles has broken out in the presidential household. This disease has been almost epidemic for some time in Washington. Private Secretary Thurber's children have all had the disease in regular course, and to prevent its transmission to the White House Mr. Thurber has absented himself from his own domicile for the past week. This sacrifice was of no avail, for this morning the eruption suddenly appeared on little Esther Cleveland. To prevent the spread of the disease among the families of the cabinet officers word was sent by telegraph to the various departments that there would be no meeting of the cabinet, and steps were taken to combat the disease.

GREAT FIRE AT MANILLA.

A terrible fire has occurred at Manilla, in the Philippine Islands, by which 4,000 houses were destroyed and 30,000 people left homeless. Manilla is the capital of the Philippine Islands and has a population of 100,000, or with the suburbs 120,000. It is one of the great emporiums of the east. The principal public buildings are the cathedral, the palaces of the Governor and the Archbishop, a beautiful town house, ten churches of different religious orders, several monasteries, convents, the arsenal, three colleges, a young men, and two for young women, a Supreme Court, prison, civil hospital, university, a marine and a commercial school, a large theater, a custom house and barracks. It has frequently been visited by severe and destructive earthquakes.

ALL TO BE EXPELLED.

Imperial Trade Against Christian Missionaries in Armenia. The London Daily News and the Chronicle have a report from Constantinople, said to be on the best authority, that an imperial trade has decreed the wholesale expulsion of all Christian missionaries from Armenia who are mainly French Catholics and American Protestants. The Daily News says there is reason to believe the sultan has signed the decree, but that it has not been issued. The Chronicle thinks the trade is aimed at the agents of the relief fund, and is due to the fact that the missionaries give publicity to measures. The Chronicle believes Lord Salisbury could count upon French as well as American support in demanding the withdrawal of the trade.

TRIAL POSTPONED.

At Newport, Ky., Scott Jackson, the alleged murderer of Pearl Bryan, was before Judge Helm Tuesday for trial. Upon the application of his attorney the Judge postponed the hearing until Tuesday, April 21. The grounds set forth by Colonel Crawford in his application for a postponement were, first, illness in his family, which had prevented him giving proper attention to the case, and second, inability to secure depositions of witnesses residing at a distance. The jurors were called and some of the witnesses were sworn, and all were dismissed until April 21.

REBELS HAVE FULL SWING.

The insurgent forces operating in many parts of Cuba have been aggressed the last week. Half a dozen towns in Havana provinces alone have been attacked. The troops invariably remain safely cooped up in forts, allowing the rebels full swing. All available Spanish troops are stationed on the Troch between Mariel and Atenas, to prevent the return of Maceo to Havana.

SENATOR ALLEN DECLINES.

Senator W. V. Allen has addressed a letter to Gov. Holcomb declining to be a candidate on the Populist ticket for presidential honors.

COMMITTS A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

A FATHER'S AWFUL DEED.

Kills His Daughter, Wounds Her Lover Then Kills Himself.

At Millerton, Tex., John Brooks shot and killed his daughter, Miss Mollie Brooks, seriously wounded her sweetheart, A. C. Worrels, and then committed suicide. Worrels and Miss Brooks were lovers and had planned to marry, in opposition to the wishes of the young lady's father. When the north-bound Central train stopped at Millerton the young people were there ready to get aboard and run away. Worrels helped Miss Brooks upon the first step of the platform, and just as she got up her father, who stepped from the other side of the car, fired upon her, shooting her through the right breast. The bullet passing through her body, she fell backward in the arms of her lover with the words: "Oh, Arthur, father has killed me," and immediately expired.

As Worrels bent down to lay her on the platform Brooks fired upon him under the ear, the ball passing through his neck and making a serious and probably fatal wound. After the shooting Brooks, who has been employed at the rock quarry of Green & Olive, went to the quarry and tried to borrow a pistol, but could not get one. He then went to the powder-house, secured a box of dynamite and going away about 100 yards, set down upon it and applied a match. A terrific explosion followed, which tore him to pieces, not enough fragments being gathered up to fill a cigar box.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Out of every three companies registered in England two become insolvent.

Princeton University has received a gift of \$900,000, with which to build a new library.

Taylor brothers, who were to hang April 30 at Carrollton, Mo., for the murder of the Meeks family, escaped.

The house committee on territories has voted in favor of reporting the bill for the admission of New Mexico as a state.

Fully a thousand seals have been taken off St. Johns and the neighboring shores during the past three days. The steamer Katie arrived with 9,000 seals.

V. C. McKittrick, treasurer of Dover township, Athens, O., was arrested charged with embezzlement of funds of the county aggregating \$4,000.

James Sarnoff, of Jeffersonville, a clerk in the Bank of Commerce, of Louisville, has disappeared and his accounts with the bank are short \$10,000. The money was lost on horses.

Fire in the Hope mine at Butte, Mont., caused the death of the following seven men: John Buckley, shift boss; Pat Buckley, Martin Sullivan, Hugh McKeown, Barney Wall, Will Beiden and Ed McArthur.

ESTHER CLEVELAND GETS THE DISEASE AND STOPS CABINET MEETINGS.

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STEEL BUSINESS IMPROVING.

The association of pool which was formed last week by the principal manufacturers of soft steel in the East will be far-reaching in its effects, and already a quickening is noted in the iron market generally. The harmonious understanding between the steel manufacturers has also resulted in lower prices and increased inquiry. The sales of pig iron during the past week in this market aggregated not less than 25,000 to 30,000 tons, at about \$11.75 for No. 2 foundry, for northern coke, and \$12.25 for same grade of southern. Some 5,000 tons of steel rods were contracted at \$27.50 and 5,000 tons billets at \$20.21, which are now quoted at \$21.25. Current report is that a rod pool is to be formed, similar to that of billets. About 2,500 tons of bridge plates for same grade of steel at \$1.50, and 600 tons heavy O. I. steel at \$1.55, for flume work in Colorado.

BRECKINRIDGE FOR CONGRESS.

He is canvassing the District for the Nomination. Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge has been quietly practicing law at Lexington ever since the suit for damages of Madeline Pollard, two years ago, caused him to be succeeded in Congress by Colonel Owens. Although Miss Pollard got a judgment for \$15,000, she has never been able to get an execution or to recover anything.

DESTROYED BY CUBANS.

The Moraites estate, the property of Manuel Antonio Moraites, the American citizen, has been burned by the rebels, and the owner has filed a claim with the United States consul for damages in the sum of \$50,000. The San Antonio estate, near Alexander, owned by Mamerto Pulido and valued at \$500,000, has also been burned by the insurgents and the magnificent Diana estate, in the province of Mantanzas, belonging to the Count Diana and worth over \$500,000, has likewise been destroyed by fire.

DUELING IN DISFAVOR.

The annual congress of German aristocrats (the nobility) was convened Saturday. Among the topics discussed was of special interest to the aristocracy of Germany, that of the duel, apropos of the incident which are now exciting society and the general public alike. This question was discussed exhaustively and it was finally resolved that it is not a branch of dueling for a nobleman to refuse to fight a duel if the grounds of his refusal are honorable.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is stated that nearly 1,000,000 pounds of fur for latter's purposes are produced in the United States.

Daniel Litch, 60 years old, and William Cunningham, 17 years old, were killed and three other men wounded by a boiler explosion at Ridgway, Ont., Monday morning.

A tract of 2,000 acres of land 10 miles east of Topeka, Kan., has been brought by prominent colored men, who will establish a town exclusively for persons of their race.

Thomas Edison has completed an invention which he calls the vitasecopic, being an improvement of the kinetoscope. By combining it with the photograph he promises that people will be able to enjoy a distant opera.

The directors of the Sixth Avenue Saving Bank, of Columbus, O., which went into the hands of a receiver several weeks ago because of a shortage, announced that the cashier, John A. Knight, who up to this time has denied all knowledge of deficit, made a confession that he has taken \$145,000.

The Executive committee of the Tennessee Coal and Iron railroad company, ordered sale of iron to be stopped unless all material advances in price. All large bid for iron must be submitted to the chairman of the Executive committee, who will decide whether or not to accept.

Three men dead in one bed were found in an Italian hotel, in Webster avenue, Pittsburg.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Summary of the Most Important Measures Presented in Both Houses.

The postoffice appropriation bill, which has engrossed the attention of the Senate for some time, was reported by that body just previous to adjournment to-day. The entire day, except a few minutes at the beginning of the session, was devoted to debate and voting upon the amendments proposed to the bill. The Wolcott amendment for the consolidation of smaller offices with larger ones receiving the greater share of attention.

The House spent most of the day debating a bill to fix the standard of weights and measures by the adoption of the metric system on and after July 1, 1898, and making it the only legal system after January 1, 1901. The bill was championed by Mr. C. Stone, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Committee on Weights and Measures.

By a vote of 119 to 117, the house today passed the bill to adopt the Metric system of weights and measures in all departments of the government after July 1, 1898, and making it the only legal system after January 1, 1901. The bill was championed by Mr. C. Stone, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Committee on Weights and Measures.

In the Senate today Mr. Mantel (Rep. Mont.) made his maiden speech, in favor of recommitting the tariff to the finance committee. There was special interest in the speech from the fact that Mr. Mantel was one of the five Republican senators who voted against proceedings with the tariff bill.

The feature in the house today was an attack on the A. P. A. by Representative Fitzgerald, Democrat, from Massachusetts. It was on the debate on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, which was recommended early in March after a protracted fight for appropriations for private and sectarian institutions. The