

COAXED INTO SIGNING A VERDICT

SO A JUROR ADMITS.

Exciting scene in a Court Room at Chicago Over an Election Trial.

John J. Harrahan and Patrick Ferris, judges of election in the Seventeenth ward at the last municipal election were the other day at Chicago convicted of falsifying the election returns, and sentenced to the penitentiary. Albert J. Purvis, an election clerk, who was on trial with them, was acquitted.

Both Harrahan and Ferris had many friends in the court room, and when the verdict was announced there was almost a riot. Mrs. Harrahan, wife of the convicted man, became hysterical and her female friends added their vocal powers to her's as she sent up shriek after shriek. Then she and her friends, Harrahan and Ferris, cursed the jury vigorously, and made vicious threats against Assistant State's Attorney Barnes, who had prosecuted the case.

When the jury was about to pass out of the court room two men, friends of the convicted former assistants, stood before Judge Chetlain, who presided at the trial.

"This man says he was coerced into signing this verdict, your honor," cried one of the men.

"But you signed it, did you not?" queried the court.

"I did," responded Hunt.

"Then the court can do nothing," said Judge Chetlain.

"They can bring this matter of alleged coercion up when the motion for a new trial is argued," said Assistant State's Attorney Barnes. This remark attracted attention to the assistant State's attorney, who excitedly addressed his language to him until the court room was cleared. It was considered necessary to send officers with Mr. Barnes to his home to protect him from violence.

MANY STRIKES WERE WON.

Increase in Receipts and Members Reported at the American Labor Convention.

The chief features of the session of the American Federation of Labor at the convention for five days ago were reports of the secretary and treasurer. The secretary's report showed an increase of receipts of \$2,349 over last year; an increase of membership of 34,280.

A comparison of the reports show that 276 strikes were officially notified, involving 164,872 workers, and of this number 189 were won, 21 compromised and 33 lost. The number of persons benefited was 165,407, and 919 did not receive substantial benefit. The use of the union label to assist in organizing wage earners is on the increase. The secretary recommended an increase in the per capita tax.

The treasurer reported an income for the year of \$21,808.27, expenses \$19,112.83, and a total balance of \$2,695.44. Delegate Sullivan, of the Cleveland painters, was reinstated.

A charter was refused the Cleveland special police as it is not within the province of trades unions to organize policemen.

The Federation protested against the annexation of Hawaii, claiming that the inhabitants were in a state of slavery and that they would lower the wages of American workmen.

THIRTY-THREE HURT.

Men Did Not Know That Their Car was Running Away.

Sunday night at Castle a wreck occurred at a point two miles north of Castle Rock on the Rio Grande road, in which thirty-three men were injured, one or two fatally. The wreck was the result of a collision between a south-bound passenger train and a runaway chair car, which started from Castle Rock, having broken the connection with the rest of the train. The car was not a part of the passenger train, but contained about fifty of the men who had been employed in this vicinity lately, laying rails on the Rio Grande. In its two mile dash toward the main roadway, and when it collided with the engine of the southbound freight, the engine forced itself half way through the car, smashing the frame of the car and the seats. Only a few are seriously injured. Physicians are attending the injured men, who have been taken to Salda.

The fireman and engineer of the colliding engine escaped injury by jumping. The men on the runaway car did not try to set the brakes because they did not know it was running away. They thought the train was being drawn by their engine. Most of the injuries are flesh wounds and bruises.

Many Rescued from a Fire.

Fire broke out the other morning at Naah Bros' wholesale grocery store at Grand Forks, N. D., and in a half hour had gone into the Hotel Dakota, where about 120 guests were housed. The "Lady in Black" company rescued, as did the people in the hotel, by the fire escape, a ladder one foot wide, running from the sixth floor to the first. The fire department rescued a large number, and half the people were almost pulled out of bed. Two people are missing. The hotel, Naah Bros', wholesale grocery and the Grand Forks Mercantile wholesale grocery house were burned. The loss will aggregate \$450,000 on stocks, furniture, etc., and \$300,000 on buildings, totally destroyed, while other losses will probably reach \$100,000 more.

A Doll Baby.

Quincy, Ill., boasts of having the smallest baby. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Blusher and weighs a trifle less than a pound, without her clothing. It was found necessary to use the dresses of a doll for her. Her face is not much larger around than a silver ball, the fingers are not thicker than a darning needle, her feet are one and one-quarter inches in length, and her legs are about as large as the ordinary little finger of an adult. Her body could be placed in a quart cup. She is 4 days old and has grown steadily since her birth, giving evidence of becoming a healthy child.

The Greatest Match Factory.

The largest match factory on American soil is to be located near Chicago. Within six months Edwin Gould will issue the command and boilers will be fixed in the old Riverview factory of the Kankakee Furniture company. Gould bought the factory, because the Continental Match company had outgrown the plant at Passaic, N. J., and he felt that it was time to invade western fields, where hitherto the Diamond Match company has held undisputed sway. Gould is now in the city and is making private arrangements

REBELLIOUS TOLD TELEGRAMS.

22 degrees below zero is reported from Huron, S. D.

47 emigrants were deported from New York last Saturday.

Three seniors of Princeton College have been suspended for hazing.

The American Federation of Labor re-elected Samuel Gompers President.

Pittsburg is arranging to have the greatest G. A. R. convention ever held in 1900.

Four persons were killed by a locomotive explosion at Repton, Ala., last week.

Five gas companies have consolidated in Pittsburg, representing a capital of \$5,000,000.

5,000 tons of Alabama pig iron have been shipped from Birmingham to Yokohama, Japan.

The announcement comes from Rome that Archbishop Corrigan will soon be made a cardinal.

Six lives were lost in the wreck of the schooner Susan G. Thurston, on Cushman island, Wednesday night.

Richard Arthur Ferris stabbed and killed William Terence, a well-known London actor, a few days ago.

The Peamold Paper Company was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., the other day with a capital of \$5,000,000.

Former passenger agent A. J. Moore, of the Chicago & Alton railroad, committed suicide at Chicago a few days ago.

Patrick Leahy and his five children perished in their home at Ottawa, Ont., which was destroyed by fire a few days ago.

Alfred Sanford who was once engaged to General Grant's widow, is now a charity patient in a St. Louis hospital.

Ex-Secretary of State Foster asserts that Hawaii will turn to some other nation if the United States refuses annexation.

Edward Boone, Sr., of Webster City, Ia., left home the other day and taking a piece of barbed wire hanged himself to it.

La Minerve, the only French morning newspaper in Montreal, has suspended publication, after an existence of nearly fifty years.

General Lew Wallace says that the next war will be with Japan, and that the Americans will be the people to thrash them.

The Portland, Ore., chamber of commerce has tendered to the Government 100 tons of provisions for the relief of the Yukon miners.

The manufacturers of window-glass and their employees have adjusted their difficulties and 15,000 men will resume work in a few weeks.

Mrs. Margaret Spencer's pet dog upset an oil stove at New York and an explosion followed. The woman was so badly burned that she died.

A German driver at New York collided with a crop of brown hair and awoke next morning to find it perfectly white. Doctors are much puzzled.

The special train which conveyed President McKinley back to Washington, and which was piloted by Governor Louis Moinet at Alliance, O., last Tuesday.

General Blanco has given all persons who were obliged to exile themselves from Cuba for political reasons permission to return and guarantees them protection.

The grinding of sugar cane has been resumed in Cuba. Agricultural implements have been restored to the farmers, and dry goods and grocery stores have been reopened.

William Priest Price, formerly a policeman at Youngstown, O., now of Cleveland, has fallen heir to \$2,000,000. William Priest, his godfather, left his estate in England to Price.

A new wood-working machinery trust, known as the American Wood-working Machine Company, was formed in Jersey City with a capital of \$4,000,000. It has foreign branches.

400,000 bushels of wheat were rushed into Chicago Monday to take advantage of the prevailing high prices and to fill contracts. December wheat opened at \$1.05 and closed at 99 1/2c.

W. C. McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of Montreal, whose gifts to McGill university already aggregate nearly \$3,000,000, has just given \$50,000 more to the institution.

Adam Brednich was instantly killed by a fragment of a blasting wheel at the Oliver Steel Company's mill, Pittsburg, last Thursday morning. Frank Raus received injuries from which he will die.

The central branch of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad of the "Frisco" was sold to E. C. Henderson for \$2,500,000. It was then transferred to the "Frisco" company, which owns the bonds.

Two negroes were lynched at St. Gabriel, near Orleans, Tuesday morning. They were hanged from the gallery of the store in which they had killed Geo. Balsin on the night of December 7. The crime was committed for robbery.

John Kelly, lately released from the Loganasp, Ind., insane asylum, committed suicide last Wednesday. To make success doubly sure, Kelly had cut himself from a rafter in the barn and exploded a stick of dynamite by the means of a slow fuse. His arms and legs were blown off.

A two-headed baby was born at Lee, Mass., last week to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Dowd. The child died soon after birth. It had two heads, two pairs of shoulders, two arms and a stub between the neck, two backbones, terminating at the base of the spine, one pair of lungs and weighed 14 pounds.

Frank Kirby, of Camden, N. J., a Christian Scientist, who refused to call on a physician when his 2-year-old daughter was taken sick with diphtheria, a few days ago was held by the coroner in \$500 bail for his appearance before the grand jury. The coroner's jury fixed upon him the responsibility for his child's death.

Circumstances pointing to a murder of unusual horror were recently brought to the attention of officials at New York. The alleged victim was Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who if his relatives are justified in their stories, was thrown into a dough-mixing vat August 23 last and literally cut to pieces. Doggett's sister has received a letter from her mother in Ireland, in which the writer says the only witness of the crime is now there.

William Carr was hanged at the Clay county court house at Liberty, Mo., last Friday morning. Carr sought to please his second wife by drowning the 3-year-old daughter of his first wife. He presented a pitiable sight on the gallows. After the drop 600 spectators, as if moved by a single impulse, rushed forward, calling, crying, shrieking and shouting as they surged under the gallows and packed close around the dangling corpse for a close view.

Seattle railway lines, including the street car system, are practically demoralized as a result of the heaviest rainfall ever seen here. Large landslides have occurred, blocking the Great Northern railroad.

AN INSULT TO THE SPANISH ARMY.

GENERALS PROTEST.

McKinley's Message Causes Unfavorable Agitation.—Bomb for Lee.

Slowly through the influence of the press the Spaniards are being made to understand the meaning and extent of a protest against President McKinley in regard to Cuba. It has especially aroused the Spanish sympathizers at Havana.

A small box, apparently made to contain samples of some description, was found Wednesday morning at Casa Nueva, where the United States consulate is situated. An examination of the box showed it to contain a tube filled with an explosive substance. Fortunately the cover was not removed in the ordinary way, but was splintered open.

Underneath the cover was a piece of sand paper intended to light a box of matches and thus bring about an explosion.

Gen. Maretti, it is announced from the palace, has been engaged with an insurgent force at the farm of Lastra. Three insurgents were killed. Later, the official announcement continues, the general was surprised to find the camp occupied by the insurgent leaders, Collazo and Acea, at the farm of Paz. The insurgents, according to the official report, left 43 killed on the field, the troops captured 34 firearms and some documents, and the column had a captain and private killed.

The Mail advised received from Madrid (telegrams and telephone messages on this subject being forbidden), say the Spanish military journals, especially the most important, the Correspondencia Militar, declare that 29 generals have come to an agreement to engineer the overthrow of President McKinley's message to congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added a certain marshal was asked to co-operate, but he merely replied he would consider the matter. Gen. Weyler answered a similar request saying he could not do so, as he was bound by the opinion of certain personages, the law not allowing military men to send a collective petition to the minister for war.

Political circles are much excited at rumors of a manifesto to the country which is said to be in course of preparation.

At Madrid an official note was issued recently describing as "inventions and exaggerations intended to mislead the public," the sinister rumors as to the relations between Spain and the United States, the supposed effect of President McKinley's message, the agitation in Havana, and the report that filibusters had sunk the floating dock there. It urges the people to distrust the foreign press and to rely on "news directly emanating from Madrid and Havana."

CREW LOST.

The Steamer Cleveland, Wrecked on the Coast of Vancouver Island.

The merchants' exchange at San Francisco has received a telegram from Nanaimo in which Captain Hall, of the missing steamer Cleveland, says his vessel has been wrecked on the coast of Vancouver Island.

The panic-stricken crew rushed for the beach. None of the boats as yet have been heard from, and it is feared they may have landed on the coast of Vancouver Island at some remote point. The captain, chief engineer, purser, three sailors and one fireman, who remained on board the Cleveland succeeded in reaching the shore through the surf safely.

The Cleveland left for Seattle about 10 days ago, and it is known that she encountered fierce gales. She carried a crew of 30 men and about 12 passengers. The Cleveland was a large iron steamer, and had a series of misfortunes.

CUBANS USE DYNAMITE.

The Explosive Tears Up a Track and Wrecks an Engine.

The Cuban insurgents dynamited the railroad between Canas and Dagame, province of Pinar del Rio, destroying the track and wrecking the engine of a freight train. A force of troops with a repairing gang was sent to the scene of the outbreak, and a hand of dynamite bombs and arrested the men who caused the explosion. The line was repaired. The insurgents attacked the landing place at Gibara, province of Santiago de Cuba, but were repulsed with loss, according to the official report. They are also said to have fired upon the town of Cupicillas, without result.

Gen. Pando is still directing the operations of the gunboat in the river Caucho, province of Santiago de Cuba, but he has been unable to arrive at the Cauto landing place, owing to an officially stated, to an obstacle in the river.

An Indian's Brutal Murder.

Indian Agent Short arrived at Winnipeg from Berens river, reports that an Indian woman suffered from typhoid fever and becoming insane, her husband thought she had become a "wendigo," and to prevent her eating other members of her band, killed her by grabbing her around the body with one arm, grasping her hair with the other hand and twisting her head until her neck was broken. He was taken into custody on a charge of murder.

Hydrophobia From a Kitten's Bite.

Prof. Dolph A. Robinson, of Guilford college, Guilford, N. C., came to Baltimore last week to take the Pasteur treatment for threatened hydrophobia. He was bitten by a kitten on November 9, and a boy who lived in Guilford was bitten by the same animal on the same day. The boy died the day before yesterday of hydrophobia, and Prof. Robinson is alarmed.

His Body Full of Sand.

Dr. Spurgeon of Rushville, Ind., has gone to Indianapolis to consult other physicians about a remarkable case he has under treatment. His patient, Dav. McQuerry, a farmer near Rushville, noticed last summer that when he rubbed his neck with any sand on his body, he brought forth a granulated substance like sand. On one occasion he rubbed a teaspoonful from the end of his thumb.

Desperate Gang Captured.

Well-known Express Company's special cargo and deputy United States marshals have captured in Eastern Arizona five of the train robbers engaged in the attempted robbery of the Southern Pacific's "sunset flyer" at Steins Pass last Thursday night. They will be brought to New Mexico for trial. The penalty of the law is death. The gang was surrounded in a cabin in Cushey's ranch, about 25 miles this side of the Mexican line, for which they were traveling. The robbers were taken completely by surprise and surrendered without a single shot being fired.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Output of Pig Iron for December the Greatest Ever Known.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade' reports for last week:

"Close to its annual holiday halt the business of the year is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are again 2.5 per cent. larger than in 1892, heretofore the year of greatest prosperity; the production of iron and woollens and boots and shoes is larger than ever before, exports eclipse all past records and failures for the two weeks have been the smallest for the corresponding weeks in five years. Treasury receipts show a steady increase for the first half of December over previous months both in customs and internal revenue, and heavy payments to the Government on Union Pacific account caused but slight stringency in the money markets with preparation for large cancellations of bonds. The news of the week is the rise of merchandise exports in four months being \$29,212,401, while in the same period of the year are nearly as large and imports \$2,500,000 smaller than last year, when the excess of export was \$5,205,366. Probably all records are surpassed by the exports for this year, which have been \$94,600,000 for 11 months, and the excess over imports for the same months has probably exceeded \$38,000,000.

"The output of pig iron for December 1 was the greatest ever known, 238,924 tons, against 213,159 tons November 1 and 217,306 tons in November, 1895, the highest point heretofore. Unsold stocks increased in November 29,652 tons, indicating consumption of only 239,593 tons weekly during the month. Bessemer declined in the face of such production 10c and gray forge 25c at Pittsburgh.

"The demand was on the whole greater, and unusual structural contracts were placed, with sales of 10,000 tons of steel rails at New York, the largest orders ever booked by the Illinois Steel Company. It is said, and unexpectedly heavy business in plates. Much buying also resulted from expectation of the wire consolidation, including 25,000 tons Bessemer and 50,000 tons billets at Pittsburgh. No reaction comes in steel prices, and exports for the month are estimated at 10,000 tons, but in plates slightly stronger. The coke production was 159,255 tons, with contracts making for the coming year at \$1.50, and anthracite coal was weaker at \$1.75 here.

"When just now the backbone of foreign relations, the Atlantic exports in two weeks having been (flour included) 7,880,942 bushels, against 5,413,677 bushels last year, while receipts rose to 12,269,123 bushels, against 6,625,282 bushels last year. The price gained a fraction in spite of the speculative decline in Chicago. Corn exports continued to exceed last year's in two weeks 6,262,849 bushels, against 5,074,626 bushels last year, which is a particularly significant feature. The price rose but a fraction, and receipts in the two weeks were 8,025,061 bushels, against 5,449,181 bushels last year.

"Corn exports are over 1,000,000 bushels larger than last year's, aggregating 4,129,878 bushels, against 2,814,159 bushels in this week a year ago, 2,057,790 bushels in 1895, 658,000 bushels in 1894 and 559,000 bushels in 1893.

"Business failures show a rather smaller than usual ante-holiday total, aggregating 283, against 392 last week, 359 in the week a year ago, 283 in 1895, 309 in 1894 and 353 in 1893. Canadian failures this week number 43, against 23 last week, 39 in the week a year ago and 42 in the year 1895."

DEATH AT A DANCE.

A Southern Home Becomes the Scene of a Terrible Tragedy.

The citizens of Jeffersonville, Ga., were startled Wednesday night by a fusillade of pistol shots at the residence of R. L. Califf, where a house party was in progress. The screaming of women aroused the town and it was discovered that three men were lying dead on the parlor floor and a woman and a girl fatally shot. The parlor had been a scene of gaiety, young folks dancing and singing alternately, and the amusement was at its height when the tragedy occurred. The screaming of women aroused the town and it was discovered that three men were lying dead on the parlor floor and a woman and a girl fatally shot. The parlor had been a scene of gaiety, young folks dancing and singing alternately, and the amusement was at its height when the tragedy occurred. Both principals dropped dead, and Clarence Jones, a young man, was also instantly killed, the three men falling within a radius of a few feet. Califf fired three shots, all three taking effect, one striking Griffin in the right temple and two in the chest. Griffin died instantly. One shot entered Califf's breast, killing him instantly; another struck Clarence Jones in the head. Mrs. Califf was shot in the abdomen, and her 7-year-old daughter in the neck.

EXPORTS EXCEED IMPORTS.

\$114,008,301 Worth of Merchandise Sent out of the Country.

The monthly statement of the imports and exports of merchandise, gold and silver, prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, shows that the exports of domestic merchandise during November last, amounted to \$114,008,301, a gain of nearly \$7,000,000, as compared with November, 1896. The imports of merchandise during November aggregated \$52,351,000, of which only \$9,000,000 were in the imports of dutiable merchandise was over \$5,200,000. For the last nine months the increase in the exports of merchandise was \$85,501,435. The entire gain in the imports of merchandise was \$68,492,194.

The exports of gold during November aggregated \$69,340 and the imports \$2,505,208. For the nine months the exports exceeded the imports by about \$7,000,000. The exports of silver during November amounted to \$4,979,271, and the imports \$1,544,305. For the nine months the exports of silver amounted to \$52,551,500 and the imports \$11,917,912.

Well-Known Chicago Man Dead.

Washington Hering, proprietor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, one of the leading German papers of the Northwest, and Postmaster of Chicago during the last term of President Cleveland, died suddenly last Saturday of heart disease at his home on Michigan avenue.

CAPITAL CLEANING.

Both houses of Congress adjourned out of sympathy for the president last Tuesday.

President McKinley returned to Washington last Tuesday evening from Canton.

The agricultural department estimates the wheat crop at 530,000,000 bushels.

The secretary of state has decided to omit the diplomatic breakfast usually given to the diplomatic corps on New Year's day on account of the death of the President's mother.

BRITISH FORCES SUFFER DEFEAT.

A LACK OF PLUCK.

The Campaign in India May End in March and Will Cost \$80,000,000.

Great Britain is making no progress in India in subduing the rebellious natives. Again and again have troops been sent to quell the insurrection, yet the natives have come out victorious. The priests encouraged by former victories incite their followers to greater deeds and from reports they have thus far succeeded.

The reverse suffered by General Westmacott's brigade in the Bara valley is in the nature of a disaster. When the euphemisms are translated, the story appears to be that the most powerful force ever sent to the border has been bundled out of Afridi and neck and crop. On top of this comes the news that it is the intention of Sir William Lockhart, the British Command-in-Chief, to invade the country in another direction. The reasons are obvious. The government feels that some serious must be done forthwith to retrieve British prestige, and the Khyber Pass road, which the Afridis closed about six months ago, will probably be comparatively easily reopened.

In the meanwhile the worst impression has been created in Great Britain by the reiteration of the statement that by the rank and file of at least four British regiments showed decided lack of pluck in the presence of native regiments. An officer at the front writes: "The worst is that the native troops have seen the cowardice of their white comrades, and they state openly that if any Tommy Atkins is rude to them hereafter they will hammer him; and the awful thing is, they can do so."

It is obvious that if the natives lose their respect for British courage Great Britain's hold on India is most precarious. The whole fact seems to lie in expecting boys to do men's work and turning them adrift just when they are becoming good soldiers. The campaign cannot end before March, and the cost, fully \$90,000,000, will necessitate the intervention of the British Treasury in order to avert the bankruptcy of India.

Historic Building Burned.

The eastern portion of Dover castle at Dover, England, was completely gutted by fire last Tuesday, and only with difficulty was the western portion, including the powder magazine, saved. The whole garrison fought the flames.

The historic relics were rescued with difficulty. Dover castle is an immense structure, whose walls inclose 35 acres, and is one of the most important historical structures in the world, being the only fortress-church of its kind in existence. It is situated on the east heights of the city of Dover, and is said to have been built by Julius Caesar when he landed in Britain. In the time of Edward the Confessor it was considered to be the key to the whole kingdom.

Voltaire's Body Examined.

The bodies of Voltaire and Rousseau were exhumed Saturday at Paris in order to settle a long-standing controversy as to their authenticity. The remains of Voltaire were well preserved and markedly resemble Houdon's statue. Of the body of Rousseau only the skeleton remained. Voltaire's skull was found to be cloven in two down the center.

Helpless China.

The German fleet is anchored at Kinohau Bay, the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Great Britain wants to anchor her ships at Chusan, and American ships are on the way to look after Yank interests. Japan is protesting and China is helpless.

The Ambitious Emperor.

Germany's emperor, not satisfied with seeing Chinese territory on a weak pretext, is now, it is claimed, preparing to seize Hawaii. He also wants to block the Yukon route to Americans and take possession of the gold fields himself.

FROM ACROSS THE SEA.

Hayti will borrow \$4,000,000 at 9 per cent.

Germany prefers American to Russian oil.

Emperor William is said by English papers to have gone stark mad.

Several million dollars have been invested by the Rothschilds in Mexican copper mines.

It is reported that all the Powers are interested in the dismemberment of China. The United States has sent two gunboats to China to protect her interests there.

Kaiser Amuses Europe.

Before Prince Henry of Prussia left for China last week to take possession of the territory ceded to Germany by the Chinese government, some extravagant speeches were made by the Kaiser. These speeches have made Germans ashamed of their country and made the Emperor the laughing stock of Europe. It now appears that the speeches were written by Kaiser William and committed and delivered by his brother, Prince Henry.

Laughed When Sentenced to Die.

"I am well satisfied," laughingly said Adram Mallnak a few days ago when Judge Dupue sentenced him to be hanged on January 27, at Newark, N. J. Mallnak, a Polish Jew, was arrested July 22 while she was asleep at her husband's side. Mallnak said he shot Mrs. Kmetz, but could not tell exactly why except that he had been drinking. He added that he was ready to be executed.

Blanco's Agent Killed.

Colonel Rues, an agent of General Blanco at Havana, endeavored to induce Arcangety, the insurgent commander, to accept autonomy. The proclamation of Gomez, which orders the infliction of death upon all persons who attempt to induce chiefs of the rebellion to surrender, was carried out and Ruis was executed with a machete.

Wages Cut.

The directors of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, of Manchester, N. H., at a meeting held at the Boston office of the company recently, voted to reduce the wages of its employees about 10 per cent. on January 1. The Amoskeag plant is one of the largest engaged in the manufacture of cotton in the country, and employs between 8,000 and 9,000 people.

Guarding the Consulate.

Owing to the dissatisfaction among the uncompromising Spaniards at Havana, four soldiers are now guarding the American consulate at that place. The newspapers claim that McKinley's message was insulting, and the populace are becoming more disturbed from day to day.

Consul Lee, is serene however, and continues his duties as though nothing had happened.

RUSSIA IS INDIFFERENT.

Germany's Seizure of Chinese Territory Not to be Interfered with.

A number of civic, military and university deputations of Kiel waited upon Prince Henry of Prussia on Saturday to wish him bon voyage. The rector of the university said: "In all German lands the feeling prevails that we are reaching a decisive turning point in the history of Germany. The German universities, which are the nurseries not only of science, but of patriotism, stand beside the fatherland, whenever its honor and greatness are at stake."

Prince Henry replied: "I enthusiastically undertake the voyage (to China) at the personal instance of the emperor, and with the consciousness of thereby contributing to Germany's might and greatness." The prince added: "There are reasons to hope for a peaceful solution of the difficulties with China."

The Novosti of St. Petersburg says that the absence of protests from the other powers of Germany's evident determination to remain at Kinohau bay indicates that the partition of China has actually begun and will proceed quietly.

Another newspaper expresses the belief that the United States, among other powers, may object to the permanent occupation of Kinohau bay by Germany.