TO REFUND HEIRS OF A PATRIOT.

WILL BESEECH CONGRESS,

The Principal with Interest Advanced by Morris Amounts to \$8,000.000.

The present Congress will shortly be nsked to refund to the heir of Robert Morris the money with accumulated in-terest which was advanced to the gov-ernment during the Revolutionary

war. Robert Morris was a financier and patriot and gave largely from his pri-vate fortune to enable America to con-duct her war against England. Al-though the rovernment at the time was prateful, Morris could not be refunded, and the patriot died in a debtors' pri-con

His heirs propose to apply to Con-gress for the return of the money lent, with accumulated interest, the amount, as was stated, ranging all the way from five to eight millions of dollars. Two Philadelphia lawyers, who represent one branch of the Morris family, and a New York lawyer, who is working in the interest of the Long Island de-scendants, are obtaining signatures of the numerous claimants. As near as can be ascertained, Rob-ert Morris when he died left four sons.

One of those sons was a private in the revolutionary army. This young man deserted, set sail for England and was never afterward heard of. All trace of never afterward heard of. All trace of his descendants has been lost. The other sons, attached to the patriot cause and sharing the fortunes of tor father, lived in New Jersey and drifted to Monmouth county. How many heirs of the great financier are living it is difficult to conjecture. It is believed, however, that at least thirty claimants have been found the purity of whose have been found, the purity of whose

descent cannot be questioned. The main line of the claimants are the children of James and Elizabeth Morris, who were the children of Robatoris, who were the children of Rob-ert Morris, Jr., son of the original Rob-ert Morris. There are five heirs of James Morris living in the neighbor-hood of Asbury Park, Gendola and Belmar. Elizabeth Morris had eight children, and they are all living. Sev-eral years ago a similar petition to congress was prepared for the relief of the Robert Morris heirs, but for lack of evidence was laid over indefinitely. Meantime the lawyers have collected evidence which, it is claimed, will prove not only the indebtedness, but the accuracy of relationship, which at the time of the former bill was some-what in doubt. The prospect of an eight million find

The prospect of an eight million find is much discussed among the numerous heirs of Robert Morris residing in As-bury Park, and vicinity, although they do not place implicit confidence in its final distribution. Old Robert Morris at the time of Cornwallis' last cam-paign, advanced the American govern-men \$1,500,000 in his own notes. The understanding was that the amount should be repaid when the financial condition of the new government was more secure.

ore secure. Other evidence has been produced showing that bonds were lent at vari-cus times when the critical necessities of the nation seemed to require the aid

a friend. Exactly how much money was advanced the government cannot be de-finitely ascertained. History says Rob-ert Morris was superintendent of fi-nence and vested with complete control for some years over the monetary affairs of the country.

SAVINGS EARN LESS.

A Lower Rate of Interest to be Paid by New

York Banks Nost Year. With the announcement of the divi-dends to be paid next month by the various savings banks of New York there is a general tendency to pay a lower rate of interest than heretofore. lower rate of interest than heretofore. A few years ago practically all the older banks were paying interest at 4 per cent, per annum, but gradually this has been changed so that next year the rate of interest in many in-stances will be 3½ per cent. President McMann, of the Emigrant Industrial satings bank, said: "Conditions are such now that the various banks are not earning so much as a few years not earning so much as a few years ago, and consequently it is impossible to pay a rate of interest that would per-haps tend to reduce the surplus. The tendency is even toward a lower rate, TERSELY TOLD TELEGRAMS.

Earthquake shocks were felt at Santa Rosa, Cal., last week. The cotton crop of 1597-1898 is esti-mated at 10,257,030 bales.

Thomas Kane was instantly killed by falling wall at Philadelphia. An earthquake shock was felt at Exeter, N. H., last Sunday.

Andrew Carnegie will build another free library at Greensburg, Pa. The Red Cross Society will soon take charge of the charitable work in Cuba.

In New York 600 unemployed coat allors have found work shovelling John Wanamaker is being boomed as candidate for governor of Pennsyl-

vante. The Anaconda Standard has collect ed \$800 in Montana for the Cuban retlef fund.

Comez, the leader of the Cuban insur ents, says war will end on the Island within a year.

Gen Blanco received \$1 000,000 in allver last week for carrying on the Span-

The volume of westbound traffic on cads west of Chicago is larger than yer before known.

P. H. Mabry, express agent of the Southern Express Company, and \$10,000 are missing at Brunswick, Ga. James W. Cochran had one of his eyes form out by a cow's horn at Greensburg, Pa., a few days ago.

After Monday the thousand mechan-s in the Union Pacific shops will work hours instead of 7 hours a day.

The vigilance of government officers revented a large filibustering expedi-tion leaving Florida for Cuba the other day

John Gallagher and James Joyce were run over and killed by a passen-ger train at Carnegie, Pa., last Wednesday.

Arkansas Populists' state committee declared against fusion and against nominating a ticket for 1900 this year. us proposed.

Mexican hauled down an American floating over Clipperton Island United States government has been appealed to.

The explosion of a gas stove knocked out the side of a house at Uniontown, Pa., last week, Mr. and Mrs. Black were seriously burned.

The steamship George W. Elder has salled for Talya and Skaguay from Portland with 125 passengers and 300 tons of freight.

At Linden, Ind., Oren Stingley, the other day, a prominent citizen, acci-dentally shot and killed his aged father, John Stingley.

Thirty-five miners were imprisoned four days in a mine partially filled with water from an underground river near the city of Mexico.

Cholera has broken out in India There were 37 deaths in the Manvie district last Wednesday. To date there have been 11,882 deaths.

The Princeton Inn grill room, over which there has been so much dispute recently, will, it is said, be permanent-ly closed in a few days.

Drunken stewards burned an Amer-can flag on board of the steamer St. ouis on Christmas day and much indignation was aroused.

Antoine Goyette, aged 55, was run over and instantly killed at Richmond, Que., last Tuesday by a train whose engineer was Goyette's son.

Publishers met in New York recently and resolved to oppose the Loud bill regulating second-class mail matter and excluding book reprints.

Veins of gilsonite in sufficient size to warrant development are reported to have been discovered on Willow creek, in Middle park, Colorado.

If the son and daughter of Mrs. Henrietta R. Fales Baker, of Philadelphia, die without issue the Pennsylvania hospital will receive \$2,000,000.

An explosion of alcoholic vapors killed Theodore Winkofsky while he was enameling the interior of a brew-cry vat at Chicago the other day.

The crumbled bones of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Howe of Michigan were found Thuraday in the ruins of the burned Grand Forks (N. D.) hotel, Decotah.

Five hundred Italians employed on the canal improvement between Little Falls and Mohawk, N. Y., struck for an advance in wages from 12 to 15 cents an hour

FIREMEN STUMBLE OVER CORPSES.

SIX BURNED.

Farents and Four Children Found in the Ruins of Their Home.

After having quietly celebrated New Years day the family of Adolph Reich retired late Saturday night. Sunday morning the dim lantern of firemen dis-closed the bodies of six members of the household who had been burned to death

Adolph Reich's home was at Jersey City and he was a well-to-do real estate agent.

agent. The dead are: Adolph Reich, 42 years old, the father: Emma Reich, 22 years old; Ida Reich, 15 years old; Guatave Reich, 8 years old. Several others were injured and it may be that another member of the Ill-fated family will die. He is the 19-year-old son and his body is covered with burns. burns

John Conway, chief of the Jersey City

John Conway, chief of the Jersey City fire department, was very badly burn-ed. He fell through a burning floor and was rescued with difficulty. Henry A. Reich, 17 years old, managed to make his ecape from the house with severe burns on the neck, face and hands, but he is not seriously injured. Henry Reich said he was awakened by shouts. Running into the hall he saw the smoke and flames in the lower hall. His father was there and they managed to get out of the house in their night clothes. Young Reich ran down the street and gave the alarm. Several engine companies responded

The street and gave the alarm. Several engine companies responded promptly to the alarm and ten minutes later the fire was out. Then began the search of the house. The rays from the firemen's lanterns disclosed three charred bodies against the wall at the foot of the states. They are the set charred bodies against the wall at the foot of the stairs. They were those of Adolph Reich, his daughter Tillie and Little Gustave. The father had fallen upon the daughter and his son was in his arms. They were burned almost beyond recognition. In the basement of the house the searching party stumbled over the re-mains of Ida and Albert, two blackened corpases with arms intertwined. Por-

corpses with arms intertwined. Por-tions of the limbs had been entirely burnt away and the faces were horribly distorted. The mother was found in the dining

room. She was but slightly burned. Her face showed no look of pain. She undoubtedly died from suffocation. The bodies were sent to the morgue.

LAWYERS TO BLAME.

New York Papers Active in Denouncing

New York Papers Active in Denouncing <u>Pension Abuses.</u> In a long signed statement in the New York Press H. Clay Evans, com-missioner of pensions, denounces pen-sion attorneys and declares they alone are to blame for frauds on the roll of honor. He demands a law to stop the payment of fees to attorneys or claim menute for any old for panyions payment of rees to attorneys or claim agents for any claim filed for pensions. This, he says, would put an end to the pension scandals. The commissioner states that the ordinary pension agency is worse than the most pestiferous "varmint" that ever invaded a hen word.

The Herald says the time has com for a radical revision of the pensiot laws and sweeping reforms in the oper-ation of the pension bureau. The first duty of congress, it declares, should be to revise and purge the pension roll. The Heruld declares the rolls should no Inger be kept secret and quotes Com-missioner Evans as saying that the publication of the names of pensioners would be of great service in the detec-tion and punishment of frauds.

CANADA'S TRADE.

The Dominion Imported More Goods From the

United States Than from England. The trades and navigation return shortly to be issued at Ottawa, Ont. shortly to be issued at Ottawa, Ont., will show the total imports entered for consumption were \$111,294,021, as against imports of \$110,587,480 the pre-ceding year. The duty collected amounted to \$19,891,997, as against \$20,-219,037, a decrease of \$327,640, Exports amounted to \$123,950,838, an increase of \$17,581,086. There were ex-ported to the United States Canadian products to the value of \$43,991,485, as

ported to the United States Canadian products to the value of \$43,991,485, as against \$34,460,428 in 1895-6. Great Brit-ain took of Canada's exports \$69,535,852. Yet Canada's imports from the old country were but \$29,412,188, a decrease

A KILLING SEARCHLIGHT.

The Rays, Charged With Electricity, Would Annihilate an Army. John H. Hartman is the inventor of the Hartman electric gun, the first one of which is now being built. The in-ventor hopes to sell it to the govern-ment. With it, the inventor says, a whole army can be held at bay or an-nihilated, just as the operator of the sun desires. The gun does not shoot shells, but discharges a current of elec-tricity of any voltage which the opera-tor desires. When connected with a dynamo it is always londed and ready for business. The juventor says he has tried it on a small scale and stunned a for business. The inventor says he has tried it on a small scale and stunned a rabbit at a distance of fifty feet—this from a lamp using only fifty volts of an alternating current. When this current is multiplied 100 times the gun will kill everything with which its electric ray comes in contact, says Hartman. The broad principles upon which the inven-tion are based, according to Hartman, are that under certain conditions the rays of a searchight can be charged rays of a searchlight can be charged with electricity, the deadly electrical fould does not need a wire to carry it, but will travel with the light, and those upon the light is turned will drop as though they had suddenly touched a

WHY NOT TURKEY?

The Chinese Minister Discusses the Situation in the East.

In an interview Wu Ting Fang Chinese minister to the United States, explains the eastern situation.

"What has China done," he asked by way of preface, "that she should be divided up and parceled out among the powers? What is her offense against na-tions or against civilization? "Germany is incensed, we are told, because two of her subjects have been

murdered. If this be true my govern-ment will make all the reparation in its power. It has never refused to do that, and, never having refused, there

that, and, never having refused, there is no necessity for German ships of war landing men to selze Chinese territory. "They talk of dismembering China. Why do they not partition Turkey? Everybody knows she was long the scourse of Europe, and time and again has made bloody conquests, some of which she still holds. On the other land, the Chinese have kept well with-in their own territory and have never disturbed the peace of Europe. "As for Russia, I have no notion that she intends to take any of our territory

"As for Russia, I have no our territory she intends to take any of our territory without our cordial consent. We are on terms of the warmest friendship with Russia. She has been our friend when her friendship was of inestimable value. When she asks for anything we are inclined to grant it if possible. Rus-sia may get concessions, but 1 do not think that means that we shall be di-vided up and handed around like cake." Foreign residents in China, said the minister, were responsible for many of their troubles.

HONORED BY ATTACK.

Newspapers Which Supported Weyler's Pro-test Against McKinley Prosecuted. General Weyler, former captain gen-eral of Cuba, in his memorial to the queen regent on the subject of Presi-dent McKinley's message to Congress, protests in most courteous language, especially so since he discovered that the army generals would not join him. He says he is honored by the attacks made upon him and that his conduct as governor general was that of a soldier governor general was that of a soldler animated by honor and patriotism. Such attacks, therefore, he adds, will do him no harm, as they are aimed at him simply because he has done his duty. Nevertheless "since the mes-sage contained insulting observations on the Spanish troops in Cuba," he believed it to be his duty to address a reacter to the course.

The general affirms that the so-called pacificos, whom he concentrated in the fortified districts, were the prime abet-

"El Sorreo Espanol," "La Nacional," "El Sorreo Espanol," "La Nacional," "El Epoca" and other papers that have published General Weyler's protest against President McKinley's message will be prosecuted. The publication had been prohibited on international grounds. It is also rumored that General Wey-

READY FOR BATTLE.

GATHERING OF GREAT WAR SHIPS.

Great Britain and Japan said to be Working

TRADE REVIEW.

the slight improvement in pig iron at, Fittsburg has been maintained, not-withstanding the greatest output over known, the new contracts for

7,000,000 bales have come into carcely supports the largest current

Failures for the week have been 395 in the United States, against 439 last year, and 21 in Canada, against 39 last

AMERICA LEADS.

in Harmony Against Russia.

The fate of China is awaited. The empire may shortly lose its identity and either by war be devauated or fall prey to the grasping European Powers who are now endeavoring to gain pos China herself is holpless. She has neither money, capable officers nor a navy, and consequently can do nothing in her own behalf. Russin has now a fleet at Port Arthur and Intends to re-German question is unsettled

Aggregate of All Failures for the Past Year Amounts to \$180,600,000. R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports as follows: Failures for the year have been smaller than in any other year since \$155; in number smaller than in any year except in 1895, and in average lin-billities per failure smaller than in any other year during the last twenty-three veept four. The aggregate of all fail-ures, commercial and banking, was \$150,600,000, of which \$25,500,000 was in banking. In 13,360 commercial failures the amount of liabilities was \$154,800, 000, of which \$59,000,000 was in manu-facturing and \$13,700,000 in trading with \$12,100,000 in brokerage and other com-mercial lines. The average of liabili-ties per failure was only \$11,585, and in 1892 only \$11,025, but only three years in the past twenty-four were rivals, 1885, with \$11,025. 1856, with \$11,051, and 1882 with \$11,025. The fron industry has been greatly encouraged by increased demand during the past few weeks, and while

The German question is unsettled and her withdrawal from Klao-Chou Bay is conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere. A dispatch from Shanghal says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. A report is current at Chee Foo to the effect that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamil-ton. Port Hamilton is a small island south of Corea and not far from Quel-part island. onrt island.

the slight improvement in pig from at. Pittsburg has been maintained, not-withstanding the greatest output ever known, the new contracts for finshed products have been unusual for the season. They include 30,000 tons steed rails to one eastern mill, 12,-000 tons structural work for improve-ments at New York alone, with large operations at Chicago and other cities, and a greatly increased demand for manufacturing materials generally and especially for sheets. The best besa-mer full weight in places are selling at \$3.05, against \$4.10 for foreign. No change in prices of coke appears, through the shipments were the largest for any week this year. The cotton industry is halted by the question of wages, although a Seneral reduction now seems probable. The manufacturers have been buying large-ly of material for worsted goods, and their purchases have stimulated buy-ing by wool manufacturers, so that the wool markets are stronger, though without changes in quotations. Wheat still goes out of the country as largely was before, Atlantic ports 3.570,783 bush-It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over twenty warships is walting near Goto island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war, and only wait-ing instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese mavy, and the Chan Yuen, that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is under-stood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron, under Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander-in-chief on the China station. Japan will certainly oppose a perma-tent Russian occupition of Port Ar-thur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese diet was owing to the war

Japanese diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the land-ing of reinforcements from Odessa for protection of the Russlan trans-

Atlantic railway in Manchuria. The Paris correspondent of the Lon-don Morning Post says: 'Russia has long been negotiating to raise a Chi-nese loan of £6,000,000 in France to pay nesse loan of 26,000,000 in France to pay the indemnity and secure the Japaness evacuation of Wei-Hai-Wei. The ne-goliations were broken off, owing to France insisting that the Bank of France should issue the loan, and Rus-sin desiring that the Russo-Chinese bank should take the lead. A certain coolness now exists between France and Russia and Russia.

England for the past few days has been making desperate efforts to gain the moral support of the United State against the nations now arraying them selves on the coast of China. England gnin England

wool markets are stronger, though without changes in quotations. Wheat still goes out of the country as largely as before, Atlantic ports, 3,570,783 bush-els, flour included, against 1,542,540 last year, and from Facilic ports 1,742,635 bushels. In four weeks the Atlantic exports flour included, have been 15,-060,047 bushels, against \$,500,161 last year. Heavy western receipts are only refacting temporary conditions in the Chicago market. But extraordinary exports of corn, 14,404,905 bushels, against 9,444,553 bushels in the four weeks last year, shows how sorely foreign markets are pushed by the in-creasing demands for breadstuffs. Wheat has declined % of a cent with the Chicago market, and corn has meanwhile advanced $\frac{3}{2}$ of a cent. The cotton movement continues re-markably heavy, and yet the slight ad-vance last week is maintained. The movement to date, although more than 7,000,000 bales have come into sight, scarcely sumports the largest current. serves on the coast of China. England finds henself pitted against the strongest combination ever assembled. Russia on the strength of obtaining a great loan for China will enjoy an advantage over other powers. As the loan is secured by the land tax, Russia can enter every portion of the empire on the plca of collecting tax.

CHINA ACTIVE.

Li Hung Chang has Been Restored to Power Yankee Products Seen in every Country of Europe and are Very Popular. Col. Alexander Gordon, of Hamilton, O. president of the Niles Tool Com-pany, has been abroad since early last

O., president of the Aries 1007 Con-pany, has been abroad since early last spring, and has been traveling almost all over Europe. He has come home to attend to some business and will return to Europe early next month. "I don't know much about politics here," he said. "I have been away so long that I have lost track of things, but I do know this, and that is, business is booming. "We are running our mills night and day, double turn, and cannot keep up with the orders. We are getting orders from Bohemia, Italy, Norway, Russia. Spain, France and almost every other European country. I have been in near-ly every country of Europe within the last few months, and I have been stun-ned by the way American goods have taken precedence over others. Almost

Li Hung Chang has Been Restored to Power at Pekin. 1.4 Hung Chang has been recalled to power at Pekin, the emperor and the inner council desiring his assistance in the present diplomatic crisis. Thousands of troops are being re-cruited to the interior, and it is intend-ed to double the number of battalions in all the Chinese maritime provinces within thirty days. The emperor has received 48 secret memorials regarding the defense of the empire from high military and civil officials throughout China. All China is awakening. It is claimed that the Chinese com-mander at Kiao-Chou was tricked in-to surrendering by the German admir-al, who offered his word that the Em-peror of China had consented to the oc-cupation of Kiao-Chou and would re-gard any resistance as an act of rebel-lion. The "Liff. Shino." the most influential

The "Jiji-Shipo," the most influential paper at Toklo, says that Russia, France and Germany have reached an understanding whereby Russia is to take Korea and North China, Germany the Shatung districts, while France will and Wards and anote of the France will et Formosa and parts of the Fookien

Purchased a Title.

ler will be prosecuted. The authorities refuse to transmit the protest to the queen regent through the war office. The New Year honor list in London is weak and decidedly partisan. It at-tracted little interest from the public outside of the knighting of Thomas J. Lipton, the millionaire provision mer-chant, whose knightage establishes the fact that titles are purchaseable, for the honor bestowed upon him was, of course, due to his gift of £25,000 (\$125,000) to the Princess of Wales' jubiles fund for feeding the outcast poor of fund London. The Princess of Wales, on Christmas eve, sent Lipton a magnificent diamond scarfpin. Incidentally, in 1895, a syndi-cate offered Lipton (who is a contractor for the British army and navy, who who packs meat in Chicago, has a tea and coffee business in New York, man-ufactures ginger ale and mineral watera in Ireland, makes confections London and grows coffee and test in Ceylon) £8,000,000 (\$40,000,000) for him business

y 3 per cent., not this year, or even the next, perhaps, but eventually.

REMARKABLE FREAK.

Darwinian Theory Supported by an Inmate of a St. Louis Hospital.

W. I. Brebacht, a remarkable freak received at the St. Louis hospital Mon day, is regarded as a striking proof of the Darwinian theory of evolution. Brebacht was born with seven fingers on the right hand, six on the left and only two toes on each foot. He had cleft hands and cleft feet, and his relinal column was hand in cleft hands and cleft feet, and his rpinal column was bent in a manner unlike anything Dr. Sutter had ever seen in a human being. The curvature closely resembled that of a horse. The shoulders also are shaped like those of a quadruped and indicate a much greater adaptation to physical endur-ance than is possible by the human shoulder. Brebracht has inherited from his mother and her ancestors these striking evidence of man's des-cent from a lower being. Brebracht has never been incommoded in any way by the abnormal structure of some of his organs. organs.

LIMITING THE PRODUCTION.

Only a Certain Number of Men to be Exployed in Massachusetts Prisons.

ployed in Mansechusetts Prison. A new law, limiting the production of founds in the workshops of the Massa-distributions, went into effect Monday. The law provides that not over 30 per open of the number of the inmates of make new provides that not over 30 per pert of the number of the inmates of any penal institution in the state hav-ployed in any one industry, except in make ne end of trouble for the official at the state prison, where 160 men, who of shows have been laid off, fifty more case making hurness and the force duese the other industries was re-duesed. The other industries was re-duesed. The other industries was ne-duesed in other industries was ne-duesed. The other industries was ne-duesed in other industries was ne-duesed. The other industries was ne-duesed in other industries was ne-duesed. The other industries was ne-duesed in other industries was ne-duesed. The other industries was ne-trained the variation of the state of the other industries was ne-trained the variation of the state of the other industries was ne-trained the variation of the state of the state of the other industries was ne-trained the variation of the state of the state of the other industries was ne-trained the variation of the state of t

Begained Her Voice By patiently teaching the use of the ps for utterances, Dr. Willis D. Storer staff physician at Augustana hospi-al, at Chicago, has restored the power speech to Musgie E. Lauf. Three uses ago Miss Lauf's nervous system as shattered by a stroke of lightning, ince that time and up to about six was ago the young lady had been up-ble to utter a sound. Dr. Storer train-d Miss Lauf to use her flys as if a bid, and after about two weeks of most the young lady suddenly part-

President Calloway, of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway says that the long distance telephone has cut down the passenger business considerable

considerably. William F. Baldwin, allas Frank Watson, notorious counterfeiter, re-centiy escaped from the Kingston (Ont.) penitentiary, has been arrested at Cincinnati.

A heavy snow storm raged in Pitts-burg last Thursday. Electric travel was impeded, telephone wires were blown down and roofs caved in by the unusual fall of snow.

Mrs. Anna J. Fowler was burned to death in a fire that consumed the house of Frank Graham at Bordentown, N. J.

A letter received at Quebec from Paris stated that the French govern-ment has given a subsidy of 500,000 francs toward a steamship line between France and Canada.

Peter French, who owned thousands of acres of land and more cattle than any other man in Oregon, was shot and killed in Canyon City by a man named Oliver in a land dispute.

To have some fun with his keepers, Harry McCullom thought to frighten them by making an attempt at suicide in a New York jail recently. The joke proved fatal for he could not be re-

At Port au Prince, Hayti, fire recent-ly destroyed 800 houses and rendered 2,000 people homeless. An earthquake shock, which greatly alarmed the popu-lace, occurred at the same place a few days ago.

Nine of the Chinese bandits who took part in the murder of a German priest at Yen-Chau Fu, which Germany gave as the cause of the seizure of Klacchau bay, have been apprehended and much plunder recovered.

plunder recovered. The French flag has been holsted on the island of Hainan off the suoth coast of Chins. The island has an area of 12,000 square miles and a Chinese popu-lation of 1,000,000. No opposition was made against the seizure. Two children of Thomas A. Edison were to have taken part in a dance for a charitable purpose the other night in New York. Two agents of the Gorry Society prevented the little ones from taking part in the entertainment. New York society women are indignant over the interference of the humane society.

society. At Fargo, S. D., Mrs. Ethel Mary Mo-Calium secured a divorce from William Cuthbert McCalium, "convicted of fel-ony and sentenced to a term of years in prison at Johannesburg, South Af-rica." Mrs. McCalium's maiden name was Andrews and she has many weal-thy relatives in this country and Eng-

of \$3,567,554, as compared with the pre-ceding year, while from the United States Camada imported to the value of \$61,649,041, an increase of \$3,075,023 over imports of American products of the year before. Upon the total imports of British goods there was collected duty to the amount of \$6,205,347, an average rate of 21 per cent; upon total imports from the United States the sum of \$8,-147,075, an average rate of but 13 per cent. Even upon the dutiable portion of imports the average duty on Ameri-can imports was only about 26 per cent, as against 30 per cent, on imports from of \$3,567,554, as compared with the pre can imports was only about as per call, as against 30 per cent, on imports from Great Britain. The balance of trade in 1896-7, as between Canada and Great Britain, is in Canada's favor by \$40,121,-661 for the year. As between Canada and the United States II is in favor of and the United States It is the Americans by \$17,657,556

Gas in a Lake.

Prof. Knerr. scientist of Midland college, visited Doniphan lake, six miles north of Atchison, Kas. recently, and says there is no doubt about the existence of natural gas there. It is found in pockets under the ice. By tapping these pockets the gas which shoots up can be lighted and will burn for a minute or two. At other places th gas bubbles up so rapidly that it pre-vents the ice from forming. minute the

CAPITAL GLEANINGS.

Available balance, \$238,544,640; gold serve, \$160,250,062.

Three-hundred and seventy-five plications for patents were received at the patent office Tuesday.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Nevada National bank of San Francisco to begin business, capital, \$3,000,000.

The United States has taken no part in the Chinese controvesy. She has no intention of doing to unless American interests are endangered.

Leut.-Col. Alfred E. Bates of the pay department of the army, has been de-tailed as United States naval attache at London to succeed Capt. O. M. Car-

By placing lead pipe in the bags to equal the weight of sliver dollars taken out the government has been robbed by some trusted employee for the past ten years of over \$700.

years of over \$700. The new French ambassador, Mr. Jules Cambon, will arrive at Washing-ton soon after the holidays. His ar-rival is expected to give another im-potus to reciprocity negotiations. Becretary Gage of the treasury offer-d to resign has week but President McKinley would not liston to him. The secretary's financial policy has been severely criticised, and this prompted the resignation.

Cost of Famine.

It is officially announced that the reent famine in India cost the treasury 2500,000 (\$2,000,000), while leans to agri-culturalists and suspensions of taxes, mainly payable, absorbed £4,009,000, ir-respective of charitable contributions, spproaching £1,750,000 (\$8,750,000). The Indian national congress came to a conclusion recently amid much en-thusiasm and cheers for the queen em-vreess. Resolutions were adopted

thusiasm and cheers for the jueen em-press. Resolutions were adopted thanking the people of the United Kingdom, the British colonies and the United States for generous aid during the famine. It was decided to erect, at the cost of £1,000, a memorial of graditude in Lendon. Gther r.solutions were adopted criticising the govern-ment's recent measures regarding se-dition. dition.

Second City in the World.

Becond dity in the world. The inauguration of Greater New York was fittingly celebrated last Sat-urday. New York is now the second city in the world. Mayor Van Wyck will appoint every department head in the city except the controller, who is elected for four years. He will appoint all commis-sioners, all justices of interior criminal courts: all the members of the school courts; all the members of the school boards, with the exception of the com-missioner of education, the justices of special sessions and the police magistrates, and is given the power to re-move any official in New York and ap-point his successor.

Choked by a Hazel Nut.

Choked by a Hazel Nut. A hazel nut became lodged in the throat of Nettic Delp, the 4-year-old daughter of Adam Delp, of Chicago, the other afternoon, and before it could be extricated the child choked to death. The members of the family had but a few minutes before finished their New Year's dinner and the child was play-ing in the dining room, while the resi of the family were conversing in the parlor. Every effort of the mother to relieve the agony of the little sufferer prelieve the agony of the little sufferer proved futile. A physician was called, but the child was beyond medical as-sistance when he arrived.

Electric Soad to the Klondike.

Electric Scad to the Klendike. W. K. Burkholder, of San Francisco, has gone to Alaska to erect an electric transmission plant to operate an elec-tric road over the Chilkoot pass. Elec-tricity will be generated at Dyea and transmitted 20 miles to the point where it is to be used. In addition to the electric wires, the poles will support cables, from which heavy cars will be suspended. The motors will be sta-tionary and the cars will be propelled up the incline by cables on a drum The plant is expected to be in working order in about three months, when it is supposed that Chilkoot pass will lost all its terrors.

FROM ACROSS THE SEA.

Bismarck is unable to sleep, read or alk on account of gout.

The death rate in Berlin is rapidly increasing, due to influenza.

Wednesday Mr. Gladstone celebrated his eighty-second birthday.

There are now 100 war-ships of six Powers near Chinese shores.

Pope Leo celebrated the sixtieth an niversary of his first mass last Satur-

day. 800 persons were massacred near Sal-mas, Persia, by Koordestan raiders re-

cently. There are as yet no signs of settle-ment in regard to the English Engineers' strike,

The Rothschilds are making efforts to oppose the Standard Oil Company in Europe

It is rumored that an English man of war fired upon a Russian battle-ship in Chinese waters. There were \$9,427 cases of dysentery throughout Japan this year up to De-cember 9, 22,310 of which proved fatal. Queen Victoria distributed 44,000 pounds of beef and 100 tons of coal to the poor of Windsor on New Years Day.

Day, The debauchery incident to the ush-ering in of the New year in London was so licentious and debasing that the police were not able to control it.

The first big shipment of about a hundred American horses, mainly for riding and carriage use, arrived at Berlin during the course of the week and were sold within 24 hours.

and were sold within 24 hours. The czar, in his own name and in the name of the czacina, has sont President Faure an effuisive telegram oxpressing their sincere good wishes for the presi-dent and "friendly France." President Faure an effusive telegram expressing imperial majesties "touch the hearts of all Frenchmen."

Great Sum for Beligion. The will of Charles Contoit was filed for probate at New York recently. Af-ter a number of bequests to relatives and friends, the residue of the estate, amounting to about \$1.500,000, will be divided in equal share among the Gen-eral Theological seminary of the Prot-estant Episcopal church. the Domestic and Foreign Missions society of the Protestant Episcopal church and a large number of other Institutions.

taken precedence over others. Almost all the street car equipments, electrical fitting and general machinery now be-ing purchased in Europe are of Ameri-

Great Sum for Religion.

our wheat at a good price.

manufacture. Europe is buying

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Wall Street Broker Arrested.

A warrant is out for the arrest of Henry Oliver Goldsmith, one of the best known men of Wall stræt. The speci-tic charge against him is grand larceny in the first degree for appropriating a check for \$3,000, the property of Oscar

E. A. Wiessner of Brooklyn. The officials of the district attorneys office say that Goldsmith has managed to get away with something like half a million dollars by questionable opera tions.

A Gang of Murderers.

hist week secured another of the or-sanized gangs of murderers and rob-bers which have terrorized the suburbs of the French capital for months past. The new arrests number 33, and the oldest prisoner is only 11 years of age. Within three months the bodies of 53 murdered persons have been found in a small section of the river Seine, and it is believed most of these murders are traced to this gang. The Paris police during the course of last week secured another of the or-

Burglar Hit With a Flat Iron

A burglar entered the home of Mrs. Andrew Sherrick at Quincey, Ill., last Saturday. While he was ransacking the house Mrs. Sherrick struck him in the face with a flat iron, rendering the burglar, aconscious. Then she fainted and the burglar escaped.

Printers' Union Sued.

Printers' Union Sued. An important suit has been begun at San Francisco. Fred Hess has sued the typographical union for \$25,000, al-leging that because he was not a union man, by means of a conspiracy with the union members, he was discharged from his position in the Bulletin office. The proprietors of the paper admit that Hess' work was satisfactory, and that there was no reason why he shou'd have been discharged except to prevent trouble with the union.

An Ideal Santa Claus

An Ideal Santa Claus. Benjamin Cutler Clark, well known as a philanthropist and as a friend to criminals, for whom he has often pro-vided counsel, did a graceful act a few days ago at Boston by going down to the postoffice and providing money enough to pay the postage on all the detained Christmas mail. A large quantity of mail had been held for postage and Mr. Clark was obliged to pay out something like \$40. This has been a yearly custom with Mr. Clark.