The Filipinos are seeking peace Col. Manuel Argueleses and Lieut. Jose Bernal, chief of Gen. Luna's staff, en-

Bernal, chief of Gen. Luna's staff, entered Gen. MacArthur's line bearing a flag of truce last Friday en route for Manila by train to confer with Gen. Otis regarding terms of surrender.

Their advances for peace have been fruitless. They told Gen. Otis that they were representatives of Gen. Luna, who had been requested by Aguinaldo to ask Gen. Otis for a cessation of hostilities in order to allow time for the summoning of the Filipino congress, which body would decide whether the people wanted peace. Gen. Otis replied that he did not recognize the existence of a Filipino government.

government.

The Filipine officers walked down the railroad track to the Kansas regiment's cutpost. The Kansas captain in command there escorted them to Gen. Wheaton's headquarters, where they were provided with horses and sent to the headquarters of Gen Mac-

Arthur.

The Filipinos were then escorted by Maj. Mailony of Gen. MacArthur's staff to Manila. Gen. Otts' aide, Lieut. Sladen, was awaiting their arrival at the depot with a carriage, in which they were driven to the palace en-

they were driven to the palace entrance.

They were escorted directly to the office of Gen. Otis. Jacob G. Schurman, president of the Philippine commission, and Hon. Charles Denby, a member of the commission, soon joined the party there.

The news of the arrival of the Filipino officers under a flag of truce spread through the city rapidly and many officers gravitated to the corridors of the palace, while a crowd of natives gathered in the square opposite the palace.

At 5 o'clock the two Filipino officers, escorted by Lieut. Sladen and Maj. Mallony, left the palace. They did not look at all elated as a result of their talk with Gen. Otis and the members of the Philippine commission.

While it is the general expectation among the Americans that the Filipino emissaries will return with revised proposals from Gen. Antonio Luna, Gen. Otis is not letting this prospect interfere with his preparations for pushing the war. Sunday he ordered Maj-Gen. fere with his preparations for pushing the war. Sunday he ordered Maj-Gen. Lawton to return to Angat, a few miles northwest of Norzagaray, and not to advance aggressively while the nego-

tiations are pending.

Gen. MacArthur is apparently acting on the same policy, but he is repairing bridges and strengthening the lines of his force, which is stretched out with a four-mile front and within a quarter of mile of the enemy

MRS. GEORGE ACQUITTED.

She Was Charged With the Murder of George Saxton-Offers to go on the Stage. rs. Anna E. George, accused ling George Saxton at Canton, O.,

was last Friday acquitted by the jury. All of the telegrams received by Mrs. George were not mere congratulations. One, it is announced, is from a theatrical company in Columbus, offering her \$500 for a week's engagement with the company. Another offer is for the same sum for a lecture in Pittsburg on "Woman's Rights." One of her relatives, speaking for her, said both offers had been declined, as would be all such propositions.

FEARED DETECTION.

Italian Murderer Jumps Down a Shaft 1,000 Feet in Depth.

At an Italian boarding house at Kanapolis, Kan., a few days ago, the woman in charge recognized in one of the boarders an escaped murderer, woman in charge recognized in one of the boarders an escaped murderer, wanted in Italy for killing a man, woman and child. Learning that his identity had become known, and fearing he would be given up, he determined to kill the family. He started in by shooting the husband and wife. The woman, who was not seriously wounded, gave the alarm. In escaping the murderer plunged headlong into a shaft at the salt works. The bedy bounded from side to side, splattering the timbers with brains and blood, until it reached the bottom, 1,000 feet below. The head and hands were torn from the body by the force. The remains were gathered up in a sack and brought to the top, where they were taken in charge by the coroner.

Captain Hunt Dead. Captain Alfred Ephraim Hunt, of Pittsburg, the late Commander of Hampton Battery B, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, died at the Lafayette Hotel, Philadelphia, Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of but three

Captain Alfred E, Hunt was best known to Pittsburg through his com-mand of Battery B, United States Volmand of Battery B. United States Vol-unteers. This command he organized 10 years ago next May. It was later taken into the National Guards of Pennsylvania. It is famous all over the country as a crack light artillery battery, being brought to that per-fection through the efforts of its en-ergetic commander. Captain Hunt. Last year it was recruited to its full quota and was sent to Puerto Rico, Captain Hunt was in command during its entire campaign there. entire campaign there.

Another shipload of the bodies of American soldiers who were killed or died in the Cuban and Porto Rican campaigns was brought into New York last Thursday by the transport Crook, the same vessel which brought a former and similarly sad consignment. This time 256 coffins are piled in rows upon the vessel's docks. Ninety-eight of these bodies were dug up in Porto Rico, twelve at Guantanamo and 246 at Santiago. They have been identified as far as possible.

Thuse bodies which, in spite of the greatest care, have remained unidentified will be buried with their fellows in Arlington cemetery. The others will be forwarded by the government to relatives in any part of the country who desire to bury their dead elsewhere than in the national graveyard. campaigns was brought into New York

Mrs. M. L. Mandarasy, a wealthy lady of San Antonio, Tex., wife of a Hungarian nobleman, who was ban-ished from his country 25 or 30 years ago, was murdered and her body burned inst Monday. Robbery is believed to have been the incentive, and a Mexican laberer, who worked on the place, has been arrested on suspicion.

Mrs. Mandarasy's house, which was so a magnificeent estate near Ean Antonio, was found to be on fire, and in the ruins her bedy was found, badly charred and covered with knife lady of San Antonio, Tex., wife of

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

Pittsburg traction lines have spent \$467,000 in new summer cars. Fifteen people were killed by a tor nado at Newtown, Mo., last week. Armed guards were put about the smallpox pesthouse at Layton, Pa.

An earthquake shock was felt in In diana and Kentucky Saturday night. Germans throughout the land are passing resolutions against imperial-ism.

Lewis Haker, a well-known editor and politician, died at Washington last Sunday.

Ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinols, is very III. He is suffering from locom-otor ataxia.

Willis Sees, a negro, was hanged by a mob at Osceola, Ark., a few days ago for barn burning.

A scheme is on foot for supplying Cincinnati with natural gas piped from the West Virginia gas fields. Eighty labor bedies held a mass meeting in Union square, New York, in favor of an eight-hour working day.

John C. Welty, who was chief counsel for Mrs. George, aspires to the Democratic nomination for governor of

A large mass meeting was held at Chicago last Sunday to protest against the course of the administration in the Philippines. Several bad breaks have occurred in

the levee at New Orleans and serious damage has resulted to the shipping Six hundred persons at Omaha, Neb., have been driven from their homes by the high waters of the Mis-Neb.

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The sale of the famous St. Vincent's beer, made by the Benedictine brothers of the monastery near Greensburg, Pa., was discontinued.

Bishop Taylor, of the African M. E. Church, says that slavery is preferable to his people to the present condition of affairs in the south.

Hillary S. Starr, superintendent of Cak Knoll ranch, California, has dis-appeared, and evidences of a struggle point to his murder.

Mitcheil Daniel, a negro was lynched at Leesburg, Ga., last Friday. He had indulged in inflammatory talks against

certain white families. Michael Buzzi, a brutal New York father, has been committed to jail for cruelly whipping his daughter who, he says, is possessed of devils.

Five men were killed and one fatally wounded by an explosion of smokeless powder at Dupont's works at Carneys Point, N. J., last Saturday.

Edward Oswald, of Camden, N. J., last Tuesday murdered his wife and an 8-year-old daughter. He falled in an attempt at suicide. Jealousy caused the crime.

"The Signing of the Protocol" a ture, prominent in which are President McKinley, Secretary Day and M. Cambon has been purchased by H. C. Frick of Pittsburg for \$20,000.

Charles W. Williams, alias James, negro, was shot to death in the Ga-lena, Kan., jail by a mob of negroes last Wednesday. He was suspected of having killed Laura Carafax, a negress.

United States District Judge Kohlsaat has discharged Ching Ling Foo, a Chinese conjurer, and his troupe. It is held the alien labor law does not apply

held the ahen labor law does not apply to performers in the same sense as to laborers. Rev. Dr. Rooker, secretary of the papal legation in Washington, says he does not think the pope will appoint a representative of the United States to the college of cardinals. There are 20 vacancies.

vacancies. Admiral Schley and Gen. Wheeler were guests at a Grant banquet at Fittsburg last Thursday. Admiral Schley visited Homestead and was greatly interested in the process of making armor plate.

While performing an operation Dr. Reuben Ludlam, Sr., of Chicago. was stricken with heart disease. His son seized the instrument from his hand as he fell and continued the operation, saving the patient's life.

Fires in abandoned mines have caused a number of Pittsburg families to change their residences. Dense smoke is pouring from fissures in the earth and the city authorities loss as to how to proceed again the

flames

flames.

Tom Robinson, colored, was hanged Friday at Hillsboro, Tex., for assault. He claimed to be innocent. The condemned man invited Mary Adams, his victim, and her mother to be present at the execution. Mrs. Adams attended and wanted to "pull the rope."

Striking miners at Wardner, Idaho, blew up the plant of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Company. Over 1,000 shots were exchanged between them and their own pickets by mistake, Jack Smith being killed and Jim Chayne badly wounded. The miners had demanded the discharge of non-union manded the discharge of non-union

men.
Twelve thousand employees of the H. C. Frick Coke Sompany, of Connellsville, were notified of an increase in wages ranging from 6 to 12½ per cent on Monday. The advance becomes effective Monday and affects also the employees of the McClure Coke Company, which is controlled by the Erick Interests. the Frick interests.

Suic'de Claimed to be a Monster.

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Patrick Fleming, 42 years of age, of Jersey City, plunged into the river Wednesday night from the Pennsylvania ralirond ferryboat Baltimore. He left a hat on the deck. This note, which was written in lead pencil on a scrap of paper, was found in the hat, and it led to his identification:

"I am the greatest monster ever sent on this earth. I have ruined a woman and nine children. A more terrible thing never occurred since God made this world. There is not a dollar or a thing for them. There is nothing left only to starve if something don't be done for them. 236 Duncan avenue, Jersey City."

In Honer of Grant.

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In the presence of President Mckinley and his wife, members of his
cabinet, three generations of Gen.
Ulysses S. Grant's family and a great
crowd of people, Miss Rosemary Sartoris, granddaughter of Gen. Grant,
Thursday unveiled an heroic equestrian
statue of her illustrious grandfather
in Fairmount park, Philadelphia.
There was a great outpouring of patriotic citizens. Flags were everywhere displayed throughout the city
and all the ships in the harbor were
gayl: Cressed in colors.

as been informed that the most ficient telegraph service ever used in time of war has been established in the Philippines. A flying line is used to connect the different commands and telephone service is used at the front. Over 1,000 measages daily are transmitted between the officers of General Olis' companies.

CITY SWFPT BY A VIOLENT CYCLONE

FIFTY DEAD.

Kirksville, Mo., Devastated-Houses Carried From Their Foundation and Rescuera Run Upon Many Horrible Sights.

As a result of the ternado that swept through the eastern portion of Kirksville, Mo., Inst Thursday evening, demolishing half of the residences and other buildings, 200 families are homeless and nearly 50 dead bodies and 70 injured persons have been recovered from the ruins. More than a dozen of the injured will die.

When the tornado struck the city most of the residents were at supper. The tornado cut a clean path one mile long and 500 feet wide through the residence section, leaving death and destruction in its wake. Buildings were demolished and twisted apart and scattered to the four winds. A conservative estimate places the 'asgregate amount of damage at \$200,000, the individual losses ranging from \$100 to \$8,000.

The wind played many pracks and

The wind played many pranks and there were some miraculous escapes. J. C. Coonfield and his family were eating supper when the tornado struck their home. The house was picked up and carried across a slough and dumped up against a hill, the building was not completely wrecked and the family escaped without anything worse than a severe shaking up.

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Houses on both sides of the residence
of W. M. Hull were blown into splinters, but the wind was content with
twisting his house off its foundation
and leaving it intact. The house was
in the center of the district and it was
used as a hospital after the storm.
P. J. Reiger, a prominent attorney,
ran right into the path of the storm to
save his family, who were helpless
with fear. Dashing into the house he
carried his wife and children into the
cellar. As he stumbled into the place
of safety the building was leveled to
the ground. He was just in time to
save his loved ones and is happy, although his loss by the cyclone amounts
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The scenes that met the gaze of the rescuers were horrifying. An aged man and his wife, clasped in each other's arms, were found dead on the ground some distance away from where their home had been. No trace of their house has been seen. Several of the dead were found in places which would have been the center of the house had the building not been blown to splint-ters. This was the case with Mrs. Panschott, who suffered a most terrible death. Her headless body, with its arms clasping her lifeless baby, was discovered on the floor of the house, which was left as a raised platform in an open field. The head is precisely severed as if it had been done with a knife and was about 20 feet distant.

Two children had been lying in a cot in one of the destroyed homes. The house was carried away, but the floor of the first story and the foundation were left, the wind lifting the house from the sills and tumbling it a long distance. The cot on which the little ones lay was lifted up with them on it and carried fully a block and a half and set down on the ground.

Two more victims of the tornado died Sunday.

CAR LEFT THE TRACKS.

Train Round a Curve at a Great Rate of Speed-Death and Disaster Follow,

A car on the Bay Railroad at Rochester, N. Y., left the track last Sunday while going round a curve at full speed. Two prisoners were killed and more than 50 injured.

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The train which was crowded with excursionists bound for different points along the shores of Lake Ontario, in the Irondequiot Bay district, left the Bay station at Rochester Sunday about 15 minutes late. Every seat in the coacies was filled, and a large number of people were standing on the platforms. There is a grade about 100 vards from the corner of on the platforms. There is a grade about 109 yards from the corner of North avenue and Ridge road, and when this grade was reached the speed of the train increased percepti-

bly.

Next to the engine was the closed carriage, divided into two compartments, and when it reached the curve it veered over to the north and rode around the curve on the left wheels. It had gone but a part of the bend in

It had gone but a part of the bend in the track when it left the rails and shot straight ahead. There was a sudden crash as the couplings between the engine and coach were severed, and then the coach again veered over and plowed through the earth for several feet before dropping on its side in the front of the Ridge Road Hotel.

The engine whirled on down the track and did not stop until it had gone nearly a mile. The engineer, Adam Zimmer, Jumped as soon as the first coach broke away. As soon as the extent of the disaster became known threats of lynching were made against Zimmer, but he had left the scene and was hiding. John Helberg, who was standing between the cars was crushed to death.

TOOK OUT THE WRONG EYE.

Prominent Oculiat of Montreal Makes a Terrible Mistake

Seven years ago Thomas Stewart, of Montreal, then 10 years old, lost the sight of one eye, the blade of a penknife having been accidentally run into it. Dr. Alexander Proudfoot attended him. Recently Dr. Proudfoot advised the removal of the useless eye as the only means of preserving the other intact. This was agreed to, and the delicate task was entrusted to Dr. Proudfoot, who is assistant aculist and aurist to the general hospital.

The operation took place at the family residence, and at its conclusion it was found that a terrible mistake had been made—the healthy eye had been removed. On recovery from the effects of the anaesthetic the patient found himself blind.

A sensational trial has begun at Breslau, Germany, where a man named Hermann is charged with murnamed Hermann is charged with nurdering his three wives, and tweive
children of his second marringe. He is also charged with a
whole series of other murders. It is
alleged that Hermann, after murdering his wives walled their bodies in the
cellar of his house. The children all
died young, and it is asserted they
were poisoned with cyanide of potassium.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

The Marines who fell at Gutanamo are to be interred in Arlington ceme-

Brig.-Gen. John C. Bates, U. S. V., who was recently recalled from Cuba, will go to Manila

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The transport Morgan City, left San
Francisco for Manila last Wednesday
with 500 recruits.
A member, of the Tenth Pennsylvania regiment, now in the Philippines, writes that he has not slept
with his shoes off for 45 days.

CUBAN PROGRESS.

The Tobacco Crop Will Reach 300,000 Tons—Collections \$556,025 in March,
Acting Secretary of War Melklejohn has made public a very interesting report upon the commercial and industrial conditions in Cuba. Tobacco, which will continue to be one of the most important crops of the island, is already being cultivated in sections of the island where it has never been grown hitherto. The crop, estimated at the beginning of the present year at 200,000 tons, based upon the actual production at the end of March, it is estimated, will reach 300,000 tons.

The scarcity of domestic oxen is greatly retarding the operation of sugar estates. During March 18,330 bales of leaf tobacco and \$81,000 packages of cigarettes were exported from Havana.

The total collections during March.

The total collections during March The total collections during March were \$896,925, a collection exceeded only twice at Havana during the past ten years (1895 and 1898). In considering the large importations into Havana last month it must be borne in mind that the duties under the American regime are at least 50 per cent, lower than the Spanish rates. For the first three months of American rule the total receipts for all the ports of Cuba were as follows:

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January, \$1,061,228; February, \$976,-918; March, \$1,261,845 while the cost of collections for these months was exceedingly low, as follows: January, 2.01 per cent.; February, 4.63 per cent.; March, 3.43 per cent. The money transferred from the custom fund during these three months of American rule to the other administrative departments totals \$1,968,400, divided mainly as follows: \$140,480 for "barracks and quarters," \$924,986 for "sanitation," \$268,396 for "rural police and administration," \$197,986 for "public works, ports and harbors," \$103,000 for charities and hospitals," and \$351,653 for "civil government,"

During March 200 vessels of 2'3,265 tons entered the port of Havana. Of these 107 were American, 32 English, 26 Spanish and 35 of other countries, Of the 4,349 passengers landed, 2,634 came from the United States; 6,463 passengers left Havana. A total of \$5,341,972 were imported into Havana during the past three months and a total of \$2,010,259 exported, of which \$2,009,659 went to Spain and only \$1,200 to the United States.

INDISCREET LETTERS.

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Admiral Kauts Writes Concerning the Attitude of the Germans.

Capt. Coghlan, of the United States cruiser Raleigh, recently made a speech which gave offence to Ger-many. This officer has been repri-manded by the state department at will receive further attention from the secretary of the navy. Germany is satisfied that the United States has acted so promptly in the matter, and

acted so promptly in the matter, and the incident is evidently closed. No sooner has this matter been set-tled than Admiral Kautz, who is now stationed at Samoa writes a letter which again throws the state depart-ment in consternation and arouses fury in Germany.

The letter was made public by Mrs.

Lindley, a cousin of Admiral Kautz, at Cincinnati. The objectionable part

I am not a king here, but just plain "I am not a king here, but just plain boss of the ranch." The German consul had that position up to my arrival; since then he has been a very silent partner. I am very much afraid he does not like me—in fact, I am not at all popular here with the Germans. But I am all right with the English and hope to pull through with them. I have no doubt of being sustained by the Government in all I have done."

The letter was brought to the attention of the President, and some sort of a reminder may be sent to the officer to be more careful in his correspondence. No orders have been issued to to be more careful in his correspond-ence. No orders have been issued to the Philadelphia to leave Samoa, as the admiral says in one part of his letter, so it is probable that he mad-the statement in the belief that he could adjust the differences between the factions in Samoa within that

CHINESE OUTRAGES.

Catholics Burned to Death ct Public Bon

time.

firen. Europeans in Hong Kong are delighted with eGrmany's promptitude in taking measures to inflict punishment for attacks made upon German subjects at Ichou Fou in Southern Shan Tung. An Ichou Fou correspondent says: "To the southwest, 20 miles from us, there have been a number of riots, but no one has been punished as yet. A Catholic priest who is just in from that vicinity says that his life had only been sayed through the flectness of his been saved through the fleetness of his

Three Catholics have been killed in "Three Catholies have been killed in Feihein, about 40 miles to the west of us. Six of them have been killed at Shen Shan, of whom two were burned to death in a big public bonfire. This is a different affair from the one in which a child was burned, and two had their eyes put out by a fiendish mah.

'The perpetrators of the outrage to the east, who dismembered the bodies of two Catholics, burned them over a fire and burned a living child, having received no punishment of any kind, have been emboldened to attempt still further outleases. further outrages.

America Left Out.

English newspapers say that Amer-ica will not share in the partition of

"America," says the Daily Chronicle, "will apparently be left out in the cold, and she really deserves no sympathy, for, if her statesmen had been willing to join us at an earlier stage in keep-ing China open to the world the pres-ent situation would never have arisen."

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Gen. Joe. Wheeler will not go to the Philippines. He will likely be placed in command of the department of Texas which is to be revived.

Emperor William and President Mc-Kinley exchanged friendly cable mes-sages concerning the new cable to be laid from Germany to the United

President McKinley visited New York last Saturday. At the Grant monument, as he was boarding the yacht Nina, for a little trip up the Hudson, he surprised several laborers by shaking hands with them.

Japan is in danger of a serious re-bellion if three famous old generals carry out their plans. Reduction of taxes is to be the cry of this army, which will be composed entirely of farmers from the interior regions.

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While Secretary Alger was with the president Thursday, Gen. Miles called. He waited fifteen minutes and, on the secretary's departure, was with the president ten minutes. This is the first call in six weeks and he refused to talk about it.

Prince Min Yong Whan, Korea's new minister to the United States, is first cousin to the emperor of Korea, second cousin to the late queen, and uncle of the crown princess.

MONEY READY TO PAY THE CUBANS.

BROOKE IMPATIENT.

He Insists That Gen. Gomes Produce the Mus ter Rolls So That He Can Distribute to the Soldiers Their Dues,

Governor General Brooke, of Cuba purposes to bring the matter of the payment of the Cuban troops to head immediately. Monday he sent a request to General Maximo Gomez that the latter and the Junta of con-suiting Cuban Generals should come at once to a decision as to whether the Cuban muster rolls are to stand as the Cuban muster rolls are to stand as now made up, or are to be reduced, as General Gomez has been expecting. If he could consult his own desires, General Brooke would pay \$100 per man to such as are entitled to share in the \$3,000,000, but, if General Gomez continues to youch for 39,930 troops, payment will be begun without further delay on that basis.

The Cuban people are pessimists. The Cuban people are pessimists. The average Cuban is now whispering his fears of a wild outbreak of brigandage as soon as the troops are paid off. The planters are suspending improvements until developments are known and projects for investment are held in abeyance.

known and projects for investment are held in abeyance. Every business house in Havana, ex-cept the drug stores and cafes, was closed at 16 o'clock Sunday morning, in pursuance of Major General Lud-low's special order. The clerks, who petitioned the Military Governor to is-sue the order, are much pleased at the result.

The non-commissioned officers and privates of Company M. Second United

The non-commissioned officers and privates of Company M, Second United States Arftillery, held an indignation meeting at Camp Vedado Monday evening and denounced the shooting, last Thursday, of Private E. S. Laconte, of that company, by a policeman. Laconte is the fourth member of the regiment who has been shot by the police, and the men are very much exercised over the matter.

ALLUREMENTS FOR THE NEGRO. It Has Been Suggested That He Colon se the Philippines.

It has been suggested at Washing-ton that the President order the four negro regiments now enlisted to the negro regiments now emisted to the Philippines and at once call for vol-unteers to fill up five more regiments. The hope is indulged that there would be real "benevolent assimilation" be-tween the colored soldlers and the tween the colored soldiers and the legro native population, whose number is estimated at one-third the island inhabitance. They would become rulers, because the original natives would prefer them to the Malays under Aguinaldo. The families of the transported soldiers would accompany them, and among the rice fields find a congenial ocupation and subsistence

The prospect of the American negro holding office abroad is one of the al-lurements held forth, with all the glittering attraction of owning homes. The American system of government would be introduced and a tide of emigration started among the negroes, which so signally falled in the Liberian experiment. Aguinaldo once suppressed, extensive public works would be projected to give employment where field culture is impossible. This is the heavest outline of the new project. is the barest outline of the new project conceived as a means of extrica-tion from the rapidly continuing oppo-sition to the present system of inef-fective campaigning.

Now Floats Under the American Flag-Spick and span under her coat of thite, no one would recognize in Uncle white, no one would recognize in Uncle Sani's new cable steamship General Hooker, the old Spanish passenger steamship Panama, captured during the war by the little tug Mangrove. But such is a fact, and the Panama, now the General Hooker, under the in-fluence of hard cash liberally spent by her new owner, has taken a new lease of life. If all goes well she will leave this port to-morrow for the Philippines, where she will lay at least 200 miles she will lay at least 300

The mission of the vessel and her officers and crew is to lay branches to connect all the military stations on the islands. The task may take more than

By the explosion of 75 gallons of senzel in the laboratory of Frank H. benzol in the laboratory of Frank H. Fleer & Co. Philadelphia, Tuesday, two men were killed, three persons scriously injured and over a score more or less injured by flying debris. The dead are: Walter Manwaring, assistant superintendent, and Charles McKinley, engineer. Of those injured Harry Randall, an employe, and Mrs. Glyison and her 1-year-old child are the most seriously hurt.

The explosion was a terrific one. No less than one hundred buildings in the vicinity, most of them very small

vicinity, most of them very dwellings, were damaged. Stole the Bride's Savings

Stanislaus Grzybouski while on his way to church at Pittsburg with the girl whom he was about to marry, ex-cused himself and returned to the cused himself and returned to the house for the marriage license, as he claimed. The bride waited for some time, and on returning home found that her trunk had been opened and \$250 taken. Stanislaus was later captured, acknowledged his gulit, returned the money, was forgiven and accepted by the girl as her husband.

Trains Were Waiting.

Gen. MacArthur's division Thursday crossed the Rio Grande and advanced on Apalit, completely routing the flower of the rebel army. Most of the rebels fied to Apalit station, where two trains were waiting them. They left hurriedly, presumably for

CABLE FLASHES.

Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender is said to have sent a fresh manifesto to his adherents.

Sixty-two miners were killed by the collapse of a shaft in the Kitschnar gold mine at Troizki, Russia.

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The German newspapers criticised the kaiser as being the cause of the presence of Admirai Diederichs' large fleet at Manila and the consequent troubles with the United States.

The town of Guta, near Buda Pest, was almost destroyed by fire last Wednesday. The bodies of seven women and children have been recovered. More than 300 houses were destroyed.

The strike that has been in progress at Budweis, Bohemia, for some time has culminated in rioting, and in the collisions between the troops and the rioters several persons were wounded.

Senor Antonio Gonzales de Mendoza,

Senor Antonio Gonzales de Mendoza, who has been choosen president of the newly-constituted supreme court at Havana, is one of the best-known law-64 years of age and the head of the disby all classes and all parties. He is 84 years of age and the head of the distinguished family.

FAMINE IN PORTO RICO.

Thousands of Pamilles Have Been Bread and Meat for Weeks.

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Gen. Roy Stone and the members of the executive committee of the National Hed Cross called upon the resident Wednesday to lay before him a plan for the relief of some of the destitution in Porto Rico. Over 100, 100 of the patives, according to Dr. Henna, have been without bread and meat for six weeks, and are on the verge of starvation.

Gen. Fred D. Grant has reported 29 deaths from starvation in a single province. The aid the military authorities in Porto Rico were able to give the natives in the way of distribution of rations and employment on the coads has been greatly reduced since the free distribution of rations was suspended, and some of the Porto Rican planters and merchants have devised a scheme which they believe will afford much relief to the destitute, and at the same time serve them by introducing Porto Rican goods into American markets.

The price of coffee in Porto Rico is tery low on account of the large crop in Brazil, and they offer to contribute a large amount to be sold in this country through the agency of the led Cross, the proceeds to go toward the relief of the distreased upon the signd. The Porto Rican Steamship (Impany has offered to carry these contributions free.

They also offer to contribute crystal sugar, fruits, preserves, cigars, cigars, citc., and suggest the sale of these products at coffee rooms to be established in the principal cities by the Red Cross. They desire that these charitable contributions shall be admitted to this country free of duty. The contributors of these articles hope to profit later by the introduction of their products in the American markets.

BOGUS REVENUE STAMPS.

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Millions of Cigars Se'sed by the Government-

Millions of Cigars Se sed by the Government—
Counterfeiters Arrested.

Treasury officials believe that the total number of cigars seized because of counterfeit revenue stamps will reach between 5,000,000 and 10,000,000. All such cigars are confiscated. The offer of innocent holders to stamp them properly has no effect because the law is mandatory. The retailers will have a legal claim against the jobbers, who in turn must look to the manufacturers, but the latter are likely to be in jall for some time.

The climax in the gigantic counterfeit conspiracy, which was brought to light at Philadelphia last week, was reached Tuesday, when former United States District Attorney Ellery P. Ingham, of Philadelphia, and Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Samuel B. Downey, of Lancaster, Pa., were arrested by United States Secret Service officers on the charge of alding the chief counterfeiters in their efforts to flood the country with bogus certificates and internal revenue stamps.

The arrest of Ingham created a great sensation on account of his prominence and his former connection with the Government as the United States Attorney for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania.

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Actress Presented With a Boquet in Which a Polsonous Snake is Hidden.

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When Miss May Cook, soloist and violinist, had finished the first part of her act at the Cook Opera House at Rochester, N. Y., the other night, two bouquets were handed to her over the footlights by the head usher. She took up the bouquets and retired to her dressing room.

A moment later the employes heard her shriek and revening to found her

her shrick, and, rushing in, found her in a fainting condition, while an ugly looking copperhead snake writhed and twisted on the floor. One of the stage employes crushed the snake beneath

on the floor the contents of two On the floor the contents of two pasteboard boxes were strewn in confusion. The larger one had been filled with handsome carnations, while the smaller, held by a number of rubber bands, had evidently been the resting place of the reptile. The snake was taken immediately to Peter Gruber ("Rettlesnake Pete"), an expert in such matters, who pronounced it a copperhead, and said that its bite

would mean certain death.

When Miss Cook had recovered sufficiently to talk she said the larger box had been covered with plain paper, on which was written in an unknown hand "Yours, etc."

Long Distance Telegraphing. The record for long-distance practical telegraphing was broken Wednesday by the Associated Press on its regular system of wires leased from the Western Union Telegraph Company. A continuous circuit of 6,001 miles, reaching from New York City to the Pacific coast, from Chicago to New Orleans, touching Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Memphis, St. Louis and Kansas City. Omalia, Denver, San Francisco and all the larger intermediate points south and west, was successfully worked for several hours.

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The annual report of Eugene B. Braden, of the United States assay office, just published, shows Montana's mineral product for 1898 as follows:
Gold. 253,867 fine ounces, value \$5,247,912; silver, 14,818,661 fine ounces, value \$14,158,482; copper, 216,979,354 fine peunds, value \$26,102,616; lead, 21,403,492, value \$909,655; total value of mineral oppoduction, 551,319,667.

The state leads the world in total mineral output, but is the third state in the production of gold. Colorado and California leading in that product. Silver in Montana is entirely a by product. den, of the United States assay office.

Murdered While They Step Murdered While They Slept.

The bodies of Mrs. Henry Davie and May Millstead, of Murphysboro, Ili., who had been murdered while they slept, were found Monday by two men who were working near the bouse in which Francis M. Davie, his wife and one bearder lived. Two trunks were found open and the contents were scattered about the floor. Besides a gunshot wound in the temple, Miss Millstead's head is cut and gashed as by some heavy dull instrument. Mrs. Davie's skull was crushed.

Mother and Children Murdered. special from Malden, a small in Southwestern Missouri, a Jane Tettaton, a widow of W. Tettaten, a prominent man of that sec-tion, and her four children were mur-dered Thursday night. The bodies were partially incinerated in their home, which was set on fire by the

Tettaton, a son of Wash Tet-by his first wife, is under arrest crime.

ier General Davis is now gov-