KIMBERLY IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

COMPLETELY ISOLATED.

Boers Have Cut Off the Water Supply-Autho rilles Threaten Those Who Increase Prices of Provisions.

A Cape Town correspondent says that dispatches from Kimberley have been received describing the condition of affairs in the beleaguered town. One says:

We are all right, though completely "We are all right, though completely isolated. Our water is cut off, but we are allowed to use the river water two hours daily for strictly domestic pur-poses. Provisions have risen to double price, paraffin costing £5 (\$25) a case, but the military authorities now threaten severe punishment for all who charge more than ante-slege prices. The public is alarmed, but we can hold out for six months. We are not afraid of Boer assaults. of Boer assaults.

of Boer assaults. "Sorties are occasionally made to keep the Boers from planting their cannon and shelling the town from a distance. All wayside places are in the hands of the Boers, and we momentar-ily expect them to attack us, but floer defenses than ours are incompeted."

the expect them to attack us out out the defenses than ours are inconceivable." The London daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Pletermaritz-burg dued Monday: "Patrols from Ladysmith report

that there are four large Boer camps within a radius of ten miles, extending in a semi-circle northeast of the town. in a semi-circle northeast of the town. Evidently the enemy is concentrating all his forces. Commandant General Joubert is in supreme command. One Boor laager has a Red Cross tent care-

Boer mager has a field cross tent car-fully posted in a completious position, "The British had several skirmishes with the enemy Sunday. Railway communication with Ladysmith is still intact. At Colenso a couple of Basinos were detected putting builders on the rallway. They confessed that they had done this by order of the Transvaal

railway. They confessed that they had done this by order of the Transvaal authorities. "A war balloon, very small and so light that two men can held and hau it down with a wire strand, and which can ascend 3,000 feet, is now in use, and the full position of the Boer guns has been ascertained. "The heavy and incessant rains have flooded Tugela river, which will prove an effectual barrier to any Boers pro-ceeding southward. The remaining bridges are strongly guarded. The position at Ladysmith, without being alarming, is sufficiently danger-ous to excite anxiety. Evidently the Boers are trying to repeat their Dundee tactics. Roughly estimated, they have 1,000 men, against 12,000 British. Gen, Sir George Stowart White has the better artillery, but it is of lesser range. The delay in the Boer attack is reported to be due to the non-arrival af Commandant Joubert's column. This has given the British a much needed respite after their precent exertions.

of Commandant Joubert's column. This has given the British a much needed respite after their recent exertions. Everything, it is now considered, hinges upon Gen. White's resources and judgment. Nothing is known re-garding the progress of defensive works for the protection of Ladysmith. The censorship is more active than the describe to be due otherwoods

works for the protection of Ladysmith. The censorship is more active than ever. According to the daily Chronele's correspondent. "the new regulations limit the number of words allowed for press messages to one-fourth the num-ber allowed before." Farmers in the neighborhood of La-dysmith have left their farms and stock at the mercy of the Boers and are con-gregated in the town. The two guns the Boers have mounted are powerful weapons. They are the ones used in shelling Dundee. The Standard's correspondent at La-dysmith, (telegraphing Saturday, sends

The Standard's correspondent at Li-dysmith, telegraphing Saturday, sends a statement that he Boers have cap-ured 1,500 mules, a loss that must ser-fously inconvenience British transport. The attempt of the Boers to cut the

The attempt of the Boers to cut the railway at Pieers was frustrated by British cavairy. The following official data are made regarding the fighting near Dundee: "The Boer losses during Friday's en-gagement at Talani hill are estimated at 500 in killed and wounded." The Daily Mail has the following from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated October 23:

proclamation of martial law hout Natal has given great sathrough tisfaction.

tisfaction. "Among the Boer prisoners at Lady-smith are Dewitt Hamer, member of the raad for Barberton, and Dr. Van-leggele, public prosecutor at Heidel-berg. Among the killed was Mr. de Jong, secretary of the Transval edu-cation department.

"It is now expected that Gen. Jan Kock, the Boer commander, will re-

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

The Rocketellers now control the leather trust. Peter Mitchell, a noted Canadian statesman, is dead.

American soldiers killed 20 bandits near Manila las week.

Three thousand immigrants landed in New York Saturday.

Cold weather has checked the spread of yellow fever in the south. One hundred sailors and marines have left Boston for the Philippines.

Agents of the Transvaal are in Chi-ago looking for men for South Africa.

Rev. G. E. Morrison was hanged at Vernon, Tex., Friday, for wife murder. Five fast French cruisers have been rdered in readiness to go to South

Africa Mud in the Philippines is so deep that horses cannot pull the wagon trains and oxen are used.

James Crockett and James McKenzie vere lost overboard between Buffalo and Toledo in a storm.

Thirty-eight buildings in a Methodist amp near Cincinnati were destroyed by fire last Wednesday. Admiral Sampson Thursday was pre-

sented with a sword by Gov. Voorhees on behalf of the stateof New Jersey. Earbers at Trenton, N. J., have in-augurated a Sunday closing movement and no shaves can be had on Sunday.

John D. Rockefeller has presented the city of Cleveland with \$250,000. This money is to be used for park purposes.

William Primrose, a bridge builder, fell five stories in a new building at Fittsburg, and escaped with only a broken leg.

Through the blunder of some official the offer of Andrew Carnegie of \$50,000 to build a library at East Liverpool, O., was not accepted.

The traction companies of the Great-er Pitteburg will be asked by the cen-tral board of education to haul school pupils at a reduced rate.

Nine men perished in the recent bliz-sards in Montana. They could have saved themselves but would not desert the sheep left in their care.

Mrs. Thomas Jones, wife of a Brad-dock, Pa., bricklayer, was so badly burned by the explosion of a lamp Sun-day that she died. She was 40 years old. years

During a skirmish near Sahuaripa, Mexico, the Mexican troops took 25 Ya-qua prisoners, but two of their own number were captured, two killed and several wounded.

The government of Guatemala has accepted the proposition of the United States government to adjust by arbi-tration the claims of Mr. May, of Ten-nessee, about \$125,000.

Miss Klumpke, of San Francisco, to whom Rosa Bonheur, the famous ani-mal painter, left all her fortune, has decided to share half of it with the dead painter's relatives.

Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the

Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the linotype typesetting machine, died Sa-turday morning of consumption in Bal-timore. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on May 10, 1854. Ex-County Treasurer Frank F. Par-ker, of Nevada, Mo., found guilty of embezzling \$26,000 of county funds, has been scitteneed to three years and six months in the penitentiary. At Cristo Cuba Sunday, the Cuban

At Cristo, Cuba, Sunday, the Cuban league presented a medal to the head of the Perez family, who burled Maceo and young Gomez after their assas-sination. Gen. Gomez pinned the medal on Perez's breast n Perez's breast.

For the first time in the history of the Schuylkill arsenal in Philadelphia there will be a suspension in making uni-forms for the United States army. The order means laying off of over 1,500 women workers.

John Petter, a recently discharged private of Company D. Thirty-ninth United States volunteer infantry, was shot and instantly killed by a watch-man the other morning while attempt-ing with others to rob a general store at Beason, Ill.

Women are to have a large part in women are to nave a large part in getting up the fund for making the Dewey arch in New York permanent. Miss Helen Gould has been asked to or-ganize a woman's auxiliary committee and her brother Howard says she will no doubt accept.

The board furnished the Kansas troops on board turnisned the Kansas troops on board the Tartar returning from the Philippines was so bad, that the men refuse to pay for it. Authori-ties say that the men will not be per-mitted to leave San Francisco until all

INSURGENTS DETEST THE FRIARS.

GEN. WHEELER'S OBSERVATIONS.

He Believes That There are Some Good Me Among the Priests in the Philippines Value of the Churches.

The following letter has been receiv-ed from General Joe Wheeler in the Philippines:

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The statement that I have said that The statement that I have said that 70 per cent of the people of Luzon can read and write is a great mistake. It may be true of many, but it is not true of those in the rural districts, and the percentage of illiteracy in the other is-lands is much greater than in Luzon. The appearance, mode of life and method of performing work are to-day very much like they are described in the Bible at the time of and even before the Christian era. The people dress very much as they did 2,000 years ago.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE.

Porto Ricans Acknowledge the Gifts from the United States.

United States. The Secretary of War has received a copy of resolutions adopted by the Municipal Council of San Gorman, Por-to Rico, saying that the municipality takes pleasure in signifying to the American people through Brigadier General G. W. Davis, the Military Governor of Porto Rico, the gratitude they feel for the generous work of charity which is being done for the poor people of the island. The resolu-tions state: "Our gratitude is greater when we

tions state: "Our gratitude is greater when we realize that in former times the Span-ish Government abandoned the island to its own resources when the people have suffered want and misery. Such spontaneos charity of the American people, so generously shown to these inhabitants, strengthens the bonds of sentiment and good will which bnd us to that great nation of which we now form an integral part."

Justice Meted Out At Last.

In 1892 in a remote precinct in Wash-ington county, Ala., the only democrat in the district was lynched by a band of populists. For several years after-wards the feeling was so intense that no trial was attempted.

no trial was attempted. At a session of the circuit court, held a few days ago, however, the cases were called and the populist farmers were tried with the result that 12 of the alleged lynchers were sentenced to the penitentiary. They passed through Montgomery en route to the institu-tion. tion.

VANDERBILT'S FORTUNE.

Alfred Gwynn Becomes Head of the House Cornellus Cut off With a Small Sum.

Cornelius Cui off With a Small Sum. Senator Depew has made public a statement of the terms of the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. It shows that the fortune is estimated at \$70, 000,000. Alfred Gywnn Vanderbilt will get about \$50,000,000. He thus becomes the head of the family. The will gives for about \$50,000,000. He thus becomes the head of the family. The will gives for a bout \$50,000,000. He thus becomes the head of the family. The will gives for a bout \$50,000,000. Alfred, of course, not included. — Out the spirit of affection and for the purpose of satisfying all of the members of the family, Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt gives his incher tornelius fortune equal to that of the other mem-bers, namely \$7,500,000. Senator De-bers, namely \$7,500,000. Senator De-the suppose of particular has accepted it was offered. Under the will Channeey Depew re-vanderbilt's 'pastor, \$50,000 and Y. U. Kossiter, his lawyer, \$7,000. The Y. M. C. A. of New York City, received \$100,000, St. Bartholomew's church, \$200,000. Also the following bequests: Yale

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Also the following bequests: Yale university, \$100,000; St. Lake's hospital in New York City, \$50,000; the Domestic and Foreigen Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$50,000; trustees of the Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., \$50,000; the Redwood library at Newport, \$10,000; the Redwood library at Newport, \$10,000; the Christian Home for Intemperate Men in New York, \$10,000; the Manhatten Working Girls' society of the city of New York, \$10,000; the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$10,000.
Cornelius Vanderbilt was seen at his house last Friday. He told the real reason for the delay in probating his father's will.

father's will.

Tather's will. "The so-called gift of \$6,000,000 from Alfred Vanderbilt was not a gift, but was compulsory." Cornelius Vander-bilt said. "I see that the arrangement which has been made in regard to my father's property has been represented to be a mere gift to me. It is, in fact, a family settlement or adjustment of a situation which, I am glad to say, my brother, Alfred Gywne, has met in a spirit of fairness." Senator W. E. Mason may resign his seat in congress in a few weeks in or-

sent in congress in a few weeks in or-der to accept a legal position with one of the largest corporatins in Chicago.

WITH RELIGIOUS RITES.

Russia's Fast New Cruiser Launched at Phila-

delphia.

delphia. The Russian cruiser tationed at raine delphia. The Russian cruiser Variag, which is designed to be the fastest vessel of her class ever constructed by the Cramp hipbuilding firm, was launched Tuesday with unusual display. The plans call for a guaranteed speed of 23 knots for 12 hours. The vessel is 400 feet long, 52 fee beam, 19 feet 6 inches draught, and of 6,500 tons dis-placement. Her main battery will con-sist of 12 6-inch breech-loading rifles, and her secondary battery of 12 75-mill-meter guns, all of the rapid-fire type. The Cramps are also constructing a high-class battleship for Russia. It had been intended to give the new cruiser a genuine American launch, but at a recent conference the Russian offi-cials here decided that they would pre-fer that their regular national ceremo-ny be employed. The christening, therefore, instead of being signalized by bursting a bottle of wine over her prow, was marked with religious rites. Clergymen of the Greek church had been invited and said a mass as the ship was cut loose. The grew also par-ticinated in the religious crean ship was cut loose. The crew also par-ticipated in the religious ceremonies, and a band of music was on hand to furnish the musical accompaniment and to play the Russian national an-them.

BOMBARDED FOR THREE HOURS.

"Seldom has this nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our shores. Liberal employment waits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the ef-forts of husbandmen. Increased com-forts have come to the home. The na-tional finances have been strengthened and mable credit has been sustained and mable firmer. In all branches of industry and trade there has been an unequalled degree of prosperity, while there has been a steady gain in the moral and educational growth of our national character. Churches and schools have flourished. American patriotism has been exaited. Those engaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been in a large degree spared from disbeen in a large degree spared from dis-aster and disease. An nonorable peace has been ratified with a foreign nation with which we were at war and we are now on friendly relations with every nows or series. Mateking Withstands the Boers' Assault and

Refuses to Surrender.

how on friendly relations with every power on earth. "The trust which we have assumed for the benefit of the people of Cuba has been faithfully advanced. There is marked progress toward the restora-tion of heaithy industrial conditions, and under wise sanitary regulations, the island has enjoyed unusual exemp-tion from the seconds of fact. The A dispatch from Mafeking, dated Oc-A dispatch from Mafeking, dated Oc-tober 23, says: "A bombardment of the city was com-menced by the Boers at 7.40 o'clock this morning from a range of two and a half miles by a battery of three Krupp guns throwing seven, nine and twelve pound explosive shells. At the beginning the marksmanship was er-ratic, but ultimately the gunners got the range and sent a number of shells into the town. into the town

into the town. "Comparatively little damage was done. A convent, which had been converted into a hospital, was the chief sufferer, three of the shells striking the building. The ammunition used by the

NO FOOD NOR ATTENTION

Hardships Endured By 200 Gold Hunlers Returning From Alaska on the Schooner Hera.

bi at any the fug sea Lion mine of the schooner. They succeeded in finding the schooner about 50 miles off Cape Flattery. The two deaths reported are those of J. S. Hyan, who came on hoard a well man, but through bad food and lack

When the Hera anchored out in the stream the majority of the men were so weak that they could not carry their gold dust ashore without assistance. Several passengers were crazed from their terrible experiences and had to be carried ashore and taken care of. Even taking their terrible voyage into consideration, the conservers units in

consideration, the passengers unite in declaring Neme to be the greatest camp on earth, and many of them will return in the spring.

A CENTRE OF UNIONISM.

Organized Labor to Build its Own City Near

Ch'cago.

Ch cage. A unique proposition was made to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, which met in Washington, D. C., last week, and has for its purpose the location in Chicago or its suburbs the building up of a new town of its own by the American Fed-eration of Labor, which will eventually be headquarters for all national and international labor unions of this coun-try. It is contemplated to build here suitable office-buildings, which will have printing offices, stores, etc.: In fact, if the proposition meets with fa-vor, and it does, to judge from the in-ducements offered—donation of land for that purpose, if not the buildings as well—the little town contemplated will be the home of not only the big organizations, but of their officers, as-sistants, families, clerical help, meet-ing places, homes, and will add another page to the history of trade unionism. Such national headquarters and home would he of inculculable value to the labor movement and provide a general

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labor movement and provide a general clearing house as well. The initial steps required to bring this about would give employment to several thousand people erecting buildings, etc., and when built would stand as a monument to labor for all times to come as Labor's home. President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, will be in Chicago very shortly to look over

American Federation of Labor, will be in Chicago very shortly to look over the ground, so as to be able to make recommendations and report to those who are interested in the project and submit the same to the coming conven-tion of the A. F. of L., in Detroit, in December.

WOMEN PROTEST.

Philippine Policy and Canteen Decision De-

nounced by the W. C. T. U.

Chamberlain Says That England May Interfere for Her Subjects if America Could Inerfere for Cuba.

IRISH PROTEST AGAINST BOER WAR

DAVITT RESIGNS.

After a voyage of 28 days from Cape Nome, during which two men died from starvation and others were half crazed from want of food and water, the schooner Hera arrived in port at Seattle, Wash., Tuesday, with nearly 200 passengers on board. News of the wretched plight of the Hera's passeng-crs was brought Sunday night by the steamer Lakme. The revenue cutter Grant and the tug Sea Lion immediate-by started after the schooner. They Michael Davitt, Irish Nationalist member for South Mayo, announced in

Michael Davitt, Irish Nationalist member for South Mayo, announced in the house of commons Thursday that he would resign as a protest against the Boer war. Mr. Davitt denounced the jingo press and said that the war for the meanest and most mercenary aims would be known as the "greatest crime of the century." He declared that if he had been offered home rule and an Irish re-public he would not have accepted them if accompanied by the condition that he vote for the war. As a protest he would ask to be relieved from attend-ance in the house. He had been in the house for five years trying to obtain justice for Ireland and he left it con-vinced that "no cause of justice and right would have the support of the hou seuhless backed by force." Regarding Mř. Davitt, Mr. Chamber-lain suid he recognized that he had hitherto discussed the matter moderate-ly and sincerely, "and," he added. "I would pay the greatest attention to his arguments if I did not know he would use precisely the same arguments in regard to any British war, which are based on his smulty to England." Mr. Chamberlain then said: "What would have been the Irish argument in the Spanish-American war, in which Spain showed herself infinitely less

J. S. Ryan, who came on board a well man, but through bad food and lack of attention gradually grew 'vorse th-til he died on October 15. The offeer case is much the same. George Lamby through want of nourishment and con-finement in ill-ventilated quarters, was taken with typhoid fever and died Oc-tober 21. While he was sick he hnd ab-solutedly no medical attention. Both men were buried at sea. From the statements of other pas-sengers it is learned that the agent of the ship at Nome guaranteed them plenty of good provisions on the way down. They were charged 50 for their passage. When they were a few days out meat, sugar and butter ran out. The menu consisted of sait pork and canned mutton. S There was a little dried fruit on board, but only enough to supply the table three times with dried peaches and twice with dried prunes. From that time on for nearly 24 days their food consisted of flour and coffee. There was spienty of flour but the water was short. Four days ago the last of the un-palatable sailt-horse was consumed Had it not been for rainstorms which fell for days they would have been without water also. When the Hera anchored out in the stream the majority of the men were so weak that they could not carry their Here William Redmond, Parnellte member for East Clare, shouted: "The Transvaal did not blow up your war-

Mr. Chamberlain continued: Mr. Chamberlain continued: "The great, almost determining contest be-tween the United States and Spain was fought without the loss of a single American ship. We have never de-nied that the Transvaal was a forman worthy of our steel. Not only was the disparity between the forces in the Spanish-American was as great as those now engaged, but the contention of the United States and their right of interference arose from the fact that at soms distance from their territories there was oppression, not of American

there was oppression, not of American citizens, but of another race and people and that justified the intervention of the United States in the mind of the civilized world or, at any rate, in the eyes of Englishmen and Irishmen. But eyes of Englishmen and Fishmen. But we are interforing in behalf of our own people. It is perfectly certain that Mr. Davitt but for his hatred of England would sympathize with us as he did with America."

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

tion's Gratitude. In his thanksgiving proclamation is-ued Thursday President McKinley

"Seldom has this nation had greater

President McKinley Finds Cause for the

Thursday

ays:

Kock, the Boer commander, will re-cover. Gen. White gave him the option of being taken to Fretoria or remaining at Ladysmith, and he chose the latter. "The heavy losses of the King's royal rifles at Dundee seem to have been due to the black belts worn over the khaki, and which afforded an excellent target." The war office returns show that the total British casualties since the be-ginning of hostilities reach 507, 18 of-ficers having been killed and 55 wound-ed, and 76 men killed and 455 wound-ed.

There are 13 unaccounted for. This total, however, does not include the squadron of the Eighteenth hus-sars, which went astray near Dundee, and the officers of the Dublin fusiliers.

The parliamentary secretary of the war office, George Wyndham, in the house of commons Wednesday an-nounced that Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief of the forces sums up the situation in Natal force as follows

"Gen. Yule has fallen back to effect a junction with Sir George Stewart White. He camped Tuesday evening about 16 miles south of Dundee without seeing anything of the enemy dur-ing the march, and it has since been reported that 'All's well on the Waschbank river.

White fought a successful ac-'Gen. tion with an Orange Free State force Tuesday on the road between Lady-emith and Newcastle, and joined hands with Gen. Yule the same evening. tion Tues

WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The Boer forces number 98,000 men. The Boer flag now floats over Vry-

The slege of Kimberly by the Boers

continues. The British purpose using wireless telegraphy in South Africa.

Among the Boer forces there are 600 imericans, 600 French and 200 Jews. President Kruger travels about giv-ng his orders from a wagon splendidly

General Joubert, of the Boers, has expressed to Lady Symons his sympa-thy in the loss of her husband in the

Transvaal war. Great Britain can allow no more than two representatives each to for-eign governments who wish to make observations in the Transvaal.

observations in the Transvaal. Olive Schreiner, the famous writer, in a dispatch which escaped the censor characterized the war in the Transvaal as a calossal crime on England's part. The death of Gen. Sir William Penn symons, the British commander at Diencoe, who was shot in the stormach in the hattle with the Boers there Oc-tober 30, was officially announced in the house of commons Thursday.

A tailor was burning rags last Tues-day night and the smoke filled the gal-lery of the Boston Athenacum. Some one yelled "fire." A stampete was averted by an actress who sang a "coon" song and the startled auditors

Train wreckers at Charles City, Io., Wednesday ditched the engine and three coaches of a northbound lilinois Central passenger train. The engineer was bruised, but all others escaped. The engine was demolished and the property loss is heavy.

The engine was demolished and the property loss is heavy. Edward Fairfax Berkeley of St. Louis, was drowned at Geneva, N. Y., last Friday. He was being initiated in-to one of Cornell University's secret societies and had been told to pin a nonsensical note to a bridge. He con-sented, but could not swim and drowned.

drowned. Dayton O. Bartram of Bridgeport, Conn., harshiy criticised the dinner which his bride of three months pre-pared for him a few days ago. She left the table without a word, went to her bedroom, mixed carbolic acid with perfume and then drank it. Shortly after she reached the hospital she died.

General Young's column, which left San Isidro Philippine Islands Friday, morning, at daybreak, moving north-ward in the direction of Santa Rosa, encountered the enemy strongly en-trenched just beyond the Tuboatin

A brisk fight ensued, and the rebels were repulsed. Two Americans were killed, and one wounded. Pursuit was impossible on account of the width and depth of the stream.

Insane on Her Wedding Day.

Raving mad on the day set for her wedding, Mins Esther L. Burns is locked up in the jail at Denver, Col. With her is her lover, H. H. Heidel-man. Miss Burns eloped with her lover and spent the last few weeks with him in Denver. Monday, the day set for the wedding, the girl became a raving maniae. Heidelman thinks the altitude has affected her mind.

A Perilous Ride. Miss Trank, of Benson, 67 years old, tried to climb over a stock train while on her way to church Sunday morning, when the train started with her on the bumpers and carried her to Willmar, thirty miles, in fifty minutes, where she arrived safely with her Bible in her hand, having ridden between the cars all the way. The railroad company sent her home on an afternoon freight.

Fastest Torpedo Boal. By obtaining a speed of 31 knots an hour during several hours' trial at sea the other day the new American torpe-do boat Dahlgren exceeded her contract' requirements

Rockefeller Joins the Vanderbill Railroads.

Rockefeller Joins the Vanderbill Railroads. William Rockefeller was elected a member of the executive committee of the New York Central Railroad Com-pany at the meeting which authorized an issue of \$15,000,000 additional stock. The World says this is the first public step toward the absorption by the New York Central of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. The next step in the deal, it is said, will be the absorption of the Baston & Albany Boston and Maine and the Fitchburg and the Maine Central.

Admiral Dewey is Grateful.

Arank A. Vanderlip, chairman of the Dewey home committee, has received the following letter from the admiral: "Washington, Oct. 26. "Dear Sir.—I acknowledge the receipt this day of the title deeds to the beau-tiful home presented to use here we this day of the title deeds to the beau-tiful house presented to me by my countrymen. My heart is full of grati-tude to them for their overwhelming expression of their regard for me, and I request that you will also accept and convey to the committee my heartfelt thanks for your and their efforts, Very shoered yours.

Very sincerely yours. "GEORGE DEWEY."

The Magic Bullet Was Real.

In magic builet was neat. Michael Hatal, a magican, died in Believue hospital, New York, Monday, from builet wounds inflicted by his as-sistant, Frank Heyna, in an East side hall Saturday night, while they were performing a feat of magic in which Hatal was to have seemingly caught in his teeth bullets fired at him from a grup by Banya

In his teeth bullets hed at him from a gun by Benya. Hatal himself loaded the gun, an old-fashloned musket fired by a precussion cap. On top of the charge of powder he supposedly placed a "dummy" bul-let that would crumble into powder when the musket was fired. Instead, he must have substituted two lead bul-lets. lets.

Hurricane in Cubr.

Hurricane in Cube. After five days of continuous rain-storms a terrific hurricane from the southwest swept over Santiago, Cuba, Sunday, causing much destruction. Twelve houses were wrecked and others badly damaged. The unprece-dented rainfail continues. Telegraph wires are down and it is impossible for vessles to enter or leave the harbor.

Protest Against Unnecessary Exposure.

The large number of British officers killed in the battles which have already taken place in Natul has brought out strenuous protests from many quarters against the ancient custom of British

Boers was apparently of an inferior quality. There were no casualities. "The British returned only one shot, which being well directed, disabled one of the enemy"s guns. "After three hours the Boers sent an

"After three hours the Boers sent an envoy to ask if the town was prepared to surrender. Col. Baden-Powell repiled in the negative, but the shelling of the town was not resumed. A later dispatch from Mafeking, dated October 24, says: "The Boers are in possession of the water works and have cut off the supply. This occasions no anxiety, because ample supplies are available in tanks and yells.

Stranded Passengers Await Relief.

The steamer Labrador, which has just arrived at St. Johns, N. F., from a trip along the Labrador coast, reports that 30 persons are on a desolate island off the northern section of the coast where they have been virtually abandwhere they have been virtually aband-oned for some time owing to the fact that the instructions for a vessel to bring them down miscarried. A special steamer must be sent promptly to their assistance or they will perish with cold and hunger during the coming winter.

Wealthy Merchant Suicides.

Waithy Merchani Suicides. Christopher C. Chew, proprietor of the largest department store in South-ern New Jersey, committed suicide a few days ago, in his store in Camden, N. J., by shooting himself in the tem-ple. Since the partial destruction of his store a year ago by fire Mr. Chew has suffered from nervous prostration, and at times expressed a fear that he was becoming insane. Mr. Chew was reputed to be worth \$250,000.

11 THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Hereafter no newspaper in Manila will be permitted to print movements of troops or transports.

The house purchased for Admiral Dewey by popular subscription was turned over to him last Thursday. The purchase price was \$50,000. Arizona has asked for government troops. Trouble on the border with Mexicans is expected.

Aguinaldo has sent an envoy to the United States who will endeavor to se-cure recognition for his government. cure recognition for his government. Count Arthur de Cassini, Russian am-bassador to the United States, declares that the Trans-Siberian railroad will be another link in the chain that binds together the United States and Russia.

Rear Admiral Cromwell, who has had command of the naval station at Havana, will be assigned to duty as president of the naval retiring board, an office just vacated by Rear Admiral Schley.

the Island has enjoyed unusual exemp-tion from the scourge of fever. The hurricane which swept over our new possession of Porto Rico, destroying the homes and property of the inhabt-iants, called forth the instant sympathy of the people of the United States, who were swift to respond with generous aid to the sufferers. While the insurrection still continues in the island of Luzon, business is resuming its activi-ty and confidence in the good purposes of the United States is being rapidly established throughout the archie "For these reasons and countles

others, I. William McKinley, president of the United States, do hereby name Thursday, the thirtleth day of Novem-

ber next as a day of general thanks-giving and prayer, to be observed as such by all our people on this conti-ment and in our newly acquired is-lands."

Hemp Higher Than for Years.

Hemp Higher Than for Years. It was stated in Wall street a few days ago, that the price of hemp in the markets of the world is now higher than it has been since 1896. There are no quotations here, the market being in an unsettled condition, but on Fri-day the price of "fair current" was 12% cents per pound, as compared with 7% cents per pound on the same day of 1898, and 14% cents is the estimated price now. There is stated to be little hope for an increase in the supply un-til the war in the Philippines is ended.

CABLE FLASHES.

Brant Allen, the English novelist, is dead

England is mobilizing a fleet of 29 cruisers.

The London Globe urges that the Boer sympathizers among the Irish be tried for treason.

France want Germany to take the first step in interfering with the English war in he Transvaal.

A detachment of the German Red Cross leaves Berlin next week to render aid to wounded Boers.

Up to October there were 160 cases of bubonic plague and 55 deaths from the disease in Oporto, Portugal.

The betrothal of Queen Wilhelmine of Holland to Prince Joachim of Brun-swick will be announced shortly.

Gibraltar is closed to all visitors, even Englishmen being excluded. The de-fenses are being strengthened and am-munition stored.

Emperor William projects an enorm-ous increase of the German navy, giv-ing it 57 battleships, 15 large and 36 small cruisers.

The Dutchess of Sutherland, one of England's leading women, has written a novel dealing with the evils of social-istic methods.

It is asserted that Emperor Nicholas has given up his visit to Cariaruhe in consequence of a renewal of quarrel between the grand ducal courts of Baden and Hesse.

The National convention of the W. C. T. U. at Scattle, Wash., passed these resolutions Wedneaday: "We deeply deplore the attitude tak-en by our Nation with respect to the Philippine islands, and, since governments can derive their just powers only from the consent of the governed, we protest against the policy which would compel a foreign people to submit to the rule of the United States, and against a war through which the ad-ministration is striving to enforce its

"We protest against the manifestly "We protest against the manifestly forced and unjust interpretation of the anti-canteen law as rendered by Attor-ney General Griggs, of the United States, upheld by ex-Secretary of War Alger. We urge upon the chief executive, William McKinley, im-mediate consideration of the case which will result in such action as shall be in accord with the expressed will of the people and his own high oath of office." office

Resolutions were also adopted pro-testing against the seating of Congress-man Roberts, denouncing immoral shows, offensive advertisements and lynching, demanding the ballot for women and against trusts. All the National officers were re-elected.

Plot to Burn a Town.

Five fires were recently started al-most simultanously in different parts of Baker City, Oregon. Two buildings were burned to the ground. Tuesday a negro named Charles Johns confessed to starting the fires, and implicated a Mexican and a white man, who were arrested. The negro says it was plan-ned to rob the faro banks and saloons during the exitement caused by the fires. fires.

Elevator Dropped Six Stories

Elevator Dropped Six Stories. The passenger elevator in the War-ren Springer building, Chicago, fell from the sixth floor to the basement Wednesday evening. John Hinkus, er-rand boy, 15 years of age, was instant-ly killed; William Fritz suffered in-ternal injuries and may die; Frank Schultz had his back sprained, was in-ternally injured and may die; John El-its, elevator boy, has a sprained leg, broken arm and concussion of brain, but will recover. but will recover.

Outprayed the Choir.

John Walters prayed so loudly in St. Peter's church, New York, Thursday that he interrupted a funeral service which was being held in the church. He was put out, but returned and again began to pray. His petition for for-giveness was so loud that it forced the choir to quit in the middle of a stanza and he was arrested. In police court he said that he had been on a spres for two weeks and was overcome by re-morse. His bill was 35.