

## CANADIAN ROUGH RIDERS FOR AFRICA.

### EXPERT MARKSMEN.

Lord Strathcona Will Provide at His Own Expense 400 Horsemen at a Cost of \$1,000,000.

Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, accepted on Saturday the offer of Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner in London, to provide, distinct from the Canadian contingents, a force of at least 400 mounted men from Manitoba, Northwest territory, and British Columbia, and to arm, equip and convey them to South Africa at his own expense. All will be expert marksmen, rough riders and scouts.

It is estimated that the offer will involve an expenditure of £200,000. The war office regards Lord Strathcona's proposal as an extraordinary proof of colonial patriotism.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Lord Strathcona is chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, resident governor of the Hudson Bay Company, president of the Bank of Montreal, and a director in the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba and Great Northern railway lines. His lordship, when he was Sir Donald Smith, participated largely in the growth of the northwestern section of the United States, and freely invested his capital in American securities. When Lord Strathcona landed on this side of the Atlantic he was the poor but adventurous son of a Scotch gentleman, and he plunged into the life of a pioneer with pleasure. He grew up with the country, and by wise thrift soon amassed a great fortune. His home at Montreal is one of the show places of that city. As a peer of Her Majesty's realm he has a residence in England which is none other than the ancestral domain of the Lyttons in Hertfordshire.

A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Friday, January 12, says: The besiegers have been quiet for two days, but can be seen in active movement on the distant hills. We have perceived two small bodies galloping with two machine guns. The Boer heavy piece on Bulwana hill has not been fired for two days. More Boer dead have been found at the base of Caesar's camp. All is well here.

The Boers are fortifying positions north and west of Ladysmith, doubtless with a view of securing a safe line of retreat should their opposition to Gen. Buller's advance fail. They still surround Ladysmith in large numbers and may be contemplating another attack. It is known, however, that they are greatly depressed by their heavy losses. Prior to Saturday they were perfectly confident of their ability to defeat the garrison and to take possession of the town.

There is a Boer commando in Zambians country, Zululand, within a day's march of the sea, with wagons. It is believed to be waiting for supplies and ammunition secretly landed near St. Lucia bay. The Boers have looted all the stores and mines in the Swaziland territory, and the ruined natives are completing the destruction.

President Kruger, in the course of a stirring address just issued to the burghers, affirms that Providence is on their side, that their cause is just, and that they must succeed.

The Boer successes have been followed by a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm and Boer sympathy in the western part of the colony. Reports from Paarl say the whole district is made hideous at night by bands of young men parading in the villages and singing the Transvaal Volklied, while the children are everywhere practicing the national song of the republics. The following are specimens of statements believed by the western Dutch: "Buller and Rhodes are prisoners" and "two thousand Boers secretly sailed and captured Cape Town."

### Robbers' Rich Haul.

The safe in the Owensville, Ind., bank was blown open by robbers Friday, who took everything of value even to the revenue stamps, the total aggregating fully \$15,000. The thieves then escaped on a handcar toward Poseyville. Twenty-five horsemen of Owensville and 75 of Poseyville are searching the country for the robbers. Lydite was used. A lump of gold was found melted and paper money was torn in pieces, possibly \$1,000 being destroyed. The bank officials and citizens have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the burglars.

### Counterfeiter Captured.

William Tarrant was arrested at 514 Robinson street, Allegheny, Pa., Friday night while sitting at a table engaged in working on a counterfeit \$20 silver certificate. He was released from Riverside penitentiary Christmas day, where he had served a six-year term for the same crime. Detective Richard Kelly, of Pittsburg, being the prosecutor.

Superintendent Muth heard yesterday of spurious bills being floated, and he detailed Captain Thornton to make the arrest. Tarrant opened the door to his room, believing some member of the household was knocking. A complete counterfeit outfit was found, and certificates of high denominations not filled in. A box was piled full of bogus Colorado gold stock certificates, a plate for printing First National Bank of Pittsburg checks, and some confederate bills.

At the police station \$250 was found on Tarrant. He admits he served a term in Joliet prison. His parents live in Eau Claire, Wis., and a document shows the cancellation of a mortgage on some property owned by him there. He was turned over to the United States authorities.

### Claims for Damages.

The New York export and import company has obtained from its Manila agency a number of claims against the United States government for the destruction of the property of foreign residents during the bombardment of Iloilo, and other towns in the Philippines. One specific claim is from the Swiss house of Hollman & Co., Iloilo, for a quarter of a million dollars. The damage seems to have come because some of Dewey's ships were a little ahead of time.

## LATEST NEWS NOTES.

The Lawton fund is now \$80,101. Diphtheria has closed six Scranton, Pa., schools.

Waynesburg, Pa., is to have a new opera house, built by Odd Fellows.

Ex-President Cleveland has gone to Georgetown, S. C., to shoot ducks.

Cincinnati is making an effort to have the next democratic convention held there.

Robbers blew open the McGinniss bank in Owensville, Md., and got away with \$15,000.

The Hartford, Farragut's famous flagship, sailed from San Francisco for New York, Wednesday.

John Bryant, Green Bryant and William Beatty were killed by a falling rock in a mine at Ashland, Ky.

Gov. A. J. McLaughlin, of Mississippi, recently elected United States senator, is seriously ill of pneumonia.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$100,000 to Columbia University, New York, to found a chair of psychology.

Louis H. Severance, of New York, has given \$60,000 to Oberlin, O., College for the new chemical laboratory.

Owing to domestic troubles, Mrs. Charles Fahr, of Ellwood, Ind., attempted to end her life by drinking wood alcohol.

The sugar and coffee war has ended, and as a result coffee has advanced one-half cent per pound. Future advances are expected.

Dr. Adam A. Weiser, aged seventy-seven years, was struck by a train at Zelenople, Pa., Thursday night and instantly killed.

Frederick Chopin, a young Philadelphian, who has been on trial at Brazil, Ind., on the charge of forgery, was acquitted Saturday.

Governor Roosevelt will soon present plans to the New York Legislature for a lake-to-ocean canal that is estimated to cost \$60,000,000.

David Linderman was blown off a bridge at Indian creek, near Uniontown, Pa., Thursday, dashed upon the rocks and instantly killed.

Spotted Tail, the well-known Sioux Chief, who has been exhibiting in Paris, died of heart disease Thursday. He was eighty-nine years old.

Theodore Butterfield, of Chicago, charged with abducting 11 girls under 15 years of age, is supposed to be insane, and will be sent to an asylum.

William Lewis, an old soldier, of Greensburg, Pa., was held up near the county home junction Thursday and robbed of \$40 and part of his clothing.

Two daring robbers entered the office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, at Long Island City, Thursday evening and took \$808 from the safe.

Dr. D. L. Forney committed suicide at Cherokee, Kas., leaving a note saying: "I had rather leap into the unknown than longer endure what I know."

Because she refused his proposals, Charles W. Picket shot and instantly wounded Mrs. Lizzie A. Graham, at Wilmington, Del., and committed suicide.

M. C. Mitchell, a Republican politician of Martins Ferry, O., shot himself dead Friday. Cause, ill health. One of his sons, Allen, is attending school in Pittsburg.

Ice carried away the false work of a new bridge at New Kensington, Pa., Monday. Albert Albert was killed and a score of other bridge workers narrowly escaped.

At McPherson, Kas., Mrs. Jos. Christie, whose husband was in jail for drunkenness, cut the throat of her two little children, set fire to the house and killed herself.

Ex-Congressman William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, is on his way to Arizona, where he will pass the winter in the hope of gaining relief from pulmonary disease.

Ex-Mayor M. C. Mitchell, of Martinsville, W. Va., committed suicide Friday by shooting himself in the head. Illness has deranged his mind. He was one of the most prominent Republicans of Eastern W. Va.

While skating at Baysville, Ont., Thomas Brown, Jr., aged 19 years; Margaret Brown, 21, and James Brown, 17, ran into an opening in the ice and were drowned.

The Beaver Valley hospital has been presented with an X-ray machine, costing \$500, by the Beaver Falls Ladies' auxiliary to the Hospital Association, of Beaver Falls, Pa.

W. M. Harrison, of Allegheny, Pa., proposes to build a railroad from the Atlantic to the Pacific by contributions of workmen, who are asked to subscribe \$2 apiece for a "stock bond."

A Pittsburg, Pa., firm has secured a contract for 1,000 ice boxes for the United States new cold storage house at Manila. The ice-making machinery will be furnished by a Chicago firm.

Samuel Snyder, a justice of the peace of Paint township, O., has received a cable dispatch from the United States minister in Holland, saying his claim as one of the heirs to an estate said to be worth \$46,000,000, is well established.

Two girls at McDonald, Pa., Deborah and Kate McDonald, horse-whipped John Dretnan Friday. They claimed that he had made uncomplimentary remarks about them. Each pleaded guilty of assault and battery and was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Mail advices from New Britain report the massacre of the captain and crew of 15 men belonging to the British schooner Nukumanuia of South Wales, while trading among the Admiralty islands. Only three boys escaped. The natives, after murdering the sailors, made a feast ashore and ate their victims.

Charles W. Pfänder, a Greene county, Pa., Tenth Regiment soldier, is now on his way to Honolulu to wed the daughter of a wealthy sugar planter, whom he met while the troops were in Hawaii. His future home will probably be Honolulu.

Robert Kane walked into a hotel at Driftwood, Cameron county, Pa., Thursday night, and deliberately shot dead Stephen Carey, against whom he had a grudge. Kane escaped to the mountains, but was soon captured and jailed at Emporium. Both were about twenty years of age.

## CUBANS ARE HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED.

### EMPHATIC REMARKS.

Gen. Wilson Says Intervention By the United States Was Just in Time to Save Entire Agricultural Districts.

There is at least one of the American Military Governors in Cuba who refuses to endorse the unfavorable opinions expressed about the Cubans by American public men. He is General J. H. Wilson. In discussing the island and its people he paid them many compliments.

When he went there, he said, he found a country that was starving to death. Every farmhouse, from one end of the island to the other, every agricultural implement had been burned or broken up.

"If intervention on our part had been delayed ten months longer," he declared, "the whole of the agricultural district would have been dead. Hundreds of men died of starvation in order that their wives and children might live.

"The school system prescribed by law in Cuba," he said, "is as good as ours. The school children in the city of Matanzas, from 4 to 14 years old, could not be equaled by the same school children in any American town. They are the brightest little talkers you ever saw.

"There is no more humane, no more kindly people than the Cubans. Every unkindly term that has been leveled at them has been unjust and untrue."

General Wilson was asked whether the Spaniards or the Cubans represented the best class of the citizens of the island. "The Cubans," he responded, "with emphasis.

### IOWA DOCTOR'S CRIME.

During a Fit of Insanity He Crushes the Life Out of a Child He Was Examining.

Dr. G. W. Appleby, for several years the leading physician at Bristol, Butler county, Iowa, Monday night was called on in his office by parents who had brought their child to be treated for some trifling ailment. He took the child in his arms and handled it so roughly that the parents protested, but to no avail. Suddenly he put his thumbs under its chin and, with his fingers on top of its head, crushed its face in so that blood gushed out of its nose and mouth. Then jumping up he seized the child by one foot, and began swinging it around his head, resisting all efforts of the terror-stricken parents to stop him, and it was not until help was called in that the child was taken from him. It was quite dead. Appleby declared that God had taken the child.

The insane commission was immediately convened, and at midnight Appleby was on his way to the hospital for insane at Independence. Three or four hours after the occurrence he seemed comparatively rational and said he knew what he was doing when he killed the child, but could not help it. The cause of his insanity is supposed to have been religious excitement.

### COWBOYS FOR TRANSVAAL.

A Regiment of One Thousand Raised by a Western Cattle Man.

John G. Maher, a well-known cattleman, of Chadron, Neb., says he has raised a regiment of 1,000 cow punchers and plainsmen to go to South Africa and help the Boers. Transportation will cost \$200 per man, and the money has been pledged in New York, Chicago and Omaha. He is on his way to find out how far the pledges can be realized on before getting the men together.

The plan, he says, is to embark them as emigrants to the Transvaal and thus escape Federal interference. He denies that it is an Irish regiment, a number of nationalities being represented. The men are all accomplished rough riders and crack shots.

### China and Franco Mixing Up.

News of more fighting on the Tonquin frontier in China is brought by the steamer Queen Adelaide. The Chinese recently crossed the Tonquin border and by a flank movement drove the French from their position. The Chinese used breech-loading jingals with much success. They use center fire cartridges carrying two half ounce slugs which carry further than the French magazine rifles. It takes two Chinese soldiers to operate each gun.

At Paksi Chinese invaded a gaming house, killing three French soldiers and wounding others.

### Rising of Cree Indians.

A special from Winnipeg, says: Every effort will be made to head off a possible rising of the Cree Indians, who are talking in a threatening manner. It is known that many chiefs are eager to strike a blow at the British, but the officials are confident that peace will be maintained. Assistant Commissioner Lash said to-day that there was little danger of an outbreak. He believes that strangers have been preaching sedition to the red men, but he says, the government is prepared for any trouble and will make a thorough investigation of the Indians' sentiment.

Little alarm is felt over the situation, it being held that enough troops are within reach to keep the reds in check. The chief plea of the leaders of the anti-British movement among the Indians is that England is attempting to rob the Boers of their homes as she did the tribes during the 1885 rebellion and that, with the imperial army weakened,

### AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The executive committee of the International Peace society has sent a telegram to President McKinley, asking him to intervene with a view of ending the war.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, says that State constitutions contain no figure as to senatorship.

Captain Sigbee, the hero of the Maine, and who will take charge of the Naval Intelligence Bureau on February 1, has purchased a house in Washington which will soon be occupied by the Sigbee family.

The president has created a military department of the territory of Alaska, and assigned Col. G. M. Randall, of the Eighth infantry, to command it. Col. Randall served, during the civil war in the Fourth Pennsylvania volunteers.

## STRUGGLE WITH A SUICIDE.

Wife's Arm Burned by Carbolic Acid Which She Tried to Prevent Her Husband From Swallowing.

Thomas Cole, aged about 27 years, committed suicide in a sensational manner Tuesday afternoon. Cole was the proprietor of the American Candy Company, of New Castle, Pa. On Christmas day his wife and ten weeks' old daughter left him on account of his drinking habit. He promised to do better and this week Mrs. Cole returned to him. Tuesday afternoon, while his wife was in a room with him, he poured out a glass of carbolic acid and told her he intended to drink it to end his troubles. When he tried to drink the stuff she struggled with him and some of the fiery liquid was spilled on her arm, burning it fearfully. A struggle followed, and he fearfully told her if she would leave the house for a short time he would not kill himself. She did as he asked her, and when she came back a few minutes later she found him sitting in a chair, groaning, and when she spoke to him he said: "I have done it now." He then opened his mouth and showed her his throat and tongue, which were burned white with the drug. He then exclaimed, "Lizzie, I am dying," and fell from his chair unconscious. A doctor was sent for, but he only reached the house in time to see the young man die.

It is said Mr. Cole has been despondent for some time over business matters. His wife, who is quite young, together with her infant, will go to her parents' home in Ellwood. She is heart-broken over the terrible affair.

## KILLED BY BURGLARS.

An Ohio Merchant Mortally Shot While Defending His Store.

N. K. Goss, the leading merchant of Edinboro, Ohio, was murdered early Saturday by burglars. Owing to the frequent losses through burglary Mr. Goss had his place of business fitted up with an electric burglar alarm, which was connected with his residence. Shortly after 1 o'clock, in the morning, the alarm sounded. Mr. Goss dressed hastily, secured the assistance of a neighbor and went to the store.

The front door had been forced open. Mr. Goss entered while the neighbor guarded the alley in the rear. A volley of revolver shots greeted the proprietor. He fell mortally wounded. The burglars, three in number, rushed through the front entrance and escaped.

Mr. Goss was carried home and died three hours later. The neighbor obtained only a glimpse of the murderers. They were seen moving toward Palmyra, however, and a posse at once began pursuit.

At 10:30 Saturday morning the officers marched the three prisoners through the streets of Ravenna at the point of guns to jail. Over a thousand people surrounded the jail, threatening lynching. The Sheriff and deputies had been scouring the country since 1 a. m., and captured the men in the vicinity of Edinboro.

## CREW EATEN BY SHARKS.

Forty-five Chinese Sailors Desert a Sinking Ship on a Raft to Meet a Quicker Fate.

The story of the loss of the British steamer Huneboh on her voyage from San Francisco to Hong Kong via Java, has been received and the details show that the loss of the vessel was accompanied by a far greater loss of life than the cables reports told of, nearly 50 people being unaccounted for. The vessel sprang a leak after leaving Java with a cargo of sugar for Hong Kong. The Chinese crew refused to work and the ship's boats, with one exception, were destroyed during a storm.

The crew built a number of rafts, launching them and set them afloat, leaving the captain and one passenger on board the sinking vessel. The Europeans occupied one raft and the Chinese were divided on six or seven others. The rafts were surrounded by hundreds of ravenous sharks, who, in their eagerness to get at the shipwrecked sailors, jumped far out of the water. Soon several of the Chinese rafts were overturned, and it was then that the Europeans decided to return to the vessel.

The only remaining boat was repaired and launched, the captain taking command. The island of Luban in the Philippine group, was finally made and, on the natives learning the marines were British soldiers, made them comfortable and later sent them to Manila. Nothing was ever heard of the Chinese crew, numbering 44 men, and they must have been drowned and devoured by the pursuing sharks.

## Cubans May Fight United States.

General Miro, Rabi and Castro, who recently were in conference with General Wood in Havana, spoke Wednesday night at the Cuban club, Santiago. In substance they declared that unless the Americans soon give Cuba actual independence all true Cuban patriots will take to the mountains and fight the Americans on the same ground on which they met the Spaniards. The other Cuban clubs will meet to discuss the same proposition. In Santiago, where General Wood was so popular during his local administration, feeling now is strong against him on account of the preponderance of negro representation in the franchise scheme which he favors.

## CABLE FLASHES.

The queen regent of Spain has appointed the Duke of Veragua, descendant of Columbus, a special ambassador to go to Berlin for the purpose of investing Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm with the insignia of the Golden Fleece, her majesty having signed a decree appointing the crown prince a knight of that order.

Prince Alberi, commander of the papal guard of nobles, died at Rome, Sunday.

At the opening of the Prussian diet Wednesday the speech from the throne gave notice of the reintroduction of the Rhine-Elbe canal bill after the completion of the proposed waterway for large ships between Berlin and Stettin, and other river improvements, and the intention of the government to make the port of Emden available for trans-oceanic steamers, with the object of rendering the Rhenish commerce independent of foreign ports; also a bill for the construction of light railroads.

Troops at Anzuola, Spain, have seized 283 Remington rifles and 1,000 rounds of ammunition belonging to the Carlistes.

## BARNETT ACCUSES SENATOR HOAR.

### A SPEECH STARTS WAR.

Unwritten History is at Last Made Public—Senator's Speech Cabled to Hong Kong Junta and Thence to Filipinos.

John Barnett, ex-United States minister to Siam, Saturday night at Lake Forest University, Chicago, publicly named Senator Hoar as the U. S. Senator whose anti-expansion speech was cabled to Hong Kong and subsequently put in the hands of the Filipino soldiers, causing, as Mr. Barnett believed, the open insurrection.

In the course of his address, which was on the general subject of the "Philippines," the speaker said it had been discovered in the government investigation that Senator Hoar's speech was cabled in cipher and in fragments to Paris, where it was put together and forwarded to Hong Kong. The message included several thousand words, and the cost for transmission was said to have been \$4,000. It interested the government to know what friends the Filipinos had at this time who were in a position to send the message.

"I was in Hong Kong at the time," said Mr. Barnett, "and I remember the incident distinctly. I was coming down stairs in the hotel, when I met the president of the Hong Kong junta, and he had in his hand the long dispatch he had just received. It gave a large part of Senator Hoar's speech in full, and a summary of the rest of it. I asked the president what he was going to do with it, and he told me that he meant to send it to the officers of the army in the Philippines. He was urged not to do it, but he protested that it had been printed in the United States and was public property.

"Four days after that speech had been delivered it was in the hands of those who saw an opportunity to make political capital of it. The speech was published and distributed among the soldiers, and I believe it was the culminating influence that brought about the open insurrection. This speech, you must remember, was delivered before there was an open insurrection."

### ACTRESS ACQUITTED.

Julia Morrison-James Found Not Guilty—Dramatic Scene in Court—Accused Spies.

The trial of Julia Morrison-James for the murder of Frank Leidenheimer, of the "Mr. Plaster of Paris" Company, of which they were leading man and lady, on the stage of the Chattanooga Opera House, on the night of September 23 last, ended, when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Miss Morrison, upon hearing the words which insured her freedom, advanced to the speaker's platform and made a most dramatic speech to the court and the jury. She said: "I wish to thank you and the gentlemen of the jury and all who were instrumental in my acquittal for your just and generous decision. May God in His mercy be ever as just to you and yours as you have been to me to-day. As for the prosecution, I wish to say that I fully forgive them, and bear them no malice for the strenuous efforts for my conviction."

"As to my persecutors," she continued, turning toward Mrs. George J. Antz, the beautiful sister of the murdered actor, who was overcome with emotion and suffused in tears, "I leave them to their consciences and their God. To the poor, bereaved sister, I say that God knows that, were it in my power to restore her brother to her, I would certainly do it."

The verdict was wildly cheered by the spectators in the court room, and by hundreds outside. Miss Morrison will remain in Chattanooga for several weeks, after which she will begin a lecture tour, her subject being "The Other Side of the Stage," in which she will point out the dangers that confront young girls who follow the stage as an occupation.

President T. H. Roth, of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., has been relieved of the teaching duties, and the new professorship thus created will be filled by Rev. J. E. Whittaker, of Rochester, Pa. The president thereafter will devote his entire attention to the supervisory duties.

Jones & Laughlins have decided to spend \$2,500,000 on the construction of a modern steel plant at Pittsburg, Pa.

### For the Nicaragua Canal.

The House committee on commerce Friday ordered a favorable report on the bill introduced by Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. It directs the President to acquire from Costa Rica and Nicaragua control of territory for a canal from near Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua to Breto on the Pacific coast. When such control has been acquired the President shall direct the Secretary of War to construct the canal of such capacity and depth that it may be used by the largest vessels now afloat, and \$40,000,000 is appropriated for this purpose. The President is authorized to guarantee the use of the canal to Costa Rica and Nicaragua and their citizens.

### Stranded in Cuba.

A sad story of a large number of distressed and homesick Americans, who became interested in a settlement at La Gloria, Puerto Principe, Cuba, was told by Robert Hall, a St. Joseph, Mo., business man who arrived in New York Wednesday. He said that many were suffering for lack of the ordinary necessities of life. Many have not the means to purchase passage back to the United States.

Another large sale of coal land was made this week by which 7,000 acres of land in the West Alexander region passes into the hands of Fayette county capitalists. The land fronts on the B. & O., and is located in Donegal and West Finley townships, Pa., the price given ranging from \$15 to \$20 per acre. Four thousand acres were sold some weeks ago to the same parties and options have been secured on nearly 9,000 additional acres, extending into Marshall county, West Virginia. It is understood that the coal land is being taken up merely for speculative purposes and it will again be placed on the market.

## REBELS HIT HARD.

Over 2,000 Retire to the Mountains—Archbishop Nozale's Recommendations to Chapelle.

Reports from the movements of American commanders south of Manila show that General Bates and General Wheaton are at Perez Das Marinas, and General Schwan at Silang, all awaiting the arrival of provision wagons. Reconnoissances have shown that 2,000 armed insurgents have retired to the mountains from the distance between Indang and Maig, and that the others have retreated along the coast from Novella toward Batangas.

Wednesday night Nolan's squadron of the Eleventh cavalry drove a body of Insurgents from Maig. One American was killed and two were wounded. Thirteen dead Filipinos were found. The plan of catching a large number of Filipinos between two brigades failed. About a hundred insurgents have been killed, but comparatively few arms have been taken.

It is asserted that Archbishop Nozale contends in his interview with Monsignor Chapelle, the papal delegate, on behalf of the Roman Church and the brotherhoods, that the titles to all property held by the church and the brotherhoods in the Philippines should be recognized, and the church permitted to administer its own affairs without state interference, upon the necessity of a regime that will guarantee the liberty of the church. Archbishop Nozale advises the continuation of the church's control of pawnshops and certain designated hospitals and schools, together with the establishment of a special form of parochial administration exacted by the actual conditions in the Philippines. Finally, he makes a plea for the continuation of the present missionary work of the church.

### FARMERS BURDENED.

Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton Shows the Industrial Commission How to Remedy the Same.

John Hamilton, Secretary of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, appeared before the Industrial Commission Tuesday to describe the condition of the farmers, not only of Pennsylvania, but of the whole country. He asserted that the farmer pays too great a proportion of the taxes, and the disproportion has been growing during the last three census periods. For instance, in Pennsylvania, where \$45,000,000 of taxes for all purposes are collected annually, the farmers pay \$12,000,000. While the taxes levied are not excessive, he maintained that if property other than that of the farmers were appraised at its true value the tax levy on farm lands could be reduced.

Mr. Hamilton took up the question why farmers' children are going to the cities. The lack of good roads and graded schools, he thought, are the chief reasons. The farmers send their children to city schools, and a taste of city life makes them unsatisfied with the dreary routine of the farm. The impassable roads during the winter, in his opinion, cause as much dissatisfaction with farm life as any one thing.

Mr. Hamilton's idea is that the country schools should be improved by grading them and having their curriculum enlarged by the addition of studies which will interest children in the objects about them. He called attention to the leaflets issued by Cornell University, in which the life and habits of such a common object as a honey bee are treated in such a way that it may be understood by the children and foster in them an interest in such matters. He thought that such instruction in the country schools would be of great benefit.

### Pultizer's Home Burned.

The handsome dwelling of Joseph Pultizer, proprietor of the New York "World," was destroyed Tuesday by a fire in which the housekeeper, Mrs. Jellet, and the governess, Elizabeth Montgomery, lost their lives. When the fire began there were in the house Mrs. Pultizer, her daughters, Lulu, 14 years old, and Constance, 12 years old, a baby son, two months old, and 22 servants. All got out in safety but the housekeeper and governess. Mr. Pultizer and his son, Joseph, Jr., were at Lakewood, N. J., at the time.

The fire is thought to have started in the basement of the lower story because of defective electric insulation. The house contained a valuable historical library and many carefully selected works of art. Nothing of value was saved. The total loss is estimated at \$300,000.

### China About Bankrupt.

The latest official report upon the foreign commerce of China shows that the imports into that country which in 1885 were 64,943,000 Haikwan taels were in 1898 159,037,000 Haikwan taels. The imports from the United States, which in 1888 were 742,000 Haikwan taels, had grown in 1898 to 11,987,000 Haikwan taels.