BLAZED BY BLOOD.

Route to Ladysmith Marked by Dead and Wounded-Three Hundred Killed Saturday Boer Losses Great.

"After to hours of continuous and terrible fire Sunday, Gen. Hart and Clery advanced 1,000 yards. The Boers maintained an irregular fire during the night, but the British outposts did not reply. This morning at daybreak the Boers opened a stiff fire. The British stood to the guns where they had slept, and the engagement was renewed vigorously. The field artillery poured shrapnel into the enemy's trenches. A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved enlivened the British, who sent up a ringing cheer. This was taken for an advance. The first kopje was carried at the point of the bayonet, and the Boers retreated to the next kopje, which, like most others, was strewn with immense boulders, surmounted by mounds on the boulders, surmounted by mounds on the summit. The British advanced steadily and the Boers relaxed slightly. The lat-ter did not show such tenacity as pre-viously. Their Nordenfeldts fired at long intervals, and their cannon fired but seldom. Apparently the Boers were short of big ammunition. All day the roar of muskery fire continued. The British took three Boer positions on the mountain and found shelter behind the boulders."

It is reported that the Boers, opposite Colenso, on finding that General Buller had outmaneuvered them, crossed to the south of the Tugela, and set fire to the south of the Tugela, and set he to all the houses in the village. As the force from Chieveley advanced the Boers retired before them to trenches on a hill in line with Colenso. Our infantry advanced to the attack in skirmishing order, followed by supports and

reserves, our cavalry scouting on the right close up to the river.

Every hour that Gen. Buller delays his combined attack makes his position stronger. Transports continue to arrive at Durban and fresh troops are be ing sent up the line to reinforce those in front of Colenso. Buller's troops north of the Tugela number at least 22,000 and possibly 25,000 with 50 guns. His total forces, forming a great outer curve south and west of Ladysmith, probably number 40,000. While Buller's forward operations develop rather leis-tirely, the Boers appear to be fully aware that they must meet a strenuou assault. Balloon observers have rough ssault. Balloon observers nave roughly estimated that 10,000 Boers are using spade and pick in artificially strengthening positions which nature has rendered easy of defense.

Military critics in touch with the war office think that news that general fighting has begun may be expected at any hour. It is not thought that one day's

hour. It is not thought that one day's fighting will settle the fate of Ladysmith, but rather that there will be two or three days of continuous fighting.

The Boers are fortifying positions north and west of Ladysmith, doubtnorth and west of Ladysmith, Gould-less 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 at-tack. It is known, however, that they are greatly depressed by their heavy losses. Prior to Saturday they were perfectly confident of their ability to de-feat the garrison and to take possession feat the garrison and to take possession of the town.

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Refugees from Swaziland, living in the Lebombo district, recently brought news to Lourenzo Marques that the queen of Swaziland was dead. Her death, following so soon upon that of King Runu, was looked upon with suspicion. According to their story, however, not the queen mother, but Necoco, Bunu's brother, was acting as head of the Swazi nation, and he, in conjunction with Tecuba, Umbandine's old prime minister, was carrying on a reign of terror, killing off whole kraals all over the country.

"The Swazi Queen mother, since the death of King Bunu, has killed all the chiefs who were ever in England or Cape Town, and is now plotting with

Cape Town, and is now plotting with the Boers. The situation may fairly be considered grave; and it would be well to send regiments of Gurkhas to Swazi-

"The Delagoa bay correspondent of the Natal Times asserts that six big Creusot guns and 50 tons of shells were landed from the French steamer Gironde about the middle of last month under the noses of two British warships and were dispatched to Pretoria, causing much rejoicing at the case with contraband of war can run the

GREATEST ON RECORD.

White Horse Copper Deal is of Immens Value.

It is reported that one of the bigges mining deals on record in British Co lumbia has been made in the transfer of the White Horse copper claims to the Rothschilds syndicate for \$2,000,000 The deal was put through by Manager Bowker, of the British American syn-dicate which owns the Leori mine a:

Several experts were sent out from England to examine these claims. All agreed that they make the most wonderful copper showing found anywhere. One of them reported that on a single claim \$1,000,000 worth of ore had been exposed by a creek washing away the formation. The properties are situated too miles down the Yukon from Skagway and will be reached next summer by an extension of White Pass railroad now being built.

Charles W. Pfinder, 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 Hon-

Bold Work of Robbers.

Burglars broke into the Tygart Val-ley bank at Philippi, W. Va., Wednes-day night and stole between \$5,000 and day night and stole between \$5,000 and \$6,000. They broke a window in the front of the bank, and thus gaining entrance. Then they blew open the saie, in which the money was, with nitro-glycerine. Four men were seen on a hand-car going toward Grafton who, it is supposed, committed the deed. The bank was ready for business next morning. Every effort is being made to capture the robbers.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

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

Figures show the Boers' losses up to date are 6,425 men.

An estimate of Pittsburg's census gives it a population of 320,000. Andrew Carnegie has offered \$50,000 libraries to York, Pa., and East Orange, N. J.

An effort is being made in Chicago to prevent women from laboring in fac-

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

Robbers dynamited the bank at El-letsville, Ind., and escoped with \$1,500 on a handear.

Newton Myers lost the sight of both eyes at Morgantous, W. Va., by lime falling into them.

Lieutenant J. W. Smith, collector of

A dynamite factory in Italy exploded Tuesday, killing ten workmen and de-molishing five buildings. London is 12 miles broad one way and

17 the other, and every year sees about 20 miles of new streets added to it. The Commercial Bank, of Silver Lake, Ind., was entered by burglars, the yault blown open and \$3,000 secured.

The gold output at Dawson for 1899 stimated at \$15,000,000, which is \$3. 000,000 more than the preceding year. At Parson, W. Va., two daughters of Rev. G. N. Day were drowned while their father made vain efforts to save

At Belgrade, Mont. Frank Rogers shot and killed Mrs. Etta Davis and committed suicide. He was drunk and

The Queen City glass works, at Cum-berland, Md., closed down Tuesday, the "carry-out" boys striking for an ad-

Austin K. Wheeler, treasurer of the wholesale gracery house of Lemon & Wheeler, at Grand Rapids, Mich., com-

Rey. C. M. Des Islets, professor of languages in the Western University, Pittsburg, sued his wife for divorce, alleging infidelity.

Arthur Moore, clerk of the Torrey Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., has disappeared, leaving a shortage of \$3,000 in his accounts.

Two daring robbers entered the of-fice of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, at Long Island City, Thurs-day evening and took \$808 from the

The Supreme Lodge of the fraternal insurance order known as the Knights and Ladies of the Fireside, made a voluntary assignment at Kansas City Sat-

Charles L. Foote, formerly Postmas-ter and City Treasurer of Fall River, Mass., charged with the embezzlement of \$6,000, was arrested in Chicago Saturday.

A magnificent new hospital to cost \$500,000 will be crected at St. Clair and Mellon streets, East End, Pittsburg, and will be conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. Forst Dayos and Walter Zimmerman, freshmen at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., are in serious condition as the re-sult of a midnight hazing by other stu-

dents. A San Francisco court decision awards \$7,000,000 of the estate of Lloyd Tiers to Mrs. Susan Tiers, his wife, but she is required to make provisions for

their children. Two murderers, George Sibee and Ed. Meeks, half brothers, were lynched at Fort Scott, Kan. Both were defi-ant and Sibee placed the noose around

his own neck. Canadian exports for the first six months of the present financial year show an increase of \$25,000,000 over last year, and the imports have increased

about \$5,000,000. Cal. James E. Barrett, State treas-urer elect of Pennsylvania, has been ap-pointed senior vice department commander of Pennsylvania Spanish-Amer-

Elmer Barner shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, Isaac Miller, at Halifax, Dauphin county, Pa., Monday night. The murderer and Miller quarreled a year ago.

Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder and president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, accompanied by his wife, has started on his third missionary tour of the world.

The United States Minister at The Hague states that a royal order has been issued exempting from duty sulphuric ether required in the preparation of albumen from milk.

The Duke of Marlborough, husband of Consuelo Vanderbilt, started for South Africa as a captain of yeomanry, taking two valets, a wagon, five horses and other luxuries.

Commander Crutchley, a British naval battle of modern times will be fought between the United States and Germany over the latter's aggressive policy in

E. B. Mack, of the National Safe and Lock Company, Chicago, was crushed to death at Benton Harbor, Mich., while overseeing the placing of a new vault in the Citizens bank. The vault door, weighing 3,000 pounds, fell on him.

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.

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In the investigation of the charges of bribery in the election of Senator Clark, of Montana, Attorney Gason, a witness, of Montana, Attorney Gason, a witness, testified that Clark told him he was wiling to give \$1,000,000 for a seat in the

Leroy W. Secor, charged with having embezzled \$17,000 from the Goodrich Transportation Company of Milwaukee, was arrested in New York.

SOLDIERS AMBUSHED BY FILIPINOS.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED.

Five Wounded and a Pack Train Captured The Negros Revol!-Hospital Attendants to be increased.

A pack train of 22 horses, escorted by Lieut Ralston and 50 men of the 13th regiment, convalescents from the hospital, who were going to rejoin their reg-iments were ambushed by rebels on Fri-day near Lipa, on the road between Santo Thomas and San Pablo, Laguna Santo Thomas and San Pablo, Laguna province. Two men were killed, five wounded and nine are missing. The insurgents hid in the bushes along the road and opened fire upon the pack train from three sides. The Americans, in addition to their casualties, were compelled to abandon the train. The horses, with their packs, fell into the hands of the insurgents who pured the extrain. customs at Gibara, Cuba, was shot by a Cuban editor and died.

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was shot by a with their packs, fell into the hands of the insurgents, who pursued the retreating escort for three miles along the road, until the Americans were reinforced.

Doret, of the Forty-fifth infantry.

Doret, of the Forty-fifth infantry, struck insurgents in Batangas mountains, prepared in ambush to meet him He killed eight, wounded three and cap tured 17, one Spaniard and six rifles. His casualties were two men slightly ounded.

Mail advices from Negros bring particulars of the uprising in the southern part of the island in which Lieut. A. C. Ledyard, Sixth infantry, was killed. The movement was started by the chief officials of the autonomous government, who were elected and inaugurated last November. Eleven officials, including the president and several councillors, were lodged in jail on charge of plot-ting treason. Gen. Smith had evidence that the revolting police were following the orders of the autonomous governnent, which designed to use the forces under its control to overpower the Americans. The plot failed through be-

ng started premaiurely.
The War Department has arranged to send 150 hospital corps men to the Philrippines, on the hospital ship Missouri, which is to sail from San Francisco some time next month. To secure this number of men it will be necessary to withdraw recruits from instruction at either the Washington Barracks or at

Angel Island, Cal.
Acting Hospital Steward Cleaveland
Hilson, Jr., and 41 privates of the hospital corps, now at the Washington
Barracks, D. C., will start for San Fransisco in a few days.

KILLED HIS WIFE'S LOVER.

Telegraph Operator Quits His Work 20 Min utes to Commit the Deed.

Enraged by the persistent attention of Enraged by the persistent attention of John O'Neil to his wife, Charles Robinson, a telegraph operator at Spruce Creek, Pa. Wednesday, sent seven 38 caliber bullets into O'Neil's body and the latter died instantly. Robinson then picked up the body and hurled it out the front door. Robinson suspected that O'Neil, who was a boarder in his house, was unduly intimate with his house, was unduly intimate with his wife, and he forced his unwelcome guest out on January 6. From McKees Rocks and Greensburg, O'Neil addressed endearing letters to Mrs. Robinson. She also wrote letters of the same character to O'Neil. Robinson intercepted the letters to be referred. the letters to his wife, and prepared to kill O'Neil, upon his visit to Mrs. Robinson, arranged to take place Wednes-day morning. After a call of several hours to the Robinson household, O'Neil and Mrs. Robinson sat down to breakfast. The husband suddenly ap-peared. Without saying a word he be-gan firing at O'Neil, and when his regan firing at O'Neil, and when his re-volver was emptied seven bullets had pierced O'Neil's body. Mrs. Robin-son mourns the loss of O'Neil more than she does the sorry plight of her

veillance nearly all day, until he was and they were now suffering a cattle, relieved by another operator.

A strong vein of gas has been struck A strong vein of gas has been struck on the Chautauqua Assembly grounds at a depth of 600 feet. The Chautauqua association was drilling a deep water well when the gas vein was tapped. It was impossible to plug the well and the roar of the escaping gas could be heard for a long distance. The pressure is estimated at 1,000 pounds to the square inch.

STEPS OUT OF THE PULPIT.

Minister Finds That the Profession is Too Restraining Upon His Personal Liberty.

Rev. James C. MacInnes, pastor le Oakleaf Congregational cha Oakland, Cal., has announced his retirement from the ministry. Said he: "I believe in dancing and a long list of other things that are tabooed by churchgoers when indulged in by ministers. If a man needs a drink, he has the right to take it. When I meet a man on the street I like to slap him on the back and say 'Hello there, Bill,' in a good hearted voice. I believe in God and Christianity, but the church is burdened with false ideas and full of sinful hypocrites and some of my friends who might be called 'lushers' are infinitely better than these frauds of piety. ministry is no place for a young man who wants his personal liberty. He must use too much hypocrisy himself and overlook too much hypocrisy in others."

A Pittsburg. Pa., firm has secured a contract for 3,000 ice boxes for the United States new cold storage house at Manila. The ice-making machinery will be furnished by a Chicago firm.

CABLE FLASHES.

Over 20,000 drivers of all kinds of vehicles went on strike at Rio Janeiro. Tuesday. A small faction of monarchists, headed by Ouro Preto, a brother of Carlos Affonso, and Malvino Reis, attempted to take advantage of the situation.

The German bark Marie, from Australia, with a cargo of flour for the Transvaal Government, has been taken as a prize by the British third-class cruiser Pelorus, near the Island of Inyak, Delagoa Bay, and has been seat to Durban with a prize crew on board.

VALUE OF CROPS.

Interesting Statistics on Acreage and Amou of Last Year's Farm Output.

The statistician of the Department of Agriculture has made public his final estimate of the acreage production and value of the crops of 1899. The values are based on the average from prices December 1, in accordance with the practice of the department.

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The wheat acreage was 44,592,516, the production 347,303,846 bushels and the value \$319,545,259, the average yield per acre being 12.3 bushels and the average farm price per bushel on December 1, 58.4 cents. The corn acreage was 82,108,537, the production 2,078,143,933 bushels, and the value \$629,219,119, the average yield per acre being 25.3 bushels and the average farm price per bushel

and the average farm price per bushels on December 1, 30.3 cents.

The acreage in oats was 26,341,380, the production 796,177,713 bushels and the value \$108,167,075, the average yield per acre being 30.2 bushels and the average farm price per bushel on Decemper 1, 24.9 cents.

The barley crop is estimated at 73,-381,563 bushels, the rye crop at 23,061,-741 bushels, the buckwheat crop at 11,-091,473 bushels, the potato crop at 228,-783,232 bushels and the hay crop at 56,-655.756 tons.

CANNOT BE STARVED.

The Boers Said to Have an Abundance of Food and Ammunition.

Exporters in New York, who make a specialty of the South African trade, be specially of the South African trade, be-lieve that the Boers are remarkably well provisioned, and that any attempt to starve them out is hardly likely to suc-ceed soon. The United States is the source of the cereal supplies of the fight-ing republics. As to canned meats and ing replaces. As to came meats and jointed beef practically all of the immense quantity consumed in South Africa is supplied by American firms, shipping through this port.

"The British Government has shown a remarkable lack of foresight," said a large food eventor in forming a liver.

large food exporter in forming a just estimate of the preparedness of the Boers for war. As a matter of fact, the Boers have not only been laying up an almost inexhaustible supply of powder and cartridges, but an abundant supply of food as well.

The steamer Doric, which arrived Sunday from the Orient, landed 700 Japanese at Honolulu. This completed a list of 2,000 inside of four days. The records of the immigration bureau at Honolulu shows that since June 15 17,800 Japanese have been landed there

TEXAS FEUD ENDS IN MURDER.

One Man Shot Dead and Two Others Mortally Wounned.

Weunned.

Tuesday evening, at Bastrop, Tex., Arthur Burford, son of Sheriff Burford, of Colorado county, was instantly killed and Deputy Sheriff Clements and an unknown man mortally wounded. J. C. Townsend was in court charged with the murder of his uncle, ex-Sheriff Reese, at Columbus, both being members of the feud factions. The judge announced the case would be laid over. Arthur Burford and Clements left the room, and while passing a saloon a volley of shots from pistols was fired into them, and they fell in the street. Walter Reese, James Coleman and Thomas Daniels were arrested for the shooting. The origin of the old Townsend-Reese feud was an unbranded vagrant steer. Lawsuits had eaten up thousands of dollars on the question of ownership, and more than two men have least thair of dollars on the question of ownership, and more than 200 men have lost their lives in various affrays in the last 20

Nearly 50,000,000 Starving.

The Indian council at Calcutta have net and considered the famine situation. Official estimates show that the cost of that government will be about 40,000,-000 rupees, or over \$14,000,000. About than she does the sorry plight of her husband.

After killing O'Neil, Robinson returned cooly to his work, and remained in the telegraph office under police surwater and food scarcity of a terrible character. About 3,250,000 persons were already receiving relief. While in 1897 the world shared India's sorrow and contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds toward the relief fund, the Vice-roy pointed out that India now would have to struggle alone, for the thoughts of every Englishman were centered on South Africa. It would be the duty of the government to pursue the task of saving its last rupee of necessary to do

Unless the immigration laws are made more stringent there will soon be no room in the country for the American, is the belief held by some of the government authorities. During the last year, despite the most heroic efforts of the immigration officials to keep out the unobjectionable class of alians, the list of strangers of the most undesirable kind has increased to an alarming de-gree. Thousands have slipped over the borders from Canada and many have gained entrance to the country through

other channels.

Of those that the law allowed to enter, the increase during the last year was 49,603 over the record of the preceding year. Assistant Secretary Taylor, of the treasury, estimates that during the present calendar year the total will foot up more than half a million, or an increase of 100,000 over the year just gone.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

In the Spanish senate Premier Silvela announced that negotiations were in progress with the United States for the conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship and also a treaty providing for extradition and the resumption of normal relations.

The President sent to the Senate the name of Robert M. McWade, of Pennsylvania, to be Consul at Canton, China, to succeed Dr. Edwin S. Bedloe. This nomination closes the incident in Dr. Bedloe's case. Mr. McWade is a resident of Philadelphia, a member of the Manufacturers' Club and a newspanar man.

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

PHILIPPINE COMMERCE IS GROWING.

FIRST OFFICIAL DATA.

Big Increase Over Spanish Times - Cotton Imports Are Valued at Gyar a Million.

The value of imports at Manila for July, August and September was \$5,-802,581. In addition there was \$52,520 in gold coin and \$255,204 in silver coin from British India and \$332,707 in silver coin from China, bringing the aggregate of imports up to \$6,443,102 or at the rate of more than \$25,300,000 a year for Manila alone. For all Philippine ports for the 15 years ending with 1804, the average yearly imports of the archapelago only amounted to \$17,030,044. The values of the archapelago only amounted to \$17,030,044. ues of importations of merchandise are given as follows: China, \$2,454,103; United Kingdom, \$016,501; Spain, \$663. 405; Australia, \$410,452; Germany, \$357,-828; United States, \$329,114.

TERRIBLE PRISON CONDITIONS.

Woman Prisoners in Havana Have Neither Cols Blankets Nor Female Attendants.

Maj. Runcie, who has been investigating the circumstances surrounding the detention in prison of persons charged with various offenses, to many of whom no trial has been granted, describes the women's prison as "a den of fifth and iniquity." He did not find a cot, a blanket or a female attendant in the prison, where several hundred women are confined. The sanitary conditions are almost indescribable. He says he class are almost indescribable. He says he can not understand how such a place could have been tolerated in a so-called civilized community. His examination reveals a state of affairs worse than any-thing yet written regarding Spanish

nismanagement. What Maj, Runcie has already made known seems to astonish the Cuban of-ficials. They assert that Senor Lanuza is principally to blame, as, in his posi-tion as secretary of justice in Gen. Brooke's cabinet, he ought to have discovered the existence of these enormi

Gen. Wood describes the leper hos-sital, which he recently visited, as a filthy hog man" pital, which he "filthy hog pen."

KILLED BY AN EARTHQUAKE. Seven Dead and Sixty Injured in the City of Co-

lim?, Mexice. Seven people were killed and 60 in-Seven people were killed and 60 injured in the earthquake that occurred at 15 minutes before 12 o'clock Friday night in Mexico. At Guadalajara the shock cracked the arches and staircase of the State palace and the porticos of the university and the Degallado theater. The churches of San Francisco and San Joze were danged. The form

ater. The churches of San Francisco and San Jose were damaged. The for-mer is known as the Golden Cup from the magnificence of its interior. The shock was felf severely at San Blas, on the Pacific, and noises underground were heard resembling the hoarse rumbling of a heavy sea.

Government for the Philippines.

Following is the plan of government proposed for the Philippines by the Philippine commission, after pease has been established:

An American governor to control the affairs of the entire archipelago, and to be appointed by the president. An advisory council to the governor, composed of Americans and natives. A legislative assembly, partly appointive and partly elective, whose acts shall be sub-ject to the qualified veto of the governor and the absolute veto of Congress. Governors to be appointed for the prov-inces; and the subdivision of the is-lands into small sections, over which

Plague Grows in Honolulu. The steamer Doric, which arrived from Asiatic ports and Honolulu Friday, brought news that 28 deaths from bubonic plague had occurred in Honolulu up to January 13 and that 26 cases were in the hands of the health officials. The Chinatown of Honolulu was being burned to stamp out the plague.

Thros Dead, Six Hurt,

A section gang of nine men was run down on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western tunnel near Oxford, N. J., Wednesday morning, and two of the party were instantly killed, and a third died shortly after being struck. The other six are seriously hurt.

Aged Infidel Recants.

Marshall C. Waggoner, the infidel whose conversion to Christianity was recently announced, has burned his magnificent library, consisting of writings of infidels. The ashes of the books rest in the bottom of the furnace of the Memorial United Brethren church of Toledo, O., to which he privately con-signed them. He threatened to destroy this collection some time ago, but de-layed doing so until the night of Janu-ary 18. With supreme satisfaction and a feeling that he was doing God's will. the aged lawyer watches the volumes wither and crumble into ashes.

Many of the volumes were exceeding-There were a large number manuscripts and first prints not to be found in any other library in America

China About Bankrupt.

The latest official report upon the foreign commerce of China shows that the imports into that county which in 1868 were 64,943,000 Haikwan taels were in were 04,943,000 Haikwan taels were in 1808 159,037,000 Haikwan taels. The im-ports from the United States, which in 1808 were 742,000 Haikwan taels, had grown in 1898 to 11,987,000 Haikwan taels.

American Flour Held.

Ambassador Choate is informed that the Durban prize court will not release the American flour held there until it

CONCERNING CIVIL SERVICE.

The Commission's Report Shows Figures of Appointments and the Totals of Salaries.

Appointments and the Totals of Salaries.

The report of the Civil Service commission shows that there 75,000 classified positions and 107,000 that are not classified in the government service. The expenditure is about \$104,000,000 yearly. Ninety-eight per cent. of the classified positions can be filled by persons who have had a good common school education. During the year 47,-956 persons were examined, of who 12,-274 failed, and 9,036 appointments were made on the commission's recommendations. The commission's recommendations. The commission asks Congress for power to administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses on cases for power to administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses on cases of violations of the law. It suggests that serious attention should be given to the question of a fund for retiring aged employes. Regarding the President's order of May 29, 1890, removing a large number of appointments from the classified list, the commission says:

"The rules as revised have not been in force a sufficient length of time to determine their practical effect on the pub-

in force a sufficient length of time to de-termine their practical effect on the pub-lic service, but the commission is of opinion that some of the amendments to these rules, as well as some of the rules that were not amended in May, 1899, should be modified, and the commis-sion has now under consideration some changes and amendments which it deems advisable, and which it hopes to be able to submit to the President at an early date." early date."

A BLOODY THAGEDY.

Lives of Three Men Brought to a Violent End in a Kentucky Hotel.

A shocking tragedy, in which the lives A shocking tragedy, in which the lives of three prominent men were sacrificed and that of a fourth hangs by a slender thread, while two others miraculously escaped with painful injuries, occurred at Frankfort, Ky, Tuesday. The principals in the tragedy were ex-Congressman David G. Colson, of Middlesboro, and Lieut. Ethelbert Scott, of Somerset. Scott was shot six times by Colson and almost instantly killed.

Luther W. Demarree, assistant post-master at Shelbyville, an innocent by-stander, was shot three times and died instantly. Charles Julian, another by-stander, was shot and died half an hour later, and Capt. B. B. Golden, of Bar-boursville, commonwedith's attorney of the Twenty-seventh judicial district, was shot in the back and is not expected to the Iwenty-seventh indical district, was shot in the back and is not expected to survive the night. Col. Colson himself was shot twice in the arm. Harry Mc-Ewing, of Louisville, was shot in the foot, and M. O. Ridpath, of Chicago, sustained a broken leg by the lifeless form of Scott falling against him as it colled down the state of The condet. rolled down the stairway. The tragedy is one of the most sensational in the history of "the dark and bloody ground."

The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capitol Hotel, the principal hostelry of the State capital, the room being well filled at the time with politicians and others who are here attending the contests for State officers before the legis-

Heir to Wealth.

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An estate of nearly \$20,000 in Hungary is awaiting the widow of Frank Staszel, and her whereabouts is anxiously sought by Reynold Laughlin, chief of police of New Kensington, Pa., who settled up the affairs of Staszel after his death from an accident at the government dam at Springdale on the Allegheny river, November 21. An examination of his effects provided that the man had money in Hungary and inquiry revealed the fact that not only were the savings of Staszel, amounting to nearly \$5,000, awaiting his widow, but that an estate of \$15,000 had been lately left by a dead brother. The man had evidently lived in comparative luxury in the old country and his one aim was to save \$5,000 and return to his old home with his wife. He had nearly accomplished this when he was killed.

The strange part of the affair is the fact Mrs. Staszel does not know she is a widow. She lost her health and Staszel, in his desire to hoard his money, allowed her to be placed in the Westmore county home, last February, from which place she escaped soon after.

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Would Search the Antarolics.

Dr. Nordenskield, a cousin of Baron Adolphe Eric Nordenskiold, the well-known Arctic explorer, is endeavoring to persuade the Swedish Geographical society to fit out an Antarctic expedition in 1901. It is believed that his ef-forts will be successful.

A Crazy Man's Dond.

Martin Bergen, the catcher of the Boston base ball team of the National league, killed his wife and two children and committed suicide at his home, North Brookfield, Mass., Friday. An axe was the implement used in taking the life of Mrs. Bergen and one of the children, while a razor was employed to cut the throat of the other child, a little girl, and of the man himself.

It is thought the action was due to insanity. It has been suspected for some

sanity. It has been suspected for some time that Bergen was a victim of mental derangement. In fact some of his ac-tions in connection with his base ball managers last season led to the supposi-tion at that time.

Leaving States for Canada.

The superintendent of immigration at Toronto, Can. has received reports from most of his agents in the United States and estimates that nearly 1,000 settlers from the republic have become residents of Canada during the past year. A conservative estimate places the wealth of these persons at \$2,000,000.

The prospects for increasing the number of settlers from the United States during the season of 1000 are very encouraging. Kansas and Arkansas supplied the greater part of those who came.

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Claims for Damages.

the Durban prize court will not release the American flour held there until it finds the owner of the consignment. The Court rules that neither the manufacturer nor the middleman has been paid, and the consignee has not received the goods, hence all three can claim ownership, and proof of ownership is demanded now, to prevent the real cwner demanding reinbursement later.

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

Claims for Damages.

The New York export and import company has obtained from its Marila agency a number of claims against the United States government for the destruction of the property of foreign restriction of