VERY LITTLE HOPE FOR MAFEKING.

COL. PLUMER CHECKED.

Efforts to Raise the Siege do Not Look Lik: Early Success-Gen. French Fighting East of Bloemfontein.

The hope of early relief of Mafeking, or that Col. Baden-Powell will not be compelled to surrender before help reaches him from either the north or south, grows dimmer. Gen. Roberts' main army continues resting at Bloem-fontein, while Gen. Methuen is skir-mishing with the Boers at Warrenton, 167 miles away. Methuen has not ad-vanced in five days in the direction of Mafeking, although his force is appar-ently strong enough to do pretty much ently strong enough to do pretty much as he likes. It is hoped that he has a pleasant surprise in store by raising the siege of Mafeking with a large column of cavalry and artillery detouring to Mateking while Commandant Snyman is drawn off to engage Col. Plumer, But it is evident that Col. Plumer has been temporarily at least checked on his way down from the north.

his way down from the north. Gen, French's cavalry and mounted infantry, according to a rumor, are fighting somewhere east of Bloentfon-tein. This suggests Boer bad news, as Commandant Oliver's commando, with 2,000 wagons, is reported on the Basutoand frontier, toiling northward toward Kroonstad, via Ladybrand. This enormons wagon train is supposed to be moving 25 miles a day. Gen. French's cavalry posts stretch from Bloemfon-

cavalry posts stretch from biocontent tein castward to the mountains. A dispatch from the Boer camp at Kroostad, dated Thursday, says: Affairs are being put in proper shape and the Free Staters who had to leave are returning in crowds. The presi-dent's proclamation has shown the burghers that the government is standing firm. The commands are mobilizing in great numbers and the men are more determined than ever. President Steyn has issued a proclamation in which he warns the burghers who lay down their arms and help the English determined than ever. President that they are liable to the utmost pun-

A letter from Mr. Poulteney, an in-terpreter in the Free State courts, has been received by his wife at Bloemfon-tein, in which he declares that Gen. Joubert is commanding the combined forces at Kroonstad, where there is plenty of men, guns and food stuffs for a determined resistance.

A Cape Town correspondent tele

A Cape Town correspondence graphing, Tuesday, says: "I have just arrived from Bloemfon-tein, where I learned that no further movement is probable for three weeks, movement is probable for three weeks, as negotiations are proceeding. I failed ed to ascertain the nature of the ne-gotiations, or whether Sir Alfred Mil-ner's departure from Cape Town is com-nerted with them but J should not be nected with them, but I should not be surprised if the war collapsed quickly

Several telegrams have passed be-tween President Kruger and the British government, in addition to the Salis bury Kruger correspondence, already published. The foreign office received a dispatch from Pretoria Monday. The contents of these communications

cannot yet be obtained. So far as the militare situation is concerned, there is practically no change. Lord Roberts is quietly maleing preparations for the next move. As necessary to a beginning, Gens, Gatacre and Brabant are swiftly moving from point to point in the southern districts of the Free State, dispersing or ac-cepting the surrender of any remaining Boers, thus insuring the safety of Lord Roberts' communications before starting toward Pretoria. "Gen. Gatacre is sweeping through

the country like a cyclone, with flying columns in all directions. His swiftness and strategy have proved of ines-timable value to Lord Roberts."

Chicago Wile Beater Killed.

LATEST NEWS NUTES.

James Dunlap, a noted safe blower and bank robber, was captured at Chicage

Thirty stranded American colonists from La Gloria, Cuba, arrived in New York Sunday.

The United States auxiliary cruiser and training ship Dixie has left Al-giers for Naples. More than 4,500 women have regis-tered in Cleveland in order to vote for

director of schools.

The State bank of Hardy, Neb., was robbed of \$6,000, the safe being blown open with dynamite. Admiral and Mrs. Dewey were greet-

ed by crowds of admirers in Macon, Ga., Friday. Three mines at Boonville, Ind., oper-

ated by non-union men, have been closed by striking miners.

The fugitive, Ouartermaster-General White, of Michigan, has been heard from in South Africa.

At Scranton, Pa., the grand jury is investigating allegations of corruption against city officials. Society women are going from Lon

don to Cape Town in great numbers, believing the war as good as over.

A flock of sheep on W. C. Burch-field's farm, near Steubenville, O., went mad from a dog's bite and had to be shot.

Paul Reno, a farmer near Detroit, was burned to death when alone in his home and murder and robbery are suspected

The war department has given orders to have the transport Hancock prepared for the use of the Philippine commission

Canonsburg, Pa., mechanics are talk-ing of organizing a general building trades union to enforce a demand for a nine-hour day.

The charter granted the new \$136, 000,000 Carnegie Company empowers it to do almost any kind of business in any part of the world.

Leaders of the recent riots on the Isle of Martinique have been sentenced to imprisonment for terms varying from six to twelve months each.

Mrs. Charles Smith, wife of a Chi-cago saloonkeeper, Tuesday shot and killed Miss Annie Strother, a restaurant cashier, because of jealousy.

The Woman's Hotel Company, of New York City, has been incorporated with a capital of \$400,009, to operate a hotel exclusively for women.

Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, de lines in advance the middle-of-the-road Populists nomination for President, de claring himself out of politics.

Free State deserters at Ladysmith assert that their troops have done most of the fighting so far, the Transvaalers holding themselves "in reserve.

The board of trade and other organizations of San Francisco will issue widely a circular denying the existence of the bubonic plague in that city

The directors of the Hartford Life Insurance Company voted a dividend of 100 per cent. to the stockholders, in anticipation of an increase of the capital stock

New York agents of the Colombian insurgents say that they have defeated the government forces in battles at Rio Hache, Cerro Libre and Villa Vi cencia.

Robert W. Gilchrist, a Chicago bar-er, was shot dead in his shop as he was shaving a customer by a man who opened the door and fired at him with rifle

Baron De Christiani, who assaulted President Loubet, of France, at the races last June, has been released from having been pardoned by the prison. president.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company has announced that work at their collieries near Shenandoah will be increased to five and three-quar-

GOEBEL'S MURDER PART OF A PLOT.

NEGRO ASSASSIN.

Sergeant Golden, a Mountaineer Militiam Who Has Turned State's Evidence, Tells the Awlul Story.

"John Powers told me they had two negroes here to kill Goebel. The were Hocker Smith and Dick Coombo They This statement was made Saturday by F. Wharton Golden, a frail, consumptive-looking Kentucky mountaineer, while on the witness stand in the pre-

while on the witness stand in the pre-liminary examination of Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with con-spiracy to kill Goebel. Golden told a story of the events leading up to the murder that, if sub-stantiated, will, in the minds of those connected with the prosecution at least, probably go far toward proving the contentions of the Commonwealth that the murder was the result of a plan in which several prominent men were involved.

were involved. Golden, who claims to have been a friend to Secretary Powers and his brother, John T. Powers, for years, gave testimony that was particularly damaging to John Powers, but he also brought in the names of many others, including Charles Finley, W. H. Culton and Governor Taylor, in his story of the bringing of the mountaineers to Frankfort previous to the assassination. Governor Taylor, however, was not directly implicated, and the attorneys for the Commonwealth intimated that they do not expect to have his name brought forth prominently in the story

of the alleged conspiracy. Golden's testimony tended to show that a plan was made to bring several hundred "regular mountain feudists" to Frankfort, who would, if necessary, as Golden expressed it, "go into the legis-lative hall and kill off enough Democrats to make it our way." When asked if he had any talk with

Caleb or John Powers about Dick Coombs, he replied: "No, but they had the negroes there to kill Goebel. John Powers told me so. They were Hock-er Smith and Dick Coombs. I saw Dick Coombs at the drug store near the depot every morning for a or so previous to the shooting. for a week

or so previous to the shooting. "Coombs, talking to a man named Wallace, in my presence, said with an oath: 'I know him as far as I can see him, and I can kill him as far as I can see him.' He was talking of Goebel. This conversation was in the adjutant general's office. He also said: 'I know his every movement, and I can hit him with this as far as I can see him.'

with this as far as I can see him.' "He carried a Colt's 32, that shoots Winchester cartridge. Coombs was

a which ever carriage. Coolins was in the assistant adjutant general's office on the morning of the shooting, with Hocker Smith and Jim Wallace." The testimony did not show that the alleged plot to kill Goebel was part of the original plan, nor did it contain the names of those who consisted the idea names of those who conceived that idea. But the Commonwealth sought to show by Golden's conversations with various people that not only John and Caleb Powers, but others as well, had full knowledge of the alleged plan of assassination

HUSBANDS APPLY THE TORCH.

Endeavor to Burn to Death Wives With Whom They Have Differences.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Flemrey, an aged

couple of Cheyenne, Wyo., quarreled Saturday night and when the officers arrived Mrs. Flemrey's clothing was in fames and her husband was standing over her with a lighted candle. The woman had been horribly burned, and is not expected to live. Flemrey was rested

Michael Fleming, of Chicago, Ill. set fire to a hed Sunday night upon which his wife was lying with the in-She was die. The tention of causing her death. She was frightfully burned and will die. The couple had quarreled early in the evenINDEPENDENCE ASSURED.

Secretary Root Talks Freely on His Observations During His Recent Tour of the Islands.

Secretary Root has given to President McKinley the results of his observations of affairs in Cuba during his recent trip to the island.

Mr. Root visited the provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio, and vana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio, and made it a point to note carefully the condition of the people and their indus-tries, and to discuss with individuals as well as officials questions affecting their interests. The secretary feels that he is well repaid for the time required to make the trip. He expresses himself as satisfied with what he saw; the people appear to be getting along well, and peace prevails throughout the coun-try.

try. Naturally the question of the ultiat nome until Sunday night. He enter-ed the house with a revolver in his hand and at once began to make sneer-ing remarks to his wife, who was just preparing to go to the Baptist Church to be baptized. The woman answered him and Elder started toward her, when Naturally the question of the ulti-mate independence of the island came up for discussion during the secretary's visit to Cuba, but he was not prepared to say just when the United States gov-criment would be willing that this should be a reality. a daughter interfered. The frenzied man flung the daughter aside and dragged his wife into an adjoining room. The daughter again tried to assist her

at an early date was a subject into which Mr. Root looked very carefully. "These elections," said the secretary, "will be elections," said the secretary, "will be the Cubans' first effort toward popular the Cubans' first effort toward popular government. Unaccustomed as they are to these things, they have everything to learn. The whole plan for making effective the scheme of municipal suf-frage has to be very carefully worked out and the people instructed in all the details. I hardly believe that the au-thorities will be quite ready for hold-ing the elections by the first of May." Mr. Root made it a feature of his visit to talk with the leaders of what has been known as the revolutionary

has been known as the revolutionary element of the population and those who are opposed to annexation to the United States, and he says they are not impatient over what are regarded as necessary and reasonable delays in the formation of a well-established government.

Two Man Were Hanged After He Had Sent the prosperity, and that outside capital, as well as much now there remaining uninvested because of the uncertainty that exists, will find its way into the chan-nels of trade and agriculture. Cotton, the negro who confessed to killing Saunders and Welton, at Em-porta, Va., and O'Grady, the white man who was with him when the mur-

ders occurred, were lynched Saturday, Cotton was hanged first and the men Poor are Starving-Food Prices Advance and who swung up O'Grady were largely negroes. The sheriff of Greenville Congress Blamed for Delay.

negroes. The sheriff of Greenville county had ordered the military under command of Maj. Cutchins, who had been sent to Emporia by Gov. Tyler, to The situation in Puerto Rico is now more serious than it has been at any time since the terrible hurricane. In many places the poor are starving. The price of rice, beans and codfish has withdraw. Maj. Cutchins telegraphed the governor that the prisoners would

increased from 50 to 100 per cent. Demonstrations against the delay of the United States government in settling open questions have recently been held at Mayaguez, Yauco, Arecibo, Aguadil-la, Fajardo, Juana Diaz, Guayama and many other towns. The people are un-able to understand the delay, and they

IRELAND'S OPPORTUNITY.

least 90 days, and will receive, in the aggregate, \$225,000 a month. This is John Redmond Thinks She Can Obtain Anything Desired.

nte wants of the natives. At a Nationalist banquet at the Hotel

AN OIL CITY MAN KILLS HIS WIFE. OUR LOSSES IN PHILIPPINES.

A FIENDISH ACT.

Amos Elder Fires Four Shois With Deadly El

fect-Had Otten Threatened Vio-

lence-Murderer Escapsa.

although the entire police force and hundreds of armed citizens are search

ing for him. About two weeks ago the murdered woman swore out a warrant against her husband for assault and battery, and

since that time Elder had not appeared at home until Sunday night. He enter-

it last he overcame them and, placing

the revolver in his wife's face, fired a

SHERIFF PERMITTED LYCHING.

Troops Home.

RELIEF FOR PORTO RICO.

Revenue-Will be Used In Improvement.

President McKinley Saturday signed

Secretary Root has already declared

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About Filleon Hundred Deaths In the Army Since Occupation; Less Than Hall in Battl:.

War department officials deny recent-ly published statements that Gen, Otts campaign is costing upward of 1,000 men every month. According to the official records, since the American oc-cupation of the Philippines, June 1, 1808, up to February 17, 1000, the date of the last official compilation, the actual mortality in the army in the Philippines was 65 officers and 1,460 men, a total of 1,525, or at the rate of 74 deaths a month. Amos Elder, of Oil City, Pa., an oil operator, shot and killed his wife Sun-day evening after a desperate struggle in which a daughter tried to save her mother's life. The murderer escaped, month.

of 1.525, or at the rate of 74 deaths a month. More details are contained in the re-port of Col. Woodhull, chief surgeon of the Philippine army. His report, however, does not extend beyond the end of the last calendar year. It shows that from the time American troops landed in Manila up to December 1. 1890, the total number of deaths were g8 officers and 1.503 men. Of this number 42 officers and 570 men died by violence, and 16 officers and 603 men, died of disease. Most of the deaths by violence occurred in battle. There were, however, 137 deaths from violence outside of actual hostilities. It is a singular fact that more than one-half of the latter class of deaths were caused by drowning. The total num-ber of wounded without fatal results during the period covered by the re-port was 1.767. mother and the two women prevented Elder from shooting for some time, but

MUST HOLD THE ISLANDS.

Bishop Poller Gives His Impressions of the Philippines.

Bishop Potter, who has just returned from a five months' tour in the Philip-pines, Japan and India, says, referring to the Philippine situation:

pines, Japan and India, says, referring to the Philippine situation: "Whatever we might have done a year or more back, there is but one thing for us to do now, and that is to hold on to the islands and assume the responsibility for their future. The military administration of the islands is beyond praise. Gen, Otis has not re-ceived halt the recognition to which he is entitled. His position has been one of extreme delicacy. New situations are arising daily, and he has handled them all with discretion. One thing is evident and that is that the Filipinos are in no condition for self-govern-ment. If a civil government were im-posed it would need a large military ment. If a civil government were im-posed it would need a large military

force to maintain it. "Several friends of Aguinaldo," con-"Several friends of Aguinaldo," con-tinued the bishop, "called upon me in Hong Kong, and they told me that they were satisfied that there could be no success for his undertaking. The better class of Filipinos are satisfied that American occupation means ip-creased prosperity and are not raising any objections."

A BATTLEFIELD PARK.

A Bill to Set Apart 6,000 Acres of Historie Ground in Virginia.

Representative May, of Virginia Tuesday filed the report of the House Tuesday filed the report of the Houss committee on military affairs on the bill establishing a national battlefield memorial park of 6,000 acres on the sites of the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House. The re-port states that more men were here engaged than in any battle in the world's history, aggregating at least in the least world's history, aggregating at least 500,000, with losses in killed and wounded on both sides amounting to 120.838. The entrenchments over the entire field are said to be in a remarka-

ble state of preservation. At Fredericksburg, also, is the home of the mother of Washington still in-fact and a monument erected by the Daughters of the American Revolu-Daughters of the American Revolu-tion. Here, too, Capt. John Smith an-chored his little bark and fought the Indians in 1608, and within sight of the city were born Washington, Monroe, Jefferson, Madison, the Lees of both the revolutionary and civil wars, and Zachary Taylor. The report adds that in Virginia the great war began and ended and not an acre of this soil, where more men fell than on all the other battlefields of the war, has yet been dedicated as a national park.

shot. The woman fell to the floor and the The woman tell to the floor and the man stood looking at her for several moments and then deliberately fired three more shots into her prostrate body. He then walked out of the house and disappeared, the daughter

fatal

house and disappeared, the daughter fearing to venture out to give an alarm until she was satisfied that her father was not about the premises. Elder was not drunk at the time and until a few months ago had been an industrious man, being in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. Of late, however, he has not been working steadily and treated his fouries her allo however, he has not been working steadily and treated his family brutally.

When a stable and settled policy of rule has been established, the secretary believes the island will have a season of

PUERTO RICAN RIOTS FEARED.

be lynched if they were left unprotect ed, but the governor replied that the sole responsibility was on the sheriff. Hard-ly had the troops left the town before the mob broke into the jail. Gov, Ty-ler said last night that he could not keep the soldiers at Emporia without declaring martial law and he did not feel that the conditions warranted that.

condemn all Americans indiscriminate ly. Bad feeling is arising which it wil take years to overcome. Even riots are threatened. Trouble is almost in-evitable unless the tension is relieved. Even wealthy land owners cannot com-McKinley Signs Bill Refunding \$2,000,000 a mand ready cash, and many Americans are penniless, being glad to work for the bill returning to Puerto Rico more

their board. J. J. Roche, editor of the Boston Pilot, who has spent some time in than \$2,000,000 of revenue collected ann guaranteeing the return of all customs tatiff and revenues collected in the fu-Pilot, who has spent some time in Puerto Rico, says the United States is ture. in the ungracious position of having de-prived Puerto Rico of its foreign trade his intention to put 25,000 men to work and given it nothing in return. The great trouble with the island, he de-clares, is that it is over-populated. on the roads as soon as this bill be-came a law, and thereby relieve the condition of starvation on the islands. These men will be kept at work for at

is thought, will tide over the present situation and will relieve the immedi-

15 shot his father. George Finch. through the heart Tuesday night to save his mother from being cut to pieces. When taken into custody the boy wept bitterly and said he expected to be hanged at once, but that he would do the deed again if necessary to protect his mother. Finch was a laborer, used cocaine, drank heavily and had been fined numberless times for beating his wife. At the supper table he worked himself up into a frenzy over nothing, knocked his wife down and was about to cut her throat when his son fired the contents of a shotgun into his chest.

CABLE FLASHES.

Two fresh cases of bubonic plague have been officially reported at Sydney, Australia.

There were 4.725 deaths from bubonic plague in the province of Bengal, In-dia, last week, and the disease is spreading fast.

Sydney, capital of New South Wales, and Adelaide, capital of South Aus-tralia, have been declared infected with the bubonic plague.

The Argentine cruiser Presidente Sarmiento is visiting ports of Spain and her officers are being signally honored by the Castilians.

The Duke of Orleans was attacked y a bear during a hunt in southern pain, but killed the animal after receiving a slight wound.

Eight ladies and gentlemen belonging to the best Paris society were found in an opium joint, raided by the police, in a state of intoxication.

The French Chamber of Deputies passed the finance bill after the Right-ists had refused to vote on the ground that the government is wrong in all is policies.

The French government has rati fied the agreement delaying the rati-fication of the reciprocity treaty with the United States to March 24, 1901.

Swiss watch makers are combining to protect themselves from American competition. Prizes are being offered to develop improvements in the Swiss watch which will tend to maintain its utation.

In the palace of justice, Paris, Bar-din, a disappointed litigant, fired three shots at the judge, whose head the bul-lets grazed. While the police were re-moving Bardin, the judge coolly told the next lawyer to continue his case.

Thirty workmen were injured Wednesday by the fall of an elevator in the building of the Blakely Printing Company, Chicago. No fatalities are nobody's expected.

Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, on Saturday removed the first earth on the work of constructing Gotham's \$36, 000,000 underground rapid transit rail way system.

A trustee was appointed in Chicago for the bankrupt Combination Investment Company, a "get-rich-quick" con-cern that has debts of \$300,000 and assets of \$25,000.

Representatives of the starving Puerto Ricans will attend the proposed mass meeting in New York and protest further against placing a tariff upon the imports from that country.

U. S. Judge Hunger, in the U. court at Omaha, sustained the right of the Nebraska State board of transportation to enforce the reduced rate it has made on railroads in the State.

While washing down the walls of a building in which a fire had been ex-tinguished two hours before three New York firemen were killed and two in-jured by the collapse of the first floor. C. R. Ellicott, of Philadelphia, Pa., has bought the Mont Alto furnace, near Chambersburg, and 23,000 acres of coal land, the plant to be operated within 90 days. It has been idle for ten years. The committee of the British cabinet considering a form of government for South Africa has decided on a scheme similar to that of Canada. Lord Reay is spoken of as the probable governor general.

Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, with with a silver spade dug the first earth in the beginning of the great under-ground rapid transit system which is to be constructed in that city at a cost of \$36,000,000.

Four suits have been brought against the bondsmen of John Blevins, the murdered city treasurer of New Castle, Pa. and who was also treasurer of the city school fund. The audit of the school books shows a deficit of something like \$11,000.

William T. Stead, editor of the "Re-view of Reviews," in an interview at Paris declared that the coming presi-dential campaign in the United States will be fought on the question of friend-liness to England and that England has lost the good feeling of America. He said the peace movement is worse than a cornse.

ing, and Fleming had vainly tried to borrow a shotgun with which to kill his wife. When arrested he said it was nobody's business what he did in his mare. own home.

Coffeeyville, Kas., is having an ex-citing fight over the contest for city city clerk between two young women. Miss Elliott is the Republican nominee, and Miss Rose Bell, a school teacher, is the nominee on the citizens' ticket. Miss Elliott's father, the late Captain D. C. Elliott, of the Twentieth Kansas, killed in action in the Philippines, formerly held the office.

"THE AMERICAN GIRL" IS CAST.

Maud Adams' Figure in Gold Ready for the Paris Exposition.

The gold statue of "The American Girl," which is to be exhibited at the Paris exposition, was successfully cast Wednesday in New York. Miss Maude Adams, the actress, was the model, and Mrs. Bessie Potter Vonnah the sculp-Adams, the

The statue, mounted on its base, will The statue, mounted on its base, will be six feet in height. It weighs 712 pounds, and the bullion used is valued at \$187,000. Miss Adams' gown is of the simplest sort. It is a summer, dress of chiffon. Lace ruffles extend its length and gathered at the waist they give a kind of blouse effect at the bosom. The sleeves are tight from shoulder to wrist. The arms drop to full length on both sides. The hair waves back from the forchead and is full length on both sides. The hair waves back from the forchead and is parted slightly to the loft. The pose is that of taking a step forward, denot-ing "progress."

The internal revenue receipts for February are reported as \$20,800,000, an increase of \$1,160,000 over February, 1880.

Boy Bank Clerk Absconds.

Thomas Stewart, a clerk in the First National bank of Easton, Pa., the bank officials say, has absconded. According

officials say, has absconded. According to the bank's story, he took \$1,700 of the bank's money. On Saturday Stew-art was sent to the Northampton Na-tional bank in that city to make settle-ment of the previous day's business be-tween the two banks. The balance due the First National, \$1,700, was paid Stewart and he departed. He reported to the First National bank, but did not lewe the money there. He said he was sick and was normitted to go home.

Ceril, London, Tuesday evening, John Redmond, leader of the Nationalist party in the House of Commons, said he regarded the last nine years of pub-lic life in Ireland as a hideous night-

"Our reunion is sincere," he continued, "and there is nothing, humanly speaking, which the 86 Irish members of Parliament cannot obtain from the exigencies of the British parties. It is incredible that English statesmen can be so blind to the teaching of history as to imagine that serious practical grievances can be mitigated by a royal

grievances can be mitigated by a royal visit to Ireland or by a British celebra-tion of St. Patrick's day." Edward Blake, member of parlia-ment, who proposed the toast, "Ireland, a nation," was greeted with hostile cries. A disturbance ensued and the police were called in to restore or-der.

ENGLISH BUY ALABAMA COAL.

Purchase of Two Million Tons at \$1.25 per Ton at New Orleans.

An English syndicate of coal dealers An Engine synchrate of coal dealers is said to have closed a deal by which 2,000,000 tons of Alabama coal are to be delivered at the port of New Or-leans for exportation within two years' time. The purchase price agreed upon in the contract is said to be 75 cents a ton at the mouth of the coal pits. Fifty cents a ton is to be allowed for transcents a ton is to be allowed for trans portation to New Orleans. The entire The entire 2,000,000 tons are to be reloaded and shipped by steamer at this port. The English syndicate will run its own line of steamers girect to New Orleans

and the ordinary brokerage in handling the ships is to be cut off. On an average one steamer is expected to load and sail each month during the 24 months' time limit. This is one of the most important financial transactions in the south in recent years.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

A bill to exclude the book "Sapho' from the mails has been introduced in the House by Representative Fitzgerld, of Massachusetts. A National Civil Service Retirement ald.

A National Civil Service Retirement Association, to provide annuities for retired employes of the government has been organized at Washington. Seventeen assistant surgeons of the army have been ordered to Manila to relieve the same number now there. The list includes Conn R. Ohlinger, of Can-ton, O.; John N. Metrick, of Columbus, and Luther P. Howell, of Washington Court House, O.

Besides the roadwork. will be put to work on the peblic buildings and wharves and piers. 10 the meantime, the commissary department will continue to send rations every available transport to relieve the

distress of the suffering.

Mormons in Mexico.

The several Mormon colonies Mexico have been increased in popula-tion by the arrival of over 5,000 Mormon immigrants from Utah, during the last two months. The colonies were established under concessions granted by the Mexican government.

An Ally for Macrum

E. G. Woodford, of New York, a mining engineer in South Africa for 25 years, has come home to stand by ex-Consul Macrum in his charges charge against the British government. In an interview he said:

"Macrum is a gentleman and a man of brains. His coming home from Pretoria was a necessity of the faithful performance of his duty. I know that official mail addressed to Macrum was opened by the British censors, because I saw the letters in the consultate at Pretoria with the censor's sticker an-nouncing, that they had been examin-

Woodford thinks the Boers will hold out a year longer at least, declaring that when the British finally close around Pretoria there will be an army of probably 35,000 defending the Boer capital.

Brazilian Election Frauds.

The preliminary sessions of the new congress will begin in April, but aleady enough is known to demonstrate. the fact that never before in the history of Brazil were such fraud and corrup tion practiced as in the recent elections. It is expected that no fewer than 150 seats will be contestd.

Mountain Has Slipped.

Great excitement prevails in Jacinto, Cal., as it has been discovered that part of San Jacinto mountain has slipped into a subterranean cavern. Territory into a subterranean cavern. Territory covering 600 acres at an elevation of 4.000 feet was dislodged by the Christ-mas earthquake and slipped 150 feet lower than it had stood for centuries. The face of the new valley is thickly traversed with fissures and cracks, vary-ing in width from an inch to six feet and it is not possible to see the bottom nor to sound the depths by throwing stones into them.

English Army Frauds.

A London dispatch says disclosures of fraudulent contracts in the victual-ling of troops at the front promises to make a big sensation before terms of peace are settled. Mr. Lowther, one of the strongest tories in the house of commons and chairman of the com-mittee of the whole house, has taken the matter in hand and seems determined to carry it through. Another phase of the question shows

army officers as deep in the mud as contractors. The Mail says if it becomes known, that the names of every member of a firm detected in fraud will be publicly posted such practices will quickly become rarer. "We do not iorget that the names of the firms who supplied the troops of the Soudan with

rotten boots as described by the late G. W. Stevens, have never been made public. Mr. Balfour has promised to wage war against the fraudulent con-tractors, and it is to be trusted that he will strongly advocate wide and instant publicity.

POWERS ARE SNUBBED.

Chinese Anti-Foreign Party is Becoming Stronger Daily-Officials Rewarded.

The ascendancy of the anti-foreign The ascendancy of the anti-foreign party is becoming more pronounced daily. The dowager empress appears unable to sufficiently reward the offi-cials who exhibit marked hostility to everything not Chinese. Hen-Tung, probably the most bitter anti-foreign official of the empire, has been decor-ated with the three-eyed peacock feath-er, which had not been conferred for 80 years.

er, which had not been conferred for 80 years. The notorious Li Peng Hing, who was dismissed from the governorship of Shantung, on German demand, has been advanced to the first rank, and the former governor, You Sen, of Shan-tung, has been appointed governor of the Shan-Si district, a snub to the pow-ers interested and likely to prejudic British interests in the province, as th powers believe his maladministration th cause of the present state of affairs Shantung. Shantung.

Four men were instantly killed, of farally injured, and two seriously jured by the explosion of a sawn boiler near Anthony, Ind., Friday.