MINISTERS SAFE.

Dispatch From Consul Fowler Confirms the Capture After an Obstinate Fight-Japan Lost Over One Hundred Men.

Telegrams from Shanghai, dated Tues day, say: Numerous reports from Pe king have arrived describing the situation at the Chinese capital. The Chi nese are again desperately attacking the legations, which had very few defenders left. It is also alleged that Prince Tuan and 100 high officials have left Peking, and that the news of the capture of Yangtsun caused a heavy exodus o

The execution of Cheng Yin Huan, the Cantonese who was special ambassador of China to Queen Victoria's jubilee, has created widespread terror, and it is believed to be a fact that Yu Lu, the former viceroy of Pechili, was killed in battle of Version. in battle at Yangtsun.

The Chinese since the success of the allies at Ten.

The Chinese Minister in London, Sir Chih Lo Feng Luh, is quoted as say-ing that he believed that peace would be established between China and the

powers within the next six weeks.

A dispatch to Vienna from Hong Kong announces the capture of Pekin, but the Austrian Government, like other European powers, is still without confirmation of this report. An official telegram dated Taku, Wednesday, has been received at Rome, which asserts that the attack on Pekin began Mon-day; that Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister, has opened communi cations with the relieving force and that the alies have established their head-quarters at Tung Chow.

Chinese officials in Shanghai are re-ported as admitting that the allies in-

dicted a heavy defeat on the Chinese imperial troops around Tung Chow Sunday, and then marched direct on Pelin. This, if true, carries the Japanese official advices announcing the capture of Tung Chow one sten (urther

of Tung Chow one step further.

The Western powers, according to a dispatch from Kobe, have accepted the proposals formulated by Japan for arranging an armistice, dependent upon the immediate delivery of the foreign legations to the allies or the granting of permission to the allied forces to en-ter Pekin and to guard the legations. Upon these bases Japan has already be

gun to negotiate.

Dispatches dated Friday say: The acting Secretary of State makes public the following telegram received Friday morning from the United States Consultat Chefu: The Japanese admiral reports the allies attacked Peking, east, on Wednesday. They met with obstinare resistance.

In the evening this message was also received: The Japanese entered the capital with other forces and immediate-ly surrounded the legations. Immates were safe. The Japanese loss was over 100: Chinese, 300. "Fowler."

were sate. The Japanese loss was over 100: Chinese, 300. "Fowler." The Navy Department Sunday re-ceived the following dispatch from Rear Adhural Remey, dated at Taku, Satur-day: "Telegraph line to Pekin interruptday: "Telegraph line to Pekin interrupted. Information, Japanese sources, Empress Dowager detained by Prince Yunged; inner city, which is being bombarded by allies. Chaffee reports entered legation grounds evening 14th. Eight wounded during day's fighting: otherwise all well."

A Shanghai dispatch announces the death of Li Ping Hong, Cheng and Chang Lui Lin in the fighting before Pekin. Li Ping Hong was the former Vicercy of Shanghai who took up with the Boxer cause and became the most

the Boxer cause and became the most

The mandarins in the Southern provinces have issued a proclamation recog-nizing the capture of Pekin as just punishment of reactionary officials and warning the people not to interfere with foreigners, but also point out that the sole object of the powers should be the punishment of the Boxers and then the restoration of peace, confining their.

Pear cider broke up a Methodist picture at Clarksburg, Md., and may end in murder, William G. Davis being perhaps fatally beaten.

The agent at the Devils Lake Indian restoration of peace, confining their operations to the norh.

Conspired for Regicide

A youth about 20 years of age was arrested at Leipsic Thursday who adthe Government was baying conspired to kill King ing him a pension. arrested at Leipsic Inursday who admits having conspired to kill King Albert of Saxony. He says he was appointed by lot to perform the deed, but that his courage failed him. His identity has not yet been established, but a dagger and a loaded revolver were found on his person.

England Serves Notice

Referring to the landing of British troops at Shanghai, Mr. Broderick, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, says the Government was prepared to land forces if necessary for the protection of British lives and interests, adding significantly: "We all know that we are determined to risk everything and to put forward all our strength and resolution hefore allowing British interests to go before allowing British interests to go because of poisoning ner.

The mine strike at Hazleton, for a pay-day on the 15th instead of the 18th of the month, is over, the company compromising on the 17th.

Filipino correspondence captured by General Funston's command includes a highly treasonable letter from a Boston anti-imperialist, advising them to capture high United States officers and deal with them as pirates. before allowing British interests to go down in any part of the world."

Will Purchase in America.

Admiral Ahmed Pasha, who was sent to the United States by the Sultan to consider the advisability of purchasing a warship from an American ship-building firm, has returned to Constantinople and advises that contract will be made with a Philadelphia firm for one cruiser. The admiral says the American type of ship is superior to all others.

Cattle Dying From An hrox.

Anthrox has broken out in a herd of 150 cattle about three miles from Tunk-hannock, Ps., and five have already died. Parts of the diseased animals were sent to the State department at Harrisburg for analysis. A reply stated they con-tained anthrox bacilli. Dr. L. E. Meade has vaccinated the hving animals and has them quarantined.

State Gets \$100,000 Taxes.

Telegrams from Harrisburg, Pa., say the Auditor General's department has completed a settlement of the capital stock tax against the Erie railroad sysstock tax against the Eric ratiroad system, the amount being nearly \$100,000. The tax covers a period of three years, and is based on the value of the earning capacity under the "Espano" decision. The Eric has hereto are not paid tax on its capital stock of the ground that it was bonded beyond its actual

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Blevins' bondsmen at New Castle won't settle.

The Prussian Government is issuing orders for 480 locomotives.

The New York race riots have ceased and order has been restored.

A windstorm blew down to derricks in the Scio (O.) oil field Thursday. Great forest fires are raging in the county of Crestone and Loveland, Col. Germany has chartered to steamers to

convey stores from San Francisco to China. A ban has been placed on women tel-egraphers by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The Boers report that their forces ur der General Dewci has captured 4,000

British troops. Former United States Senator John J Ingalis died at Los Vegas, New Mex o, Thursday.

San Salvador has decided to make an exhibit at the Pan-American Exposi-tion in Buffalo.

Heavy rains in Belmont and Jeffer-on counties, O., washed away severa railroad bridges.

Three men were killed in a grade crossing accident at Palm, Montgom ery county, Pa.

The severe drouth in Kansas is ex pected to reduce the corn crop to about 100,000,000 bushels.

Another attempt to kill the Shah of Persia is said to have been made by an anarchist at Osteno. Boer generals, Dewet and Delary,

having joined hands, will drive British from West Transvaal.. Thursday Chief Justice Henry Green, Pennsylvania Supreme Court

died at Atlantic City. Memorial services in honor of the

ington, W. Va., Friday. Congressman Cousins, of Iowa, say his State will give 85,000 majority fo McKinley and Roosevelt.

taining five or six days.

Labor leaders are trying to organize Company at Monessen, Pa.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to rob the postoffice and a bank at Waynesburg, Pa., Thursday.

Organization of the National Roofing dollar Company has been completed at Wheeling. Pa. Capital, \$50,000,000.

Albert Evans, living near Hannas-town, Pa., was attacked by a vicious bull and perhaps fatally injured. Lightning struck Morris Betts & Co.'s raw and planing mill at Homer City, Pa., and it was burned. Loss, \$1,000.

A panic on a bridge at the Paris position resulted in the death of two persons and the injury of a large num-

A Lake Shore train plunged through a bridge into the bay at Ashtabula. Several trainmen and passengers were in

The Pennsylvania Company has prepared plans to meet the competition of the trolley lines with the steam rail

There is no immediate prospect of breaking the deadlock in Meadville, Pa. over the election of city school superin-

The coal operators have refused to treat with the United Mine Workers on the ground that the workers have no grievances.

George Greucutt has sued the New Castle Traction Company for \$t0,000 for the death of his son, John, hurt in an accident.

Germany produced 1,580,000 tons of raw sugar in the year ending July 31, as against 1,520,000 tons for the previ-

The agent at the Devils Lake Indian reservation in North Dakota has tels-

reservation in North Dakota has telz- enemy or his scorts graphed that smallpox has broken out be liable to be razed. among the Indians. Frank Atkinson, a Spanish-American

war veteran, committed suicide because the Government was slow about grant-Governor Stone has informed Roche

ter, Pa., people, that the chances for or-ganization of new Tenth regiment corapanies are very slim.

Ulridi Rupprecht shot himself dead on the grave of his recently deceased wife at Norwich, Conn. He was sus-

with them as pirates.

Locomotives, steamships and shops of Southern Pacific system stopped seven minutes during funeral services of Col-

A 3-year-old son of Plummer Wick, of West Sunbury, Butler county, fell into a bucket of boiling hot water. Death resulted in a few hours. The steamer City of Seattle has ar-

rived from Skagway with 215 passen-gers, 125 of whom are from Dawson, and about \$200,000 in gold dust.

Two Italian anarchists, just landed, suspected of designs upon President McKinley's life, are held up at New York quarantine for deportation. Lightning struck a Beaver Valley traction car at Bridgewater, Pa., sturning both motorman and conductor. The three passengers did not feel the

A Windber (Pa.) mob dumped th two Chinese residents of the town into out of town, warning them never to re

Only the timely arrival of neighbors prevented sand-baggers from murdering the trap and gave them the money. They Farmer William Ringle on Chestnut ridge. Westmoreland county. Robbery went away and all trace of them has been lost.

POWERS FOUND GUILTY BY JURORS

HIS FATE FIXED.

The Ex-Secretary of State of Kentucky Sentenced to Imprisonment for Life-Mother Prostrated by the Verdict.

Caleb Powers, ex-secretary of the

The jury was composed of eight Goe-bel Democrats, three anti-Goebel Dem-ocrats and one Republican. Only one ballot was taken and it resulted unani-mously in favor of life imprisonment. Powers was seated near the jury room door. He almost fainted when the

rerdict was rendered.

The trial lasted six weeks and was marked by sharp tilts between counsel for the defense and Judge Cantrill. The arguments of the attorneys occupied the ast two days, and the case went to the ury Saturday afternoon, the verdict be-

ng reached in a short time. Caleb Powers' mother has been prosrated ever since her son's conviction. Mrs. Powers said her son had at all times proclaimed his innocence to her and she relies upon his word. Powers father is an old man, a farmer of mod-erate means. He has almost exhausted his financial resources in his son's be-

AX FACTORY BURNED.

Flames Destroy the Largest Plant of Kind in the World.

The entire plant of the Kelly Ax Manufacturing Company, valued at \$800,000, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. It was the largest ax factory in the world, employing between 800 and 1,000 men when running at full force. The company had just enlarged the factory, increasing the output fully one-third. W. O. Kelly, president of the company, formerly owned and operated a factory in Louisville, Ky., and re-moved to Alexandria, Ind., in 1883.

The fire started in the grinding de-partment of the ax factory. A strong wind carried the flames to the pump house and doomed the entire works to destruction. In a short time the whole plant, covering to acres, was reduced to ashes, it was the only plant not in the trusts and was valued at nearly a million dollars. So far as known no one was

THREE MINERS DEAD. Their Bodies Taken From a Burning Col

liery-Sixty Mules Cremated. After many hours of desperate battling with deadly white damp, one of the suc-cessive rescuing parties succeeded Sunday in locating the bodies of George and William Tompkins and Charles L. and William Tompkins and Charles I.
Ritis, who were entombed Saturday in
the burning Primtose colliery at Mahoney City, Pa. The bodies were found
near the middle of the tunnel. They
were lying in a heap. The three men,
while on their way down the slope to
avoid the smoke, passed a surface air
hole and missed a chance to escape.

The 60 mules, which were in the mine
when it was discovered on fire, are also

when it was discovered on fire, are also when it was discovered on he, are also burned, and were raised to the surface. The fire is still burning furiously and the mine officials are bending every ef-fort to extinguish the flames.

ROBERTS BECOMES STERN.

Burghers Who Break Oath of Neutrality Liable to Death.

Lord Roberts' proclamation, after re citing the fact that many have broken the oath to maintain neutrality and that the leniency extended to the burghers is not appreciated, warns all who break their oaths in the future that they will be punished by death, imprisonment or

He declares that all burghers in districts occupied by the British except those who take the oath will be regarded as prisoners of war and transported and that buildings on farms where the

Colombian Rebels Surrender.

General Alban, civil governor and military commander of the department of Panama, telegraphs that he has received a dispatch from Socorro an-nouncing the absolute surrender of the rebel forces under Vargas Santos, Fo-cion Soto and Uribe at San Vicente. General Uribe escaped to Barranca.

Another Express Robbery.

Somewhere between Chicago and Burlington, Iowa, an express package, suplington, Iowa, an express package, sup-posed to contain \$25,000, is alleged to have gone astray. When the money was expressed from the Chicago bank it was wrapped in the usual way by which money is transmitted. In due course of time the Burlington agent of the railroad received a similar package,

Germany Sends a Big Army.

Count von Waldersee and his staff. The field marshal will be presented with a field marshal's baton. The dates when the additional 7,500 men will leave Bremerhaven for China have been fixed. Eight steamers will sail on August 31, September 4 and September 7, carrying much artillery, including howitzers and shells.

Buncced a Farmer.

Joseph Witter, a wealthy farmer at Wittens Landing, Ohio, has been bun-Western Pennsylvania penitentiary coed out of \$1,000. Two men told him guards exonerated by the investigation of the board of inspectors, and police give up hopes of solving the funnel coed out of \$1,000. Two men told him they wanted to borrow that amount and

ELUSIVE DEWET.

Gives British the Slip and Joins Gen. Delarey. Steyn's Death Reported-British Soldiers Consured.

According to a dispatch to the London Daily Express from Lourenzo Marquez, dated Thursday, it is reported that General DeWet has succeeded in joining hands with Commandant DeLarey.

Caleb Powers, ex-secretary of the State of Kentucky, Saturday was found guilty of complicity in a conspiracy to nurrier Goebel, and was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The jury was composed of eight Goebel Democrats, three anti-Goebel Democrats and one Republican. Only one hallot was released in the sentence of would prevent his flight by force if

The burghers, according to the same authority, share this view. The Trans-vaalers have 90 guns at Machadodorp,

with abundant provisions.
Viscount Wolseley, field marshal and commander-in-chief of the British army, delivered the most scathing condemnanessing Thursday's maneuvers. He de-elared that the 30,000 men who partici-pated were utterly unfit to send abroad, being badly led and badly taught.

METHODISTS DID IT ALL. Bishop Morrison Takes All the Blame for Chi-

nese Trouble. At Louisville, Ky., Bishop Henry M. Morrison, of the Methodist Church, South, delivered a sensational address at

the laying of the Fourth Avenue Methodist Church cornerstone, in which he declared that the Methodists were responsible for the present trouble in China. He said:

"I thank God that Allen and Lambeth over there and the Methodists in this country are responsible for the present trouble in China. With bowed head I trouble in China. With bowed head I thank God that in some small way I am to blame for the unrest in China today. I thank God that each and every one of you and all the Methodists in this country are to blame,"

He proceeded to say that it was the pushing spirit of the church and the conduct of the Methodists in China that caused the trouble. The present unrest, he said, was a foreshadowing of the time when China would be cut from end to end by the armies of the cross.

Among other things he said that the only reason the north pole had not been reached was because no Methodist missionary had been ordered to proceed to that region and evangelize the inhabitants.

DEADLY WAR THREATENS

Whites Patrolling Georgia Station-Women and Children Sent Away.

Liberty City, Ga., is being patrolled y hundreds of armed men, two troops of cavalry, the Liberty Independents and Liberty Guards, while men are sending away their women and children to escape the troubles that are expected to break out afresh after a short ces

It is another of those race trouble that grew out of the killing of a white man by irresponsible negroes in a sec-tion where the blacks outnumber the whites three to one.

Since the riot's inception two which men and three negroes have been killed, one white man has been seriously wounded by a powder explosion, and last night's rioting culminated in the accidental sheoting of Colonel James-Thomas, a prominent Wayne county politician politician.

To Mold Public Opinion.

Senor Jurado, the Filipino lawyer in London, is arranging to take six English-speaking Filipinos to the United States in September to lecture, giving Filipino arguments against a continua-tion of the war in the Philippines.

Jurado, who has been writing a zeries of articles for Filipino papers in Manila, convincing his countrymen that the Americans mean only the best for the islands, said to-day: "If we go to the United States we shall remain on the stump till the November election. We shall not ally ourselves with any party, but will endeavor to mold public party, but will endeavor to mold public."

Va., Sold.

A deal has been closed by which a Wheeling syndicate represented by Col. W. W. Arnest sells to a Philadelphia syndicate in which the Pennsylvania rail-troad is known to be interested, 7,000 to 10,000 acres of coal land above Wheeling, in Brooke count. W. Va., the consideration being between \$168,000 and Louis Kosok, of Chicago, is at the Country Business auffering from lead points. are harbored will the United States we shall remain on the stump till the November election.

We shall not ally ourselves with any party, but will endeavor to mold public opinion that, whoever is elected president, will not dare to continue a policy so objectionable to the majority of the

We desire to give the American people ample proof that we are quite ca-pable of self-government, and are not irresponsible savages."

Tarred and Feathered.

Clayton Baker, assistant county attorney of Blaine county, Oklahoma, was tarred and feathered at Cloud Chief, O. T., by angry citizens of that town. Cloud Chici and Cordell, two rival towns, each wanted the county seah and Baker was leader in Cordell's support. He boasted that the Cloud Chief people were stuff-ing the ballot box, and when the votes were counted it was learned that Cordell one sent by them.

Representatives of the corporations interested in the matter spent a busy day Sunday investigating the mystery of the missing package and laying plans for the arrest of the 10bber—if the money was stolen between Chicago and Burlington.

A letter has been reconstruction, and e church with them masked men grabbed him and carried him away to the woods, where he was stripped, tarred and feathered. They then tied him to a tree and left him.

Deserted S.

Next Sunday Emperor William will receive at Wilhelmshohe Field Marshal Count von Waldersee and his staff. The field marshal will be presented with a enemy, and also of advising other sol-

lowance due, or to become due, and to be confined at hard labor for a period of 40 years. General MacAtthur ap-proved the sentence and designated Bil-hid prison, Manila, as the place of con-

Kentuckians Use Their Guns.

PENSION ROLL SHOWS AN INCREASE

ANNUAL REPORT.

During Last Twelve Months 45,344 Names Have Been Added-Value of Roll New, \$131.534,544.

According to his annual report, just made public, Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans added 45,344 names to the rolls of his department the last 12 morths. Death, re-marriage and other causes took off 43,334 during the same period. The number of pensioners on the rolls was 993,529, a net increase in number of 2,010.

The annual value of the roll at the close of the year 1800 was \$11,617,061.

close of the year 1800 was \$131,617,061, while at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900, it was \$131,534,514.
Thus, while the roll increased in numbers during the year, it decreased in annual value to the amount of \$83,417, occasioned mainly by the death of pensioners who were receiving high rate of pension.

For the same reason there was

slight decrease in the average value sight decrease in the average value of all pensions from \$132.74 to \$132.39. It will be noted that the average rate under the general laws has increased from \$165.70 to \$167.53, while the average rate under the act of June 27, 1890, has decreased from \$168.90 to \$168.28.

The average annual value of pensions granted on account of average tables.

granted on account of service in the war with Spain has decreased from \$108.53 to \$169.10. This is still a high average as compared with the rate of pension paid to other pensioners, and the aver-age rates will probably soon conform to the general average of pensioners on the

The probabilities, says the com-missioner, are that the new legislation enacted by the present Congress will re-sult in a large increase in the number of pensioners and in the annual value of the pension roll during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901.

MANY AMERICAN AWARDS.

Exhibitors From United States Carried Off 1.981 Prizes at Paris.

The list of awards to American ex The list of awards to American exhibitors at the Paris Exposition has been made public. The United States secured 1,981 awards. Of these 220 were grand prizes, 486 gold medals, 283 silver medals, 422 bronze medals, 270 honorable mentions, and a long list of gold, silver and bronze medals for collabora-Every line of industry and art anskill is given recognition. American farm products and American mines and forestry receive grand prizes and gold medals, and American cottons, woolens and silks are given the same considera-tion as are American harvesting machinery, sewing machines, printing presses liberal arts and transportation, while sil verware, jewelry, art and education and placed in the front

REIGN OF TERROR AT NOME.

Incendiaries, Thugs and Thieves Attempt to Eurn and Loot the Town.

For a week or more prior to the departure of the steamer Centennial from Nome, which arrived at Seattle, Wash. Thursday, thugs, thieves and firebugs had kept the city in a state of suppressed excitement and talk of lynching was to be heard on every street corner. The crimes were apparently the work of an organized gang.

Greatest indication has been aroused.

Greatest indignation has been aroused by the discovery and frustration of at least three attempts to burn the civ. streets that a gang of firebugs had planned to start fires in various parts of the city simultaneously and loot the banks, shops and stores during the prog-tess of a general conflagration.

TWO BIG COAL DEALS. Many Thousand Acres Near Wheeling, W.

sideration being between \$168,000 and \$200,000. The property is on the Ohio river and on the Panhandle railroad. Another deal is announced, by which Schaffer & Ullomo, of Wheeling, dispose of 6,000 acres on Boggs run, south of Wheeling, in Marshall county, to J. V. Thomoson, president of the First National bank of Uniontown, Pa.

Another Battleship Another first-class battleship is about to be added to the United Shares navy It is the Wisconsin, building at the Union iron works, San Francisco. This vessel is a sister ship of the Illinois and Alabama. It has a displacement of In-525 tons and indicated horsepower of 10,000, and carries a main battery of 16

A letter has been received at the Navy Department from her builders, saving that favorable progress is being me her construction, and expressing the be-lief that she will be ready for her offi-cial speed trial, if nothing unforescen oc-

Captured in Paris.

The Stare Department, at Washington. D. C. has received a dispatch from Ambassador Porter, at Paris, stating that Jose Castro Garcia, a fugitive from justice from Puerro Rico, had landed at Havre, had confessed to the charge of

New Date for Memorial Day.

Commander-in-Chief A. D. Shaw, or the Grand Army of the Republic, says The Adkins and Howards have had a bloody battle in Elliot county, Ky, in which one of the Howards was killed and another fatally wounded. One of the Howards was killed and another fatally wounded. One of the Howards and one of Lindsay Adkin's boys quarreled over a young woman, after which both went home and brought back other members of their families for reinforcements. All the Adkins have been arrested.

that at the coming convention in Chicago a resolution will probably be passed to change the date of Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Sunday in May. Heavy floods have occurred in Japan and 200 persons are reported drowned. In many places railroad traffic has been interrupted.

Prof. Herman Riegel, the well known art historian and director of the inuscum faithful and proper observation of the day. that at the coming convention in Chi-

WAR UPON NEGROES.

inferiated Mob in New York Deals in Bloodshed and Riot-Killing of a Policeman Causes Troub e.

A mob of several hundred persons

A mob of several hundred persons formed at 11 o'clock Wednesday night in front of the home of Policeman Robert J. Thorpe, in New York, to wreak vengeance upon the negroes of that neighborhood because one of the race had caused the policeman's death. Thorpe was stabbed and bruised last Sunday night by several negroes while he was attempting to arrest a colored woman, and died Monday.

In a few moments the mob swelled to 1.500 people or more, and as they became violent the negroes fled in terror into any hiding place they could get.

The police reserves from four stations, numbering 400, were called out. The mob of white men raged through the streets, and negroes, regardless of age or sex, were attacked. A score were injured. It took the combined efforts of the reserves, with as many more policemen on patrol, to restore order. Clubs were used until the police were almost exhausted. Revolvers were emptied into the air and in one or two instances fired at the upper stories of the high tenements, from which the negroes defensively fired bricks, paving stones and other missiles.

For the next hour the streets were filled with a rioting, surging mob. It

other missiles.

For the next hour the streets were filled with a rioting, surging mob. It was a scene on very much the same order as took place a few days ago in New Orleans. New York has seldom had its equal. The shouting of the men, the shricking of the women, the lamentations of the children, the shooting of revolvers, crashing of windows and all made a pandemonium.

made a pandemonium.

The policemen in other parts did much clubbing, but the injured men were all negroes.

AMATEURISH POLICY.

English Attache Says Only Americans Fotlowed a Correct Policy.

William Cartwright, who was attached to the staff of Sir Robert Hart, the director of the Chinese imperial marine customs, has returned to London. He says that the United States is the only nation pursuing the correct policy in China.

China.

"I was stationed at Tien Tsin when the trouble began," said Mr. Cartwright in an interview, "and I assure you it is purely local and not serious. The marines sent to guard the legations at Pekin were not molested on their journey thither and the Chinese Government would not interfere now with the passage of a sufficient force to escort the foreigners from the capital if the allied naval commanders had not lost their lieads and sent an ultimatum to the comheads and sent an ultimatum to the com-manders of the Taku forts, which was a gratuitous insult, and a declaration of

Admiral Kempff was the only officer

"Admiral Kempii was the only officer who saw further than the end of his nose. If the others had had his perception most of the present difficulty would have been avoided.

"It is the damned amateurish diplomacy of Europe which is responsible for the outrages and murders in China. The United States is the only power which United States is the only power which is not muddling through the crisis."

WOMAN'S AWFUL DEATH.

Traveled Half a Mile With Her Flesh Falling Off. Naked but for her shoes, and with her burnt flesh falling from her in bits, Mrs. Katie Butts, wife of Cromer Butts, of Richmond, Pa., managed to run and walk a half mile through the wooded mountains to her home late Wednesday afternoon. She died soon afterward. She had been picking blackberries on the mountain she had been picking blackberries on the mountain and came past a charcoal pit of her husband's. He was absent and there was a hole in the mound, which, if not covered, would ruin the coal. She climbed upon the pile to rake the hole over when a puff of flame set fire to her dress. In an instant her clothing was consumed and she hastened home in accons.

Louis Kosok, of Chicago, is at the County hospital suffering from lead poisoning. His hair and eyebrows have turned green, and the patient entertains the fear that his skin will also turn the Kosok has been employed in the smeling department of the American Smeling and Refining works.

A COSTLY MINE FIRE. Surface Works of the Barwind Shaft stroyed-Loss \$200,000.

The entire above-ground works of the Berwind shaft colliery of the Ferwind-White Coal Mining Company, at Du-Bois, Pa, were destroyed by fire Wedi-nesday evening. Flames were discov-ered in the boiler house at 7:45 o'clock and in an incredible short time had en-veloped the head hause, tipple and com-

Sixty men were in the mine at the time and were sased by the prompt and heroic action of Fire Boss John Harrison and a party of volunteers, who entered the workings by the air shaft at the risk of their lives and warned them of their danger. It was at this mine some years ago that 73 miners lost their lives by an explosion of gas. The loss will approach \$200,000.

Gen. Chaffee's Reward.

embezzing public funds and had consented to extradition. The American authorities have been on the lookout for Garcia for some time.

He was one of the tax officers of Puerto Rico, and after American occupation disappeared and was charged with embezzing the public funds.

General Chaffee's reward for the magnificent feat resulting in the fall of Peking will be a brigadier general's commission in the regular army and the thanks of the President. That was decided upon Friday afternoon by the President after a talk with Secretary Root.

CABLE FLASHES.

The town of Columbia, B. C., has been practically wiped out by fire. The town has a population of about 500.