

MINERS AGREE TO END THE STRIKE

ACCEPT ADVANCE.

Will Return to Work if Operators Agree to Abolish Sliding Scale—Arbitration Favored—The Owners Must Decide.

In order to settle the great strike in the anthracite region the operators will have to yield another point. The convention of the United Mine Workers of America closed Saturday afternoon, after passing a resolution agreeing to accept the 10 per cent. raise in wages that had been offered, providing that the companies agree to maintain the new rate for a specified period and abolish the sliding scale of wages prevailing in the Lehigh and Schuylkill districts. If these propositions prove unacceptable, the mine workers are willing to submit the question at issue to a board of arbitration. They unanimously agreed that work should not be resumed in any colliery until all operators have accepted the proposition. The resolutions were adopted after a long and heated discussion.

A canvass of the operators of the Wyoming valley shows that there is considerable opposition to granting the miners any more concessions than those outlined in the original offer, namely, 10 per cent. increase without any conditions. The individual operators especially are opposed to tying themselves up to any agreement. One operator said the only way the strike can be settled is for the strikers to accept the 10 per cent. without any provisions.

The terms of the Scranton convention are not acceptable to operators and representatives of coal-carrying companies of Shamokin and Mt. Carmel. The Reading officials do not think the sliding scale will be abolished by the company, while operators are averse to signing a contract binding them to pay the 10 per cent. increase until April.

Despite the views of the operators, the impression is that the strike will be ended this week.

DE WET STILL FIGHTING.

The Boer Commander Compe's Burglars to Enter the Banks.

The Boers are very active in the Kroonstad district. Gen. De Wet has proclaimed that burglars who refuse to fight will be made prisoners of war. British mounted infantry, scouting from Lindley, had Capt. Wiltshire killed, through mistaking a party of 40 Boers in khaki for friends. Boer commandos continually harassed the British column while marching from Lindley to Kroonstad. The Boers captured a detachment of the Cheshire regiment which was escorting an empty wagon near Frankfort. They released the driver, but kept the wagon.

The London war office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Pretoria, Friday: "A satisfactory little affair occurred near Frankfort when Col. Grove, with the West Kents, surprised a Boer laager at dawn, killed seven, wounded nine and captured 18."

WILL HUNT FOR THE POLE.

A New Yorker Proposes to Equip Two Ships for an Arctic Expedition.

William Ziegler, a wealthy citizen of New York city, has announced that he would purchase two vessels, fully equip and man them and send them in quest of the north pole during the summer of 1901. The expedition is to be in charge of Evelyn B. Baldwin, who was a companion of Lieut. Peary in his attempts to reach the pole in 1893 and 1894, and also a member of Walter Wellman's expedition. It is Mr. Ziegler's intention to have one vessel remain in the Arctic regions while the other returns for supplies.

The expedition, it is said, will not be dispatched for the north earlier than the summer of 1901, and all the time between this date and that will be necessary for the preparation and outfit.

Yellow Fever in Havana.

One hundred and thirteen new cases of yellow fever have officially been reported in Havana since October 1. The disease has attacked Major Peterson, chief commissary, and Mr. Frank Naves, general manager of the Havana branch of the North American Trust Company. Four hundred and twenty-eight Spanish immigrants are in quarantine there owing to the existence of smallpox in the vessel on which they arrived.

Bank Deposits Increase.

The comptroller of the currency has completed an abstract of the condition of national banks at the close of business September 5. The aggregate loans and discounts were \$2,686,752,640, and the aggregate individual deposits \$2,507,248,557.

The number of banks reporting on June 29 was 3,732, and the number reporting on September 5 was 3,872, an increase of 140.

The work of compiling the returns from the mutual savings institutions has recently been completed, which shows that, during the year ended June 30, the aggregate resources of these institutions has increased \$185,743,039; the deposits have risen from \$1,606,709,131 on June 30, 1899, to \$2,134,471,130 on June 30 of the current year. The number of depositors in these mutual savings banks increased during the year from 5,070,732 to 5,370,100, and the average deposits from \$385.99 to \$307.47.

Hundreds of Houses Destroyed.

A typhoon caused great damage on the coasts of Formosa and Southern China. A number of towns were destroyed. Nineteen hundred houses were washed away or inundated at Taipei, Formosa, and many lives lost.

Kansas Miners' Victory.

The difficulty between the miners and operators at Leavenworth, Kan., which has existed for the past six weeks, has been settled by the men accepting the decision of O. B. Taylor, who had been chosen as arbitrator by both sides. The terms upon which the men will go to work are 84 cents per ton, eight hours to constitute a day's work. This is a victory for the miners. Only one mine started Monday morning, the other two not being ready. One hundred and fifty miners have gone to other fields, but they will return as soon as work starts.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Pinkeys is reported among horses at St. Vincents, Westmoreland county, Pa.

A. T. Deer, an aeronaut, fell from his balloon at Gays Mills, Wis., and was killed.

The Boers have torn up the railway north of Bethulie and captured a British outpost.

Alexander Howard killed his young son Leigh at his home in Brooklyn and committed suicide.

At Holbrook, Neb., three women and a baby, riding in a wagon, were killed at a railroad crossing.

Elmer Rupert, a farmer, living near New Springfield, O., was crushed to death in a cider press.

American Car Foundry Company car builders at Huntington, W. Va., have struck for higher wages.

The Eighty-fifth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, held a reunion at Brownsville Wednesday.

It is reported that 10,000 Chinese rebels were defeated by regular troops in a battle near Canton.

The presbytery of San Francisco, Cal., has decided to stand by the Westminster Confession of Faith.

James L. Rankin, a young mechanical engineer of Pittsburg, was killed by a traction car running into his home.

The British forces have reoccupied Smithfield, Roxsville, Wepener and De Wetsdorp, Orange River colony.

The widowed Queen Margherita, of Italy, has given away all her royal costumes and jewels and become a recluse.

Sir Thomas Lipton acknowledges that he has pork cornered, but says he will not raise the price and will be easy on the shorts.

One of the stone pillars of the burned state capital has been unveiled as a soldiers' monument at McElhattan, Fulton county, Pa.

Lancaster, Pa., is the place selected by the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers for its first annual meeting on November 2 and 3.

Lt. Commander William H. Beecher, naval attaché of the United States embassy at Berlin, is suffering severely from pneumonia.

A freight wreck on the Central railroad of New Jersey, near Boundbrook signal tower, killed the engineer and killed up 30 cars in a heap.

Cecil Rhodes in assuming the presidency of the South African League made an address in favor of federation, conciliation and equal rights.

The works of the Illinois Steel Company at Chicago have ceased operations or two weeks. Two thousand five hundred men are employed there.

The government of South Africa by England will be strictly colonial, but non-military, after the system used in Ceylon and the West Indies.

The Venezuelan government has annulled the concession to the Orinoco Company, organized by capitalists of Minnesota and Wisconsin in 1895.

At Union Springs, Ala., Henry Haugh, a negro, brutally murdered a 10-year-old negro boy, whose body was found in a cotton patch two days later.

Mrs. Lester, wife of Capt. Fred Lester, of the First West Virginia infantry, at Huntington, was accidentally shot while handling a revolver and will die.

At Perth West Australia the premier, the Right Hon. Sir John Forrest, in introducing the budget, asked to be relieved of the premiership early in 1901.

A man and wife and two children were killed and another man fatally injured in a grade crossing accident at Robinson's crossing, near New Castle, Pa.

At Boise, Idaho, the Soldiers' home was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$50,000. There were 800 inmates, one of whom, Thomas Hayes, was suffocated.

At Simla the secretary of state has completed the purchase of £1,000,000 of silver for coinage into rupees, and £1,000,000 in gold is being shipped to London.

An expedition of 4,000 allies has left Peking and one of 7,000 started from Tien Tsin, China, for Pao Ting Fu, where so many foreigners were massacred.

President Errazuze, of Santiago de Chili, who was stricken with paralysis June 10, is now in perfect health and will resume charge of government affairs.

President San Clemente, of Colombia, has accepted his resignation from office by Vice President Marroquin and has relinquished his authority to the latter.

The Rev. Sam P. Jones, the evangelist, is broken down in health, having been compelled to cancel all his dates for lectures in South Carolina and Mississippi.

Fire in Bineham & Co.'s paper factory at New York caused a loss of \$25,000 and endangered the lives of a score of girls, who were rescued with difficulty by firemen.

Edward Goldberg and his wife, formerly of Canton, O., are dead in the Indian territory from eating poisonous mushrooms. Goldberg was Indian agent at Pawpaw.

Three persons, a father and two sons, were burned to death in a shanty in Roxbury, Mass. Several years ago the man's wife was burned to death in this same place.

The United States has renewed the demand upon the government of Morocco for \$5,000 indemnity to the family of Marcus Azzagui, a naturalized American citizen, who was murdered by a mob at Fez last June.

The laying of the foundation stone of the imperial museum to be erected at Saalburg, Germany, on the site of the old Roman fortress there, occurred Thursday, in the presence of the emperor and empress of Germany.

Bishop B. M. Arnett, presiding over the Afro-American Methodist Episcopal conference, declared that he would admit no candidate for the ministry who was a user of tobacco.

The Hamilton Coal Mining Company of Philadelphia has purchased the coal mines at Cradell station, Pa., on the Allegheny Valley railroad, and will operate on an extensive scale.

The largest mortgage ever entered in the court house of Beaver county, Pa., was put on record Saturday. It was for a loan of \$1,000,000 on the property of the Consolidated Traction Company.

ALASKAN INDIANS DIED BY DOZENS

AN OFFICIAL REPORT.

Startling Mortality Report From the Far Northwest—Rich Gold and Copper Finds on Teslina River.

Census Enumerators Beck and Sexton have reached Juneau from Cooper river, where their summer's work resulted in the enumeration of 800 Indians and 600 whites. The Indians in that section have died this summer by dozens. This mortality results from the influx of miners and the destruction of the salmon supply by canneries at the mouth of the river.

Mr. Beck reports that on July 4 gold was found at Teslina river. In three weeks four men took out \$4,000 in coarse gold. Mr. Sexton thinks the copper belt of Prince William sound will produce untold millions. He traveled several weeks with Government Geologist Schrader, who expressed himself as believing that the deposits of copper there are unequalled in the world.

A railroad will be absolutely necessary to develop this rich country. The government telegraph lines through the Cooper river country is so nearly completed that it can be quickly finished in the spring.

HOLD THE AMERICAN LOOT.

The Silver Captured at Peking Held Until Congress Decides Its Ownership.

It is understood that the final disposition of the silver, some \$275,000, taken by the American marines at the capture of Tien Tsin, may be determined by Congress. In the meantime, the silver is being treated as a trust fund, of which the government is the custodian until a determination is reached as to its rightful disposition.

Rear Admiral Remy Friday cabled the navy department as follows:

Marines embarked on Brooklyn, Zafiro, and transport Indiana. Zafiro carries the cavalry. Brooklyn goes to Chefoo and Nagasaki. Indiana sails shortly. Some sick sent to hospital at Yokohama. Others removed soon as possible, and hospital at Tien Tsin closed. New Orleans remains at Taku. Monocacy winters in Pei Ho river.

SPANIARDS EMIGRATE TO CUBA.

Twelve Thousand Expected by November. Havana Bond Issue.

Three thousand Spanish immigrants have arrived at Havana since October 1, and the bureau of immigration estimates the number will reach 12,000 before the end of the month. It is believed the yellow fever situation is principally due to the heavy non-immune immigration.

It is asserted upon unquestionable authority that the Havana bond issue of \$25,000,000 will not be sanctioned by Gen. Wood unless par is obtained at 4 per cent. and not to exceed 5 per cent.

Wednesday being the thirty-second anniversary of the beginning of the Ten Years' war, it was observed as a national holiday and the Cuban flag floated over the palace by order of Gen. Wood.

A FLOOD IMMINENT.

Mississippi is Now Higher Than it Has Been For Years.

The official records in weather observer's office shows that the present stage of water in the Mississippi is higher now than it has been for sixteen years at this season of the year. The river is rising steadily, and a stage of 15 feet will be marked. Island farmers below Galena, Ill., have lost all their corn and hay, and have hundreds of head of cattle and hogs drowned. At this season of the year Mississippi river towns repair their levees, but this work has been stopped by reason of advance of water, which resulted in the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property.

Methodists to Watch.

Bishop Charles Galloway, president of the general board of education of the Methodist Episcopal Church south, has issued a call to the 1,500,000 Methodists in the south to assemble in their places of worship on the night of the last day of the year to hold an old-fashioned watch meeting, as a fitting climax to the twentieth century fund movement. The fund now amounts to \$1,100,000.

An Old Claim Unpaid.

The auditor for the State and other departments in his annual report to the secretary of the treasury states that that part of the appropriation made by Congress at its last session, amounting to \$1,708,870, for the payment of the judgment of the court of claims against the United States in favor of the New York Indians who were parties to the treaty of Buffalo Creek, N. Y., on January 15, 1838, remains unpaid.

The reason given is that Congress in making the appropriation did not give proper authority for ascertaining the beneficiaries entitled to receive payment.

Recent Orders Rescinded.

The United States naval recruiting station at Chicago has received orders rescinding a recent order, making the age requirement for landsmen from 21 to 25 years, instead of 18 to 25. In future applicants between 18 and 25 years of age will be eligible for enlistment.

Oil and Coal Discovered.

Coal and gas in paying quantities were found at St. Joseph, Mo., at a depth of a little more than 1,000 feet. The gas will be piped to the city at once, if the supply holds out, as it promises to do. A vein of coal that may reach two feet in thickness was found.

Attempted Postoffice Burglary.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to burglarize the postoffice at Lindsey, Pa. Four masked men gained entrance to the office, knocked off the handle of the safe and poured a quantity of nitroglycerine through the hole where the handle had been into the lining of the outer door. They had everything in readiness for touching off when they were alarmed by the cries of a man across the street, who was watching them. They made their escape before officers could be summoned.

LEYTE REBELS SCATTERED.

Surrender of Officers and Capture of Their Troops—Ten Kill in One Bunch. Queer Justice.

The west coast of the island of Leyte is in turmoil. The rebel ladrones are actively plundering and raiding in the vicinity of the garrisoned towns while the Americans pursued them in the mountains. The officers of the rebel general Mojica are surrendering and his soldiers are attempting to escape to Samar in boats. They are rapidly being captured and their organization broken up.

The captured guerrillas and ladrones state that 30 Americans attacked 45 rebels, rifled their stronghold in the Camarine province and routed them, killing 10. Two Americans were killed and three wounded. Twenty men of the Thirty-second infantry, in an engagement in Bataan province, had one man killed and four wounded.

The administration of Manila's civil courts by Filipino magistrates, which has long been scandalous, is now attracting public attention more than ever and has been brought to the Taft commission's attention with requests for rectification. The courts are composed of four justices of the peace and four primary courts. The magistrates are all Filipinos and are utter failures as administrators of justice.

The members of the Taft commission are disgusted with the condition of the courts and intend to substitute honest Americans from the United States for native magistrates. Americans having a knowledge of Spanish are preferred, but are hardest to secure. The commission will then institute drastic reforms in the entire judiciary.

FOUGHT WITH CUBAN POLICE.

American Cavalry in a Rumpus at Malanzas. Three Men Shot.

At Matanzas Thursday a Cuban policeman interfered with two members of the Second United States cavalry. The quarrel culminated in a general fight between the police and soldiers. After the police had shot Trooper Turley, of D troop, one other soldier and one civilian, a number of troopers tried to break into the gunroom to get their weapons, but the quick action of Capt. Frederick E. Foltz in forming Troops L and M in skirmish order made it impossible for the excited cavalrymen to pass. Lieut. Willard is said to have been slightly hurt while endeavoring to quiet the men.

The troopers declare that they will have revenge, and Col. Henry E. Noyes has ordered all confined to barracks. The feeling is very strong between the Cubans and cavalrymen. The authorities there took every precaution as a pre-emptive strike, but an investigation has been ordered.

DRIVEN FROM TRANSVAAL.

Eight Americans, Recently Landed in New York, Preparing Indemnity Claims.

Driven from the Transvaal by force of British arms, eight American citizens who recently arrived penniless in New York, have petitioned the United States Government to present claims for indemnity against Great Britain. They declare that, although neutral in the recent conflict, they were kidnaped from their homes, leaving wives and children behind.

As prisoners of war the men say they were driven out of Johannesburg on July 13, railroaded to the seacoast in cattle trucks and then sent in the steerage of a transport to Holland. American consuls in the ports where they stopped were powerless to rescue them and they have made a final appeal through attorneys in this city to the secretary of state at Washington.

Famine Conditions Disappear.

Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, has received the following dispatch from the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston: "The general condition of the crops is excellent, and except in a part of Bombay famine conditions are disappearing. The total number on the relief list has fallen to 2,276,000."

Rescued From Filipinos.

Capt. Devereaux Shields, who, with 51 men of Company F, Twenty-ninth regiment, was captured by the insurgents last month in the island of Marinduque, was recovered Saturday by the American rescue force with all the members of his party.

Military Prisoner Escapes.

Telegrams from San Francisco say: Jesse W. Adams, a military prisoner confined at Alcatraz, has gained his liberty. He chose a novel means of escape, leaving Alcatraz as merchandise enclosed in a wooden box. A box marked "handle with care" arrived from Alcatraz on the government boat McDowell on its last trip to the Presidio.

It was addressed to the general hospital, and landed at the wharf, preparatory to being transferred to the hospital later. The wharfmaster found, when he came to open it, that the box had been broken open and was empty. Inquiry at Alcatraz showed that one of the ten-year term prisoners was missing. Last week five long-term men escaped from the Presidio and none has been recaptured.

South German Exports.

The exports from the South German consulates for the last quarter aggregate \$10,510,280, a decrease of \$258,883 from the corresponding quarter of last year. From all Germany except Dresden the exports for the same period amounted to \$23,508,134, an increase of \$1,225,778, as compared with the returns for the same time last year.

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

The Canadian parliament has been dissolved and the election is to be held on November 7.

Maj. Edward Goldberg, United States Indian agent, died at Seneca, Mo., from mushroom poisoning, and Mrs. Goldberg is very ill from the same cause.

William Schreiber, a missing clerk of the Elizabethport, N. J., Banking Company, is a defaulter to the extent of \$50,000, but the directors have made good the shortage.

THE PANAMA CANAL WILL BE BUILT

WORK HAS BEGUN.

Chief Engineer Abbott Says the Company Will Go Ahead With the Enterprise. Two-fifths of the Work Done.

Mr. Hutin, director general of the Panama Canal Company, and Gen. Abbott, chief engineer of the company, were among the passengers arriving in New York on the steamer La Lorraine from Havre Sunday.

"The Panama Canal Company," said Gen. Abbott, "is waiting for the recommendation of the Walker commission to Congress, and for the action of that body. I believe the decision will be in favor of the Panama canal as being more feasible, economical and giving better results. If the decision is against the Panama canal, the company will, nevertheless, go on building it. I believe that if both the Panama and Nicaragua canals are built, nine-tenths of the vessels will choose the Panama canal as being the better. What the Walker commission heard when in Paris was a revelation to them. Already between three and four million cubic yards have been taken out down there and two-fifths of the work has been done."

UNCLE SAM'S CROP REPORT.

The Report Somewhat Bullish for Corn, Oats, Buckwheat and Potatoes.

The monthly report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the average condition of corn on October 1 to have been 78.2, as compared with 80.6 last month, 82.7 on October 1, 1899, 82 at the corresponding date in 1898 and 81, the mean of the October averages of the last 10 years. While the decline during September was not serious, it extended to almost every important corn-growing State.

The preliminary estimate of the yield per acre of oats is 29.6 bushels, as compared with 30.7 bushels last year; 27.8 bushels in 1898, and a 10-year average of 26.2 bushels.

The average condition of buckwheat on October 1 was 72.8, as compared with 80.5 last month; 70.2 on October 1, 1899; 76.2 at the corresponding date in 1898, and 82.2 the mean of the October averages for the last 10 years.

The average condition of potatoes on October 1 was 74.4, as compared with 80 last month; 81.7 on October 1, 1899; 72.2 at the corresponding date in 1898, and a 10-year average of 74.1.

There has been a general decline in the condition of apples, but in many of the principal apple-growing States the condition is still considerably above the 10-year average.

No further report on wheat will be issued pending the receipt of the annual returns of individual producers and the final reports of the department's special agents.

WILL OBEY COURT ORDER.

Insurgent Junior Mechanics of Subordinate Lodges to Pay Per Capita Tax.

The committee appointed by the insurgent faction of the Junior Order United American Mechanics at the State council in Philadelphia on September 29, held a conference at Harrisburg, Pa., Tuesday with their attorneys and decided to instruct all the subordinate lodges throughout the State to abide by the decision of the supreme court and pay the 15 cents per capita tax.

The tax is to be paid, however, to S. B. Mench, of Philadelphia, who was elected secretary at the Philadelphia meeting when the regular secretary, Deemer, refused to act, and the National council therefore must collect from Mench the tax paid by the insurgents. This is regarded as an indication that the factional feeling still exists and additional trouble is not unexpected.

Now a Raving Maniac.

Pretty Ella Williams, of Scanton, Pa., is a raving maniac through a man's efforts to win her affections. After exhausting all honorable methods to make the victim his wife, David Morgan resorted to drugs, and as a result the once pretty, light-hearted girl is now a wild, raving maniac.

Six days ago the girl was taken sick and lay unconscious until Sunday. When she awoke she was a maniac, requiring several persons to hold her. Morgan left the town and has not yet been arrested.

Many Lives Lost in Storm.

According to reports from St. Pierre 17 fishing vessels that were operating on the Grand Banks during the gale of September 12, are still missing, with crews aggregating over 300 men.

A number of other vessels that have arrived at St. John's, N. F., within the last few days have reported a loss of one to seven men each. The fatality list probably exceeds 300. Serious disaster has visited a number of Newfoundland fishing harbors, Burin, on the west side of Placentia bay, alone losing 35 men.

A Great New Battleship.

The new battleship Wisconsin, built at the Union Iron works, San Francisco, has made a most successful trial trip. Her highest speed was 18.54 knots an hour, and her average throughout the four hours run was 17.25 knots. This beats the Alabama's maximum record of 18.03 knots.

New Counterfeit Bill.

The treasury department gives notice of the discovery of a new counterfeit \$10 silver certificate, series of 1891, with portrait of Hendricks. The counterfeit is a photographic print, without the silk fiber and of inferior workmanship.

Large Contract for Japan.

The American Bridge Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., has closed a contract to furnish all of the structural steel to be used in the erection of a big arsenal at Kure, Japan. The money value of the contract is between \$25,000 and \$300,000. It will require six months to furnish the material, and it must be delivered at Kure within a year.

Kure is one of Japan's finest ports, where large government docks and other military and naval works are maintained. It was there that the Oregon received her temporary repairs.

BRITISH TROOPS ALERT.

Boxers Now Preparing to Carry the War into Southern China—American Troops to Sail for Cavite.

Telegrams from Hong Kong, dated Wednesday, say: It is said that the authorities have received information that a general uprising has been fixed in the southern provinces for November. Ten thousand more troops from India have been requisitioned for Hong Kong. The Sixteenth Bengal Lancers and the Hong Kong regiment have been recalled from the north to Hong Kong. Indications are that there will be a Boxer rising similar to that which occurred in North China. The whereabouts of the rebels in the Hinterland is not known, but is believed to be 10 miles north of the British borders. A detachment of 1,000 Chinese troops took up a position at San Chung yesterday and 1,000 arrived there to-day.

The Triads have met and repeatedly defeated the imperial Chinese troops near Kowloon. They are daily gaining fresh adherents.

The American marines from Peking have arrived at Taku, where they will be joined by the Tien Tsin battalion and sail on the Indiana for Cavite. The American soldiers are glad to go to Manila.

The expedition to Pao Ting Fu has been fixed for Friday next. The column will consist of 7,000 British, German, French and Italian troops.

Telegrams from Shanghai, dated Thursday, say: Sheng, the Taotai, has received a telegram from Gen. reporting that a serious rebellion has broken out in the southwestern part of Kwang-Si province, that his 30,000 troops are inadequate and that he needs at least 100,000 to cope with the danger, which is directed against the Manchus and threatens to become worse than the Tai Ping rebellion.

It is reported that the Yang-Tse vice-roy has sent 20,000 troops to Pao-Ting-Fu to suppress the rebellion.

The rebellion in the province of Kwang Tung is becoming anti-foreign and five missions have been destroyed at Han King Chau.

CUBA INVITES SETTLERS.

Gen. Wood Says That the Island Offers Good Opportunities to Americans.

Gov. Gen. Wood says that Cuba now offers great opportunities to Americans to go there and settle. Land is cheap or can be rented on a small royalty of production. Returns would be quick. He recommends the cultivation by immigrants of tobacco and fruit and the raising of cattle. At the palace in Havana Tuesday representatives of every mercantile guild in Havana joined in presenting to Gov. Wood an address expressing gratitude for what he has done in the way of reforming the mercantile registries. The address was accompanied with a pen mounted with diamonds and rubies.

Trial by jury has been inaugurated in Cuba, and the writ of habeas corpus established. Commissioners representing the church and the state have been appointed to determine the property rights of the former.

LEVEE GIVES WAY.

Waters of the Wisconsin River Overflows the Town of Portage.

The government levee at Portage, Wis., gave way Tuesday afternoon. A tremendous rush of water from the Wisconsin river spread over the lower part of the city. Streets and basements were flooded in a few minutes and the inhabitants hurried to higher ground with household goods and other valuables. The damage will amount to thousands of dollars.