EAT LATIN NATIONS ARE UNITED

TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

France, Italy and Russia are Said to Have Entered Into an Agreement That Discives the Dreibund.

England, Germany and Austria are aghast in face of a combination which again proves the truth of Commodore Tatnall's saying, that "Blood is thick or than water."

The new triple alliance is France Italy and Russia. Italy is still in the Preibund, but only in name. She has ffered her hand to France and King Victor Emmanuel will bind the engage-ment when he visits France in the autumn. The two great Latin nations have come together and it is likely the union will be lasting. Italy's old fear of French aggression

and ambition has died out, while she perceives that France, as a friend, is a better guardian for her northwest-ern frontier than the immense army which Italy maintains at an expens which is beggaring her peasantry and reducing her nobles to poverty, making rich and poor regret the de of the popes, and even the pic-resques tyranny of the Bombas, for fair-minded observer of Italian conditions can deny that the rural population, at least, was better off unde the old system of benevolent, if als despotle government, than under the constitutional monarchy which has driven multitudes to seek a living in foreign lands. Should the German kalser now

o display his prowess on the field of eneral war, he would have to face. Ith Austria for his ally, Russia, on east and France on the west, with italy aiding France in the south.

The new triple alliance is undoubted.

the greatest international event of century's beginning.

INMATES BOUND AND GAGGED.

Maskod Burrace Subject Family to Unpleas-

Five masked men drove up to the residence of J. D. Harris, near Sugar Rnn 's Warren county. Pa., forced an entrance and bound the limites of the house, consisting of Harris, who is a well-to-do one ness man, his wife and an Indian servant. They made a feeble resistence, but were soon overpowered.

Living remote from a bank Harris kept considerable money at home and had a safe in the house. The robbers turned their attention to this, forced it open and secured \$500 in cash, two valuable watches and considerable jewelry. The safe was supposed to be hungles as a safe feat and considerable process. rglar proof and from the manner in uch it was cracked some of the men. It is argued, must have been profes-sional safe crackers. After looking over some papers and ransacking the room searching for more booty, the robbers again securely fastened the cords that bound their victims, cautioned them against giving an alarm, and drove away in two rigs which they had left standing on the rondside.

After an hour's hard work Harris succeeded in liberating himself and the thers. He hurried to Warren and re-corted the robbery. Detectives have started on the case and from the description given they expect to appre-hend at least two or these of the gang.

RICAN BEEF.

Reported to Have Barred it From

Army Contracts.

A Chicago meat packing company notified the government that it been auvised by as London repre-tative that the British government uded all but home-bred beef army contracts after June 1.

remment to render all possible aid having the decree rescinded. It is works of the B. F. Sturtevant comritish action is probably in retaliaon for proceedings in the United tates court at New Orleans to stop the shipments of horses and mules from this country for the army in south Africa.

move now said to be contemplated is pointed out that the value of our rts of live animals to Great Brit amounts to \$40,000,000, while the of animal products exported the United States to Great Britin is stated to be, in round numbers

three bars of gold, valued at filch were missing from the rom of the steamship Kaiser in der Grosse when she arrived ourg on her trip from New we been found behind a corridor outside the Whoever took lacked the courage or failed an opportunity to carry

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LATEST NEWS NOTES.

The government of Korea has de the death penalty for opium

Ten thousand Chinese converts were

reported in great distress and hundreds starving. Ireland in 1900, about 10,5 per 1,000 of

the population. Great Britain seeks to obtain great or trading privileges in China instead of money idemnity.

Subscriptions for the \$500,000 of so ond mortgage Buffalo exposition bonds amount to \$510,690. The Wisconsin legislature rejected

by a vote of two to one, a proposition for female suffrage. The military order of the Loyal Le

gion decreed to hold the meeting of 1905 in San Francisco. A New England pastor in a sermor

found justification for the mother who killed her six children. Bishop Henry M. Turner, of Macon Ga., advocates the banishment of ne gro criminals to Africa.

The association of Catholic colleges declares state common school system to be illiberal and unjust.

English taxpavers are groaning b neath an expense of \$7,500,000 a week to keep up the Boer war. The Central Passenger Association

xes rates to G. A. R. encampment at Cleveland at 1 cent a mile. An avalanche of snow and three men and seriously injured

four others pear Adelaide, Col. Dr. John T. Duffield, class of 1841 emeritus professor of mathematics at Princeton, is dead, aged 78 years.

Ministers to China will consider the destruction of Chinese forts which is commended by foreign generals at

The transport Rawlins, loaded with provisions for Cuba, was burned and sunk at the dock in New York; loss,

Japan urgently requests the Chines apperor to return to Peking and to With One Exception They Are the Finest for end 20,000 troops to maintain order n Manelmria.

A high army officer of Germany has en found guing of exempting young men from military service for financial ompensation. The plan of President McKinley'

been arranged to take in an states and two territories. The transport Thomas has arrive at San Francisco from Manila with 1.644 men of the Twenty eighth and Thirty

four through the South and West has

The state assembly passed the enabling New York to accept Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$5,200,000 for

branch libraries. Yank Fu. Chinese minister to St. Petersburg, insulted a Russian diplo mat and was thrown downstairs and fatally injured.

The guests at a family reunion near Latrobe, Pa., ate fish that had been cooked in arsenic in mistake for flour, but none died.

Sixty houses have been destroyed by fire at the village of Borezk, Transylvania. Great distress prevalls there in consequence.

There will be no strike of employes Jersey Central railroad. officials of that road have granted the demands or its men.

The will of Fernando Yznaga, filed in New York, leaves his estate of \$2. 000,000 to his sister Consuelo, downger duchess of Manchester.

Monsignor Conaty, rector of Cath olic university at Washington, says state control of schools threatens Cath

Rev. John W. Frambes, a New Jer sey Baptist minister, was stricken in his pulpit just before delivering a fare

pany, at Boston, was destroyed by fire causing a loss of \$350,000 . Governor Hunt issued a proclama tion abolishing martial law in Sho-shone county, Idaho, the seat of the

famous riots of April 29, 1809. The National Salt Company of Saginaw, which controls about three fourths of the Michigan salt output

has cut the price 30 cents a barrel. John H. Kirby, a rich Texan, will prevent the oll trust from getting control of the Beaumont oil fields by every legal process he can bring to

population of Budapest to be 703,448. The Hebrews number 166,000. This represents an increase of 62 per cent in Hebrew population during the last 10 years

ola, Ia., wife of a wealthy farmer, has been found guilty of the murder of her husband and sentenced to life impris

Chinese brigands have destroyed three towns in Thibet.

Colorado Springs, Denver and Pueb lo will be joined by a trolley line to cost \$2,500,000. It will be built by Chleago, Detroit and Cleveland cap talists. Because he

drink, Jesse McGregor, the paroled murderer of Wellsville, O., was sent back to prison to serve out his life sentence. Emilla Kempin, doctor of laws and

one of the foremost leaders of the woman's movement in Germany, has et died in an insane asylum at Basie, Switzerland. By the will of the widow of United

State Senator John R. McPherson, of New Jersey, Yale university, at the expiration of a trust, will receive at lenst \$750,000. The remains of Abraham Lincoln

will soon be removed to the recon-structed monument at Springfield, Ill., but the exact date of the transfer will be kept secret. Five thousand operatives will be idle

Lowell, Mass., this week because of e suspension of the cotton mills. In he same cause.

At Cripple Creek, Col., the family of James Smith, comprising six per-sons, were instantly killed in their home by the sliding of the huge dump

REIGN OF BLOOD FEARED IN POLAND

DEATH TO REFORMERS.

·Hangman of Kieff." Chertrove, Made Governor of the State-Was Too Brutal for the Late Mexander III.

Another stunning blow has been de livered at the hopes of Russian reform ers in the appointment of Mikhael ertvove, as governor general of Chertyove has had for years the land. titie, in popular parlance, or the "Hang man of Kleff.

This title Chertvove carned by the many executions for which he has been responsible during the pas, 25 years, more especially at Kieff. He has always been an advocate of the severes measures in dealing with popular dis content, and he was never known to recommend that the life of a political offender, condemned to death, should be spared. He was regarded as too blood-thirsty and merciless, even by the late Czar Alexander H., and was

relieved from office on that account.

The fact that this man, who has been to Russia what the infamous Jeffries was to England, should be selected for an office second in importance only to that of the czar, and invested with virtually unlimited authority over the lives and property of the Poles, is taken as meaning that the exar is afraid of a Polish rebellion, and that means to crush out agitation and conspiracy, in that section of his domin ons at least, by establishing a reign ing to the dissatisfied.

It is feared that the ezar has given up any liberal ideas which he may have entertained, and that he will vin-dicate to the full his declaration made when he succeeded to the crown, that he intended to maintain the autocracy which he had inherited from his fathers.

WINTER WHEAT CONDITIONS.

Ten Years.

Reports from the American agriculturist's corps of country observers carefully consolidated into state averages, show a condition of wheat high-er than has been noted at this time in the past ten years, with the exception of '91. The general average as reportwhich represents a practically perfect prospect over the greater part of the winter wheat area. At the date at which correspondents made the observance there had been no period of warm growing weather sufficient to induce spring growth, demonstrating absolutely the extent to which Hessian fly is present. The returns, therefore, must be qualified with the statement that the discount shown from a perfect condition may not entirely represent the actual damage from thi cause. With the exception of a few counties in Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohlo, no winter killing is reported. Since March 1 there has been an abundance of moisture in all sections

KING EDWARD WANTS PEACE. He is Willing to Let Poers Have Liberal

Terms. King Edward is for peace in South

Africa, and he has let his ministers know it. He wants the Boers to have liberal terms, provided they will lay down their arms. He is willing, it is said, even to grant them self-govern ment; that is, to raise them to the

same position as Cape Colony.

The king has impressed this on his cabinet and it is likely that Lord Kitchener, whose views are much in sympathy with those of the king, will find a way of conveying King Ed ward's wishes to the Boers in the The later are far from conquered. The English speak of them as guerillas, but the truta is that the Boers are Orange Free State outside of a few garrisoned places, and that they have never been without an established government, having a local capitol.

Palestine for the Jews. Fifteen hundred Hebrews held ceting in Milwaukee, Wis., in the interest of the Zionistic movement to from the Turks, and make it a haver for the oppressed Jews of every land. 1 r. Carlo, one of the chief promoters of the movement, says it prosecuted with fervor.

Selected Florida Lands.

Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, and Cols, Holland and Brewer, of the board of colonization Florida investigating the Mlagler lands for a Salvation Army colony site, and have partially selected a tract of land containing over 6,000 acres. Miami, on the railroad, and if matter are settled the commander will locate a colony on this tract.

CUBAN NEGROES COMBINE.

Powerful Organization Has Been Effected for Mutual Benefit. Advices from Havana say: Negroo

in the eastern part of the island have formed an organization, pledged to ac ogether for mutual support, whether nder American or Cuban rule.

While the organization is nominally political, it is claimed by some ac-quainted with its secrets, that the members are bound to stand by and to avenge each other, if need be, and that they would go so far as murde to secure what they imagine to I justice. They have leaders, elected by the organization, whom they obey implicitly

Americans are apprehensive that the A special dispatch from Hongkong movement may be directed aga American occupation of the island. says two Chinese steamers came into collision between Canton and Wu-

Russia's Great Canal.

The Russian government projects great maritime canal connecting the Black sea with the Caspian. The production of iron, coal and petroleum the development of the mental trade and the growth of cotton in Central Asia, are more and more fixing the south as Russia's commercial and in-dustrial center and the increasing giut

INDEMNITY PROBLEM.

Commissioner Rockhill Instructed to Oppose Anything Over \$200,000,000-Russia Counted Upon to Back This Position.

A new issue in the Chinese matter has been defined. The United States has definitely decided that China can not pay indemnities aggregating mor \$200,000,000. Instructions cabled to Special Commissioner Rock till directing him to object strenu to demands for a sum greater than that, and to make the utmost endeavor to have the total kept down to half the maximum before stated.

Although Russia has not yet taker any action, it is understood here that proposal that the United States and Russia shall fix a maximum has been under discussion between Washington and St. Petersburg so long that there is a liklihood of concurrent and identi cal action by them. If they take sim flar measures it will be because their chief motives are similar.

The American claims aggregate \$25.

000,000, but the government is willing to cut this down to as low as \$5,000,000 if the other Powers will make proportionate reductions in their pecuniary demands. Mr. Rockbill has been in formed of this view of the authorities here and directed to devote his efforts in that direction.

The advices from Mr. Rockhill show

that some of the small European na-tions whose interests in China suffered very little by the "Boxer" trouble have made claims for indemnity out of al proportion to the injury inflicted on their subjects. The United States will object to these claims on the ground that they are exhorbitant.

Germany's claims aggregate more

than \$50,000,000. The exact figures are not disclosed, but it is admitted that they are between the amount named and \$100,000,000. It has been general ly understood heretofore that would be in the neighborhood of \$85, 000,000.

DYING OF STRANGE MALADY.

Several Already Dead and Others in a Serious Condition.

The town of North Bellevernon Westmoreland county, Pa., is scourged with a peculiar disease and competent physicians of that town and neighborhood are nonplussed. Several victims have died and five or six more are seriously III.

Recently N. H. Reeves was stricken with the strange disease. A physician concluded that the patient was afflicted with the grip, but when he steadily worse, his stomaca refusing to retain food and the different organs refusing to perform their functions, the physician sought counsel. The patient's skin turned yellow, and he was convulsed with spasms of blecoughs After lingering in a comatose state for several hours, he died.

The public schools have been closed in consequence of the strange disease. The people of the town are greatly stirred up over the epidemic and the greatest alarm is felt. Many theories are advanced as to the cause of the sickness. It is the opinion of some that a wholesale poisoning has been plotted. Others are or the opinion that the strange sickness is due to defective drainage. A chemist will analyze the water in a certain well.

WORSE THAN SEIGE OF PARIS.

Labor Troubles in France Cost Big Loss of Life and Money.

The object lessons furnished by the strikes which, since the close of the Exposition, have been so general throughout France, are beginning to effect. Calculations have been made showing that the Calais strike caused loss of life and \$1,000,000 local industry, besides \$2,000,000 in workmens' wages. The Marseilles strikes, which are not yet ended, al-though 70 per cent, of the strikers have resumed work, have dealt such a terrible blow to the prosperity of Mar-sellles that the city can scarcely hope

ever to recover its lost position.

The loss to trade at Marsellles is es timated at \$8,000,000 each ing strike; sales in retail business diminished 60 per cent. There are in-dications on all sides from French un dertakings, and shopkeepers in Paris and elsewhere have the greatest difficulty in meeting their engagement and paying their rents, their situation being worse than at any time since the siege of Paris.

CABLE FLASHES.

Fire destroyed 25 houses in Andover, Hampshire, Eng., rendering 150 per sons homeless. Reports from India show that 5,000

000 persons succumbed to famile and cholera since 1896.

The French coal workers decided to resume work, and with this decision the prolonged strike came finally to an

The 83d birthday of King Christian was celebrated Monday everywhere in Denmark. The king is in quite good The fishing steamer Emma has been

lost during a storm in the North sea Her captain and crew of 10 men were drowned. King Osear of Sweden has accent ed the post of arbitrator of the Samo-an claims of the United States, Great

Britain and Germany. Owing to a dispute regarding the rate of pay, 1,000 miners have gone on trike in the Dewsbury colliery dis-trict, County of York, Eng.

The earl of Halsbury is about to re sign the post of lord chancellor, and will be succeeded by Baron Aiverstone, lord chief justice of England.

how and that 70 Chinese were drown-Gen. William Booth, of the Salva tion Army, celebrated in London his seventy-second birthday by attending

Germany, was destroyed by fire, damage reaching half a million ma The fire is believed to have been incendiary origin, The big iron works at Ooynha

meetings and receiving congratula-

SHOT TO DEATH BY A DESPERADO.

TWO TRAGEDIES.

Cold-Blooded Killing of a Grocer Followed by Murder of Brave Detective. Gang in Jail.

Thomas D. Kahney, a grocer of Mt Washington, was murdered in cold blood early Friday morning by bur-glars, whom he had caught at work in his house. Not many hours later Detective Patrick E. Fitzgerald was murdered by Edward Wright, a supposed Chicago crook, in a rooming house at 32 Fulton street, Pittsburg, Pa., to which the detective had traced Wright as one of a gang suspected of the Kahney killing. The combination of crime simply astounded an already startled community. No single day's happenings in the history of the Pittsburg police department equaled the succession of shocking deeds of the succession of shocking d few hours of the forenoon.

Wright opened fire upon Detective Fitzgerald when cornered and a desperate encounter in a small room of the Fulton street house ended in Detective Fitzgerald receiving a bullet in his heart. Inspector Robert Gray, who accompanied him, shot Wright through the head, left forearm and left leg. Wright is closely guarded in the Mercy Hospital and physicians say be will recover. Four of his companions, two women, are under arrest.

Dinmonds and jewelry valued at be

tween \$2,000 and \$4,000, tools used by criminals and much neavy explosives and chloroform used in the operations of this gang, were recovered by the police and will be used as evidence against the prisoners.

RENEFITS OF COMBINES.

The Industrial Commission at Washington Enlightened on This Subject.

Elverton R. Chapman, who has been engaged in financing industrial com-binations, testified before the Indus trial commission at Washington, D. C., regarding the organization of the Pittsburg Coal Company, which had Pittsburg Coal Company, which had absorbed 140 other concerns in the Pittsburg district. Before the consol-idation, he said, these companies were selling coal at less than cost price, True, prices are higher, but the vance is compensated for by stable

prices and assured supply.
Since the consolidation the company and spent \$3,000,000 in the purchase of coal lands. The net earnings for last year were between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. There is, he said, no community of interest between the coal company and the railroad companies. His company preferred or ganized to unorganized labor, and he expressed the opinion that self-preser vation would prevent any industrial combination from putting up the price of its product so high as to invite com-petition. He believed that combinations of this character must have the

effect of reducing selling prices. Archibald 8. White, president of the National Salt Company, said that last year his company supplied between 8, 000,000 and 9,000,000 barrels of the 13,000,000 barrels consumed in this country. It had absorbed 36 plants, of which six had been closed. Pre vious to the combination competition was so sharp that there was no profit in the business and much inferior sal was made. The combine had dispens ed with the services of 30 per cent, of its salesmen, but wages had been advanced 20 or 30 per cent. Mr. White did not consider any anti-trust legislation necessary, out a tax on ex-cessive earnings might be placed. He thought the time would come when the trusts would be regarded as beneficiaries because of their conservation of energy, labor, etc., and because o their prevention of over-production and the elimination of middlemen.

Will Need Many Harvest Hands D. W. Blaine, a director of the Southwestern Kansas and Oklahoma Implement Dealers' Association, is planning to go before the Western Pa ger Association to ask for a specia rate for at least 10,000 harvest to take care of the small grain in the wheat belt in June. He will ask rate of one cent per mile from the

Mississippi river. The estimate of 10,000 hands is mad from a canvass of farmers by school districts. The crop in the wheat belt will be 25 per cent, heavier than that

Regulated With Staves. At Independence, Mo., a number of negroes made up of members of the faction in the Baptist church that is opposed to its pastor, Elder J. T. Fitts. prayer meeting, threw ropes around necks, dragged them into a low beside the road and "regulated them with barrel staves laid vigorous-ly on their backs. Minister Fitts ore out warrants for six of the reg-

ulators.

Chinese Die From Plague. Robert M. McWade, United States consul at Canton, China, reports that 10,000 deaths from the plague have occurred there during the past six weeks, and that there are 13 cases of smallpox on board the United States monitor Monterey. Only one denta other cases are progressing favorably

Terrific 3attle Fought.

A special from Blount county, Tennessee, says that a terrific battle took place just on the state one near the Carolina border, in which t..ree mountaineers were fatally in jured and two others received gunshot and knife wounds of a serious nature

Anti-Combine Proceedings. The Minnesota state senate has

adopted the resolution instructing the attorney general to investigate the consolidation of Minnesota railroads in the interest of the United States Steel corporation. A bill was passed empowering the attorney porations, to requisition books and sub poens witnesses. In case the latter refuse to reply they shall be deemed guilty of contempt and shall be tried without indictment.

STATUE UNVEILED.

President McKinley Speaks Upon the Heroid Character of the Late Commander of the Army of the Tennessee.

In the presence of an immense as-In the presence of an immense as-semblage the superb equestrian statue of Gen. John A. Logan was unveiled in lowa circle, Washington, D. C., Tues-day afternoon by his grandson. Master George Tucker. President McKinley, the cabinet, Mrs. Logan and the personal servant of Major John A. Logan, who was with him when he was killed in the Philippines, were present. The president was escorted by a military parade that included regular troops and the Grand Army of the Republic. and was under command of Col. Guenand was under command of Col. Guen-ther, of the Fourth artillery, Gen. Grenville M. Dodge presided over the ceremonies, which were opened with prayer by Rev. Frank Bristol. Gen.

Dodge then introduced President Mc-Kinley, who said in part: "My Fellow Citizens: It is a good token when patriots are honored and patriotism exalted. The statue uncelled to-day proclaims our country' appreciation of one of her heroic sons whose name is dear to the American people, the ideal volunteer soldier of two wars, the eminent senator and commander, Gen. John A. Logau, Some names instantly suggest a sentiment. That of Logan stands for exalted pa-triotism. This was the key of his success. How much he did to create and increase the sentiment of loyalty and patriotism among the people of his own state and throughout the nation can never be told.

Logan was never half-hearted. An intense patriot, he was also an intense partisan. He was forceful in the sen ite, as he was undaunted in battle He despised duplicity, was the soul of frankness and always at the front in every struggle, civil or military, dur-ing the years of his eventful life. He came out of the war with the highest military honors of the volunteer sol-dier. Brilliant in battle and strong in military council, his was also the true American spirit, for when the war was over he was quick and eager to return to the peaceful pursuits of civil life. While a strict disciplinarian, he was yet beloved by all his men. It was significant of his generous spirit that under the tempting opportunity of a great command he declined it rather than injustice should be done and humiliation put upon a brother officer.

"He was among the first command-ers of the Grand Army of the Repub lic, and to him we are indebted for that beautiful service which on May 30 each year brings to the graves of the soldier dead, among whom he now rests in everlasting comradeship, the offerings of an affectionate people and the undying gratitude of a nation.'

The statue was designed and execut-ed by Franklin Simmons and cost \$65,-000, of which congress appropriated \$50,000 and the Grand Army of the Reof the pedestal is a group representing of the pedistal is a group representing Gen, Logan in consultation with lead-ing officers in the Army of the Tennessee. In this group are portrait bronzes of Gens. Dodge, Hazen, Slocum, Leggett, Mower, Blair and Capt. Strong. On the east face is a group representing Gen. Logan taking the oath as United States senator, which is being administered by Vice President Arthur. In this group are portrait bronzes of Senators Cullom, Evarts. Conkling, Morton, Miller, Voorhees and Thurman. The south front is embel-lished with an allegorical figure of war and the north with another of peace. The equestrian statue rises above the esented as riding along a line of bat tle, his horse moving forward at a gen-tle trot, his hat on and sword drawn.

BIG TIP FOR PORTER. Wealthy Patron Makes Him Her Heir. Cutting

Out Relatives. George W. Thurston, a negro Pullman car porter, has received a "tip" of nearly \$100,000, which breaks all records. For attentions paid Mrs. Eliza Jane Evans, of New York, who was frequently a passenger on his car, he has been made principal beneficiary of an estate valued at nearly \$100,000 Her husband, from whom she separat ed several years ago, is disinherited and relatives are remembered with dol-

lar legacies. Contest of the will was begun in the surrogate court. Mr. Evans, attorneys allege that she was of unsound mind and that the execution of the will was precured fraudulently by Thurston

who was named as executor in the will

Texas Oil a Factor. Tests made in refining Texas crude oil at the Standard oil refinery, at Lima, O., show the product of the Lima, O., show the product of the Beaumont field to be of much highe than has been heretofore esti mated. That the oil market must be the future reckon with the Beaumont output as a factor is now coming to both the Pennsylvania and Lima markets is attributed to the strike in

the Beaumont field.

Believed Carrie Nation W. B. Carrow, a traveling represent ative for Bell & Co., of New York City committed suicide at an Indianapol Ind., hotel, and everything indicated he died from the effects of poisor and bullets. A note on the dresse said: "I go to seek the hereafter. Tell Carrie Nation that rum and cigarettes

Must be Healthy to Wed.

are a damnation

A bill requiring a physical and men-tal examination of all applicants for marriage has passed both houses of the Minnesota legislature, and will probably become a law. The law is aimed to prevent the marriage of per-sens afflicted with incurable diseases or of imbeciles.

Although the officials are uncom municative, it is said that Aguinalde has at last signed the peace mani Aguinaldo strongly objected to festo. two clauses of the manifesto, and considerable argument was required to

vercome his objections. Col. Aba, insurgent leader of Zam col. Aba, insurgent leader of Zam-bales province, with 13 officers, 83 men and 92 rifles, surrendered to Lieu. Col. Maneil C. Goodrell, commanding the marines at Olongapo. Gen. Malvar, with about 300 men and as many rifles, is expected to surrender shortly

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Report of the Government on Wheat Crops is More Than Satisfactory-Small Decrease in Failures.

R. G. Dun's "Weekly Review of Trade" says: The tone of general business was better this week. Marked activity in the distribution of merchandise is reflected in the gains of 45.9 per cent, in bank clearings at New York, compared with 1900, and 20.8 per cent, over 1800, with gains of 13.5 and 10.8 for the same periods at leading cities outside New York. Activity in metals has taken pig fron production to near record figures, some dealers don't see how production of partly finished forms this year is to be made to meet the demand. The gov-ernment report of the condition of wheat on April 1 is the surest possible basis upon which expectation of con tinued commercial prosperity could be founded. Railroad earnings in March were 7.4 per cent, larger than last year, and 32.4 per cent, over 1899. Pig iron production on April 1 was at the rate of 296,476 tons weekly. This quantity has been exceeded but twice in the history of the industry, on December 1, 1800, when 206,569 tons were produced, and on February 1, 1900 when the output was 298,014 tons. The remarkable feature of the situation is the decrease of 69,568 tons in fur-nace stocks auring March in the face of this enormous production, while in six months the loss in supply has amounted to 203,656 tons. Quotations are generally steady for all forms, except plates, on which \$2 a ton more is cemanded without restricting purchases. Speculation has been unusually heavy in food stuffs. Prices receded sharply from the top point of two weeks ago, wheat losing about four cents for spot. Two elements of strength caused some recovery. Insects were reported numerous in the southwestern section, and foreign buy ing was sufficient to make Atlantic ex-ports, flour included, 6.732,000 bushels

in two weeks, against 3,912,857 bushels last year, and 3,890,380 bushels in 1890. Textile fabrics are in better position, although improvement is slight and confined to a few special lines. At Eastern wool markets manufacturers have taken sufficient new material of late to indicate better orders for good and news from the west suggests that ranch owners are going to held for better prices than now prevail. In the cotton goods division there has been more buying for China, while spring orygoods openings make encouraging exhibits. The raw material lost mos of last week's gain, supeculators making no resistance to the weakening in fluence of larger receipts and ligh

exports than a year ago. Besides intentional curtailment of spin 'here has been further reduction o crations by spring floods.

Failures for the week numbered in the United States, against 193 year, 'and 24 in Canada, against last year.