

TO ARBITRATE PIOUS FUND CASE.

MEXICO MUST PAY.

United States Claims \$1,000,000 Principal and an Equal Sum in Interest.

The State Department at Washington has just added another to the long list of arbitrations which it has arranged within the last few years for the settlement of American claims. This arbitration will provide for the settlement of the "Pious fund," which has been a subject of diplomatic exchange between the United States and Mexico since the Mexican War. The claim arose through the failure of the Mexican government to pay to the Archbishop of California interest on lands belonging to the Jesuits for which the Mexican government acted as trustee. The claim was submitted to the Mexican Claims Commission in 1877 and judgment given in favor of the Church for about \$1,000,000. The Mexican government claimed that that payment extinguished the claim, but the State Department held that the interest began from the date of the award and has run until at present it amounts to another million dollars. Personal representations by the Archbishop of California who recently was in Washington and other dignitaries of the Catholic Church caused the department to press the matter with the result stated.

NOTED MINERALOGIST HURT.

Considerable Money Which, With His Horse, is Missing.

William McMillan, a prominent mineralogist, of Barton, Md., was in an unconscious condition Saturday morning at the base of Big Savage mountain, five miles from his home, and died a few hours later. The circumstances surrounding his death are mysterious. He left his home Tuesday on horseback on a short business trip, and although a constant search was kept up, nothing could be learned of his whereabouts. He carried his money, the savings of a lifetime, with him. His money was gone when the body was found, and also his horse. He was 76 years of age, and owing to his prominence and the mystery surrounding his death, the matter has created considerable excitement.

MILITARY RESTORED ORDER.

Man They Were to Guard Has Not Been Arrested.

Reports from Crawford, Ala., Sunday, to which place troops were ordered to assist in the arrest of Uriah Porter, charged with the murder of Fincher, and to protect Porter if arrested, say the situation is unchanged except that the presence of the military has restored order. The Sheriff has not been able to locate Porter.

EXCHANGE RATE CHANGED.

Gold Dollar in Philippines Worth \$2.10 in Mexican Silver.

The change in the ratio of exchange in the Philippines to the Mexican dollar to \$2.10 Mexican silver for one American gold dollar, which was announced December 26, is causing much dissatisfaction. It is unsettling what were considered to have been fixed prices.

Status of Gage Resignation.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage was asked Saturday if he had sent in his resignation. Mr. Gage wrote the following reply: "My resignation has not yet been formally tendered. It will be ready whenever it will suit the convenience of the President."

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

The Italian government continues to urge that United States federal statutes be extended to protect foreigners.

The war department has been informed that the transport Crook has arrived at Malta with all well on board.

Secretary Root received a cablegram announcing that Gov. Taft sailed Monday from Manila.

Capt. Francis A. Cook, who is ill at the United States Naval hospital, Washington, is improving slowly.

Capt. Frederick S. Foltz, Second Cavalry, has been appointed captain of the port of Havana, relieving Lieut. Commander Lucien Young, U. S. N.

Mrs. Roosevelt and the wives of the Cabinet Secretaries, who meet every Tuesday are discussing a plan to revolutionize the dinner costume now in vogue.

The service papers, the Army and Navy Journal and the Army and Navy Register, are strongly of the opinion that the President and the Secretary of War went too far in rebuking General Miles.

Members of the President's Cabinet, with their families and several bureau chiefs of the Navy Department, left for Newport News, Va., Friday to attend the launching of the battleship Missouri.

The Cabinet met Friday but no business was transacted. Positive details are given to the story that F. D. Coburn, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture of Kansas, is to succeed Secretary James Wilson.

Rear Admiral Francis Asbury Roe, U. S. N., retired, died Saturday. He was born in New York and was placed on the retired list October 4, 1855, after 34 years of active service.

The naval board on awards in its report to the Secretary of the Navy says that the work upon the medals is going forward as rapidly as possible at the Philadelphia mint.

Chief Wilkie of the Secret Service, has issued a circular stating that a counterfeit \$20 gold certificate is in circulation.

TO TAX CAPITAL.

Governor Nash, of Ohio, Has Corporation Measure Drafted Along President's Idea.

Special Counsel S. M. Bennett of the Attorney General's Office, at Columbus, O., has completed the draft of a bill to levy a franchise tax on one-tenth of 1 per cent. upon the capital stock of all corporations operating in Ohio. The bill was suggested by Secretary of State Laylin, and is in consonance with the plan of Governor Nash to ultimately do away with the State levy. It is a composite measure, embodying the principal features of the "Littlefield" bill, now pending before the Judiciary Committee of the National Congress; the "New York law" and the ideas advanced by President Roosevelt and Governor Nash. It is proposed to derive a sufficient income from the corporate interest of the State to make the continuance of the State levy unnecessary. The bill provides for the greatest possible publicity in the affairs of the corporations and requires the filing of annual statements with the Secretary of State, disclosing in detail their financial status, organization and reorganization, if any, and the scope and extent of their operations. Heavy penalties are provided for submitting false statements and for violation of any provision of law. Mr. Bennett favors the exemption of foreign corporations from the tax for the reason that this will have a tendency to encourage them to enter Ohio and contribute to the industrial development of the State. He will make such a recommendation to the Governor before the bill is finally approved, and it will more than likely be accepted.

WYOMING COUNTY MARRIAGES.

Because Husband Weds Fifth Time.

The third wife of Jacob Mansfield has taken poison, and is dying because she heard he was to marry for the fifth time. Both live at Fox Hill, Wyoming county, Pa., and are mountaineers with little respect for the law. Mansfield is 54 years old, and declares he is to wed 16-year-old Myrtle Foote in February. The girl is a cousin of the noted Eva Ray Hamilton. Mansfield first married Mary Carle, who is still living, and is Mrs. Harding, of Wyoming. Virginia Mains, the second wife, died. Melissa Hemans, who married and left a man named Stribbens, is the third wife, and she it is who is dying now from poison. Mansfield left her and wedded Miss Ruby Rosenkrantz, who left him, married another man, deserted him, and was found dead in bed last July. Previously Mansfield had tried to win either her or wife No. 3 back, but they had, with the aid of the neighbors, driven him out of the village. Lately he has been courting wife No. 3 again, until Miss Foote caught his eye, and then the announcement of the engagement drove wife No. 3 to try suicide.

THINK THEY WERE CHEATED.

Creditors and Stockholders Sue to Recover \$5,000,000.

Suit was filed at Toledo, O., Saturday by Austin B. Fletcher, of New York, on behalf of the creditors and stockholders of the Ann Arbor Railroad, against Wellington R. Burt, president of the road, asking judgment for \$5,000,000. It is claimed, Burt and his associates bought the property for \$2,627,990. They immediately issued \$7,000,000 of bonds against it and \$7,250,000 of stock. It is claimed that this \$14,250,000 is, in fact, something like the true value of the property, which was well known to Burt and his associates. Plaintiff seeks to recover in his own behalf and in behalf of all the creditors and stockholders the amount of their damage by the sale of the property.

RECORDER SCORES POLICEMEN.

Removals Threatened Unless Efficiency of the Force is Restored.

Recorder Connell, of Scranton, threw a bombshell into the police at headquarters, by telling them that more than half of them had been guilty of offenses which warranted their removal. He appointed Detective Lona B. Day as acting superintendent and declared that if the efficiency of the force was not restored by January 15 there would be "a guillotine bee that would rival a gory day of the reign of terror."

ORDERS MILITARY BURIAL.

Senator Sewell a Major General. Regulars Guard at Funeral.

The War Department has ordered that the usual military honors be paid to the memory of the late Senator W. J. Sewell, of New Jersey. In recognition of his service as a Major General of volunteers during the War of the Rebellion and the Spanish War, General Brooke, commanding the Department of the East, will provide an escort. The funeral will take place in Camden, N. J.

NEW HARBOR MASTER.

Maloney Succeeds Klemmer at the Port of Philadelphia.

Governor Stone Friday received the resignation of Joseph H. Klemmer, harbor master of the port of Philadelphia, to take effect January 1. Mr. Klemmer resigned to become mercantile appraiser. Governor Stone appointed Samuel A. Maloney, of Philadelphia, to succeed Mr. Klemmer.

Crane Declines Portfolio.

Gov. Crane, of Massachusetts, has declined the Treasury Portfolio tendered to him by President Roosevelt last Friday. He declined for business and domestic reasons.

Indictments Against Hinesy Quashed.

Judge Dunne at Chicago Monday quashed the two indictments found several months ago against John A. Hinesy.

GOV. SHAW ACCEPTS PORTFOLIO.

MR. GAGE GOES OUT.

The Iowa Executive's Name Will Be Sent to the Senate in January.

It was announced authoritatively at Washington Wednesday that Gov. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa would be appointed secretary of the treasury to succeed Lyman J. Gage. There will be no change in the office of secretary of agriculture, Secretary Wilson, also of Iowa, continuing to retain that Portfolio. The date of transfer of the treasury department will depend upon the mutual convenience of the outgoing and incoming secretaries. Mr. Gage having signified his willingness to remain at the head of his department until such time as it may be agreeable to his successor to take hold. It is supposed that Gov. Shaw will be inducted into his new office some time in January. It was not until Wednesday that he accepted the tender made him by President Roosevelt. Leslie Mortimer Shaw is one of the most distinguished statesmen of the Northwest, and he has had considerable experience as a president of the Bank of Denison and the Bank of Marietta. He is now serving his second term as governor of Iowa, for which office he was nominated by acclamation. Mr. Shaw's term as governor of Iowa will not expire until January 16, when Governor-elect Cummings will be inaugurated.

SECRETARY LONG GIVES NOTICE.

Notified President He Wants to Retire in Six Weeks.

Secretary Long will be the next Cabinet officer to retire. Mr. Long expressed such a desire to the late President McKinley, but in order that his retirement immediately on the coming of Mr. Roosevelt might not be construed to mean that he went out because of lack of friendship between himself and Mr. Roosevelt he postponed action until recently, when he advised Mr. Roosevelt that he would like to drop out in about six weeks. Mr. Long made no formal tender of resignation, but gave the president notice so he might look around for a successor. Having closed the Schley-Sampson controversy so far as the Navy Department is concerned, Mr. Long saw an opportune time for retirement. While that was pending he preferred to remain. The impression prevails that Governor Taft, who is now on his way from the Philippines, will succeed Mr. Long at the head of the Navy Department.

PHILADELPHIA ELEVATED ROAD.

Work Will Begin on It Shortly After New Years.

It was announced in Philadelphia Friday by a member of the Mack-Foerderer-Wolf rapid transit syndicate, which secured elevated surface and underground charter, passed by the last Legislature, that the construction of an elevated road on Market street, between Fifth and Sixty-third streets, would begin at once. Engineers have made the preliminary surveys and representatives of the syndicate are trying to fix a basis of prospective damages with property owners on Market street.

EVANGELIST KILLED AS BURGLAR.

Dual Life of an Ohio Man Revealed by Death.

A remarkable instance of dual life was revealed at Springfield by the identification of a picture of a man who was shot while in the act of robbing a house at Summitville, Ind. The burglar is dead from the effects of the wound, and all efforts to establish his identity failed until his likeness was exhibited to Altonzo Trupee, a prominent merchant of Springfield, who recognized in the dead burglar an evangelist who preached in Springfield less than a year ago. At that time the man called himself George F. Howe and was known as the "Prison Evangelist."

Library for Titusville.

R. D. Benson, of Passaic, N. J.; W. S. Benson, of Elizabeth, N. J., and their sister, Mrs. Charles F. Emerson, of Titusville, N. J., have offered Titusville, Pa., a free public library to cost from \$20,000 to \$35,000, providing the city will guarantee a maintenance fund of \$2,900 per year.

Detroit is Short of Coal.

The soft coal situation in Detroit, Mich., had become serious Thursday. Local dealers were telling customers that soft coal was not to be had. There was only two or three days' supply on hand.

Ex-President Cleveland Accepts.

Former President Cleveland has accepted appointment to the Industrial Department of Arbitration of the National Civic Federation, created at the recent peace conference of labor and capitalistic leaders.

Chief Devery Acquitted.

Justice Holbrook, in the Court of General Sessions in New York Thursday, decided that Deputy Chief Devery was not guilty of neglect of duty and oppression, as charged by ex-Patrolman O'Neil.

Governor John R. Rodgers Dead.

Governor John R. Rodgers, of Washington, died Thursday. He was taken sick last Friday evening with a cold, which developed into pneumonia.

Spurious Masonic Lodges.

Grand Master Charles W. Mead, of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York, has addressed a letter to the lodges within his jurisdiction warning them against clandestine lodges which he learns are about to be established in the jurisdiction.

OPINIONS DON'T COINCIDE.

Military and Civil Authorities See Different Sides of Life in the Philippines.

The reported disagreement between Gov. Taft and Gen. Chaffee as to the necessity for maintaining troops in the Philippines in large numbers does not cause any surprise at Washington. There has ever been more or less divergence of views between the military and the civil authorities there. Gen. Chaffee generally has discouraged any great reduction of troops and it was but a few days ago that he asked for a greater proportion of cavalrymen among recruits sent to him, that expeditions to the interior might be facilitated. A general opinion of the Philippines is quoted in a letter to a friend as saying that 50,000 soldiers will be needed in the Philippines for at least five years. Gov. Taft is quoted as saying that the army can be reduced to 20,000 within a year. That opinion has not prevailed among army officers writing of arriving from the Philippines. Gen. Chaffee's jurisdiction extends to those sections where the natives have not been sufficiently pacified to admit of the establishment of a civil government.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Rivers rose rapidly in West Virginia and Eastern Pennsylvania Sunday.

Walter and Gerard Doble were drowned in Conesus Lake, Livonia, N. Y.

A man in Chicago files bill for divorce but does not know his wife's first name.

Marines have been awarded medals for heroic work in China during the siege of Pekin.

Three young children of Jacques Mondry were burned to death at their home in Buffalo, N. Y.

The United States will not interfere in German-Venezuelan dispute so long as Germany takes no territory.

A hand-to-hand fight on the C. & O. Railroad near Lynchburg, Va., Saturday night killed several trainmen.

Postmaster General Henry C. Payne, it is expected, will select a new corps of assistants for his department.

Four persons were killed and 18 injured in a wreck on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway at Malta, Ill.

Police say that the plot to kidnap little Jay Gould was one of the boldest in the annals of the New York police.

Ross Allan, a 13-year-old boy, was drowned in the swimming bank at the Young Men's Christian association building at Detroit.

It is rumored in New York that Andrew Carnegie was getting ready to give \$1,000,000 to increase Yale's building endowment funds.

The first passenger train into Peru, Ind., over the newly-completed Cincinnati, Richmond and Muncie Railroad, arrived there Sunday.

The next annual gathering of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in Bellefonte, March 23.

The Simpson Clothing Company of St. Joseph, Mo., made an assignment. Liabilities, \$30,000; assets estimated at practically the same amount.

The American Sugar Refining Company, Ar buckle Bros., and B. F. Howell, Son & Co., Friday advanced all grades of refined sugar 10 points.

John G. A. Leishman, United States Minister to Turkey, is expected to reach Constantinople Saturday, after his vacation in his home country.

A smallpox case caused the quarantine of a police station and the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America lodgings houses in Philadelphia.

Policeman Edward G. Glennon was sentenced in New York by Recorder Goff to six months' imprisonment for failing to suppress a disorderly house.

In defending his mother from an assault by her drunk-crazed husband Theodore Watkins, a negro, 33 years of age, killed his father at Brazil, Ind.

Pope Leo has created John D. Cramm, of New York, a knight commander of the Order of St. Gregory for zeal in religion and acts of charity.

A power house dam will be built at Glens Falls, N. Y., that will make an artificial lake 20 miles long and submerge half of the village of Conklingville.

The Canadian government appointed veterinary inspectors for shipping ports between the United States and Canada under a recent agreement between the countries.

President Roosevelt has selected Dr. J. L. M. Curry to represent the United States at Madrid, when the young King of Spain, Alfonso XIII., becomes of legal age on May 17.

Rear Admiral Schley and ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert occupied a box at the National Theater, at Washington, D. C., Friday. Admiral Schley received an ovation from the audience.

Martin Gleason, a mine superintendent, was found dead in the Kalamazoo shaft at Cripple Creek, Col., with every indication that he had been murdered. A reward of \$5,000 is offered for the criminal.

Five weeks of mystery and speculation as to the fate of Miss Nellie Crosey terminated Friday, when the body of the missing girl was found floating in the river opposite her father's home at Elizabeth City, N. C.

Charges, the nature of which is secret, have been made to Governor Odell, of New York, by F. A. Abbott of Buffalo, against Sheriff Samuel Caldwell, of Erie county.

Oklahoma farmers report that the dry winds have done a greater damage to the winter wheat crop than all the cold waves combined. Wheat on the uplands has suffered greatly.

The committee appointed by the American Friends' Peace Conference to prepare a message to President Roosevelt mailed a copy of the address to the White House Friday.

ENEMY SENDS POISONED BONBONS.

SYMPTOMS OF ARSENIC.

Mrs. Gertrude Brown and Son Receive Anonymous Present—Ate and Became Ill.

A poison mystery resembling in some of its features the celebrated Botkin case is occupying the attention of the police of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Gertrude Brown, who lives at 805 Brooklyn street, with her 13-year-old son, Robert, lies at her home in a precarious condition, due to arsenical poison. The boy is suffering from the effects of a similar illness, and a dog, which was fed candy, was stricken with symptoms that go to demonstrate the accuracy of the poison theory. Mrs. Brown and her son ate some cake and candy at 9 o'clock Christmas night. The cake had been bought at a nearby grocery store. When the box of candy, which had been sent anonymously the day before Christmas, was opened Mrs. Brown speculated as to who of their friends or relatives might have sent the present. She turned the box over and over and effort to find some written clue to the sender but without result. Satisfied that the donor preferred to remain unknown, Mrs. Brown gave over speculating, and, with the boy, ate some of the bonbons. Within a few minutes the boy complained of feeling ill, and almost immediately fell writhing upon the floor. He complained of griping and burning pains. Mrs. Brown at once made him drink salt solution and soon as she could prepared some strong coffee, which she forced down the boy's throat. The administration of these remedies relieved the boy and he lay down upon his bed. By this time the mother was attacked with similar symptoms. She swallowed hot coffee and also drank the salt solution, but her pains rapidly grew worse, and she started from the house to secure aid. She staggered to the corner of Brown street, a few doors away, where she fell. Recovering somewhat the woman dragged herself back into the house. Dr. Jameson, who was summoned, suspected arsenical poisoning, and questioned the sick woman. She admitted the facts relating to the receipt of the candy, and even hinted that she suspected who the guilty one might be. She refused, however, to name the person. The patient was hurried to the Presbyterian Hospital, where the doctors worked over her until daylight, when she was pronounced out of danger and removed to her home.

TRAIN RUNS AWAY.

Jumps Track When Going at a Terrific Speed.

Just before daybreak Friday an Ontario and Western train of 50 coal cars, drawn by a 100-ton "hog" engine, ran away on the hill between Preston Park and Starling, near Scranton, Pa., wrecking the whole train and killing Melvin Whitting, engineer. Charles Millard, fireman, Richard Budd, head brakeman and Patrick Duffy, rear brakeman, all lived in Carbondale. Conductor Wrenn Smith and flagman M. R. Walsh jumped and landed in a deep snow bank. Edward Fitzgerald, who was stealing a ride, was thrown into a snow bank and escaped without a scratch. The train was running 90 miles an hour when the wreck occurred. The terrific speed caused a flange on one of the engine drivers to break rounding a curve, and in a few seconds the engine was in an adjoining field on its side with half a hundred broken gondolas and 1,500 tons of coal piled around it. The big engine served as a wall on which the cars rammed themselves to pieces.

PLAN BIG GATHERING.

Pennsylvania Y. M. C. A. Prepares for Annual Convention.

On February 20 the annual State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Pennsylvania will meet in Warren, Pa. There will be at least 500 delegates in attendance, as well as many prominent clergymen and others connected with the work. Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, of Baltimore, known as the successor to Dwight L. Moody, and other notables will speak. The general secretaries and physical directors will meet in Corry just preceding the Warren convention.

SCOUT KILLS HIMSELF.

Lieutenant Reeder, of Beverly, W. Va., Dies Aboard Lawton.

The War Department is in receipt of a cablegram from General Chaffee, Manila, P. I., reporting that Odus Reeder, Second Lieutenant, Philippine Scouts, committed suicide on the morning of December 23, by shooting himself with a carbine on board the Lawton. He was suffering from temporary insanity, due to illness. Lieutenant Reeder was a native of Beverly, W. Va.

Curiosity Was Strong.

John Pinover, a young wholesale liquor dealer of Middletown, N. Y., jumped from the Brooklyn bridge Sunday. He is at a hospital. Pinover told the doctors he simply wanted to see if he could make the jump and live.

Stole a Mail Pouch.

About 6 o'clock Wednesday a robber entered the waiting room of the Pennsylvania Railroad station at New Kensington, Pa., and made off with a small mail pouch. The bag was found during the night, but its contents had been removed.

Potts's Slayer Arrested.

John Moore, a negro, wanted at Osborne, Pa., for the killing of another negro named Potts, on July 25, was arrested at Clarksburg, W. Va., Saturday.

FARMER'S GOOD YEAR.

Higher Butter, Eggs and Potatoes. Splendid Home Market—Dogs Kill Sheep Industry.

The crop and live stock report of the State Department of Agriculture for 1901 will show that the farmers of Pennsylvania sold their products at remunerative prices during the year, and that there was an almost uniform home market for the products of the farm. The report is being prepared by Deputy Secretary Martin. Mr. Martin says the sheep, wool and mutton industry in Pennsylvania is gradually being abandoned on account of the ravages of dogs. Many Pennsylvania farmers are turning their attention to the feeding of beef cattle and production of cows of large growth, such as shorthorn and Hereford breeds. This has become a profitable industry. Mr. Martin says the past 12 months have been prosperous for the Pennsylvania farmer, and that there has been a great advance in prices of eggs, butter, potatoes and a few other farm products.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER WORKS.

Engineer Burned Beyond Recognition and Three Others Injured.

An explosion in the barrel mill of the Moose Powder Company, at its Jermyn works, Friday, blew the mill and some adjoining buildings to pieces and broke windows for miles around. The shock was plainly felt in Scranton, Pa., a distance of 14 miles. Jacob Hiller, who was in the engine room in an adjoining building, was burned beyond recognition and cannot survive. John Gibbs, George Gebhardt and George Forkel, who were entering the mill yard, were caught by flying debris and badly injured. Glass blown from a window in Albert Carey's house struck his daughter and cut a deep gash in her neck. It is feared she is fatally injured. Scarcely a store or residence in Jermyn escaped with a whole pane of glass.

SEVEN MEN KILLED.

Hand to Hand Fight Between the Americans and Philipinos.

Captain Schoeffel, with a detachment of 18 men of Company E, Ninth Infantry, at Dapday, island of Samar, was attacked by a large force of Bolomen. A severe hand to hand fight ensued, in which a sergeant, a corporal and five privates were killed. Captain Schoeffel was wounded, but not dangerously. Five privates were dangerously and one slightly wounded. No property was lost. The enemy was finally repulsed, with heavy loss.

PLEASANT FOR CARRIERS.

Rural Free Delivery Men Will Not Have to Wait.

The Postoffice Department has decided upon a new method of paying off rural free delivery carriers. They will be paid by the postmasters in the largest city in each State. The Pennsylvania carriers will receive their checks from the Philadelphia office, those in West Virginia from Wheeling and the Ohio carriers will be paid from the Cincinnati office.

Big Haul in Hold-Up.

Louis Ring, who conducts a tailoring establishment in Fairmont, Pa., was held up and robbed of \$495 Friday. He had just bought a ticket to New York, where he was going to purchase goods. He was grabbed by the throat by one man and searched by a confederate. The robbers escaped.

CABLE FLASHES.

The Bulgarian cabinet has resigned. It is understood the new cabinet will include two members of the Stamboul party.

Queen Alexandra of England is making excellent progress toward recovery but will not be able to be out for a few days.

Emperor Francis Joseph has ordered the expulsion from Austria of the principals in the bacarat game of December 21, when, at the Vienna Jockey Club, Count Potocki lost \$500,000.

The London Gazette announces this evening that the leases at St. James' palace and the drawing rooms at Buckingham palace will hereafter be held during evenings.

Colombian insurgents attacked Honda, on the Magdalena river, Friday, but were badly beaten; 400 men were killed in the battle.

W. Curtis Wakefield, of New York, in the name of the American who has leased Dilton Park, near Windsor, for the coronation year.

It is announced that the vatican in Italy that there was never an intention to appoint Mgr. Scalabrini papal delegate to Washington.

It is said in London that the Czar has accepted an invitation to attend the coronation of King Edward, provided the Czarina is in good health at the time of the ceremony.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch to England dated Johannesburg, December 23, reports the week's results as being 45 Boers killed, 25 wounded, 310 made prisoners and 35 surrendered.

One of the three ceremonies which, under the French law, are necessary to make United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew the husband of Miss May Palmer took place in the United States consulate at Nice, France, Friday.

A waterspout has burst over the town of Safee, Morocco. It inundated the lower part of the town for the space of 12 hours, sweeping everything into the sea. Two hundred persons are reported to have been drowned.

The Zionist Congress at Basle, Switzerland, in session, has resolved to establish a fund of \$1,000,000 to be devoted to the purchasing of land in Syria and Palestine. Collections for this fund will be made in all the countries of the world.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED.

Mysterious Shooting—Trolley Contract Awarded—\$200,000 Endowment Fund.

The veterans roll of honor was increased during the week by the following names being placed on the pension roll: Louis Baumer, Johnstown, \$5; Wilbur Davis, Union City, \$5; James Hand, Jr., Run, \$5; Marcus B. Day, Tidoto, \$5; Levi W. Helth, New Era, \$17; Frederick C. Rodgers, Erie, \$2.66; John Ward, Johnstown, \$12; Hannah E. Getz, New Cumberland, \$12; Julia A. Snyder, Kittanning, \$12; Mary E. Fleck, Altoona, \$12; Marshall M. R. Lytle, Altoona, \$6; Henry C. Hall, Lancelot, \$6; William C. Iddings, Lewisburg, \$12; Harrison G. Vickers, Pittsburg, \$10; War with Spain—Mike Valins, Pittsburg, \$17; Caldwell G. Byers, Mercer, \$12; Francis E. McIntyre, deceased, Corry, \$12; Henry Keiper, Johnstown, \$14; Lucy A. McIntyre, Corry, \$5; Mary J. Wood, Columbia, \$8; Mary Young, Sunbury, \$8.

The new county scheme that created quite an uproar in Westmoreland, Fayette and Washington counties four years ago, is to be given another boost. In the manufacturing towns of Monaca, Donora, Charleroi and other rich and populous districts some agitation is going on, and the promoters, principally leading men of the localities, are greatly encouraged by a strong sentiment that has sprung up in favor of a new county.

While returning from a dance at Columbus Wednesday, Lola Munsky and Earl Spencer, of Corry, were struck by a freight train on the Western New York and Pennsylvania Road, both are at the hospital with fractured skulls, and cannot live. They were driving in a blinding snowstorm at the time of the accident.

Allegheny College, of Meadville, some time ago had the promise of \$60,000 towards an endowment fund, if enough more should be pledged by January 1, 1902, to make a total of \$200,000. Twenty thousand is still lacking, and the president of the institution is anxiously hoping that \$20,000 may be heard from.