Three Cruisers Pour Shot Into Venszuelan Fort for Several Hours. Gallant Defense.

Three German vessels, supposed to be the Panther, Vineta and Falke, by gen shelling the fort at 10:30 o'cloc's Wednesday merning. The fort returned the fire. The year of the gunn was terrific. The Panther appeared to be not more than 500 yards from the fort. Her guns were being fired every The fort could not be seen for the clouds of smoke, but it was vere answering the German fire with great rapidity. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon an explosion occured apparently in the fort and a cloud of smoke covered part of the ramparts. A number of Indian fishermen werintercepted fleeing from the direction of the fort in their dugout cances. They reported that smoke was seen from the burning village of San Car los, which had been shelled by German ships, and was in flames, The shelling of San Carlos created much exchement arong the German realdents at Maracalbo, Venezuela, who have protested against the actions of the warships. A special says: "The revolutionary force under Gen. Rieta which attacked Coro, was obliged to retreat, leaving 30 killed and 115 wounded, as well as many prisoners and a considerable amount of baggage in the hands of the Government The revolutionists, under Hiera, unexpectedly assumed the of The Government supposed General Riera was at Sabaneta, but instead appeared outside Coro with 1,000 men, his entore command, and attacked the town from two different directions at the same time. One rebel column succeeded in pushing nearly to the center of the town. At first the Government soldiers were thrown into confusion, but as soon as they recovered from their surprise they stood the rebel attack. After an engagement, which lasted for hours, the fighting going on in the streets and from the houses of Coro. the revolutionists were obliged to re The Government lost cen mer The houses of Coro are riddled with bullets.

H. A. Corbitt, the engineer for the Americans who own the electric lights and nower companies at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, has given con-tracts through the Westinghouse Church Company, New York, for the Westinghouse Machine Company to furnish for the plant at San Luis Poton bree 100-kilowatt generators, with herizontal tandem gas enginer sen of 170-horse power capacity.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

The Columbian canal treaty was ed by Secretary Hay, Jan. 22. Washington officials regard the homburdment of Fort San Carlos as an unfriendly action.

Full fudiciary committee of the report favorably the Littlefield anti

An extraordinary vession of Cor gress, soon after the adjournment, is looked upon as incvitable by Senators Speener and Aldrich.

Representative Lacey, chairman of committee on public lands introduced a bill to enable persons to claims on unsurveyed lands of Alaska

Socretary Root has received a tele gram from Governor Tail at Manila requesting a six months' leave of absence, on account of ill health, for Commissioner Ide, dating from Feb-

committee on banking and curby favorably reported the resolution offered by Representative Sultzer calling on the secretary of the treasury for information regarding United

Rates deposits.

Representative Foss, Chairman of the House Committee on Navai Affairs, introducing a bill establishing naval militia and defining its rela tions to the Government; also, for the enrollment and organization of a na val reserve

The military scademy appropria-The estimates were \$696,453. Provision is made for the purchase of a tract of land containing about 220 acres adjoining the academy grounds.

President Roosevelt is considering Man Blas route, known as the Darlen-Manlingo canal, as a substi-tute for the Panama and Nicaragua He is discussing pediency of this route with Senators, entatives and engineers.

Minister Bowen arrived from Vensuela to begin conferences with the British, German, and Italian ambar-adors on the settlement of the Venexulean difficulty. He called at the embassies and urged them to name an early date for beginning negotiations The buren of foreign commerce of he state department has just issued hundred page volume ular reports on stored goods as Materal for loans. This volume can had on request from bureau of ign commerce of the state depart

littee of experts from easury Department, report to the cretary of the Treasury as the re It of an investigation of 'the nts of the late William S. Yest-n as disbursing clerk of the War riment, that Mr. Yeatman at the of his death, about 18 months was a defaulter to the amount of

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

LVII. CONGRESS.

Appropriation Bills.

The Senate Tuesday passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills. Mr. Quay, Penn sylvania, and Mr. Beveridge, Indiana had a wordy argument over the state-hood bill. After falling to have a day set to take a vote on it. Quay threatened to ask the Senate to remain in session until some agreement is reached. Mr. Hanna, Ohio spoke in opposition to the statehood

District of Columbia.

While the District of Columbia apropriation bill was up in the House Tuesday, Mr. Sheppard, Texas, atempted to ridicule President Ro velt's anti-trust campaign. Mr. Coch-Missouri, denounced what called the cowardly surrender of the State department and Mr. Hepburn, Iowa, countered with the charge that the administration of Polk surren dered the territory between latitudes 49 and 54.40 north. The District of Cclumbia bill was passed.

In the Scrato Wednesday, Senator Quay, Pennsylvania, pressed for a vote on the Statehood bill. Mr. Mc Cullom, Illinois, in filibustering time, moved to go into executive session. Mr. Quay said he hoped the motion would be defeated. The motion was lost by a vote of 37 to This is taken as a test and is claimed, shows a majority of 10 in favor of the Statebood bill when it comes up for a final vote

Philippine Coinage.

The House spent the day, Wednesday in debate on the Philippine coinage bill. Mr. Hill, Connectiout, declared that the substitute, which poses to introduce the United States. currency system into the islands, is indorsed by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw

Debate Continued.

In the Senate Thursday Mr. Burn ham, New Hampshire consumed the Official Statement Has Been Issued day in argument against the Statehood bill and had not finished his speech at the hour of adjournment.

Delegate From Alaska. The House Thursday adopted resolution reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs authorizing the comittee to investigate the charge made by Mr. Lessler, New York, that he had been offered a bribe to vote for additional Holland submarine tor-The Philippine coinage bill was taken up and a substitute for the bill was adopted by a vote of 14f to 128, by which the currency and colnage system of the United States s extended to the Philippines. The House then began discussion of the bill to allow Alaska a delegate in

Both Sides Firm.

In the Senate Friday business was locked by friends of the Statehood bill, refusing to permit consideration of any other measure, and the opponents of the bill declining to agree to a day for taking a vote.

Private Pension Bill.

The House Friday passed 235 private pension gills. They included pensions to the widow of Gen. Franz Sigel at \$100 a month; the widow of Gen. James S. Negley at \$50, and the widow of Rear Admiral Henry F. Picking at \$40. The bill providing for a delegate for Alaska in Congress was passed.

GRAY'S POINTED REMARKS. Action of Strike Official Commented

Upon by Chairman. commision January 21, was man Gray's rather strong remarks in ommenting on the incident where District President Fahey, of the Miners' union, would not grant permission during the strike to a con tractor to erect a boiler house at a colliery which was necessary to preerve the mine from damage. president of the commission said he hated tyranny, no matter whether it was practiced by an operator, a miner or anyone else. During the morning ession the Lehigh Valley Coal Company placed John Murray, a union miner, on the stand. On cross-examination he said there would be trouble the anthracite regions so long as the coal companies insist upon paying the contract miners by the car fusiend of by weight.

Fatal to Another Jackie.

Rear Admiral Higginson cabled The rom San Juan Porto Rico that W. A. Schert, sailor apprentice, of Chicago, who was injured in the explosion he battleship Massachusetts Friday died Sunday, making seven dead of the gun crew of nine men. James Garfield Patterson; of Pittsburg, one of the wounded, will probably recov-er, but it is doubtful if A. N. Dossett

will live.

The Americans residing in the Isl of Pines are determined to resist be ing governed and taxed by the Cuban officials pending settlement of owner- a ship. The Alcaide of the island was silk ligature tied about the lung, drain notified of their intention to resist, by force if necessary. The taxes are chest cavity closed. The patient due and all Americans have pledged themselves not to pay.

Tillman Out of Office. Duncau Clinch Heyward, was augurated as Governor of South Car olina Jan. 21, and James T. Sloan was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor to succeed James H. Tillman, the mur derer of Bonzales. Tillman refuse Tillman refuses to talk of the crime.

GREETING SENT TO KING EDWARD

MARCONI BEAT RECORD.

Wireless Telegraph Message Eclipsed Former 3,000 Mile Feat by . 600 More.

The following is the text of the messages transmitted from Wellfleet, Mass., Monday by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy between Cape Cod and Cornwall, England, between President Roosevelt and King Edward. They are the first official messages sent from this country across the Atlantic to England. former messages sent to King Edward by Marconi were transmitted from the station at Table Head, Cape Breten Island.

London, England, His Majesty, Ed. ward VII. In taking advantage of the wonderful triumph of scientific re-search and ingenuity which has been achieved in perfecting a system of wireless telegraphy, I extend on be half of the American people most con dial greetings and good wishes to you and to all the people of the Brit-ish Empire. Theodore Roosevelt.

Wellfleet, Mags., Jan. 19, 1903. retary to the President, Washington; Request you will have kindness in form President that his message Majesty, the King of England, been duly transmitted by less telegraphy from my Cape Col

station to Cornwall. Marconi. Sandingham, Jan. 19, 1903. The President, White House, Washington, America: I thank you most sincerely for the kind message which I have just received from you through Marconi's trans-Atlantic wireless telegraphy. I sincerely reciprocate in the name of the people of the British Empire the cordial greetings and friendly sentiment expressed by behalf of the American nation, and I heartly wish you and your country every possible prosperity. ward R. and I.

ASK FOR WAGE INCREASE.

by President Dolan.

President Pat Dolan at the National Convention of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis, Ind., made public statement in which he declares that the Wage Scale Committee has no alernative but to report to the convertion in favor of an advance in the wages paid in the bituminous fields. President Polan declares, the Scale Committee has almose definate instructions regarding the report fit must return. The recommendations received from various locals and districes place a limitation upon the committee's deliberations that make port in favor of an increase of not less than 15 per cent nor more than 25 per cent. West Virginia desires a 25 per cent advance. Some isolated locals in the West demand an advance of at least 15 per cent. tween the two extremes, the scale ommittee must select an amount for final endorsement by the convention. Undoubtedly this amount will not be less than 20 per cent,

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS PREVENTED

Reading and Jersey Central Refuse

to Carry Independent Product. An order has been issued by the Reading rallway at Philadelphia temporarily suspending the shipment of coal from individual operators from Port Richmond to New England ports. President Baer purposes to prevent the independents forcing up the price of fuel in the present stress. The order is practically an a merger of several lake companies, embargo. With this order in effect in Phiadelphia, the Jersey Central, a constituent company of the Reading, placed a virtual embargo on independent coal at Elizabethport, where the individual operators have in storage on cars a very large quantity of coal, held for higher prices.

MADDEN BEGINS HIS TERM.

Motorman Who Ran Into President's Carriage Enters Prison.

The distressing incident connected with President Roosevelt's visit to the Bergshire Hills last summer, when his carriage was demolished by an electric car and his secret service electric car and his secret service guard, William Craig killed, was fi-nally closed at Pittafield, Mass., in the Superior Court. The motorman, Euclid Madden, pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter, and was sentenced by Judge Pierce to six months in the House o. Correction and ordered to pay a fine of \$500. The conductor of the car, James T. Kelley, who was also indicted, had his case placed on file.

STITCHED A HEART WOUND.

St. Louis Physicians Made a able Operation.

A novel surgical operation was performed at the City hospital, St. Louis. Mo., on Edward Spilker, aged 19, who had shot himself in the left breast. An aperture was made, and between pulsations the wound in the heart was losed with three stitches. The but-et had also perforated the apex of the left lung. A portion an inch and a half square was cut away, a heavy chest cavity closed. The patient speedily rallied, and it is believed be

Dr. Charles C. Hendricks, convicted ith Samuel Stanton of conspiracy to secure for Laura Biggar the whole estate of Henry M. Bennett, and sentenced to two years and six months in jail, at Freehold, N. Y., was released on ball pending an appeal.

\$200,000 Fire at Scranton.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Venezuelan revolutionists were re pulsed after 10-hour attack on Coro. The United Irish League of Amer ica has raised \$26,000 of the \$100,000

Two new electrical inventions have been produced by Peter Cooper Hew-

Pennsylvania railroad borrowed \$35,000,000 at 41/2 per cent for six months. Three women were killed in a panic

caused by fire in New York factory building. President Roosevelt in a speech at Washington praised the work of the

Y. M. C. A. Editor Gonzales died in South Carolina from a wound inflicted by Lieut.

Gov. Tillman. United States Steel Corporation officials announce plans to reduce cost

Attorney General Knox asked concress for another assistant and additional clerical help.

of production.

Gov-Elect Pennypacker and family ook possession of executive mansion at Harrisburg, Monday. Four were killed and three injured

by wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio at Cumberland, Md. Gov. Nash of Ohio, threatened to call out troops to prevent robbery of

coal trains in Greene county. There is little prospect of the nadian government removing the duty on American bituminous coal.

Burgiars plundered the jewelry store of R. M. Munich, South Bend, Ind., of \$5,000 worth of goods. Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsyl vania, issues orders to admit all caliers between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

The steamer Lahan, which stranded near Gibraltar, was floated and re sumed her voyage to New York. The Hon. A. B. Hunter was injured

and his son killed by a boiler explosion in Westmoreland county, Pa. Westminster chapel, London, Eng land, has invited Rev. Samuel Smith. of St. Paul, Minn., to fill the pulpit.

Negro Cantrill declared that he will rove murder against Indianapolis physicians accused of grave robbery. Surgeon General Wyman had a conference with physicians at Washington on plague opidemic at San Fran

Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin, aged 60, was illed by jumping from a window during a fire in a Chicago apartment

Hubbard Smith, United States vice Hubbard Smith, United States vice Mine Workers at Indianapolis, Ind., president John Mitchell read his anill with dropsy of the heart and kid-Bituminous coal

Bituminous coal operators an-sunced that they will present a solid incumbent upon its members to re- front against increase in miners' Wagos. La Belle and Fournier were hangeat Dawson, Yukon, for the murder of

Bothvillette, Constantine and Mrs. John Barlow, aged 70, was rurged to death by robbers at Rocklane, Ind., and her husband, aged 82,

will ale. Ex-Governor Charles R. Ingersoll. of Connecticut, is critically ill at his residence at New Haven. He is \$1 cars old.

Nine men were killed and ten in jured by the work train coiliding with snow plow on the Great Northern at Chiwankan. Aguinaldo has appealed to congress

loan of \$25,000,000 and credit of \$75,000,000 to develop agriculture in the Philippines. The Gilchrist Transportation Com-

pany will be incorporated in Ohio, as The plan for reorganizing and incorporation of the Lake Carriers' as

sociation was adopted at the conven tion at Detroit, Mich. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, of New York, will give another dormitory building to Yale College, for the Shef-

held Scientific school. Indianapolis to buy a home in that city for John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers,

The search of George F. Austin who mysteriously disappeared from Little Rock, Ark., Inst December, is being renewed with vigor,

Congressman Chester I. Long was nominated by Legislative caucus at Popelia, Kan., for United States Sen ator. All other candidates withdrew. A gas pipe bemb, loaded with pow der, the fuse of which was burned Customs Congress Recommends Year Peter Doelger, the New York brower. Engineer Patrick Kenny and Fireman J. Sprought were killed by the

Surrogate Fitzgerald, of New York, ruled that the estate of Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, widow of ex-President Grant, was not liable to pay inheri-

explosion of an engine on the New

tance tax. As the result of Miss Pearl Saylor of Bowling Green, O., being stricken with smallpox, 50 young women, including a number of well-known local girls are quarantined in Phillips Hall at Bothany College.

The House of Representatives. Cuba, has appropriated \$200,000 for the construction of a Capital. At present the House and the Senate are ocated inconveniently and a long distance apart. A floater found in the canal at Louis

ville, Ky., has been identified as the

body of John McGuire, a contractor who disappeared from his home Decomber 3. Lake Forest III. college closed for a week by order of the local board of health, owing to scarlet fever in the The students are restricted to

Joseph Arthur, of Lawnside, near lamden, N. J., accidently shot and diled his 2-year child while he was

INAUGURATION OF NEW GOVERNOR

TEXT OF ADDRESS

Pennsylvania's Executive Outliner His Policy-He will Uphold Laws. and Constitution.

Samuel W. Pennypacker was duly naugurated Governor of Pennsylva nia at Harrisburg Tuesday. The in-augural ceremonies took place at Immediately after these exercises Lieutenant Governor Brown was inducted into office. Governor Pennypacker, Lieutenant Governor Brown, the retiring State officials, judges of court, the legislative inpartments and other invited guests were escorted from the executive ransion by Congressman Olmstead, chief marshall of the inaugural parade, the governor's troop, of Harris burg, and State troops under com mand of Brigadier General John. A Wiley. After prayer had been offered the certificate of elction of the gov ernor was read and the oath of office was then administered to the govern or by Supreme Court Judge D. Newton Fell, of Philadelphia. A salute of 17 guns was fired. After the last gun had been fired the governor read his inaugural address and after the real-ing of the address the exercises were brought to a close with prayer. The points made in the inaugural address were: There is too much legislation.
The modern tendency to create new
crimes ought to be curbed. Reform
of the ballot law should not obliterate party tickets. Great care should be exercised in granting the right of eminent domain. Legislation should provide for greater return to labor from the rewards resulting from from business ventures. No capitalist is strong enough and no laborer is insignificant enough to escape obedienc to the law. A tax should be imposed on state products to be used in pro viding good roads. Historic buildings should be guarded and preserved by the state. Legslation against yellow journalism shoul be enacted. Citizens should dwell together in harmony and cities join in projects for im provements. He will consult all citizens, including politicians, and desires more respect shown officials,

MITCHELL'S YEARLY TALK.

Has All Confidence in the Mine Strike Commission.

In the convention of the United nual report. He said that vital principals were at stake in the strike of the anthracite miners, which if defeated, would have given to the Amer ican labor movement a check from which it would have required years to recover. Concerning the commission appointed by President Roose-velt, Mr. Mitchell said: "It would be improper at this time for me to comment upon the investigation now being conducted by the anthracite coal strike commission more than to say that its members are eminent men, in whose impartiality and judge ment and I have full confidence. Firm in my opinion of our ability to demonstrate the justice of our cause, I have no fear of the outcome. Sec retary-Treasurer W. B. Wilson made his report, which stated that the re-lief fund for the anthracite strikers amounted to \$2,645,324, including \$1. 969,026 from the special assessment upon the mine workers, \$258,343, donated by the organization and \$419, 954 given by other trade unions and the public. Mr. Wilson said the treasury now contained \$1,027,120.

ORDER SHIPYARD BURNED.

Program to Stamp Bubonic Plague.

Advices from Guaymas, Mexico, state that orders have been received at Mazatlan by the French authori-ties to burn the shippard which was erected a few years ago at a large cost to the Federal Government. The A movement has been started in destruction of the shippard is only part of a program of desperate meas the dread bubonic plague. It is now believed that the plague has been contracted from infected vessels coming in from the East, and has been carried ashore by rats and other animals. It is impossible to get rid of these pests without destroying the buildings.

WOULD EXTEND DOCTRINE.

ly Sanction of Commercial Treaties Dr. Alvarez de Toledo, delegate from Argentine Republic, presented a resolution in the Customs Congress of American Republics in New York, York Central railroad at Castleton, which, after stating that the Monroe doctrine ought to be extended to have commercial as well as political ap-plication, proposed that the congress recommend to the different republics the yearly sanction of all commercial treaties and that such treaties be made more favorable to American than to foreign countries. Washing ton was selected as the place of the assembling of the next congress.

Carnegie Gives to Physicians' College

Andrew Carnegie has expressed his willingness to give \$50,000 to the College of Physicians, of Philadelphia, on condition that the same amount is subscribed by others, for the advancement of medical science.

Adams Company Absorbs Others. The announcement is made that the Adams Express Company has absorbed the Morris European and American express company and will hence-forth engage in European express

Four Seamen Drowned.

Four seamon were drowned by the wreck of the American bark Abiel Abbott on the beach a mile above Ship REVIEW OF TRADE.

Luying Most Liberal Despite High Prices. Poor Transportation Still One Bad Feature.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Wekly Review of Trade,, says heavy transactions in merchandise are reported, but there is much complaint regarding the slow movement of freight. Notwithstand ing the extensive increase in transportation facilities during the past year some roads have been compelled to decline assignments, and in liam Tromellent, Johnstown, \$8; Almany cases where a large number of mond G. Aubrey, Erie, \$17; Edward cars were desired only one was provided. Earnings thus far available Uniontown, \$17; Robert Nicholson, vided. for January surpass last years by 5 Confluence, \$17, John White, Meyers-per cent. In every section of the country, despite high prices, buying is Jacob Guiber, Sharon, \$8; William iberal and of the better quality of Drayer, Meadville, \$12; George C. goods, while dealings are on more of a Kahlback, Aliesbury, \$8; Philip H. cash backs. Although fortunate sections are receiving a better supply of Leraysville, \$6; Aaron Lengafelt, tions are receiving a better supply of Leraysville, \$5; Aaron Lengafelt, fuel, the situation is still serious, and Lilly, \$12; Henry Darr, Harrisburg, many pig iron furnaces have been \$11; Mary Campbell, Apollo, \$8; Maradded to the idle list. As producers garet A. Lockhart, New Castle, \$8; have sold their capacity for some Charles Slaughter, Soliders' Home, time, there is little new business and no Eric, \$6; John W. Grubbe, Canons effort on the part of sellers to secure contracts. Hence the prices of pig fron are stoody and new transactions light. Requirements are pressing in railway equipment, both structural and rolling stock, and it is stated that orders have been placed for as many tons of storl rails as were produced in the full year of 1902. Steel for buildings, bridges and ships finds a ready market and implement makers are becoming more active. New or ders for merchant steel are light, but old contracts are still numerous. Failares for the week numbered 235 in United States, against 201 last year, and 27 in Canada, compared with 28 a year ago.

Bradatreets says: Wheat Includng flour, exports for the week ending January 22, aggregate 3,5.18,757 bunh els, against 4,878,624 bushels last week, 3,639,679 bushels in this week a year ago and 4,838,678 bushels in When exports since July aggregate 144,179,557 bushels, against 161,643.818 bushels last season and 112,049,646 bushels in 1900. ports aggregate 2, 376,683 bushels, against 2,394,612 bushels last week 179,520 bushels a year ago and 3,972,152 bushels in 1901. For the For the flocal year exports are 18,354,701 bushels, against 21,434,969 bushels Tours season and 112,907,647 bushels in 1901.

P. R. R. PURCHASES CANAL.

Will Use C. & O. Waterway in Op-

posing Wabash. The syndicate which has leased the Chesapeake & Ohio canal for transportation of coal between Cumberland, Md., and Georgetown, D. C. is the Pennsylvania Railroad pany. The leasing of the canal is : move on the part of the Pennsylvania railroad to block the Wabash in its extension of the Western Maryland to connect with the Western Central at Cumberland

LOOKING FOR \$14,000.000.

Gov. Odell Wants Early Decision on the Franchise Tax.

Gov. Odell and Attorney General Cuncen of New York, decided to press for an early decision by the Court of Appeals on the franchise tax which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. There are back taxes of \$14,000,000 due corporations.

Iron Bar Mill Combine.

Negotiations are in progress among the owners of seven or eight of the independent from bar mills for combination of their properties into one company. The proposed combination will include practically all the Western iron mills outside of the Republie Iron and Steel company.

CABLE FLASHES.

Col. Lynch was found guilty of high treason, at London, England, and sen-

tenced to death.

The condition of Hubbard T. Smith. United States deputy consul general at Cairo, who is in the Protestant hospital at Genoa, Italy, is growing He is suffering with dropsy of the kidneys.

A stormy scene in the Reichstag, at Berlin, Germany, followed an atraise a debate on the charges brought against the late Herr Krupp and Emperor William's telegrams and speech-

es on the subject. The court ball usually held on the buthday of King Oscar, of Sweeden, has been countermanded because of the illness of Prince Eugene, king's youngest son who is suffering from a tebercle hip. The prince's condition is reported serious.

King Oscar, of Sweeden, has de clded temporarily intrust the government of the country to the crown prince, Gustaf, who will take over the regency. This action of the king is taken as the result of medical ad-He has abandoned his project ed visit to Norway.

Advices received from Halti announces that President Nord has is-The decree excludes the exiled fol-lowers of M. Firmin, the leader of the recent revolution, who was defeated by Gen. Nord.

A boiler explosion in Tupper's iron works at Bilston, Stafford, England, resulted in the killing of 20 or 30 by steam and pieces of flying metal. The building was completely wrecked. Several of the injured persons are net expected to live.

Count von Rallestram has resigned Count von Balleetram has resigned the presidency of the reichstag in consequence of disapproval of his at-titude during the attempt, January 20, of Herr Vollmar (Socialist) to raise a debate in the house on the charges brought against the late Herr Krupp and against Emperor William's tele-grams and speeches on the subject.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS GONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED.

Injured In Powder Explosion-Rat Poison in Buckwheat Cakes Receiver for Telephone Co-

Pensions were granted during the past week to the following: Andrew H. Ruffner, Purchase Line, \$17; Wilburg. \$8; Annie onle, \$8.

The Senate met at 3 p. m. Monday. Mr. Grady, Philadelphia, offered a joint resolution to provide for the participation of Pennsylvania in the Louislana Purchase exposition to be held in St. I culs in 1904. Resolutions were adopted presenting their desks and chairs to the retiring Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Common-wealth, Secretary of Internal Affairs, and president pro tem and increasing the limitation of the inaugural expenses of Gov. Pennypacker from \$7,000 to \$9,000. A large number of bills were introduced. The Senate also held a night session. The spe-cial committee to which all bills had been referred reported favorably all the bills which had been referred to it, including the appropriation of \$25,-000 for a monument at Harrisburg to Simon Cameron and the bills introduced at the afternoon's session.

An explosion of four kegs of pow-fer in a Slavish boarding house in Windher near Johnstown, horribly burned John Chupa, Stacco Chupa, Meek Soulemba, Frank Fresak, John Modes and M. Felerick, all Slavs, and it is thought all are fatally burned. The men were seated in one room, and one of them was endeavoring to dry a quantity of the explosive when four kers of the stuff let go. The side of the building was blown out and the six victims were found unconscious on the floor. The injuries of the victims will probably prove

The family of George Roemer, of Plammer, near Oil City, consisting himself, his wife, two sons, the sons, their wives and four grandchildren poisoned in a peculiar manner. The contents of an open can of rat poison that stood on a shelf fell into the family buckwheat bin. The ingredients for the morning meal of buck-wheat cakes were taken from the bin, and in a short time the entire family were poisoned. Application with a stomach pump brought them all out of danger, with the exception of the aged head of the family, whose condition is considered precarious.

The House Monday held a shortsion. Among the measures acted upon was the Senate resolution increas ing the appropriation for the inauguexpenses from \$7,000 which was incurred in. Speaker Henry F. Walton announced the appointment of Messra. Bliss and Cooper, Delaware; McClain, Lancaster, Daugherty, Mercer, on the Rules com

mittee. The Rebecca furnace, at Kitlanning, has resumed operations, giv-ing employment to a large number The plant has been down for three months, and during that time was practically rebuilt Henry Colwell, wife of the superintendent, started the fires.

For some weeks the local police at Titusville have received complaints of the depredations of a stranger who approaches and insults women on the street evenings. John D. Mitz, who gives his residence as Erie, Pa., was arrested on suspicion, Crawford & Gregory, oil men. of

14,000 acres near Oil City for \$350,-000, have sold their oil properties to the President Oil Company, retaining a one-half interest. Barney McDermott, a lumbermar from DuBols, lay down to sleep beside a burning slab pile at Akron, Somerset county. The fire gradually cre

Emlenton, who recently acquired pos-session of the Edwin Clapp estate of

up to him and his body was found burned to a crisp. Clothing stolen from the armory of Company D, Tenth regiment, N. G. P., Connellsville, was found at the house of Jacob Saylor, one of the men

said to be implicated in the Eicher robbery. John M. Dunn, ex-commisioner of Washington county, was appointed receiver for the West Pennsylvania Telephone Company. The company said to be indebted to the amount

of \$25,000. The Pittsburg, McKeesport and Connellsville Street Railway Com-pany has secured the last of the light and power plants in that section by sucd a decree granting amnesty to the purchase of the one at Scottdale, over 100 Haitian exiles at Kingston. The Penn Gas Coal Company. The Penn Gas Coal Company, of Irwin, has decided to move its car

shops from Penn Station to Irwin. The new plant will be located near the Yough shaft of the company.

Barney McDermott, a lumberman from DuBois, lay down to sleep beside a burning slab pile at Akron set county. The fire gradually crept up to him and his body was foun

burned to a crisp. At new Castle, the court granted a charter to the Western Pennsylvania Industrial school, to be located near that city, where colored students will be taught farming and domestic sci-

The district school building near Wilmington, was destroyed by fire and a panic among the children was narrowly averted.