\$20,000,000 CAPITAL.

Step! Combine Welds Its Big Coke Plante, Scheme in Line With Morgan's Plans.

All of the large coke producing companica of the United States Steel Coroperating in the Connells ville and South Connellaville coke rewere merged April 2, 1903, into the H. C. Prick Ceke Company, and the capital of that company was increased from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to provide for the absorption. The step in in the line of concentra tion and commy recently inaugurated by the speel combine. The United Etates Coal and Coke Company, operaling in the Vocabontas region, and other coke companies are not includ-ed. The coul and mixing companies will be concentrated next. parations merged are the H. C. Friek Coke Company, \$10,000,000 capital; United Coal & Cobe Company, \$1,-225 600 capital, formerly owned by National Tube Company and American Steel Hoop Company; McClure Coke Company \$1,100,000, capital. Coke Company \$1,100,000 capital, formerly owned by the H. C. Frick Coke Company; Commental Coke Company, \$1,000,000 capital, formerly the property of the National Steel Company: American Coke Company. enpital, formerly owned and operated by the American Steel & United States Steel Corporation upon Wire Company; Scuthwest Councils a basis of \$8.60 par value preferred ville Coke Company, \$5,000,000 capit. the illinois Steel Company. All of of the common, After a record break-these have been efficiently managed ing ride over the Leeigh Valley rathby President Lynch for two years, but direct concentration, it was believed, would give even better reguits. The combine has 18,000 coke corns, gradueles 10,500,000 tons a corns, gradueles 10,500,000 tons a corns. year, and employs 20,000 operators. The company has operated the va-rious companies heretologe, but has daniered to have them under one man-agement in fact. Thomas Lynch will remain President, D. H. Cobie, Sec-retary and Philip Keller, Treasurer. quarters will remain in Pittsburg.

Strikers Favor Arbitration.

About 200 men employed by the Burfalo, N. Y., Dry Dock Company, who have been on strike, returned to work. The trouble has not been settled, but the mea agreed to work while it troubles are adjusted by arbitration.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Captain T. H. Stockton will succeed Captain Richardson Clover na United States gaval attache in London,

The overturning of a field piece in the drill hall at Ft. Myer, Va., caused the death of a corporal and the injury of three notdiers.

President noncinted ian case before The Hague tribunal.

Ratifications of the Cuban reciproc-By trenty were exchanged at the State department March 31 by Secrelary Hay and Senor Quesada, Cuban

The Supreme Court at Sydney, New South Water, has decided that goods imported for the state government are not liable to the commonwealth import duties.

John G. Johnson, of Phila clobia. has been relained by Attorney General Knox to prosecute publishers violating the laws regarding second-class mail Lieut. Col. Howsee Charged With Almatter. Congress appropriated \$25,-000 for the hiring of special counsel.

The officials of the Treasury departwho has been agreed upon as appart of the whipping to death of two praiser of customs at Pittsburg, is to Filipinos by native officers and did receive. The last appraiser was paid not order the offenders punished. It a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

and Salvador have had an interview, hostile Filipinos. Col. Howsee says and as a result the conditions are so an investigation at the time showed much improved that the minister re- that only one native died and his gards the danger of war averted.

Sir Tung Lian Cheng, the Chinese minister, with his suite and party, including about 45 persons, arrived Washington. He brought with his 25 ing men, 14 of whom were sent by their parents, and the others by the se government, to be educated in this country.

Mail resolved by the War department relates the death of John Pruchs. and Edward Chase, who cought for gold in Zamboaugo and placed claims up the Santa Maria riv-er. In Pobruary word came down the stream that they had been butchered.

Gen. Greely, chief struct officer, with the Marconi and the other with the Fessenden system. Neither has portunity first will be given the nortice been able to perform the contracts, which empired last August. He has made no contract with any German individual or company.

A number of important changes have been made in the office of the commissioner of the general land of kine publishing business of their own, Railroad Company, which will use the fice as a result of the accession of W. A. Richards to the office of commissioner. James T. Macey, of New York, becomes chief clerk; George F. Pollock, of Ohio, chief of the special service division, and A. B. White, of New Jersey, chief of the division of

The consul general, McWade, at Canton, China, cables the state de partment that the famine is increasing in the Kwangsi province, that starving parents are selling the children for small sums of money, and makes an appeal for charitable help. The state department announces it

CVER \$10.000.000.

Estimate on Earnings of United States Steel Corporation for Month of March.

It is estimated at the general offies in New York that the net earnings f the United States Steel Corporation for March exceeded \$10,000,000, and that for the three months of the calendar year, January, February and March, they approximated \$29,000,000 s compared with \$25,000,000 in round numbers for the corresponding quar Estimates of the gross arnings of the corporation for the last year vary with a maximum of \$500,000,000 and a minimum of \$475, 60,000, It was reported in Wall street that the forthcoming report of the corporation will shoy act leess than \$62 0,000 cash on hand, and at \$220,000,000 cash and cash assets, This amount nearly equals the avellable east balance of the United States gov rament, which on Saturday last was little more than \$45,000,000, after educting the money held by deposorica and money available for elreu ation, or a little more than the corporation. The United States Steel Corporation, it was appounced in Wall ominon stock of the National Tube Works Company. For the last 500 stares of outstanding stock it is understood, \$650 a share was paid. This stock was originally taken over by the E. Corey, spent nearly five hours at the Bethlecom Steel Works,

RESULT OF A JOKE.

Four Men Burned and Disfigured by a

Miner Fooling With Powder. The directors are Thomas Lynch, C.
M. Schwab, E. H. Gary E. J. Euflington, '7, P. Palmer, W. H. Schiller, disagured by the explosion of a 26Thomas Meyrison, D. M. Clauson, D.
Thomas Meyrison, D. M. Clauson, D.
The headof the United States Gypsum Com-H. Halling be a joke from men were number and consistent of the United States Gensum Company, near Oakfield N. Y. The injured were Frederick Haywood, a drill-consistent of the States Gensum Company, near Oakfield N. Y. The injured were Frederick Haywood, a drill-consistent of the States of the United States Gensum Company, near Oakfield N. Y. The injured were Frederick Haywood, a drill-consistent of the States of the S er, and his assistant, Albert Sage, and two miners who were cheving the small cars on which the produce of the mines was placed. The miners reached the point where Haywood and Sage were working. One laborer, it la said, saw a small quantity of pow der lying loose near the powder and for fun touched his torch to it.

CASSATT UNDER \$2,000 BAIL.

Pennsylvania Rallroad Magnate in

Court to Answer Indictment. A. J. Cassatt, President of the Pennsylvania railread; John D. Crimmins Elisha B. Gadals, Dr. Leslie D. Ward and T. Rousevelt Shanley, directors of Wayne MneVengh of Philadelphia, to the North Jersey Street Railway Con-represent United States in Venezus-pany, and E. F. C. Young, president; David Young, vice president and gen-lant army commands our admiration eral manager; Arthur W. Pratt, road, and respect, a nation at whose head master; Charles M. Shipman, general superintendent, unpeared in the court rulers, of sections at Newark, N. J., to anawer to the indictment for manslaughwrock of February 19, which resulted in the death or nine High School pu-Each was placed under \$2,000 ball, which was furnished. No date was set for the trial.

MADE BY GENERAL MILES.

lowing Cruelty to Filipinos. charges that Lieut, Col. Robert is stated at the war department that ment that the President or Guatemala while Col. Howeve was absent after were a court laving jurisdiction. death was not due to ill-treatment.

WEEDING OUT PROCESS.

Recignations From Postoffice Department Expected.

signation of George W. Beavers as chief of the sainry and allowance division was voluntary, it is but the foregunner of a number of other resigpations which soon are to follow. is said that a condition of affairs has grown up in the department which has become intolerable, and that there is to be a weeding out of a number of portunity first will be given the parties from \$1,200 to \$1,800.

Four artists and cartoonists and the business manager of Judge, at New Franklin avenue, at St. Louis, York, resigned and started a magaannouncing that a new comic weekly will be launched in time for the next

Don't Favor Sympathetic Strikes. The shut-down of seven of the largest cotton mills, at Lowell. Mass., the answer of the manufacturers to the March 30, making about 17,000 persons idle. Proposals of sympathetic strikes were not well received by the workers.

A monument was unveiled at Wil-mington, Del., to mark the landing

ARMY COMMANDS HIS ADMIRATION

AMERICA A WORLD POWER

mbascadar Sternberg Pays High Compliment to the United States Private Soldier.

Baron von Speck Sternberg, the envoy of Germany to this country, was of the Hartford (Conn.) Yacht He resconded to the tonst. The German Nation and Its peror, the Noblest Yachtsman of the World," and his remarks, particularly those relating to the yachting procity lties of the emperor, were heartily State officers were present, and they complimented the envoy, eulogized his country and joiced with the company In drinking a toast to the kaiser, After dinner John W. Hatstat, the toastmasr, introduced Baron von Sternberg. e German envoy said, in part: ank you for the honor you have done to my country, my emperor and to his highest brether. Prince Henry. You have just spoken of Germany as your keen and able rival in commerce and In industry. I am delighted to hear this. It is keen rivalry which produces great men and great races and which has given the people of the United States and of Germany so much in common. The days are no more when the barbarian forged his blade to conquer and to loct. Now we find armies and navies turned into great training schools in which we each our sons those qualities which they need more than ever, just as nuch in the struggles of peace as the struggles of war, and without which commercial and industrial suremany never can be attained. No ody understood this better than the German emperor when he began to add a powerful unvy to his already owerful army. It was to you to whom a looked when he felt the need of a which only America's nautical centus was able to create, a craft to read the love of the sea among his Your words of praise for the German army and many I heartily re-ciprocate. The many of the United States now commands the admiration of the nations. Its fighters and write era, its material and the personality and spirit of its crews have empha sized America's position as a great world nowe. It is only a few weeks since I witnessed the laying of the cornor stone of the War college at Wash-ington. To use the words of your shief executive, that institution will develop an army which will represent for its size the very highest point of efficiency of any army in the civilized repeat what you have said: 'I hope that the relations between our two great nations may grow closer and friendlier. We ask for what you ask: fair play and good will. Rivalry we need rivalry we want." To para-phrase slightly the toast given in honor of my emperor and of my country, I raise my glass to: "Republican Amern a virile nation, great and strong on land and sea, whose rapidly grow ing and powerful navy, like its galstands one of the world's greatest

CANNOT ENFORCE LAWS.

No Court Has Jurisdiction Against Steel Combine's Control.

If the consolidation of the Duluth, trary to the anti-merger laws of Minnesota, there is, in the opinion of At- \$7.732,000, nesota, there is, in the opinion of At- \$7.732,000, torney General W. B. Douglas, no Walter S. V. Cooke, former select- Sailors Will Try to Rescue Several of the Treasury departs charges that Lieut, Coi. Robert L. Paul, Minn., in response to a legisla-determined upon the Howes, in command of a post in tive resolution asking for the status salary which Prederick W. Edwards, Northern Lunes in 1899, was cognize of the two railroads in Northern Minnescta which were reported to have been practically concolidated by the so-called steel trust. He finds further that while the spirit of the law is United States Missister Combs, at so far az investigated, it appears that being violated, this violation is not Guatemala, cabled the State departs the alleged outrage was perpetrated such as could be reached even if there

FIVE MINERS KILLED.

Shot Ignites Gas in Illinois and Fatal Explosion Follows.

Five men were killed and four fatally injured by an explosion in the are: Frank Dellis, L. F. Lamay, Dom-It is given out at the postoffice de-partment, Washington, that while the Beanca. Fatally injured: Harry New-Five parsons were house, Henry Wheeler, Charles Lewis, William McFadden. It is thought the explosion was caused by a shot igniting the coal dust,

Raised the Liquor Licence.

The bill increasing the liquor lichiefs of division and cierks. The New York by 50 per cent, was passed postmaster general and his first as in the Assembly by a vote of 84 to 61. It had previously passed the Senate The annual retail license is increased

Wabash Buys City Block

The entire city block bounded by Carr, Collins and Third streets and has been transferred to the Wabash property for a new freight depot. Nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars was paid for the property.

Cattle Infected in New York State Veterinarian Kelly, of Albany, and Dr. J. Brown McNell inspected a herd of 10 cattle at a farm in Charlemands of the union, went into effect ton, eight miles from Ballston, N. Y., and found them to be affected with foot and mouth disease. The cattle The cattle were ordered to be slaughtered,

Coffee Hits Lowest Figures

LA E T NEWS NOTES.

Almost the entire town of Pocolet, C., was destroyed by fire. Injunction against Wabash employ

es was dissolved at St. Louis. No action regarding bridge work ers' strike will be taken by President Recoveredt.

It is officially announced that King Edward and Queen Alexandra visit Ireland in July or August of this year.

Conductor Henry Cook was killed in a train collision on the New York Central railroad, near Amsterdam, N.

Gen. W. H. Jackson, the noted Con ederate officer, and owner of Belle Mende stock farm, died at Nashville,

John Wanamaker sold the rights and title of Everybody's Magazine to the Ridgway-Thayer Company, of New

District of Columbia commissioners adopted a regulation imposing a fine of \$1 for expectorating on the sidewalics

Frank Morrison, secretary of Sederation of Labor, declared that the total membership of that organization

Roy. Sumusi McPherson. renter of St. John's Episcopal church, Boston, has emeraced the Roman Catholic faith.

The Home of the Marist Brothers, a Catholic benevolent institution at St. Hyacinth, Quobec, was burned to the fround. Damage \$50,000

Vincent Boehm lost his life in a fire in New York, which damaged the floors of the building at 409 East Twenty-fourth street. Five hundred tanners, the majority

of them belog employes of the Amer-ican Hide and Leather Company, at Chicago, struck for higher wages.

Sir Liang Sheng Tung Cheng, new Chinese minister to the United States, left gan Francisco for Washington on a special train.

Mrs. Edilli Whitney, wife of Will llam C. Whieney of New York, whose denth occurred on May 6, 1899, leaves torsonal property valued at \$242,000.

The grand jury at Hamilton, O., resorted indicaments for murder in the icst de cee against Alfred A. Knapp and Maranel Kenter, for wife murder, A tornado unserd over the vicinity Cormere Va., doing great chmage,

evoling buildings, renees and forests for a distance of over a mile. No loss of life reported. in a callision on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at South Ercoklyn, Engineer Chauman

and Firsman Newman were killed and 16 were injured. and other points. Dr. Hunter, ex-minister to Guatema la, renewed his charges against J. J McNally, of Pittsburg, now consul at Loige, Belgium, but Secretary Hay refused to consider them.

Comptroller Grout, of New York, has recommended that Mayor Low dismiss Fire Commissioner Sturgis for alleged violation of the city charter in awarding contracts.

dedication occamonies in St. Louis had a stronger motive than anyone April 20. She had planned to go to else for putting Burdick out of the St. Louis with a party of guests,

The attorneys for former Mayor Ames at Minneapolis, Minn., have withfrawn all the pleas of not guilty to all the indictments against him and filed notice of a motion to quash each one.

Monabe and Northern and the Du- the treasury department in exchange but and Iron Range railroads is con- for two per cent councils, under the trary to the anti-merger laws of Min- secretary's recent announcement is

court in the nation which has juris man and treasurer of the Milford diction for the enforcement of the (Mass.) Cooperative bank, was ard on a charge of embers of \$15,000 from the bank, and held in

The New York board of aldermen adopted a resolution indereing and urging the immediate passage of the legislative bill to permit the city to and operate a municipal lighting plant.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, was relieved of a personal tax assessment or \$500,000 at New York upon his dec laration that his legal residence was

The Henry James Ten Eyck prize for oratory at Yale College was awarded to William Pickeens, of Arkansas, coal mine at Sandoval, Ili. The dead a negro, member of the junior academte class. The prize is the income of

Five persons were slightly injured. senger, C. Earl Matthewson, of Akron. O., in a collision between an east hound Baltimore & Oblo limited and a freight, in South Chicago,

About 20,000 carpenters, plumbers masons and other mechanics employed in the building trades between per cent advance in wages.

Eighteen men were arrested at Waterbury, Conn., on the charge of assault with lutent to kill by the r lice in their efforts to discover the au thors of some of the outbreaks of viclence which have occurred since the beginning of the strike of motormen and conductors.

President Wilson, of Princeton (N. J.) University, will make an extended lecture tour through the West, begining April 20. During the trip he will respond to toasts at alumni digners given in his honor and will make several forms! addresses.

The award of the anthracite coat strike commission went into full effect April 1 throughout the anthracite committee of 16 trustees of the United coal regions. The readjustment of hours and other conditions were effected with but little difficulty.

S. C. Nowiin. State game warden. at Cheyenne, Wyo., received a letter from William Loeb, Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt, declaring that the pace of the first Swedish settlers in of coffee were made at New York at America. The Swedes came to that city April 29, 1638.

Sales of April and May deliver'es President Roosevelt, declaring that the Were killed and Henry Williams and President does not intend to do any the collapse of a tenement house at Louisville, Ky.

MANY STRIKES IN LABOR'S REALMS

MANY WORKMEN IDLE.

Operations Tied Up by Refusal of Building Trades to Prosccute to Finish.

In nearly every city in the country

until May 1st struck for shorter hours and higher pay on April 1. The only serious outbreak was near Trenton, N. J., where union men attacked nonunionists, beat them and destroyed Pennsylvania railroad property. The dissolution by the courts of the in-unction restraining the threatened write on the Wabash system was welomed by union men. The strike of 0,000 men in the building trades outade New York city completely stopped building operations. Strikes were begun in Rhodo Island, which may is no prospect of a settlement of the Massachusetts mill strike of 20,000 employes. In Chicago five trades are tied up and 7,000 men idle. All the vessel men of Buffalo and 1,500 plumbers quit their employment. An agreement was reached in the New Haven railroad's dispute with its men, Wages of the New York Elevated railroad employes were raised and in many other instances troubles were averted and strikes settled by concesslons to the workers. Peace in the turing conditions are unsettled by building industry for another year was strikes and the future course of prices practically assured at Chicago, when as well as the general situation, must all but one of the 13 trades unions depend largely upon this factor. Only involved ordered their members to a very light supplementary demand start work under new contracts. While is coming forward for men's wear he building trades at Chicago cretar- woolens and worsteds, and most new od for peace the general labor world orders are for filling out sample bus-is restless. More than 4,000 men in iness. Increased firmness is recorded the threatened to walk out, accepted the compromise offer of the contract last year, and in Canada, 18 against The bricklayers struck at Indianapolis and 22 last year, and Loganaport, painters and paperhangers at Fort Wayne, laborers at u, furniture employeees at Evanscoal minors at Terre Hante and d Pana. In Ohio 700 employegs of nine architectural structure works are out at Cincinnati. In Penasylvania the panerhangers and painters are out at Williamsport, Shamokin

POINTED TO PENNELL

Justice Murphy's Verdict Throws Sus-

picion on the Dead Lawyer. The variet in the Burdick inquest handed down by Judge Murphy at Buffalo, N. Y., while stating that the identity of the murerer of Edwin L. lick has not been proven, practililness will prevent. Miss. Helen cally charges Arthur R. Pennell, the fould from attending the world's fair dead lawyer, with the crime. Pennell Judge Murray says, and all the facts brought out by the inquest con-stitute just grounds for the issuance of a warrant against Pennell ir were alive. The verdict is softened comewhat so far as it relates to Ponell by the statement that if Pennell The total amount to date of three were alive be wentd be given the pre-and four per cent bonds offered to sumption of innecesses until proven auilty.

TO RELIEVE AMERICANS

Stranded in Honduras,

At the instance of Senator Hanna State department is making earnest fforts to succor a little band of Cleve land men who went prospecting in Honduras. In the party were Dr. W. R. Gillespie, J. G. Pomerene, Freder k W. Goodrich, F. F. Wilson and J. E. Lincoln, They were last heard from at the mouth of the Patuca. Acting Secretary Durling cabled to Admiral Columbian pedestrian, who left Ar-Coshlan, at Paerto Cortez, to send a hoat to the relief of this party.

Want to Avert Strikers

At a meeting of the executive board of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, to ask the association recently formed the employers to appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee of the employes for the purpove of adonting a plan of arbitration and trade agreement.

Denver Goes Hungry,

Seventy-four restaurants in Denver cooks' and walters' strike, and thousands of people were greatly inconthe New York city line and Hartford, ventenced. The grocers', butchers' Conn., are out on a strike for a 20 and bakers' clerks threaten to strike in sympathy with the cooks and wait ers and let the entire city go hungry.

Insurance Men Suc.

Twenty-four Insurance companies have filed suit against the Louisville (Ky.) Water Company for amounts aggregating \$91,000, alleged to be due because of the failure of the company properly to supply the fire department with water, thus resulting in disastrous fires which otherwise could have ment bills in their respective parlia-

New Christian Endeavor Secretary. After having devoted six months to the duty of selecting a general sec-Society of Christian Endeavor at Boston. Mass., appointed for the purpose have chosen Von Ogden Vogt, of Belolt, Win.

Fannie Taylor and Bettie Hooper

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Good Weather Brings Out Business, Labor Strikes the Sole Blur of Industrial Affairs.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Another week of good weather has brought out a large volume of business, many manufac turers receiving urgent requests for mmediate shipment. Quicker transworkers whose agreements do not run portation has relieved the fuel pres-until May 1st struck for shorter hours sure and the industrial situation would be unprecedentedly favorable it not for the prevalence of labor disputes. Rallway carnings in March increased 13 per cent over last year's and 21.1 per cent as compared 1901. During March prices of com-modities declined to \$99,267, as com-pared with \$101,067. This decrease is seasonable, and in about the same as occurred in the corresponding period last year. Less interruptions rom fuel scarcity and traffic e ion have produced a most destrable condition of activity in all departments of the iron and steel industry, but the structural workers' strike o restrict consumption and provides the only menacing factor. Southern producers of plg fron supplied the most important feature of the week, when quotations were reduced on de liveries in the second half of the year. Ore is moving freely at Cleveland, labor troubles being averted, Steel is taken freely by implement makers, railways and other large buyers, and contracts are reported that turn fully a year. Textile manufacthat city stopped work. These joined in the market for footwear, particularthe 3,000 on wirthe. Between them they tied up five lines of business. The
trades affected are tanners and ourtiers, steamsters and their believed in Chicago bides. Failures this week
teamsters and journeymen tailors. The
bridge and structural from workers. idgo and structural iron workers. 214 last week, 220 in the preceding to threatened to walk out, accepted week and 167 the corresponding week a wave scale of \$4.50 a day. 26 last week, 20 the preceding week

Bradstroet's says: Pressure of for eign from at Eastern seaboard markets is the reason assigned for the cut of r points in Indiana. In Illinois the \$1 per ton in Southern foundry grades is went out at Danville and and for the sympathetic weakening of 50 cents per ten in other kinds of pig fron at Eastern markets. Transportation has improved, coke is in supply, Iron furnaces and mills are be ter able than ever to supply our rent demand and still quotations con-tinue firm. Cut nails are higher. Wheat including flour, experts for the week ending April 2 aggregate 3,130. 047 bushels, against 3,401,987 bushels last week, 4,446,917 in this week a rear ago and 4,698,693 bushels in 1901 Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 175,579,489 bushels, against 624 bushels last spason, and 155,666, 391 bushels in 1900. Corn exports aggregate 2,832,068 bushels, against 3, 82,210 bushels last week. hushels a year ago, and 2,980,541 hushels in 1991. For the fiscal years exports are 47,337,535 bushels, against 24,464,437 bushels last season, and 148,161,604 bushols in 1901.

CABLE FLASHES.

The persistent drought is causing creat auxiety among the farmers of

Elishop Glennon of Kansas City, is considered the most likely appointed na conditator archiblahop of St. Louis. Final arrangements are being made at Glasgow, Scotland, to amalgamate 13 Scotch malleable fron firms, with

a empital of \$6,000,000, William the Book of Job" was sold by auction at London, England, for \$28,000. The chume was published in 1825.

dented violence was experienced again March 30 at Jerusalem. population was penie stricken, but the damage was slight. Luis Madrigal, a deaf and dumb

gentina January 5 on his way to the Louis exposition, has reached Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The sealer Greenland arrived at St. Johns, N. F., with 16,000 seals on board. She reports that the other vessels of the fleet are improving on their previously reported catches.

The entire cabinet has resigned at Sofia, Bulgaria, owing to the inability to find anyone who will accept the pertfelio of war unless the cabinet sgreed to the army appropriations.

Dr. Daneff, the former premier, at Sofia, Bulgaria, has succeeded in froming a new cabinet, which includes all the members of the late ministry, with the exception of Gen. Paprikoff Cholera has reappeared at Damasprince, Prederick William, and his brother, Prince Ettel, have abandoned

their proposed visit to the Holy Land Queen Alexandra of England on her arrival at Copenhagen was received at the station by King Christian, the downger empress of Russia and all the members of the Danish royal fam-

ments. The Austro-Hungarian bank will) redeem its notes in coin on de mand.

King Oscar resumed the reins of government at Stockholm, thus ter-minating the regency of the crown prince Gustavo, which commenced January 27 in consequences of the

Lieutenants Reese and Nickerson who commanded the First and Fourth companies, respectively, of Macabebe scouts, Philippine Islands, when the latter defeated the main body of San Miguel's force and killed the Fillping leader, have been recommended for commissions in the regular army



In some New Mexican tests it was hown that much better results obtained from using large seeds of oweet peas, castor beans, morning glories, zinnias, hollyhocks and the like. This was thought to be due largely to the fact that the air is extremely dry and the soil light during spring, making it difficult for the plants to grow. The plants from large seeds are more vigorous and make a better start and are usually able to withstand these prevailing conditions.

THE OSAGE ORANGE.

The Osnge orange will grow to a large size if planted like other trees. It is free from disease, can endure severe cold, and produces a hard wood. hedge plant it has no superior. provided the plants are trimmed and properly trained the first three years. If allowed to grow on the north and west sides of a barnyard it makes an excellent wind break, though not equal to the evergreen arbor vitae for that purpose, but will last much longer than

GRAPEVINE ROOT WORM.

Cultivate thoroughly when the great majority of insects are in the pupal stage, which can be determined by careful observation. Especial pains should be taken to thoroughly disturb the soil near the stems for best results in destroying these pests. The adult beetles can be collected to good advantage during the first week or ten days after they appear. Farmers should not place too much dependence on spraying the vines for the destruction of those posts, as recent tests have not always been satisfactory along these

PRUNING IN THE SPRING. The time to prune fruit trees is from February to April, or before the sap begins to flow. This will depend upon the climate. The wounds will then heal rapidly without leaving dead wood or scars. Much pruning may be saved by pinching and rubbing off superfluous sprouts during the growing season, The first pruning of a young tree is a very important process, for it is then that the future shape of the tree and the number of branches it will possess will be determined. Some trees will stand severe cutting back, but all trees should be so pruned as to permit of

GOOD TOMATOES.

abundant air and sunlight.

Nothing is gained by having tomatoes too forward when transplanted to the field. When ready to blossom they are old enough. Hotbed plants are better than those grown in window boxes. Sow early in March. An ounce of good seed carefully drilled in should give plants enough for an acre. When they get too thick transplant to cold frames Leave the sash off on warm days. June 10 is considered a safe date, after which frost seldom occurs in Central New England. Allow one week per 100 miles north or south. The plant may be set earlier if there are old peach crates or something of the kind to put over them if frost is feared. Early varieties set early often pay big profits. In gardens they may be set in the gaps of the early peas or potatoes. and thus serve as a second crop. Cultivate as long as the plants permit. The dwarf kinds do not need staking or

mucking.-The Cultivator.

FLOWERS FOR THE BACK YARD. The flowers to be found in the unpretentious but pretty gardens of newcomers from Germany are, in a general way, those best adapted for back-yard idornment in all parts of the country. Morning glory vines and woodbine can he depended upon to cover fences or low buildings in a reasonably brief space of time, and if encouraged will run riotously over trellises or arbors. The common crimson variety of petunias will flourish with very little attention, and present a most pleasing appearance. Scarlet geraniums and vivid hued petunias are favorites, as is also the yellow coreopsis. Roses of the common varieties of course have places and so likewise do lady's slippers, celandine and zinnias. Dwarf sunflowers are used extensively for bordering walks or paths, and some of the hardier varieties of ivy are in many instances encouraged to twine about posts which would otherwise prove jarring notes in the picture,-Woman's Home Compan-

POINTS ON LAWN MAKING. A rich soll is one of the essentials to

success. No matter what the extent of the lawn it should be evenly moist and well drained. The general slope should be away from the residence on all sides. Seeding the lawn yields better results than sodding. Kentucky blue grass is the most satisfactory known seed for the majority of locations, but in the South, Bermuda grass, St. Lucia and Texas blue grass are extensively employed. April is a good time in the North to sow, before the usual light showers. The ground should be raked as nearly perfect as possible before sowing. Best results are obtained by sowing thickly. Four bushels to the acre is the usual allowance, but in small plots double the proportion may be used to advantage. After sowing work seed into the soil with a rake. No clipping should be done till the grass is above three inches in height, and it should be kept at about this height during the first summer. Avoid clipping at all soon before frost is expected. The Delineator,