PEACE WITH VENEZUELA.

The Attempt to Invade the New Re public on the Isthmus Given Up.

Admiral Coghlan has received a letter from Luther F. Ellsworth, United States consul at Cartagena, saying the Colombian warship Cartagena left Car tagena early in December with 800 sol diers for the Atrato river district.

The Mayflower will join the Atlanta and go to the guif of Darien to get information of what is happening there The Mayflower will return immediate ly and report to Admiral Coghlan.

Gov. Melendez said: "The Colom bian warships General Pinzon Cartagena left Cartagena at the beginning of December, having on board the same 450 troops, which Gen. To-var brought to Colon. These were landed at the Rio Atrato, with instructions to build a road toward Panama. But their supplies being soaked with water, the troops resolved to go no farther. The troops have returned to Cartagena.

News has been received here that 4,000 Colombian troops left Bogota a fortnight ago to go down the Mag-dalena river, but at Honda they reorders countermanding movement and returned to Bogota on December 2. It is believed that Gen. Reyes countermanded the order.

Gen Melendez further said that he has sent commissioners to the chiefs in the Indian territory requesting them to come to Colon and interview the officials of the government. One chief has arrived. He gives assurance that Colombian troops have not been seen in this territory, and further that they would not be allowed to cross the

Through the efforts of Herbert W. Bowen, American minister to Venezuela, that country and Colombia are on the verge of an agreement to renew diplomatic relations. They have for some time been on had terms, each DEATH OF HERBERT SPENCER accusing the other of aiding revolu-tions against its neighbor. The fact that Mr. Bowen had succeeded bringing the two together is regarded as an important factor toward the establishment of peace in the northern part of South America.

CHURCH UNION FAVORED.

Resolution Indorsing Consolidation of

Preshyterians Adopted, step toward the suggested union of the various Presbyteman churches in the United States was taken in New York at a joint meeting of com-mittees from the governing bodies of four such denominational organizasuch a union desirable being adopted.

The resolutions were drawn by a ocumulttee which considered a set of 10 tentative propositions, submitted by Reformed Presbyterian delegates, and read:

Resolved, That this joint conference on the closer co-operation of the re-formed churches holding the Presbyterian system, composed of committees representing the Reformed Presbyterian church (general synod), the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, and of the corresponding members from the United Presbyterian church, after full, frank and prayerful conferences, is unanimously agreed:

That some form of union closer and more tangible than any at present existing between the reformed churches holding the Presbyterian or-der is desirable for the furtherance of the work intrusted to them by the head of the churches.

"That such union is possible (a) through the complete consolidation of to it, and shall also provide for effec-tive administrative co-operation.

Resolved. That the several commites constituting this joint conference, not fully instructed upon this point, be requested to report to the bodies appointing them the above conclusions and to seek further instructions as to which of the lines indicated shall be pursued in the future conference of these committees

Resolved. That this joint conference extends the invitations already given by the Reformed Presbyterian church (general synod) to the various churches of the Presbyterian family to appoint committees to confer with us upon the great question of church co-operation and unity.

JAPAN'S DIET DISSOLVED.

Action Gives the Cabinet a Free Hand

in the Russian Negotiations.

The Japanese diet has been dissolv-Hope had been entertained in official circles that in view of the extraordinary nature of the step taken by the lower house in its reply to the speech from the throne, the vote on the reply would be reversed. allied parties, however, at meetings held outside the diet, decided the ac tion taken should not be reversed, and e dissolution followed.

It is now reported in official circles that the reply of the Russian govern-ment to the Japanese demands is on its way, and it is forecasted that the final proposals of Japan are considmodifications of the claims made in the last note. It is also said that Russia has made concessions regard-

ing the difficulties in Manchuria.

The dissolution of the diet leaves the cabinot with a freer hand in the

Carnegie Was Easy.

Because little Tommy O'Brien collided in some way with a fence belong. ing to Andrew Carnegie at Fifth ave-Frank O'Brien, the boy's father, brought suit through Lawyer J. P. Donellan against Carnegie for injuries sustained by the child, but the cause was never finished because Mr. Carnegie authorized his attorneys to ants, imost of whom live about Fairmont.

KNOX SUGGESTS CHANGES.

Would Have Naturalization Law Amended to Prevent Fraud.

The annual report of Attorney Gen eral Knox calls attention to the naturalization frauds disclosed in every section of the country, and says every honest citizen is deeply concerned in epelling dishonest claims to that high right. He recommends to Congress the enactment of a law which will pro-

vide these results: "That the law amended so as to com pel an alien at the time of applying for citizenship to present from the appropriate immigration authorities a sian m certificate showing his age and the date of his arrival, and containing his physical description similar to that in passport. This certificate should orm part of the court records, like

his application for citizenship.
"The petition and application and all certificates should be uniform through out the United States, and the final certificate of citizenship issued by any court throughout the country should entain a physical description of the applicant and holder on the back thereof for the purpose of identifica-tion and to avoid substitution."

Mr. Knox calls attention to the act of February 25, 1903, appropriating \$500,000 for the employment of special ecunsel to conduct proceedings under the trust and interstate commerce laws, and says that it has become important that this appropria tion should be made available for the inforcement of the laws of the United Strtes generally, and especially those relating to public lands, postal ofenses and naturalization frauds.

The attorney general is of the opin ion that the limitation to bar criminal prosecutions should be at least five years. The attorney 'general recomfor the postoffice department be abol-ished, and that the law officer for that department be designated as so-lector for the postoffice department. The report shows that there was an iner ase of two in the number of cases decketed on the appellate docket of the supreme court and an increase of 43 in the 14 mber disposed of.

Famous Philosopher Was the Greatest

of His Day. Herbert Spencer, author and philesopher, died at his Brighton residence. For some months he had been ill, and his sickness took a critical turn a few days ago. Last night he bycame unconscious and remained so

until he died, Spencer was especially happy in his death. He had long since finished his great philosophical work, "A System of Snythetic Philosophy," and had lived to see it approved by the scientific world. No posthumous fame was his It came to him after years of toll, but it was a world-wide recognition of his genius and his ability as a writer and founder of a system. He has been regarded for years as the greatest Eving

binker and philosopher, son of William George teacher. His education was an unconventional one, and in spite of the encyclopedic knowledge that he displaylater years he never attended college. He entered philosophy through his interest in the scenes that came to him when he was studying engineer-

Herbert 'Spencer's influence upon philosophic and scientific thought in the nineteenth century was greater than that of any other man of his time, save Darwin. He was the first to definitely formulate the theory of evolution and give it universal appli-Handicapped by pecuniary cation. embarrassments and physical suffering he devoted 40 years of unremitting through the complete consolidation of some of those churches and (b) by toll to building up his system of philosophy. than which there exists no such federation as shall preserve the greater example of individual achieves greater example of individual achieveoriginal and mont constructive thought,

SHIPBUILDING TROUBLES.

Stockholders Accuse Schwab of Re-

ceiving \$20,000,000 of Stock. John A. C. Norris, Cyrus B, Lewis, James C. Mills, J. J. McGuirk, John Young and Adolph Seelig filed suit to have the United States Shipbuilding Company declared insolvent, a receiver appointed and an injunction granted restraining any interference with the assets of the corporation or any disbursements by its officials.

The complaint says the plaintiffs are owners of stocks and bonds amounting to \$75,000. It alleges that Charles M Schwab, acting as agent for J. P. Morgan & Co., received without payment of value, \$20,000,000 of stock, and that other stock was distributed among the shareholders of the companies acquired, and Daniel LeRoy Dresser, Lewis Nixon, Max Pam and others, withou consideration being received. The plan of reorganization is denoun and in view of the small value of the properties held by the subsidiary com panies, is characterized as a fraud

upon the public.

Notice of suit was to-day served upon Harris, Gates & Co., of which John W. Gates is a member, by James B. Dill, counsel for the Commonwealth Trust Company, as successor to the Trust Company of the Republic, for \$750,000, alleged to have been deposited by the Trust Company of the Republic with Harris, Gates & Co., in the flotation of the United States Shipbuilding Company, to give it a credit, but which witnesses in the hearing before Referee Olyphant have stated

Heirs to \$20,000,000.

was not to be drawn against.

Walter Watkins, of Fairmont, W Va., received a telegram from the government commission at work on the case that the descendants of David nue and Ninety-first street. New York Walkins would receive nearly \$20, and hurt his head, the philanthropic 000,000 for land leased by David Watmillionaire paid Tommy's father \$500, kins in Philadelphia for 99 years. The

PEACE TO BE SECURED IN FAR EAST.

DETAILS OF THE TREATY.

Russia and Japan Will Come to Agreement Regarding China and Korea.

A London news agency dispatch from St. Petersburg says that peace between Russia and Japan is believed to be assured as the result of the czar discussing with Count Lamsdorff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, the of Russia to the Japanese pro-The conference which was held at

the Tzarkoeselo, lasted an hour and a half. Certain modifications of Japan's proposals regarding Korea were decidupon and these were immediately telegraphed to Baron D Rosen, Rus sian minister at Tokyo, and Admiral Alexieff, Russian viceroy of the Far East, and probably will be submitted informally to the Japanese negotiators at Tokyo,

It is asserted that the modifications minor important, and that if Japan accepts them there will be noth ing to prevent a complete agreement. A convention coming from agreement would cover only Korea, Russia acknowledging Japan's dominating influence there, and Japan's right to exercise a protectorate over that country. Certain reserva-tions, however, would be made regard-ing coast defenses and naval stations for the purpose of preventing the in-terruption of Russia's sea communication with Vladivostock and Port Ar-

On the other hand, Russsia would be guaranteed freedom of trade in Korea, and Russian concessions there would be subject to a separate understanding, Japan agreeing to leave the question of evacuation in abeyance, and to recognize Russia's special post-

TREASURY REPORT.

Surplus of Over Fifty Millions Shown

Cash Balance Increased. The annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury shows a surplus of \$54,297,667.36. The total receipts for were \$694,621,117.64, of which \$134,224,443.23 came from the postal revenues. The total expenditures for the same period were \$640,323,540.28. The expenses of the war in the Philippines amounted to \$82,618,034.18. The report says in part:

"The most notable features in the condition of the treasury were the increased available cash balances and the increased holdings of gold. Since 1890, the available cash balance, cluding the reserve, has more than doubled, rising from \$179,259,837.18 to \$388,686,114.23. The cash in the ieral fund increased during the year by \$30,103,869.67, and the liabilities increased \$3,605,116.60. Thus, the available cash balance at the end of 1903 exceeded that of 1902 by \$26,498,-753.07.

Gold continues to accumulate in the In 1820 Herbert Spencer was born treasury. The total holdings of gold in Derby, in the heart of England, a on July 1, 1903, were \$631,420,789.43. treasury. The total holdings of gold an increase for the year of \$71,220,498. On October 1, 1903, the total holdings of gold in the treasury amounted to \$654,811,716. Unrestricted use of gold coin and certificates in all branches of business and the freedom with which they are paid into and out of the treasury have been marked features of the treasury operations during the past year,

RUSSIA SENDS SQUADRON.

Eight Battleships to Prevent Opening

of Yongampho.
A strong Russian squadron, consisting of eight warships, including two battleships, has arrived at Chem-ulpo, Korea, the port of Seoul, the men and march on Seoul should Ko-rea disregard their warning.

The correspondent of the London 'Times" at Tokyo says that two Russian cruisers and two battleships havng assembled at Chemulpo, M. Pavloff ,the Russian minister to Korea, accompanied by the admiral command-ing the fleet, had an audience with the emperor, in the course of which, it is believed, he renewed his protest against the opening of Yongampho to foreign commerce.

THIEF CAUGHT BY LASSO.

Tried to Loot a Bank and Jumped Into the Hudson River.

After having attempted to rob the First National bank of Hoboken in daylight, Frank Stone, aged 19, whose nome is in Youngstown, O., spring into the Hudson river when followed by a great crowd, and would have made his escape had not a tugboatman thrown a lasso about his neck and hauled him aboard. Stone arrived in Hoboken one day and the police say that night he robbed a saloon cash drawer of its contents and a check on the First National bank for \$15. Payment was stopped and when Stone pre Cashier McKaig went out to capture him. Stone suddenly seized the wicket window and attempted to pull it apart and seize the cash no the counter. He was still pulling at the win-dow when the cashier attempted to hold him. He wrenched himself loos McKaig and bolted for the from street.

Passersby heard the cashier yell "stop thief" and joined in the pursuit of Stone, who ran to a pier and leaped into the river. He was sent to jail.

WEEKLY COKE REPORT.

Of the coke trade of the Connells ville and Lower Connellsville region, the "Courier," the official organ of the regions says: The coke trade of the Connellsville region has suffered a 100 years. s.ump in the last two months that will most likely drag the total pro-duction this year considerably below the output in 1902. Within the past few weeks the estimated tonnage has

CONVICTED FOR FRAUDS.

Mixed Up in Postal Scandal Found Gullty.

Former Postal Clerks Thomas W McGregor and Columbus E. Upton were convicted in the United States District Court at Baltimore of conspiracy to defraud the government in the purchase of 20,000 leather pouches for free delivery service. Charles E. Smith, who received the order for the pouches through the influence of Upton and McGregor, was the principal witness against the accused, and testified that they had him put a price of 90 cents on each satchel, which was worth only 39 cents in the market, and that he paid them 40 cents rake-off on each satchel. Counsel for the convicted men made a motion for a new trial, and Judge Morris agreed to hear arguments on the motion on next Saturday, Bond in \$5,000 was furnish ed by Upton's friends, and he was re leased. McGregor is in charge of the United States Marshal Langhammer, pending the arrival of friends from Washington to furnish similar ball

GENERAL WOOD'S CASE.

President Again Sends Nomination to Congress for Action.

President Roosevelt again sent Gen. Wood's nomination to the senate to be major general of the army and the administration forces in congress took new heart and are preparing for a quick decision on the case one way or the other.

The military affairs committee of he senate notified Maj. Rathbone and others interested in producing evi-dence to sustain the charges against Gen. Wood that their witnesses must all be heard on or before December 16. This will give the opposition alto-gether six weeks in which to produce their evidence as the name to the special session.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

The Norwegian parliament unani mously rejected a temale suffrage bill

Milton E. Milman, a civil engine of West Newton, Pa., was killed in a coal mine explosion.

The Young Men's Christian Asso ciation building at Fortress Monroe donated by Miss Helen Gould, was dedicated.

John Alexander Dowle is again in ontrol of Zion City and its industries This turn followed a financial showing which satisfied all the creditors. James Harbelt, a murderer and

train robber, was shot and killed by farmer named Donahue at Sebony, Olda. The Society for the Prevention of cruelty to Animals prevented a deer

hase by society people at Lakewood, N. J. Under weather conditions regarded as perfect, the Langley airship was given a second trial down the Potoman

and was completely wrecked. Seven additional warrants been issued for well-known men of Grand Rapids, Mich., in connection with the water scandal in that city.

In the district court of Cherokes county, Texas, Allen Brown, a negro. convicted of attempted assault, sentenced to 1,000 years in the peni tentiary.

Sciomon Segel, a married man, who eloped from Chicago with his niece, Sophina Corrigold, has been arrested n London for abduction.

The Russians threaten to land 3,000 the fourth week of November show an men and march on Seoul should Ko-average increase of 2.96 per cent.

A .A. Howlett, of Syracuse, N. Y. who gave a banquet to 134 widows on his eighty-second birthday, said eighty-third birthday dinner,

Cardinal Gibbons, in his sermon at the Baltimore cathedral, condemned "sweatshops," and appealed to his hearers to discriminate in making pur- New chases in favor of employers treat their employes with justice and charity.

The growth of the population of Germany in 1902, regarding which statis ties has just been tabulated, was the greatest ever known, amounting to 902,312, or 15.61 per 1,000, compared with 15.09 in 1901 and 14.63, the average for the last 10 years.

making false entries and fraudulent \$624,502,146, against \$589,189,112 for beth, who was reported to have been lesure of a certificate as cashier of the the year 1904, and \$605,286,999, the poisoned.

Peoples National bank of Newark, O., amount of the appropriations for the poisoned. in the United States court at Colum- Year. bus. O. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, issued a call for the committee to meet at the Shoreham hotel, in Washington, Tuesday, January 12, for the purpose of deciding upon the time and place of holding the Democratic national convention.

Russell H. McWilliams, a student at the University of Michigan, commit-ted sucide in his room at Ann Arbor. New York to perjury on the trial of Samuel Parks and was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than

two years in prison. John A. Wood, leader of the convicts who escaped from the Folsom Penitentiary, California, last summer. when a guard was stabbed to death, was convicted of murder in the second degree. As Wood is already serving a life sentence Judge Hart ordered him to appear in court for sentence

The Danish ministry has recom-mended that King Christian recog-nize the republic of Panama.

Mrs. Mary McKnight was sentenced to life imprisonment at Cadiliac, Mich., for poisoning her brother, John Mur-

TROUBLE IS EXPECTED ON ISTHMUS.

COLOMBIAN TROOPS LANDED.

United States Almost Sure to Be Drawn Into the Conflict and Prepares for It.

The possibility of an actual clash with Colombia as a sequel to the Panama revolt has become something of An official dispatch to the war department reported the arrival of 1,600 Colombiaa troops at the mouth of the Atrato river, in the Gulf of Darlen. They were conveyed from Cartagena by a French steamer and as the mouth of the Atrato is in Colombian territory there was no at tempt by the American warships to prevent them from landing High army officers now consider

certain that American troops will be sent to the Isthmus, but they are hopeful that a show of force will be all that is needed to convince to Colom-Failures this week numbered 331 in the United States, against 269 last bians of the uselessness of actual war. The joint army and navy board met and considered the sending of troops to the isthmus.

The administration will not hesitate to exercise the powers for the protec tion of the canal strip granted in this latter treaty, even if the instrument has not been ratified by the Senate It will feel safe in doing this beause if any question should arise as a re-sult of its activity, it will probably be easy to make it appear that its course was all determined by the desire to avoid interruption of isthmian transit,

Acting under guidance the American officers on the isthmus, it is expected the Panamanian authorities will be able to organize an effective force to cope with the Colombian invaders yond the limits of the area in which the United States is entitled to use its marines for the protection of the canal and the maintenance of freedom of traffic.

The administration figures that In any event the number of Columbian troops that will ever be able to pene trate through the swamps and jungle lying between the canal strip and the coundaries of Cauca will be small and they will not be able to put up much of a fight when they arrive, so that small army Panama is capable of mustering ought to be competent to deal with them outside the canal trip, while the United States marines can be depended on to make short ork of them if they attempt to penctrate the strip.

Meanwhile the coasts of both rides will continue to be patroled by our naval vessels and Colomisan troops kept from landing it possible.

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Extraordinary Session Ends and Reqular Session Opens.

The first regular session of the Fi ty-eighth Congress began at neon on Monday, but the Senate met half an hour previous to that time in accordance with the adjournment of Saturday last for the purpose of permitcalled session

After hearing the President's message read the House adjourned in respect to the memory of the late Repesentative Burk of Pennsylvania

In the Sonate a favorable report was made from the Committee on Contingent Expenses on the resolution of-Mr. Penrose, Pennsylvania, requesting the Postmas-The will of Gordon McKay, which ter General to transmit all the papers bequeathed \$4,000,000 to Harvard uniter General to transmit all the papers versity, is contested in the Boston Mr. Gorman, Democrat, Maryland, ob-courts by Nettie S. Abbott, a distant | jected to present consideration of the resolution and it was laid over. He October net earnings of 68 railroads show an average increase of 9.6 per cent. Gross earnings of 27 roads for the fourth week of November show an port to the Senate by May 1 next.

Mr. Penrose indicated a willingness to accept the amendments, but Mr. Platt, Republican, Connecticut, object

Mr. Cullom, Republican, Illinois, snoke in favor of the Cuban reciprocbill and the President's message was read.

While making excavation for the who carthed the skeletons of eight Revolu- favorable to the contention of the tionary soldiers whose bodies are sup- state that it is. posed to have been thrown in a ditch by the British.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Secretary Shaw sent Congress the reported as not improving.

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The Czar of Russia has by the government for the fiscal year commission to investigate the cause ending June 30, 1305. They aggregate of the death of little Princess Eliza-

Representative John Dalzeli, of Pitts- Russia had 200,000 troops in Manburg introduced a bill authorizing churia. the Charleroi and Monessen Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Monongahela river from a point in the borough of North Charlerol, Washington county, to a point on the opposite side of the river in Rostraver Mine workers, it was decided not to township, Westmoreland county.

Representative Acheson introduced joint resolution appropriating \$200,-Henry Farley, walking delegate of the purpose of the Painters' union, pleaded guilty in mining the number, location and probable cost of constructing a sufprobable cost of movable locks and dams to secure a uniform depth of der of her husband, whom she was nine feet of water at all stages.

Killed by Boiler Explosion. By the explosion of a boller of the

Washington Oil Company at Taylorstown, Pa., one man was instantly killed and another so badly injured of Crothers. He was taken to the of the Tokyo government will be nec-

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Iron and Steel improve—Revival of the Great industry Looked For. R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Developments are not encouraging as to cotton spinning. but there is evidence of better condiwhile retail trade feels the usual im petus as the holidays approach. Railway earnings for November show an average gain of 4 per cent over last year. It is significant evidence of the attitude of consumers that while output of pig iron declined to about 1,000, 000 tons in November, lowest point in several years, furnace stocks rose to 658,107 tons, far exceeding all recent records. From present indications it seems almost certain that the situation heavy grades. will show some improvement by the es always retard operations during December. Throughout the industry there is a growing sentiment of hope fulness regarding the new year. Prices have steadled and orders are placed more liberally. Structural steel is sought freely, several large con-tracts being under consideration, and A De Forest radiogram apparatus

30 a year ago. Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending December nggregate 4,607,610 bushels against 4,201,504 bushels last week and 3,761,047 bushels this week last of a single mother-substance-protyle. year. For 23 weeks of the careal year they aggregate 77,536,909. Com ex-This protyle is supposed to be manufor the week aggregate bushels, against 1,008,951 bushels last week and 1,301,286 bushels a year ago For 23 weeks they aggregate 26,444. bushels, against 5,096,203 bushels

many smaller orders have been placed.

year, and 20 in Canada, compared with

FLAG HAULED DOWN.

Consul Davis Gets into Trouble In

Asiatic Turkey. The United States flag over consulate at Alexandretta Asiatic has been hauled down and Consul W. R. Davis has left his post for Beirut in consequence of a seri

ous diplomatic incident. The affair grew out of the arrest of an Armenian, Channes Attarian, a naturalized American citizen, Attarian had been in prison at Aleppo dur-ing the last two months and had just been liberated through the Interven tion of the American consular agent on condition of his leaving the country forthwith. Mr. Davis was accompanying Attarian on beard a depart ing steamer when the police inter-cepted the party, assaulted and insult ed Mr. Davis, rearrested Attacian and took him back to prison. Mr. Davis of the 1sthmus through all its length immediately lowered the flag over the consulate and formally broke relations with the Turkish authorities by quit-

late in charge of the vice consul.

The local authorities assert that Mr. Davis struck the police with a canc that after the rearrest of Attarian the onsular cavasses (callitary couriers) attempted to rescue him, and that in the fracas which ensued the cavasses broke the windows of the prison

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS. Valuation Made in One State Not Good

in Another. The supreme court of the United States decided the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company vs. Hughes and others involving responsibility on the part of the railroad company for oss of a valuable race horse kill while in transit from Albany to

Philadelphia. The opinion of the court was deliv ered by Justice Day, who stated that the bill of lading limited to \$100 the damages to be paid in case of accident The court of common pleas of Philadelphia held that the contrat made in New York was not binding in Penn-sylvania and awarded full damages in the sum of \$10,000. The state supreme court affirmed this verdict, and held to the same view. The decision of the Pennsylvania courts was at tacked by the railroad company on the ground that it was in violation of the

interstate commerce laws. The court dismissed for want of jur sdiction the case of John Arbuckle vs Dairy Commissioner Joseph Black burn, of Ohio. The case involved the question as to whether the glazing of coffee is in violation of the dairy food

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Much concern is felt for the condi-tion of the German Emperor, who was

The Czar of Russia has appointed a

sul at Tamsui, Formosa, reported that

Miners May Strike.

At a meeting of delegates repre senting the various locals Meyersdale, Pa., region of the United accept the proposed reduction of 10 cents a ton for mining coal. The coal companies had posted notices that 000 and authorizing the Secretary of such a reduction would be inaugurat-War to cause a survey to be made of ed on the 16th instant. A strike of and mine employes seems inevitable.

> Mrs. Katte Ludwick, a Bronson (Mich.) bride, is charged with the mur-

Investigation by Gunboat,

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, com mander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet has dispatched the gunboat Annapoli to Tamsui, Formosa, to make a thor that his death is expected at any moment. The explosion was caused by min Sewall, which was abandoned Oca too high pressure of steam in a tober 5, about 40 miles southeast of boiler which was being tested. The the island of Botel Tobago. Upon the dead man is Frank H. Green, aged 31 result of the mission of the Annapolis years, and single, of Washington. The will depend the decision of the state injured man is Daniel Varner, aged 25. department as to whether an inquiry

SCIENCE NOTES.

Microscopic experiments have shown that the electrically made steel is not different in any way from crucible

The fourth International Congress of Psychology will be held in Rome in the spring of 1905, instead of the autumn of 1904, as had been arranged,

A four-cylinder compound locomotive operated on the Adriatic Railway of Italy recently hauled a train of 400 tons at the rate of sixty-two miles an hour. The roadbed is crooked, with

It is proposed to reserve a national park near the eastern coast of Porto Rico. A representative of the United States Bureau of Forestry has visited Porto Rico, and finds a great forest, preserving a natural water supply.

installed by Sir Thomas Lipton on his yacht, the Erin, while tender to the Shamrock, handled over 50,000 personal and press messages, at the average rate of thirty-two words per minute. It has been suggested that, in view of recent developments in ionic investigation, all matter may be composed

factured by destructive processes from concrete matter in the Crookes tube. The Prince of Monaco, who has long made a study of oceanography, is at present trying to find out the route the sardines follow in the east Atlantic. He is doing this to help the Breton fishermen, who suffered severely last winter because they could not find the

route the sardines, their main liveli-

hood, followed. The Bombay University Syndicate announces that the subject selected for Theodore Cooke memorial prize for 1905 is "Electric Traction and Application of Electricity to the Requirements of Cities in India," Compeitors for the prize should be graduates in engineering of the University of Bombay of not more than seven years' standing.

Speaking of mountain climbing, Sir Martin Conway's Alpine record of the year 1894 is another startling proof of what man is physically capable of doing and enduring. Sir Martin's tour asted eighty-six days. During that ome he covered one thousand miles on fort, ascended twenty-one peaks of an average height of 11,500 feet, and crossed thirty-nine lofty passes, It has been calculated that a man who climas a seven thousand foot peak in five hours exerts enough energy to raise five fully loaded locomotives one foot from the ground.

Roads of Steel for Heavy Traffic.

"There is no more reason for runaing a wagon over stones and dirt than there would be for so running a locomotive," says Gen. Roy Stone in Public Works.

Two years ago Germany tried the experiment and laid down 50 miles of steel roads, which are in great favor among drivers. Steel plates, a foot wide, are laid down five and a halt feet apart, leaving room for a team of horses to walk abreast between the

rails. Spain has had a two-mile steel road for 12 years. It is still in perfect condition. On some Canadian bridges the planking has been preserved by the laying down of thin steel plates. The only steel road in New York City 13

ne on Murray "The finest road in the world," says General Stone, "would be under the cliff of the Palisades out to the mountains of Rockland county. On this route for more than 20 miles no cross road is ever possible, and for the most part scarcely a living creature exists to be endangered. It would be as sheltered and warm in winter mornings as the sunny side of a house, and yet cool in summer afternoons under the shadow of a great

The Greatest of Reservoirs

As sponges and water reservoirs, the clouds are wonderful beyond our imagining. They hold high in the air mass es of water of a weight and volume equal to that of our greatest lakes and then let it overflow gently on the earth. Barely indeed do these huge acrial dams break or overflow and the cloudburst, as we vividly call it, plunge down some river or valley car rying ruin and destruction along with To estimate the amount of water raised to these reservoirs without a nump, held there in dams whose walls are of fog, and then poured out on the earth beneath, is possible even over very large areas, but the figures grow to such enormous sums that they convey nothing to our minds. But take, for instance, a garden 50 feet long and che hundred feet wide. If a rainfall of a depth of 1.100 of an inch falls on that little plot of ground twenty-five gallons or two hundred and fifty pounds of water have been poured out on the garden; if an inch of rain fall, 25,000 pounds of water, or twelve and a half tons, have been dropped on that solid earth. It has been estimated that in New York seventy million tons of water are dropped annually on Manhattan Island,-Leslie's Monthly.

Cat's Language.

A French savant reports that he has solved the vernacular of catland "Aolio" means that pussy is hungry; "Aliloo," that she is thirsty; "Lac that she wants milk; "Bi," red meat; "Bleeme-b," cooked meat; "Ptlee-b," mice, and so on. Lovers of cats will place to be noticed. please take notice.