WORKMEN FIRED UPON

Strikers Enraged When Payment of Wages is Refused.

THREATEN TO CLOSE THE MILLS

Thousands of Iron Workers Are Out Again in Russia's Capital City.

A message from Lodz, Russian Poland, February 10 says: Four persons were killed and 68 wounded in a riot at the Chiebler factory and seven killed and 50 wounded at the Louis Geyer factory to-day. The excitement began this morning when the strikers gathered around the factoric in threatening manner. An addi-tional regiment of infantry had arrived and troops were stationed in th The manufacturers agreed that if the men did not return to work Pebruary 13 the mills would be closed. They realize they made a mistake by paying the men in advance and was necessary to send troops in advance. Orders were given that soldiers were not to fire unless attacked

The shooting occurred at places where the troops sought to prevent men from entering factories to collect their pay

The strikers generally are enraged at the refusal of other manufacturers to give them their pay, and several other encounters between mobs and troops are reported from different di-A number of people are said to have been wounded

The greatest alarm prevails here. The shops were closed early this afternoon and the windows were boarded

It is reported that a general railroad strike will commence February 14 throughout Poland.

According to press dispatches fee Kattowitz, Russian coland, a collision occurred between 15,000 strikers and the military at the Russian station at Skarzysko, in which 24 strlkers were killed and 40 wounded. The military, it is also reported, fired on strikers at Ostrowicz, but the casualties in that case are not known.

St. Petersburg is again face to face with renewal of the labor upheaval. the immediate incitement being the failure of the workmen to secure payment for the time they were out on strike, added to the fact that there has been no adjustment of the demands which led to the strike last

The Putiloff Iron Works, where the former strike originated, is playing the principal role. There are 20,000 workmen already out within the metropolis, and the workmen at the torpedo factories in Kolpino, 18 miles distant, have also joined the strikers. There is strong prospect of the movement extending.

HOUSE PASSES RATE BILL.

Only 17 Votes Cast Against the Measure.

After nearly four days of discussion the House by a vote of 326 to 17 passed the Esch-Townscad bill, providing the regulation of freight rates. The negative vote was made up of 11 Republicans and six Democrats. The following Republicans voted against the bill: Adams, Pennsylvania: Castor, Pennsylvania; Dwight, New York; Gardner, New Jersey; Hill, Connecticut; Huff, Peunsylvania; McCall, Massachusetts; Porter, Pennsylvania; Sibley, Pennsylvania; Southwick, New and Vreeland, New York. following Democrats voted "No": Harrison, New York: McDermott. New York; Goulden, New York, and Shull, Ponnsylvania. During the last the following members spoke in favor of regulating freight rates: ..essrs. Schmidt. Thomas, North Carolina; Cillespie, Texas; Burnett and Bowie, Alabama; Kennedy, -aio; and Camera, op-Kansas, Mr. Shuli, Pennsylvania, op-

posed legislation of any kind. The closing hours of the debate were ocupled by Messrs. Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, and Hepburn, Republican, Iowa, chairman of the committee which reported the

OYAMA HAS 365,000 SOLDIERS.

These Figures Are Based on Russian Estimates. The Russian army organ publishes

Field Marshal official statistics of Oyama's forces, based on the regimental numbers on uniforms of Japanese killed during the engagements with General Kuropathin's forces.

According to this report, General Kuroki, commanding the Japanese right, has 76 battalions, 11 squadrons and 306 guns-about 85,000 men-besides 70 to 80 reserve battalions. General Nodzu, commanding the center, has 60 battalions, six squadrons and 198 guns, or 65,000 men. General Oku, commanding the left, including General Nogi's forces, has 98 battalions, 23 squadrons and 342 guns, or 115,000

The number of reservists with Generals Nodzu and Oku is unknown. The total of Field Marshal Ovama's regular troops is placed at 265,000 cavalry and infantry, and 850 guns. The total number of reservists is probably 100,000 men. Military men estimate General Kuropatkin's superiority at about 50,000 men, without including the Sixteenth army corps, which is not yet in the far east.

Committee Favors Elkins's Bill.

The Senate Committee on Commerce authorized a favorable report on the Elkins bill, providing for the amendment of the laws admitting foreign-built vessels to American registry. The bill provides that foreign els wrecked on the American coast registry unless repairs have been STEEL RAIL ORDERS LARGE.

Favorable Reports from All Depart ments of the Iron Industry. Healthy Demand.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Some disturbance has been caused by the elements, but business conditions are otherwise unsually satisfactory for the Distribution of merchandise is of liberal proportions and the new year is fulfilling sanguine expectations. Manufacturing is still the best feature, especially in the various departments of the iron and steel industry, while textile mills and shoe shops are well

engaged. Some conservatism is noted in the placing of advance orders, but this is a favorable sympton, indicating the absence of reckless operations that produce inflated prices and ultimately excessive accumulation of tocks, followed by the inevitable perlod of retrenchment. Gradual progthe present situation contains this wholesome element to a pronounced the joint session, an honor conferred

Railway earnings in January were 1.04 per cent, larger than in 1904, ago. while foreign commerce at this port for the last week showed a gain of on the Speaker's desk. Each con-\$1,070,870 in value of imports and a oss of \$1,830,563 in exports, as comwith the same week last year. Favorable reports are received from al-most every department of the iron and steel industry, even steel rails sharing the better feeling, orders on the books now exceeding a million tons.

The advance season is bringing out more demand for structural shapes, while specifications on contracts for plates kept the mills busy. Notwithstanding the firmer tone of the raw materials, several varieties of cotton goods have been reduced, and the market developed much irregularity. Instead of stimulating business, as expected, the concessions have caused buyers to act with increased conservatism. Purchasers are still limited to urgent requirements. Hides have ruled fairly steady, native steers constituting the bulk of offerings. Arrivals of foreign dry hides are readily bsorbed at full prices.

Business in leather is expanding. Failures for the week numbered 256 in the United States, against 228 last year, and 27 in Canada, compared and one for Roosevelt, the Republican with 25 n year ago.

ADMITS HE HAD 13 WIVES.

Confession.

Confronted by living witnesses of his duplicity at the coroner's investigation into the death of Mrs. Walcker Hoch, his last victim, Johann Hock, the much married man, according to Chicago police, has admitted his marriage to 13 women in the last 10 years. Eight of these women, who at one time bore the name of the alleged bigamist are now dead, but Hoch declares they died natural deaths and is firm in his denial that he poisoned anyone of them. With the exception of the identification of Hoch by several of his wives or their friends, nothing new developed at to-day's nearing of the coroner's jury and at the conclusion of the examination of witnesses to-night Coroner Hoffman announced that the inquest would oe postponed until next Wednesday.

The principal witness at to-day's examination was Mrs. Fischer-Hoch, a sister of the woman over whom the inquest was being held. The witness is the woman Hoch married a few days after the death of Mrs. Walcker-Hoch. In her testimony the witness explained in minute detail all the circumstances surrounding the death of sister but there was nothing in The the evidence to prove that Hoch was responsible for the woman's death. During the investigation Jacob J. more and Ohio Railroad that Prest-Ness, of Cincinnati, identified Hoch dent Oscar G. Murray has authoriz-suffering. The Sultan heads a list of as the man to had known in that ed the crection of 60 new stations subscribers to a relief fund with \$1, place in 1896, who married two Gerand the building of extensions to man widows under the name of 10 others at an aggregate expenditure

been returned with the information different points along lines of the that they are pictures of Jacob road where box cars and wornout old Schmidt. wives and the other was a picture freight. Some are in course of contaken on his release from the Brid-struction and contracts for others will well here in 1899.

KILLED IN RIOTS

Was Bloody.

Press dispatches from Sosnovice, Poland, describe the bloody character of the conflict between the military and 10. It is also contemplated to erect strikers at the Katherine Iron Works, some larger stations in the spring, One correspondent telegraphs that 15 persons were killed and 35 wounded, while another gives the number killed as 50. The military fired eight vol-

Another collision occurred Nifka mine beyond Modrzeff, Poland, where it is rumored 150 persons were A third collision occurred killed hear Milovice, but this affair was

Ohio Cadets Quit Annapolis. Since the opening of the academic

year at the Naval academy, the number of midshipmen has been materially reduced by resignations, necessary by the recent -semi-annual was destroyed by fire. examinations. Among those who resigned are: Third class Charles Flet- & Pittsburg Packet company and has class-James R. McCabe, Coshocton, O.; Thomas J. Madigan, Columbus, O. known.

Increased Iron Production.

To meet the rising demand for steel and iron the United States Steel Corporation is putting in operation every department of the former Union Steel Company plant at Donora, Pa. One blast furnace there was blown in leaders and officers fled to the mounsome time ago and another will be tains and the men surrendered unshall not be admitted to American put in blast this week. Nearly all the conditionally. The rebels had sacked other furnaces under control of the the local branch of the Nationa made in American shipyards, equal to Carnegie company are in operation bank of Buenos Ayres and seized three-fourths of the value of the veschaser of pig fron in the open market. been made and the city is now quiet.

ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS

Result of Presidential Election Officially Declared.

ELECTORAL VOTE IS COUNTED

Canvass Conducted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Joint Session.

Roosevelt and Fairbanks were on the 7th inst formally declared the President and Vice President-elect of the United States. The ceremonious event of convessing the electoral vote by the Schate and House in Joint ses sion took place in the ball of the House this afternoon.

President Pro Tem. Frye, of the Senate was the presiding officer of upon the president of the Senate by congressional enactment many year:

Two mahogany cases were tained the reports of the electors votes of the states, one holding the set that came by mail, the other the set which messengers had delivered in person to Senator Frye. Senator Burrows, of Michigan, was the Re publican teller chosen by the Senate. His Democratic colleague was Sena-tor Bailey, of Texas. Tellers on the tive Gaines, of West Virginia, Repubican, chairman of the committee on the election of the president and Vice President, and Representative Rus-

ell, of Texas, Democrat. Senator Burrows read the certificate from the secretary of state of Alabama in full. After that the tellers, having merely assured themselves that the certificates were in due form, the reading of the certificates was omitted, only the votes of each state being announced in regular alphabetical order, the tellers alternating in making the announcements to the essemblage

When Maryland was reached the only split vote was announced, that state casting seven votes for Parker vote being that of Elector Charles J. Bonaparte, grand-nephew of Napoleon and grandson of the King of Westphalia. As each certificate was Hoch, the Much-Married Man, Makes read it was passed to the secretary Senate by a page. The votes of all the states having been read and added by the tellers, Senator Frye arose again and announced as fol-

lows: "The vote for President of United States, as delivered to the president of the Senate, is as follows: The whole number of electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 476, of which a majority is 239. Theodore Roosevelt, of the state of New York, has received for President of the United States 336 votes, and Alton B. Parker, of the state of New York, has received 140 votes."

He made a similar announcement of the vote for Vice President, substituting the names of Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, and Henry Gassaway Davis, of West Virginia, those of Roosevelt and Parker. and then made formal declaration of the election of Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

60 NEW STATIONS.

B. & O. Railroad Company Has Plans for Buildings.

Notice has been received at the Pittsburg headquarters of the Baltimore and Ohio Rallroad that Presiof about \$89,000. Two photographs of Hoch sent to improvement will range from \$250 to Germany by the police officials have \$1,500. The new stations will be at formerly lived at buildings have been in use. A numsoon be awarded.

Holbert & Spedden, of Fairmont, W. Va., have the contract to build stations at Newton Falls Wayland Dispatches Declare Fighting in Poland Charlestown, Kent, Holloway, Lafferty and Fairpoint, all in Ohio, at a total cost of about \$23,000. This work is well advanced and the contract calls for its completion by February the estimated cost of each ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Texas Shaken Up.

Dispatches from Lockhart, Tex., tell of an earthquake shock there lastbled, dishes rattled and live stock were frightened, but no damage was The disturbance is believed to tain near there, which has shown volcanic characteristics during the past year.

Steamer Burned. The steamer Hudson, moored at the East End marine ways, Cincinnati Loss \$30,000. The boat is owned by the Cincinnati

REBELS CAPTURED.

Had Sacked a Bank in Buenea Ayres of \$300,000.

Government troops attacked Numerous arrests have

TO PRESS APPEALS WITH ARMS.

Violent Proclamation Issued by Rus sian Workmen.

The central committee of the Russian Social Democratic Workmen's arty has issued a violent proclama ion which has been widely circulated the factories of St. Petersburg, alling on the operatives to array hemselves under the red flag of the locial Democracy and prepare for an armed renewal of the January demonstrations. The proclamation bitterly assails church and state and the highr classes, and concludes: "In order to gain victory we must organize a workmen's army. Then again we will start for the palace to preent our demands, not without weapns, not with ikons and not with sup ilcations, but with arms in our ands under the blood-red standard of the

Proposals for dealing with the laor problem have been framed by Finance Minister Kokovsoff and proved by the Emperor. They in-clude arbitration of disputes and re-Government party. duction in hours.

RUSHING WARSHIPS.

Vessels for Russian Fleet Under Con struction at Cronstadt.

The dockyard authorities at Crons stadt are completing for active service the battleship Alexander II., the cruisers Pamyatt, Azova and Admiral Kornleff and gunboat Grosejastchy. which, with the new battleship Slava, will form the second division of the third Russian Pacific squadron. They are expected to sail at the end of The Admiralty confirms the Associated Press statement that the first division of this squadron will leave Libau in the middle of Febru- hand was struck ary, but it is pointed out that Admiral Rojestvensky will be unable to await its arrival, because he will have to cross the Indian ocean before the monsoon season, which begins in March and renders navigation impossible for torpedo boats and small cruisers. Admiral Rojestvensky will proceed to the Far East at probably the end of February after the arrival of Rear Admiral Botrovsky's division.

Postal Offenders in Prison.

August W. Machen, former head of the entire free delivery system of the Postoffice Department and the foremost figure among the officials, politicians and contractors indicted for postal frauds, and Diller B. Groff and Samuel A. Groff, convicted in connection with the promotion of a letter-box fastener scheme, left Washington with a party of 11 other con-victs for the Moundsville (W. Va.) penitentiary to serve two years.

Will Employ Two Hundred Men. McKeesport will have a new in-dustry that will employ over 200 men. The Union Sewer Pipe Company has been organized with a capital of \$150,000 by S. M. Bowman, T. H. Bowman and John M. Lysle. charter will be applied for at once, and the new corporation expects to have its works ready for operation in ducts will be manufactured.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Requisition papers for the removal of Arthur E. Appleyard from Boston to Buffalo, granted by Governor Hig-gins, have been received. An officer will be sent to Boston to place Appleyard under arrest.

The winter in Macedonia has been almost unprecedently severe. The snow at Monastir is a yard deep, and the thermometer registers 31 degrees

Midshipman Emery Clayton Weller has been dismissed from the Naval academy at Annapolis for continued violations of the regulations relating to the use of tobacco. Young Weller is from New York city, and insisted upon smoking.

Bingen, Germany. One of the photographs was taken at Wheeling. W. Va., where Hoch married one of his will be used exclusively for handling upon an eight-hour bill, said to be satisfactory to the corporations. takes the place of the bill advocated 44,000 tons and the balance

ice Breaks; Family Drowns.

An entire family, consisting of Shinn C. Balinger and wife, and the latter's sister, Miss Mary Taylor of Medford, N. J., was drowned at Oliphants mill pond. The victims started across the pond. The ice broke and they disappeared in deep water.

The Russian Strike.

Gov.-Gen. Trepoff closed the torsedo factory in St. Petersburg, causing delay for the army and navy, because the workmen tore down posters ing several seconds. Buildings trem- of the czar's speech. Printers struck in St. Petersburg. Inhabitants of a Polish city barricaded themselves in their houses, fearing the strikers. be due to Pilot Kaob, a high moun- Pupils were expelled from school in Warsaw because they petitioned that the Polish language be taught.

\$12,000 Forgery Charged.

Walter D. Yeager, a former employe of Julius Cahn, manager of a theatrical agency in New York City, has been arrested. Cahn charges \$12,000 by means of false entries in

\$3,000 in Jawels Disappears. E. M. Holbrook, a wealthy lumber-

man of Minneapolis, who had been in San Francisco, started for When about to board the train Mrs. rebels who had fortified themselves dolbrook discovered that a casket at Mendoza. Soon afterward the rebel containing jewels valued at \$8,000 had disappeared on the way from the hotel to the rallroad.

Premier G. W. Ross and the mem bers of the Ontario cabinet resigned. called on J. P. Whitney, the Conser-

FINN OFFICIAL MURDERED

Shot Down by Young Man who Was Granted an Audience.

VICTIM'S SON CAME TO RESCUE.

Boy Attacks and Disables the Assassin and is Also Wounded in the Struggle.

Solsalon Soininen, Procurator General of Finland, who before he was ennobled was known by the name of Johnson, was assassinated by a young Gallinger, which extends the amend man whose identity has not been de-Russian Social Democratic termined. The assassin and Solninen's son were both wounded in a

revolver duel following the killing.

The motive of the crime apparently was purely political, the slain official Government party.

The murderer appeared at the Procurator's house at 11 o'clock and sent in a card bearing in French the name of Alexandre Gadd, who is in the Russian service. The young man who was smartly dressed in an offi-cer's uniform, was promptly admitted to the official's private study, and on his entrance fired four shots from a revolver, one of the bullets piercing the breast of the Procurator, who expired almost immediately.

His 17-year-old son, hearing the shots, rushed in from an adjoining room and fired three or four shots at his father's assailant, whose right leg was broken below the knee by a bullet. He was also slightly wounded in the shoulder and a finger of his left

The assassin fired the one bullet remaining in his revolver at Solninen's son, wounding him slightly. He then tried to escape, but fell unconscious to the floor in the antercom.

he was seized. Dr Wasastjerna was caled immediately, but found the Procurator beyond need of his services. The assassin was removed to the surgical hospital. He is of dark complexion and apparently between 25 and 30 years of age.

Soininen was born in 1856, and practiced at the Finnish bar. He was highly esteemed and had held various Government appointments, including that of Provincial Judge. He was re garded as a wise and patriotic official.

It is understood that it was at his mitiative that the Finns exiled by Governor General Bobrikoff were allowed to return to Finland. He was accused, however, of pro-Russian proclivities, and it is believed it was for this reason that he was murdered.

IS BURNED TO A CRISP.

A Terrible Mistake Made at a Glass Plant at Smethport, Pa.

Charles Palmer, employed by Camp Glass company at Smeth-port, Pa., was roasted to Pa., port, Pa., was roasted to death this morning while engaged in 90 days. Sewer pipe, terra cotta, making repairs to a gas supply pipe building blocks and other clay pro- at the plant. Palmer's duties were to maintain the heat of the furnaces at the required temperature. The meltfrom one side to another, each of the two supply pipes being large enough to admit the body of a man.

While the gas was passing through one pipe Palmer crawled fato the other. His assistant changed supply, sending the burning through the pipe into which Palmer had crept. Before the mistake was noticed Palmer's body was burned to a crisp. He is survived by a wife and one child

B. & O. Places Rail Order.

To meet the requirements of 1965 the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company closed contracts for 48,000 tons of steel rails, which will cost about \$1,350,000. The order among the following companies: United States Steel corporation, 25,-000 tons; Pennsylvania Steel company, 13,000 tons, and the Cambria Steel company, 10,000 tons. The ralls are to be standard grade and will weigh 100 pounds to the yard for 85 pounds.

\$240,000 Fire Loss.

Fire which started in the wholesale commission house of Franklin, Stiles & Franklin at Birmingham, Ala., destroyed property valued at \$240,ed from the neighboring cities of Montgomery, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Gadsden was canceled about 5 o'clock, the necessity of which was obviated by the veering of the wind and a soaking rain. were severly injured by falling walls.

Frick on Atchison Board.

H. C. Frick and H. H. Rogers were elected directors of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company at a meeting of the Atchison board of directors in New York. Messrs. Frick and Rogers are both interested in the Union Pacific Railroad Company and are understood to enter the Atchison as representatives of the Union Pacific.

The president signed the bill au-Yeager with the larceny of more than thorizing railway construction in the Philippines and conferring on cher Chambers, Steubenville. Fourth been out of commission for several books, forged checks and other Philippine government the authority months. The origin of the fire is unmethods. Yeager disappeared about to guarantee bonds to the extent of 4 also has banks in Forest, Ill., and in per cent on \$30,000,000,

Survey of the Philippines.

President Rocsevelt sent to the Senate and House a dorsing scientific surveys in the that provision be made for the appropriations be made for the work by ed. 24@25c; Congress.

Military operations in Manchuria Tonight Lieutenant Governor Clark are at a dead halt. The extreme cold weather is retarding movements of 31@32c. vative leader, to form a new ministry. the Russian troops.

JOINT STATEHOOD BILL.

Measure Admits Oklahoma and In dian Territories.

After a continuous sitting of almost nine hours the Senate passed the joint Statehood bill. As passed the bill provides for the admission of the States of Oklahoma, to be composed of Oklahoma and Indian Territory and New Mexico, according to present boundaries, with Arizona eli minated.

The session was characterized by exciting incidents and many sur prises. One of the first amendments aken up was that prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in is now Indian Territory for the next 10 years, and this was displaced with a substitute offered by Mr ment to the entire State for a per-iod of 21 years, and this was adopted.

THIRTY MEN NARROWLY ESCAPE Philadelphia Iceboat Sinks on Dela

ware-lce Embargo. Thirty men narrowly escaped drown-ing early today in the icy waters of the Harbor of Refuge at the Delaware breakwater, and after being rescued with the greatest difficulty by the crews of two tugs, they were forced to make their way to shore afoot over the heavy ice floes with which the river and bay is blocked. The men whose lives were imperilled were Capt. Jacobs and his crew of 29 men of Philadelphia city iceboat No. 3. which made its way down the Delaware river from Philadelphia in an effort to clear the channel of ice Their boat struck a sunken barge and went down just after they were taken

CONDEMNS POOL SELLING.

Gov. Folk Urges Repeal of Law Licensing Bookmaking.

Gov. Joseph W. Folk forwarded the Legislature a special message dealing chiefly with legislation affecting the proposed repeal of the breeders' law, which licenses bookmakers to sell pools in certain enclos ures, the fee going to the support of the State fair. Gov. Folk urges such amendment to the law as will eliminate licensing of gambling by the State. "The breeders' law," Gov. Folk stated in his message, "is a good law as far as it goes, but it not go far enough. If pool selling is an evil thing, it should not be permitted at all."

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Reed Smoot's counsel declares that two-thirds vote is necessary for expulsion of the Utah senator.

Chief Engineer Wallace estimates that the Panama canal will be completed in 10 years.

Pennsylvania congressmen will go with the Republican majority in support of the railroad rate bill. Booker T. Washington says the next 30 years will be the crucial epoch for

the southern negro.

President Roosevelt directs that contracts be continued with the Catholic Indian schools for the education of Indians.

Five men were drowned in Hoopers straits near Cambridge, Md., last ing tanks are so arranged that the Friday while attempting to reach supply of gas is turned on alternately shore from icebound oysier vessels. shore from icebound oyster vessels. At Savannah, Ga., H. C. Swift, 75

years old, jumped from the window of his home and was killed. He had been suffering from the grip. A spark from a workman's torch caused a fire which destroyed the Rome, N. Y., merchant iron mill, en-

tailing a loss of \$200,000. Prince Eitel Friedrich of Germany, has so far recovered from his attack that his physicians announce no further bulletins will be is-

All fear of rioting over labor troubles at the Zeigler, Ill., coal mines having subsided, the last of the State troops at Zeigler have been ordered home.

The nobles of St. Petersburg ap pealed to the czar for an assembly representative of the people to par ticipate in the government of the nation. Twenty strikers have been kill ed and a number of persons wounded in conflicts with soldiers in Kalisz, There have been disturbances in other places

Premier Laurier of Canada has as sured a delegation of lumbermen that the Government will undertake revis

ion of the tariff. John M. Simprers, a convict in the Maryland penitentiary, serving a term for horse stealing, has confessed that he murdered Albert Constable, a law

yer of Elkton, Md. It is semi-officially announced that Pope Pius X, will hold a consistory next month. It is not known whether any new cardinals will be created a

The Assembly Taxation Committee has introduced a bill in the lower House of the N. Y. Legislature pro viding for a flat tax of 1 per cent, on the gross premiums of insurance com-

The anthracite coal production in Pennsylvania for the month of January was 4,408,578 tons as against 4,134,245 tons during the month of

January, 1904. The Citizens bank of Union, Ill. has closed its doors and the where abouts of the owner of the institution E. W. Settle, are not known. There is nearly \$15,000 on deposit. Settle Michigan.

Boston Wool Market.

In the Boston Wool market business is light on account of the small stock of domestic wool in dealers' Philippine islands and recommending hands. Values hold firm as follows Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and pointment of a board of surveys to above, 35@36c; X, 30@31c; No. 1 superintend the work, and that ap 38@39c; No. 2, 39@40c; fine unwash unmerchantable, 27@ 28c; ¼ blood unwashed, 32@33c; unwashed, delaine, 27@28c; unmerchantable, 29@30c; Michigan, fine unwashed, 21@22c; ¼ blood unwashed, Kentucky, Indiana, etc., % and 14 blood, 31 46 @ 82c.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

TROLLEY FRANCHISE GRANTED.

Pittsburg and Butler Street Railway Company Gets Rights-Gives Bond to Complete Line.

The council of Butler granted a franchise to the Pittsburg and Butler Street railway to pass over Sullivan avenue, West street, Cunningham street and other thoroughfares to Main street at the center of the town. The street car company pays \$500 at the passage of the ordinance and \$500 annually. The company also gives bond in \$10,000 to have the line completed and in operation within years. Charles Gibson, Jr., president of the company, and Charles J. Gibson and Engineer Layton, of Pitts burg, were present at the meeting.

A decision was handed down granting a new trial in the case of C. M. Greer of Canonsburg, Pa., against former Burgess T. M. Reese, former Constable J. J. Miller and former Councilmen H. P. Jones, Theodore Straub and J. B. Johnson of Canonsburg. Greer secured a verdict of \$43,000 against these men at the last term in a suit for false arrest. Greer was a member of council, but re-fused to attend, and was arrested and taken to a meeting to form a

The second oil well ever known to produce almost a pure grade of oll has been discovered on the George farm, near Bradys Bend, Armstrong county. It is owned by Queen brothers and the drill found 12 feet of an excellent producing sand. The well filled up 500 feet with the fluid. The production is estimated at 25 barrels a day. The original pure oil well was struck near the present one years ago. Of late years its meager product has been bottled and sold as hair oil.

At Scranton another of the alleged Carbondale Mafia, Frank Muncula, who pleaded guilty to robbery by menace, was given the extreme penalty, four years and nine months. Muncula admitted having secured \$40 from a young Italian by threatening the vengeance of the Mafia on him. It was stated that one of the 14 men indicted for complicity in the Mafia terrorizing, Joseph Cogliandro, has made a full confession. It is reported some startling disclosures ooked for.

Postoffice Inspector H. H. Williams has been sent to Connellsville to dis-cover the source of the fraud which has been carried on by foreigners of the coke region for many months. The inspector has letters sent from here to Italy and vice-versa, the stamps on which had been previously used. The Italians have a prepara-tion which erases the cancellation marks and only by a close inspection can one discover that the stamps were ever used before.

The Union Presbyterian church near Myoma station, in Adams township, Butler county, was burned Sun-day. Services were held in the afternoon, and while the first Psalm was being announced sparks were noticed falling from the ceiling. The 150 people rushed from the building, was soon destroyed. A large part of the furniture was saved. A defective flue caused the fire. The loss is \$2,000, with \$1,500 insurance.

The headless trunk of a man was found near the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks in the northern part of Wilkesbarre. After considerable search the head was found many feet from the body. It was so badly mutilated that it was unrecognizable. The man was well dressed in a dark suit and was about 6 feet in height, weighing 225 pounds. No articles were found on his person that would serve to identi-

fy him. John W. Scott, a geologist, declares radium abounds in Blair, Center and Huntingdon counties. Mr. Scott claims that Blair county geologically covers a large area of primal maximum radial disturbance, by which mountains were upheaved. that several years ago he discovered the peculiar substance, pitchblende,

mother of radium, in great quantities. Maj. John A. Barrett, instructor at Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' school, near Uniontown, has been dismissed from his position by the State committee on orphans' school as the result of charges against him growing out of his whipping two boys, which he was convicted in court of assault and battery.

. W. Benson Shrader, financial agent of the United Presbyterian church has acknowledged the receipt of \$3,000, given to the mission boards of the church by Mrs. Jennie S., wife of Elmer Bartley, of Butler. quests were in money of Mrs. Bartley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson Graham.

Albert Hart, colored, aged 24, who was shot by his rival, Fred Jeffries, at the home of Mrs. Georgiana Poindexter, on Tuesday night, January 24, died at the Cottage State hospital, Connellsville. Jeffries is still at large.

Representative Acheson has secured from the Smithsonian institution, a set of fishes in alcohol and a section of marine invertebrates for usa of the public schools at Charleroi.

Leonard, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore, of New Castle, is dead as a result of scalds received by a kettle of hot water overturning.

At Blairsville, a giant remonstrance against the repeal of the local option law has received the signatures of 1,143 voters, 1,312 women and 387 young men. The remonstrance represents two-thirds of the property terests of Blairsville. The petition for repeal has less than 400 signatures.

Edward Nangle was sentenced in the court at Washington, Pa., to pay a fine of \$100 and undergo imprisonment in the work house for one Nangle was charged by E. C. Horn, a merchant, with stealing several humdred dollars while in the latter's employ as a clerk.