

MINERS ENTOMBED IN A BURNING MINE.

Over 30 Men Reported to Be Imprisoned in the Shaft.

THE DISASTER AT PORT ROYAL, PA.

Number of Explosions Occurred and It is Feared There is Little Hope for the Miners—William McCune, Superintendent of the District, Is Among Those Entombed—Those Rescued Could Give No Cause for the Explosion.

Port Royal, Pa. (Special).—The Pittsburgh Coal and Coke Company's Shaft No. 2 at this place is again on fire, after steady burning for seven years, and over 30 men are reported to be imprisoned in the mine, which is feared will never be heard from again.

About 6 o'clock smoke was seen to be issuing from Shaft No. 2, which is on the line of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. It is thought the fire started from an explosion, and that six men were in at this time, the men being Jack Peoples, Frank Stables, Frank Davenport, Daily Lawrence, Lawrence Setler and John Stokes. Stokes and Setler were not near the place in which the explosion occurred, and upon the arrival of a rescue party they were quickly brought to the surface after being nearly overcome by damp. They could give no information as to what had caused the explosion and the rescue party reported that four other men were entombed.

About 7 o'clock William McCune, general superintendent of this district, Dennis Worley, pit boss of the mine; Michael Roy, foreman of the Euclid mines, and several other bosses, with about 30 men, went down Shaft No. 1, which is just opposite to the Baltimore and Ohio side of the river, and have not been heard from since. About three hours after the rescue party had been in the mine two more explosions were heard. Meantime the crowd around the opening of the shaft had increased, including many mothers, wives and sisters of entombed men.

All sorts of plans have been suggested to rescue the men. Some talk of turning the river into the mines, but many are opposed to this idea, for fear of drowning the miners. All that would be necessary to let the deluge of water loose in the mines would be to pull a plug which was placed in the mines after the explosion of seven years ago and the water would rush into the mines at a rapid rate.

A CABLE 834 MILES LONG.

British Pacific Line to Be Greatest Yet Constructed.

Washington (Special).—The United States Consul at Victoria, B. C., reports that a surveying party has located the landing site of the British Pacific cable, which is to connect the Dominion of Canada with the Australian Confederation, on Kelp Bay, near Banfield creek, seven miles from the entrance to Barclay sound, and something over 100 miles from Victoria.

The location is described as admirably adapted for the purpose—a good harbor and 12 fathoms of water close to the shore, so that vessels of 10,000 tons can find safe anchorage. The harbor is landlocked and has a bottom of ooze, which, it is said, will furnish good protection for the wire.

Work has already begun in England on the cable. It is to be 834.5 miles the longest yet constructed, and will be transported and laid in one ship, which is now being specially built for the purpose.

Farmer Shoots His Sweetheart.

North Vernon, Ind. (Special).—John Neely, a prosperous young farmer, living south of this place, shot himself on his sweetheart's doorstep because she refused to marry him as early as he wished. He had called on his fiancée, bride and asked her to marry him July 4. She declined, saying the wedding should be in the fall. He left the house, but soon returned and shot himself on her doorstep. Miss Britton heard the shot, and when she found it was her lover dying she attempted to shoot her self.

Cars and Houses Torn to Pieces.

Binghamton, N. Y. (Special).—Five men were killed and seven injured by the explosion of a great quantity of dynamite in a car, caused by one freight train running into another, at Vestal, ten miles from here. Aside from the destruction to railroad property, much minor damage is reported. Nearly every house in the villages of Vestal and Union, which is across the Susquehanna from the wreck, lost more or less of its window glass while farmers' houses and barns near the scene were shattered and wrecked. None of the inmates, however, were injured.

Fire Sweeps Through Small Town.

Wilson, N. Y. (Special).—This village was visited by a disastrous fire. A large portion of the business section of the place was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. The fire started from an unknown origin in the harness shop of Edward Barton. A strong wind was blowing at the time and the flames quickly spread to adjoining buildings. Harness shop store, Storrs's shoe store, the postoffice and general store in which it is located, a bicycle shop and hardware store, were destroyed, and Sutherland's Hotel, the principal one in the village, was damaged.

Killed by Incandescent Lamp.

Lakewood, R. I. (Special).—Edmond Walsh, 45 years of age, was instantly killed here by a gas lamp. He was attempting to turn on the light by twisting the globe, the glass melted in his hand and he received the full strength of the current. He leaves a widow and three children in Providence.

Girl Scalped in a Factory.

New Brunswick, N. J. (Special).—A distressing accident occurred at the handkerchief factory of Herrmann Aukun & Co., which three 200 girls in a panic. Miss Annie Lock, aged 15 years, while stitching handkerchiefs, stooped down to pick up a button under the machine. Her hair caught in the shafting and in an instant her scalp was jerked off. The 200 girls in the room were thrown in a panic at once. Many wept. The superintendent ordered them to stop work and all left for their homes. Miss Lock will die.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

The Rev. H. D. von Brackhuizen, of Pretoria, now in New York, says the Boer women and children at present concentrated in camps established by the British are in a horrible condition.

Rose Branding, of New York, claims that she was enticed to a vacant summer home at Jamaica, L. I., and kept prisoner there by a man, who compelled her to work for him.

The parents of Mabel Burt, the Smith College girl who stole a lot of jewelry from her classmates, are trying to recover the stolen gems, to be returned to their owners.

Prof. Charles Sexton James died in Montana. He was professor of mathematics at Bucknell College from 1871 to 1877, and later president of Monongahela College.

Miss Nannie Langhorn, of Philadelphia, won a thousand-dollar pool that had been made on the voyage on the Epsom Derby.

The Philippine Commission has organized a provincial government at San Isidro, with Capt. J. F. Krebs, of the Twenty-second Infantry, as governor.

Rev. Dr. I. K. Funk delivered the baccalaureate sermon, beginning the commencement exercises of Roanoke College, at Salem, Va., where by the arrival of a reported that Chas. M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, has bought the Bethlehem Steel Company.

William Warner, a traveling salesman, unexpectedly found \$30,000 in securities in his attic. They had belonged to his father.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the annual International Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in Cincinnati.

Capt. Fred. J. Kuntz, son of Gen. J. S. Kuntz, ex-commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., died at Toledo, Ohio.

Chicago University is establishing affiliated preparatory schools in Paris and other cities of Europe.

Edward de Duphane, who died while drunk in Washington, is said in Winchester, Va., to be the heir to the De Chambray earldom in France, who married a Methodist minister's daughter in Winchester.

Sylvan L. Friedlander, with his wife, and Daniel H. Bogart, his clerk, were arrested in Newark, N. J., on a charge of conspiracy to commit arson in Reading.

A company was organized in Richmond, Va., for the purpose of encouraging manufacturing there by furnishing power to small plants, as may be desired.

Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy collapsed in court in Kansas City while evidence was being given against her in her trial for the murder of her husband.

Edward Williams, colored, cut James Shaw's skull in twin with an axe, as the latter was sleeping in a saloon in Norfolk, Va.

James Van Burden Bordenway was arrested in Philadelphia on the charge of forging Pierpont Morgan's name to checks.

The son of Jacob Nave, a farmer of Bedford county, Pa., drank carbolic acid in mistake for whiskey. He may recover.

Major Lewis S. Tessen, medical director of the Department of Columbia, died at the Vancouver barracks.

The students of Wesleyan University threatened to quit unless Prof. F. D. Taylor was reinstated.

The town council of Harrisonburg, Va., decided against having a municipal electric light plant.

Eight young soldiers back from Manila received the public greeting in Waynesboro, Pa.

Advices from the Klondike report the drowning of four men in Five Finger Rapids.

Cambridge, Mass. (Special).—In connection with the report of Middlesex county grand jury for its June sitting, which was just made public, it became known that the coroner, Roland D. Swan, formerly clerk of the town of Arlington, who was arrested, charged with the larceny of \$300 from the town, has been found to be more than \$20,000 in debt.

An attempt to burn the town hall several weeks ago, on the night when the town sale was robbed and records were taken.

New Accused of Murder. Toronto, Ont. (Special).—Rutledge and Rice, convicted of robbing the postoffice and a private bank at Aurora, were sentenced to 21 years in Kingston Penitentiary. Immediately afterward they were taken to Police Court and charged with the murder of Constable Boyd on Tuesday evening last. They, with Thomas Jones, attempted to escape from the officers' van; being transferred from the court to jail. Both pleaded not guilty, and the hearing was postponed for a week. The three men were brought here from Chicago. On Tuesday night's affair Jones was shot and has since died from his injuries.

Three Girls Drowned. Philadelphia (Special).—A party of six persons—three men and three girls—while sailing on the Delaware River off North Essington, a few miles below the city, were swept into the water by the swamping of a rock mill during a squall, and the girls were drowned. The party were guests of the Federal Boat Club. Other members of the club heard of the misfortune and immediately set about rescuing them.

For Study of American Methods. London (By Cable).—Elder, Demorest & Co. offer to pay the traveling expenses of the official delegates of any British trades unions willing to go to the United States to study American trade methods.

TEN KILLED IN A BIG STORM.

Much Damage Caused by Wind and Lightning in Oklahoma.

FARMHOUSES AND CROPS DESTROYED.

A Stretch of Country Ten Miles Wide and Thirty-Six Miles Long Devastated—An Estimated Loss of Over \$100,000—Heavy Rains Precede and Follow the Windstorm.

Wichita, Kan. (Special).—The most disastrous storm that has ever visited Oklahoma prevailed in Kay county. A tornado struck Billings, Eddy and Tonkawa, and its influence covered a stretch of country 10 miles wide and 36 miles long, destroying towns, farmhouses and crops. The financial loss will exceed \$100,000. At Eddy three persons were killed. It is reported that two persons were killed at Billings, but this cannot be verified.

The rain fell in torrents from early in the evening until midnight. The fury of the storm centered in a tornado at about 6:30 p. m., which formed at a point near the town of Eddy.

The little town of Eddy was struck, and of the twelve or fifteen buildings in the place all were leveled to the ground except the school station and the general store. The whole of the town south of places of safety. Three persons were killed and seven were injured by flying debris.

The track of the tornado between this point and Tonkawa was laid waste. Five farmhouses, with barns and out-buildings, were blown away, but all the occupants escaped without injury. Fine crops of wheat in the midst of harvest were laid waste.

The tail end of the tornado fell with terrible force upon Tonkawa. Thirty buildings, and business houses were scattered in every direction. The citizens of the town had been watching the advance of the storm and had sought shelter in caves and cellars.

At Blackwell, few miles south of Tonkawa, F. H. Crawford, a carpenter, working on a house, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S HEART AFFECTION. Blood Infection Resulted From Bone Felon—Physicians' Statement.

Washington (Special).—Mrs. McKinley's physicians, after a lengthy consultation, issued the following bulletin: "Mrs. McKinley's illness has been a blood infection, resulting from peritonitis of the index finger (bone felon), which began in Los Angeles, and which was promptly treated by incision. The subsequent condition of exhaustion was due to the same blood infection associated with a severe diarrhoea. She improved, however, and was brought to a point where she could bear strength. The principal cause of anxiety in her case since her arrival in Washington has been an acute endocarditis (inflammation of the lining membrane of the heart) involving the mitral valve. The result of the same blood infection. This does not appear to be progressive, and there has been an improvement in the circulation and in her general condition. Mrs. McKinley's case at the present time presents a more hopeful aspect."

The statement that Mrs. McKinley's case at this time presents a more hopeful aspect is in accordance with the report from the sick room since the arrival of the distinguished patient in Washington. The President feels considerably encouraged.

Swan's Shortage: More Than \$20,000. Cambridge, Mass. (Special).—In connection with the report of Middlesex county grand jury for its June sitting, which was just made public, it became known that the coroner, Roland D. Swan, formerly clerk of the town of Arlington, who was arrested, charged with the larceny of \$300 from the town, has been found to be more than \$20,000 in debt.

An attempt to burn the town hall several weeks ago, on the night when the town sale was robbed and records were taken.

New Accused of Murder. Toronto, Ont. (Special).—Rutledge and Rice, convicted of robbing the postoffice and a private bank at Aurora, were sentenced to 21 years in Kingston Penitentiary. Immediately afterward they were taken to Police Court and charged with the murder of Constable Boyd on Tuesday evening last. They, with Thomas Jones, attempted to escape from the officers' van; being transferred from the court to jail. Both pleaded not guilty, and the hearing was postponed for a week. The three men were brought here from Chicago. On Tuesday night's affair Jones was shot and has since died from his injuries.

Three Girls Drowned. Philadelphia (Special).—A party of six persons—three men and three girls—while sailing on the Delaware River off North Essington, a few miles below the city, were swept into the water by the swamping of a rock mill during a squall, and the girls were drowned. The party were guests of the Federal Boat Club. Other members of the club heard of the misfortune and immediately set about rescuing them.

For Study of American Methods. London (By Cable).—Elder, Demorest & Co. offer to pay the traveling expenses of the official delegates of any British trades unions willing to go to the United States to study American trade methods.

Major Rockefeller's Fate. Syracuse, N. Y. (Special).—A letter from Paul J. Spillane, of the Ninth Infantry, stationed in the Philippines, and received by a friend in Waterson, states that while Spillane was a prisoner of the Filipinos at Tarta he learned from insurgent officers the fate of Major Rockefeller, whose mysterious disappearance early in the war has puzzled the American army. Major Rockefeller, according to the Filipinos, was taken prisoner and went mad while in captivity. Shortly afterward he died.

Trains Met on a Curve. Vicksburg, Miss. (Special).—Two persons were injured, three seriously, in a head-on collision between two Mississippi Valley passenger trains north of Vicksburg. The trains met on a sharp curve, and but for the prompt action of Engineer Jones in reversing his engine the wreck would have been more disastrous. At Clarksville five hours earlier the southbound train crashed into a caboose and Engineer Dana received injuries which may prove fatal.

Gift of Library to University. Morgantown, W. Va. (Special).—The heirs of Waitman T. Wiley, formerly United States Senator from West Virginia, who died recently, made a formal donation to the West Virginia University of the private library of Mr. Wiley. The library contains 1800 volumes, exclusive of government reports and manuscripts, and is invaluable because of its completeness respecting the formation and early history of the State of West Virginia.

Government Prisoners Escape. New York (Special).—Two United States Army prisoners serving sentences on Governor's Island for desertion escaped on a raft. The prisoners were Harry McGuire, who was serving a term of 18 months for desertion, and John Winslow, who was serving a term of two years for the same offense.

Beveridge Will Get Concessions Easy. London (By Cable).—United States Senator Beveridge, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, will not find much difficulty in securing from the Russian government a concession for a steamship line from the United States to Vladivostok or Port Arthur.

Louis Stern Takes His Life. Bamberg, Bavaria (By Cable).—Louis Stern, the former United States commercial agent here, shot himself in the public gardens near the town.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN CHICAGO.

Hartman Supposed to Have Killed Actress and Himself.

Chicago (Special).—Side by side, each with a bullet wound in the temple, the bodies of Ed. Hartman and his wife were found in their bed at the Great Northern Hotel. The room showed no evidences of a struggle, both lifeless forms were cramped, the covering of the bed well tucked about them, but the revolver clutched in the right hand of the man told the story of the double tragedy.

Hartman and his wife registered at the Hotel June 6, giving as their address New York. Both were stylishly dressed and appeared to be persons of means.

Early Sunday night they retired to their apartments and nothing was seen of them until Monday evening, when they were found dead in bed.

The only information the hotel managers have concerning the couple was given by a woman who called at the hotel. She was fashionably gowned and said that she was a friend of the young man. She said that she had seen the Hartmans had arrived in Chicago and she had made a tour of the hotel to locate them.

She said that Hartman was the son of a wealthy New Yorker, and that he had formed an attachment that had displeased his father. A clandestine marriage was followed by the departure of the woman, without knowledge of the parent. A reconciliation was being effected by friends, and she charged Manager Roth not to lend the man money, as he would be taken care of financially by the elder Hartman.

On a card case belonging to the woman were engraved the words "Rose Violette," and from the envelope was taken an address marked "Mrs. M. Violette." It was thought the woman had been connected with the stage. A card also indicated that she had been a member of the "Duchess" company.

TERRIBLE FALL OF COMMANDER BULL. Dashed From the Dome of the Government Building at the Expedition.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—Lieutenant Commander J. H. Bull, of the United States Navy, in charge of the hydrographic service at San Francisco, fell from the dome of the Government Building and was seriously injured. He was unconscious when surgeons reported that, while Commander Bull's injuries were serious, they did not think they would prove fatal. His right leg is broken below the knee, and his hip is fractured. It was at first supposed that his skull had been fractured, but this was not the case. Lieutenant Commander Bull is 22 years old, a native of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy. He served with distinction in the Spanish-American War and subsequently through the operation of which he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He was assigned to the U. S. S. Albatross, and was in the Philippines with his wife and four children.

NEW WAY OF MAKING STEEL. Carbon Forced in While Iron Leaves Cupola Furnace.

Redding, Cal. (Special).—Mr. Geo. C. Carson, a mining man of Northern California, has invented and applied for a patent on a process for manufacturing steel, which some corporations, apparently the American Trust, has offered to purchase for \$500,000. The process is a process for manufacturing steel, which some corporations, apparently the American Trust, has offered to purchase for \$500,000. The process is a process for manufacturing steel, which some corporations, apparently the American Trust, has offered to purchase for \$500,000.

Will Take Up Moody's Work. Liverpool (By Cable).—The White Star Line steamer Teutonic, which sailed from here for New York on June 12, took among her passengers Mrs. A. M. Morris, Mrs. J. J. Jessup, the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan and Mrs. Campbell Morgan and Charles Francis, United States minister to Greece. The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan is a Congregationalist clergyman who will visit the United States to take up the work of the late Dwight L. Moody.

Major Rockefeller's Fate. Syracuse, N. Y. (Special).—A letter from Paul J. Spillane, of the Ninth Infantry, stationed in the Philippines, and received by a friend in Waterson, states that while Spillane was a prisoner of the Filipinos at Tarta he learned from insurgent officers the fate of Major Rockefeller, whose mysterious disappearance early in the war has puzzled the American army. Major Rockefeller, according to the Filipinos, was taken prisoner and went mad while in captivity. Shortly afterward he died.

Trains Met on a Curve. Vicksburg, Miss. (Special).—Two persons were injured, three seriously, in a head-on collision between two Mississippi Valley passenger trains north of Vicksburg. The trains met on a sharp curve, and but for the prompt action of Engineer Jones in reversing his engine the wreck would have been more disastrous. At Clarksville five hours earlier the southbound train crashed into a caboose and Engineer Dana received injuries which may prove fatal.

Gift of Library to University. Morgantown, W. Va. (Special).—The heirs of Waitman T. Wiley, formerly United States Senator from West Virginia, who died recently, made a formal donation to the West Virginia University of the private library of Mr. Wiley. The library contains 1800 volumes, exclusive of government reports and manuscripts, and is invaluable because of its completeness respecting the formation and early history of the State of West Virginia.

Government Prisoners Escape. New York (Special).—Two United States Army prisoners serving sentences on Governor's Island for desertion escaped on a raft. The prisoners were Harry McGuire, who was serving a term of 18 months for desertion, and John Winslow, who was serving a term of two years for the same offense.

Beveridge Will Get Concessions Easy. London (By Cable).—United States Senator Beveridge, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, will not find much difficulty in securing from the Russian government a concession for a steamship line from the United States to Vladivostok or Port Arthur.

Louis Stern Takes His Life. Bamberg, Bavaria (By Cable).—Louis Stern, the former United States commercial agent here, shot himself in the public gardens near the town.

TERRIBLE CRIME OF WEALTHY WOMAN.

Startling Discovery Made by the French Police Officials.

MOTHER DIES OF HEART DISEASE.

For Twenty-Five Years Madame Monnier, a Miserly Landowner, Imprisons Her Daughter in a Room in Her House Because the Girl Was in Love With a Poor Lawyer—The Once Beautiful Woman Nearly Reduced to Skeleton.

Paris (By Cable).—The sensation of the week has been the arrest of Madame Monnier, a rich, miserly landowner of the neighborhood of Poitiers, and her son, a former sub-prefect of the Department of Vienne and a leader of the Poitiers society, on the charge of incarcerating Mlle. Blanche Monnier, daughter of Madame Monnier, for 25 years in a room of Madame Monnier's house.

The police, who were anonymously notified of the woman's case, entered the house and found Mlle. Monnier shut up in a room, in darkness, lying on a mattress, stark naked, and so emaciated that she appeared to be a living skeleton. The room was covered with filth, bones, refuse, food, worms, rats and all kinds of vermin.

The unfortunate woman, who had partially lost her reason, was taken to a hospital. It was thought she would die, but she is now improving.

Twenty-five years ago she was a beautiful brunette and fell in love with a lawyer without means. Her mother disapproved of her love and confined her in the room which she has only recently left. The son, after his arrest, pleaded that he acted as he did on account of filial piety, and that his mother was responsible. The lawyer died in 1888.

There was another dramatic development in the case Saturday. Madame Monnier died in prison of heart disease. The gravity of her crime was brought home to her at the judge's examination Thursday. She became ill and died suddenly in the infirmary of the prison.

Su Shih Chin in Limbo. San Francisco (Special).—Su Shih Chin, the Chinese reform leader, against whose landing Minister Wu and Consul General Ho Yow had filed a protest, in the ground that Su had obtained by fraud the passport upon which he was allowed to land, has been arrested in an order from Washington and placed in detention at the mail dock. Consul Ho Yow said Su was landed as an accredited official of the Chinese Empire, when in fact, he was one of the leaders of the revolutionary party which asserts that its purpose is to replace Emperor Kwang Su on the throne.

Off on His Daring Voyage. Gloucester, Mass. (Special).—In his 30-foot sloop, the Great Republic, Capt. Howard Blackburn, of this city, started on his second trans-Atlantic voyage, his present destination being Lisbon, Portugal, where he expects to reach in 45 days. His previous voyage in 1879, was to London, which trip took 67 days. The start was made amid the plaudits of over 1000 people. Shortly after 1 o'clock the Great Republic, escorted by a large fleet of boats, set sail. She received a succession of salutes until she was nearly off Thatcher's Island, when the last of the echoes left her.

Will Take Up Moody's Work. Liverpool (By Cable).—The White Star Line steamer Teutonic, which sailed from here for New York on June 12, took among her passengers Mrs. A. M. Morris, Mrs. J. J. Jessup, the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan and Mrs. Campbell Morgan and Charles Francis, United States minister to Greece. The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan is a Congregationalist clergyman who will visit the United States to take up the work of the late Dwight L. Moody.

Major Rockefeller's Fate. Syracuse, N. Y. (Special).—A letter from Paul J. Spillane, of the Ninth Infantry, stationed in the Philippines, and received by a friend in Waterson, states that while Spillane was a prisoner of the Filipinos at Tarta he learned from insurgent officers the fate of Major Rockefeller, whose mysterious disappearance early in the war has puzzled the American army. Major Rockefeller, according to the Filipinos, was taken prisoner and went mad while in captivity. Shortly afterward he died.

Trains Met on a Curve. Vicksburg, Miss. (Special).—Two persons were injured, three seriously, in a head-on collision between two Mississippi Valley passenger trains north of Vicksburg. The trains met on a sharp curve, and but for the prompt action of Engineer Jones in reversing his engine the wreck would have been more disastrous. At Clarksville five hours earlier the southbound train crashed into a caboose and Engineer Dana received injuries which may prove fatal.

Gift of Library to University. Morgantown, W. Va. (Special).—The heirs of Waitman T. Wiley, formerly United States Senator from West Virginia, who died recently, made a formal donation to the West Virginia University of the private library of Mr. Wiley. The library contains 1800 volumes, exclusive of government reports and manuscripts, and is invaluable because of its completeness respecting the formation and early history of the State of West Virginia.

Government Prisoners Escape. New York (Special).—Two United States Army prisoners serving sentences on Governor's Island for desertion escaped on a raft. The prisoners were Harry McGuire, who was serving a term of 18 months for desertion, and John Winslow, who was serving a term of two years for the same offense.

Beveridge Will Get Concessions Easy. London (By Cable).—United States Senator Beveridge, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, will not find much difficulty in securing from the Russian government a concession for a steamship line from the United States to Vladivostok or Port Arthur.

Louis Stern Takes His Life. Bamberg, Bavaria (By Cable).—Louis Stern, the former United States commercial agent here, shot himself in the public gardens near the town.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Judge Taft Will Control.

Although military control in the Philippines will pass to civilian authority on July 1, the title of the senior army officer will still be that of Military Governor.

This has been definitely determined by the Administration and seems on the face to indicate a dual government under Commissioner Taft and General Chaffee, who succeeds General MacArthur with the change of affairs. General Chaffee will have all the powers and authority of Military Governor not only in command of the army forces in the islands, but he will have direct control also over the administration of certain districts of the Philippines where it is not practicable to apply civilian government. These districts are in remote sections and have recently been visited by Commissioner Taft in his tour of the islands. As fast as they become pacified and can be turned over to civilian control, Commissioner Taft will apply this form of administration.

It is not expected that there will be any conflict of authority between Commissioner Taft and General Chaffee and in all events, when questions in dispute may arise, Commissioner Taft's decision will be final.

Naval Reorganization. The President signed an order reclassifying the vessels of the navy according to their tonnage, to take the place of the old classification, and to increase the number of guns carried. Under the new system there will be four classes, as follows: First-rate men-of-war, of 8000 tons and over; second-rate men-of-war, of 6000 tons and under 8000 tons; and auxiliary vessels of 6000 tons and over, except colliers, hospital ships and other vessels used for special purposes; third-rate men-of-war, from 1000 to 6000 tons; and colliers, refrigerators, hospital ships, etc., of 4000 tons and over; fourth-rate, all other vessels.

The order further gives the assignment to command afloat. These give an admiral command of a fleet; rear admiral, command of a fleet or squadron; captain, command of a division, or ship of the first or second rate; commander, command of a division or ship of the second rate; lieutenant commander, command of a ship of the third or fourth rate; lieutenant, command of a ship of the fourth rate, a destroyer, torpedo boat, tug or tender; lieutenant junior grade, command of a torpedo boat, tug or tender; ensign, command of a torpedo boat or tug.

Corley May Enter Cabinet. A White House rumor revives the report that Secretary Corley may be advanced from his present position to that of a member of the Cabinet. This is suggested by the report that Major G. L. Fraden, assistant secretary to the President, who was appointed a major and paymaster, will go into service and make way for the advancement of Chief Clerk Rudolph Forster. The opinion is expressed that there will be an opening for Mr. Corley in a short time. Notwithstanding contradictions of the report, opinion points to Postmaster General Smith as the Cabinet officer most likely to retire, and Mr. Corley's experience in the Postoffice Department, where he was the confidential clerk of Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell, would be a preparation for his discharge of the duties of the office.

United States Makes an Appeal. The United States Government has again appealed to the powers to submit the present issues at Peking over the indemnity propositions to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. Commissioner Rockefeller, who has been watching for an opportunity, called Secretary Hay for permission to make a proposition, and the secretary called him authority to do so. It is believed that the ministers at Peking have become involved beyond extrication in the present issues, and this proposition may be the only way out.

Reprimand for Captain Hancock. The findings in the case of Capt. Wm. F. Hancock, Sixth Artillery, who was recently led by court-martial at Manila on charges of "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline," and failing to appear for duty on two occasions, have been received at the War Department. The specifications alleged intoxication. Captain Hancock was found guilty and sentenced to be reprimanded.

Capital News in General. Lieutenant Colonel Reber was appointed military secretary to General Miles, to succeed the late Colonel Michler, and Col. M. P. Maus was appointed aide de camp.

The government has formally communicated to the foreign powers the impossibility of joining in a joint guarantee for the payment of the Chinese indemnity.

The President appointed officers for the provisional Porto Rican regiment.

Chief Moore, of the Weather Bureau, panicles the illusion that orchards can be protected from hailstorms by fire-cannons.

William Morey, Jr., and Mrs. Clara A. Riedel, clerks in the War Department, disappeared at the same time.

Secretary Long has decided to have the battleship Oregon on the reverse of the Santiago medal.

The Secretary of the Navy approved the recommendations of the board for the distribution of medals of honor and letters of commendation for gallantry in the Chinese campaign.

Attorney General Knox bought the palatial home of Mrs. George W. Childs, in the capital.

The Itala claim for \$200,000, with interest, was taken up by the Chilean Claims Commission.

Major G. W. Runters, chief commissary of the Department of Northern Luzon, made an interesting report showing how the army stations in the Philippines are served.

Our New Possessions. The conditions offered to General Gaidies, the insurgent leader in Lugana Province, are not changed. They are uniform with those offered to other insurgents accused of murder.

In a battle with the insurgents at Lipa, province of Batangas, Lieutenant Anton Springer, of the Twenty-first Infantry, was killed and Capt. Wm. H. Wilhelm, of the same regiment, Lieut. Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., and five enlisted men were wounded. Lieut. Charles R. Ramsay, of the Twenty-first Infantry, was also wounded.