Settlement of the Boundary Question-President Cresp: Beady to Negotiate for Baufisation With Great

Britain. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 26 .- Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuelan Minister to the United States, and Mr. James J. Storrow, of Boston, countel for the Venezuelan Government before the Boundary Commission, who went to Caracas a month or so ago, with the "protocol of the Venezuelan agreement for the settlement of the boundary dispute between England and Venezuela and to secure its ratification by President Crespo and the Venezuelan Congress, returned to this country to day on the steamer Caracas. They were met on their arrival in Brooklyn by the Venezuelan Consul General and an attache of the Legation at Washington. They left shortly after their arrival for the capital. While both Minister Andrade and Counsel Storrow, refused to make a definite sta ement, it was gathered that the Minister retures with the protocol approved by President Crespo and that he is ready to negotiate its ratificatios with Great Britain. As to the alleged disapprova by Venezeula of the clause in the agree ment which fails to recog ize the sovereignty of the country by giving it direct representation on the commission and the fifty year occupation provision, it was explained that these contentions did not arise from the Government, but from a few sensational and irresponsible newspapers, which were clearly ignorant of the true meaning of the document. When the agreement was fully understood by the people, the most able men of Venezeula publicly advocated it, and advised its unqualified approval. Then there was a change of sentiment and a wave of ap-plante swept through the country. It was the general sentiment that in the United States they had a friend at whose hand they would lose nothing.

BUTCHERY OF "PACIFICOS." Another Bloody Deed by Cleveland'

"Chivalreus" Briends. NEW YORK, December 24 -Word was received in this city to-night of the murder by Spanish troops of Antonio Diaz, his son seven years old, and Manuel Granados, of Casiguas. The letter giving details was received by a Cuban resident here who owns a farm near Jaruco, about twelve miles from Havana, and it came from his overseer, who an nounced that he had abandoned the farm, as his position entailed too great a

The letter tells of the death of Diaz. whose farm was in the neighborhood. The Spanish troops had frequently visited Diaz's place and had been treated . Recently the Cubans who apched so near the capital stopped at the farm, and though Diaz was in sympathy with them, he requested them to withdraw as it would bring suspicion upon him. They did so, and Diaz's escape from injury at their hands was interpreted by the Spaniards as evidence that he was friendly with them. A troop of Spanish soldiers then visited the place and found Diez plowing in a field, his little son near him. They put both to death by machetes. Then they ran across Manuel Granados, who had come to pay Disz for some corn he had purchased. He was likewise dispatched, and \$500 found on his person was appro-

APPLICATION DENIED.

Cetfints of Incorporation Refused Jewish Organis tion Because the Annual Meetings Will be Held on

By Telegraph to the Morning Star, NEW YORK, December 26-Judge Pryor in the Supreme Court to-day denied the application of the Agudath Hakehiloth, a Hebrew organization of New York, for a cert.ficate of incorpora-

In refusing the certificate Justice Pryor said:

"In the certificate submitted to me. observe that the annual meetings of the proposed corporation is appointed to be held on each and every second Sanday of January of each and every year. It is not a religious corporation and its annual meetings are for the performance of such secular business as is transacted by other civil corporations. The question is not whether such

meetings are illegal, but whether they should be approved. The act intended is an aggression upon the Christian Sabbate and the law which scrupulously protects them in this observance of their creed gives them no license to affect the religious susceptibilities of others."

THE BOSTON STR KE.

Street Care Bunning on all Lines Withou Int rruption.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Boston, December 26.-Cars were running without interruption on all lines of the West End Street Railway Co., today. Many cars were run by new men however. Oa some of the divisions all the strikers were given to understand that they would have to be re-hired in order to get the opportunity of taking out cars, while on other divisions the old men were allowed to take out their cars if they presented themselves at the that the company intend to get rid of the men who were most active in the

There is a good deal of bitter feeling among the men against the leaders of the council has bungled the whole matter so badly that it amounted to a virtual betrayal of the Union into the hands of the company, and upon some of the divisions the feeling was particularly bitter against President Young, who has been at the head of the coun

GEN. FITZ LEE.

Arrived at Havana Accompanied by His Wife and Daughter.

By Cable to the Morning Star. HAVANA, December 26 .- Gen. Fitzbugh Lee, Consul General at Havana, who has been absent in the United States on leave of absence from his post for about two months, arrived here this morning. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. General Lee says he has returned to resume his duty as Consul General. He says he has re-Government, but will maintain a close watch of affairs, and will keep his Government thoroughly posted in regard to the situation in Cuba and ail further developments in the island.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

HAVANA ADVICES.

Troops-Gen. Weyler's Movements.

By Cable to the Morning Star. HAVANA, December 26 .- News from Mantua, in the province of Pinar del Rio, gives the details of an encounter on December 20th, betweeen Lieut. Llamii, commanding a body of local guerillas and volunteers and a force of insurgents. The Spanish force, arriving at a place called Rancho, found an lasurgent camp from which they were fired upon. The soldiers returned the fire, whereupon the rebels fled in great disorder, leaving twenty-three dead on the field. The arms and effects of the insurgents were

expured and the camp destroyed. Eight of the dead rebels were identified. The Government force sustained no loss. This information comes from a Spanish source and it is added that by scene in which they were found is eatirely clear of insurgents. It is learned from other sources that the affair was similar to others where unarmed men were killed, and that the dead alleged rebels were simply pacificos who had to means of delending themselves against the Government troops.

Christmas, the time set by Captain General Weyler in a recent interview in this city for a decisive turn in the trouble. his come and gone, and to all appearance affirs are, with the exception of the death of Maceo, in exactly the same coedition they were when Gen, Weyler made his statement. Last night bands of rebels fired on the towns of Santiago de Los Vegas, Rancho Boyeror and Calabezar, all in the province of Havana. The attacks caused great excitement among the inhabitants, who feared that the insurgents were about to raid the towns and give them to the flimes. After firing a few shots, which were productive of no result beyond scaring the people, the rebels withdrew. The latest reports concerning the movements of Gea, Weyler, who was encamped near San Cristobal, is that he marched to-day. No information is given regarding his objective point. Ha has had no encounter with the enemy

del Rio from Havana, notwithstanding his elaborate plan of campaign which necessitates the use of 80,000 troops. HAVANA, December 26, VIA KEY WEST, FLA, December 26.—Maceo's death is still the leading topic of conver-sation of the people of Havana. Many stubbornly persist in denying the truth of his death, especially after reading an anonymous sheet circulated the other day announcing that Maceo is alive and only dangerously wounded, and if carefally attended is expected to survive and appear some day at the head of his beloved troops. This mysterious news has deeply impressed the credulous people and has given them a gleam of hope, while it has revived their despondent sprits. That Maceo was foully dealt with no deab exists, and even honest Spaniards admit the fact and express their indignation at a treachery repul-

since his return to the province of Pinar

sive to their calvalrous feelings. It is said that one of the reasons why Gen. Ochando resigned was that he declined Weyler's orders to entrap Maceo. Weyler then, out of spite, circulated the pews in Madrid that Ochando had dealment plans; also, that Gen. Ochando. allowed Maceo to cross the trocha into Pinar del Rio.

It is recalled now that Ochando promsed that he would make complete revelations in the future, which will surely throw much light on the subject.

Weyler's campaign of bloodshed and devastation in the Pinar del Rio province continues more vigorously than ever. All of the reports clearly indicate this fact. Those reading between the lines know that the reported capture of prefecturas and camps means simply the destruction of hamlets, buts and unoffending peasants. All of the male inbabitants are killed without mercy. The situation is most herrible.

It is known from good authority that Weyler has issued secret orders to consider as bandits all found outside the town or city limits and that they be therefore shot on the spot, Many hororable officers are protesting against this o der and requesting passports to return Cubans and not to kill innocent propie. The representatives of the Heraldo

and the Liberal at Madrid have wired their papers strongly protesting against Weyler's horrible methods of carrying on the war. The people of Havana are surprised that these butcheries should be committed at their very doors and reported by the papers, while no attention is paid to the butcheries by the Washington authorities or word sent to Spain to stop the butcheries. Comparisons are made of England's action in the Armenian atrocities and the question

asked the United States, "Does not this act in the same way?" The situation of the rebels in Pinar del Rio is not so desperate as Weyler alleges and many believe that on Tuesday a party of 500 crossed the trocha from Havana province into the former. It is a fact that the rebels have entrenched in the hills at least 13,000 wellarmed and munitioned troops. The Spaniards admit the presence of 6,000 and cannot understand Weyler declaring the section pacified while so many are still existing. It is now known that Calinto Garcia captured the whole convoy which Gen. Rey escorted to Baya-mo. This is said to be the most impor-

tant convoy ever sent to that place. Another convoy to G guani, escorted by Gen. Bosch, was forced to return, as they found the place besieged by rebeis under Garcia. There are no details as yet. It is only known that the Government is rushing troops to that section. Yesterday, the rebels burned the town of Calvario, close to Havana and are still very active around the city. It is known from reliable information that 91 600 sick Spanish soldiers are in the military hospitals of the island, without counting the many thousands ill in the

ranks. The Havana hospitals alone have Communication with the country is difficult and the censorship more ricorous than ever. Nothing is known or printed of the rebel movements; Gomez's location is uncertain and opinions differ. It is only known that he is steadily advancing. Numerous sharp fighting in Santa Clara province this week point to his whereabouts, or at least show that large masses of rebels are in that pro-

HON, W. J. BRYAN

Has Engagements for Only Five More Lectures.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star LINCOLN, Neb., December 26 -W. 1. Bryan returned to-night from Atlanta, and to the Southern Associated Press made the following statement in con-

nection with his lecture engagements: "Mr. V. E McBee, with my consent, transferred his contract to H. Briggs & Co. 1 G eenville S. C. Only five more lectures have been arranged for up to this time, and whether I shall deliver any in addition to that number is as yet uncertain. I have some work on hand which may interfere with the delivery of any other lectures his season."

Mr. Bryan will remain in Lincoln for an indefinite period.

Has found that her little ones are in-proved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the lazative that of a gentle remedy than by any Children enjoy it and it benefits to Tae true remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig. Syrup Company only. and that it is more accepta

CHICAGO BANK FAILURE.

bemisment of Funds of the Wreeked Metional Bank.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star,

CHICAGO. December 26 .- Benjamin B. lones, ex-paying teller of the wrecked National Bank of Illinois, who was arrested Thursday night on the charge of embezzling \$20,000 of the bank's funds, was removed to day by order of Judge Grosscup to the Dupage county jail, at Wheaton, to remain there until the Federal grand jury passes on his case, or if he is able to furnish the \$10,000 bond quired to effect his release. Ex-Judge dergrast, who represented Jones in a settlement with the bank, said his client met all demands made on him but the bank drove a hard bargain, reducing Jones to a pen-niless condition. His family was orced to go to relatives to live and Jones is said to have been in and out of Chicago repeatedly, working at anything to get an honest living. He says he never tried to avoid arrest and is not guilty of any embezz'ement, alleging that a dozen employes of the bank had access to the money in the vaults. It is understood that Wison, who is under bond pending sentence for complicity, accuses Jones of making him a dupe in the case, and Wilson will be the principal witness against Jones.

ANOTHER CHICAGO FAILURE Notion & Company, a Large Milling Firm

Succumbs to the M netary Pressure. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, December 26,-A commercial failure of large proportions was recorded to-day by the appointment of the Chicago Mills & Trust Company receiver for the various properties of Nor-ton & Co., of Chicago, Lockport and R m. o, Ill., and Niagara Falls, N. Y. Noble B. B. Judah, counsel for John Norton, said: "There is a fair show for the creditors, with good management. Gambling losses caused the trouble and the firm could not go through these hard times. All the available arsets are tied up in the firm and it

when Chicago was a hamlet." WARM WIRELETS.

is impossible to correctly estimate the assets and liabilities. John Norton made

the original Strawboard Trust and was

a millionaire once. His father bad a

prosperous milling business in Lockport

Treasury balances: Coin, \$121,672, 369; currency, \$54,026 614. All the pool rooms at St. Louis, Mo.

were raided by the police vesterday af-ternoon and the proprieters and emloyes locked up, Davie Robinson, bookkeeper of the Windsor House, Ottawa, Canada, has sappeared and an examination of the hotel books shows a shortage of nearly

\$7,000. The county jail at Hartville, Wright county, Mo., was destroyed by fire Friday night. Two prisoners. Charles Har-per, colored, and Lem Lankinster, white, were cremated.

night lynch Johnson Howard, who mortally wounded Policeman Charles Lacey was in fall at Paris, Ky, for safe keeping Fire yesterday morning destroyed most of the business portion of the town of Miami, Florida The loss will amount to about \$90,000, and the total

amount of insurance not more than \$13.-

It was expected that a mob would last

Alfred Holt, colored, alias Alexander, the murderer of Police Officer W. A. White, was taken from jail at Owensboro, Ky., by a mob yesterday morning and hanged to a tree in the court house yard. This is Kentucky's sixth lynching in as many days.

David Lott, a well known botel proprietor at Douglass, Ga., was standed to teath Christmes eve. His assassin is believed to be Lonnie McLellan, son of well known farmer, who with other y ung men under the inflience of whiskey was trying to run the town.

The dwelling occupied jointly by las. Downing and Dock Saunders at Suftolk. Va. with their families, took fire vesterday morning and eight persons barely escaped with their lives, half clad. They came near freezing before shelter was profered by a neighbor. No information concerning the re-

ported seizure of the Toree Friends at Key West can be obtained at the Treasury Department, but it is suggested that the vessel might have been detained by the collector of customs pending an investigation as to her recent move-

The Security Mortgage and Trust Company of Dillas, Texas, has applied for a receiver. Liabilities are \$3 000 000. The assets are estimated to be about \$1. 000,000. English. New York and Polladelphia investors represent 75 per cent. of the stock and will be the principal

The St. Louis U. S. sub-Treasury wil on January 8rd become a member of the local Clearing House Association. This step has the approval of Secretary Carliste and will render unnecessary he transfer of about \$100,000 000 be ween the banks and the sub-Treasury per

C. M. Stewart was killed by S. W.Wi liford, at Williford's house Friday night near Biackshear. Ga. They spent the day pleasantly together but were both drinking, and after reaching Williford's home and Siewart had gone to bed, he was shot in the head and instantly killed

Washington officials, in confidential elations to the Secretary of State and the President. appear to attach no importance to the story published by the ondon Times as originating in Paris, to the effect that G:rmany had informed the United States that it was prepared

The weekly bank statement shows the lowing changes: Reserve, increase \$1.085 175; loans, increase, \$657,300; specie, decrease, \$484 600 legal tender, in-crease, \$3,080 600, deposits increase, \$2,247,300; circulation, d crease, \$87,100, Tue b-nks now hold \$84 869,900 in excess of he 25 per cent. required by law.

Hon. William Lovenstein, State Senstor and president pro tem, of the Vir-He had been in ill health for some time. lowever. Mr. Lovenstein had been almost continuously a member of the Virginia General Assemby for about twentysix years and had been prominent in benevolent orders, particularly Hebrew

At Sparks, Ga., near Valdosta, yes lerday, J Z Elliott, merchant and cot-ton broker, was killed by Jesse Champers. The town marshal was attempt ng to arrest a drunken man when Chambers took the part of the disorderly person. E hott stepped out to prevent bodily barm being done the narshal, when Chambers drew his pistol and shot E liott down.

Edward Payson Weston, the famous old time pedestrian, started Friday night in the Yopalace, N. Y., to show to the athletic world that he could walk one hundred and tweive miles, or very near it, within twenty-four hours, desplite his fifty-eight years, but he stopped last night with one hundred and three miles and two laps to his credit, a performance that is remarkable when his age is considered.

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THREE FRIENDS FIGHT.

FIRST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE WAR

BETWEEN CUBA AND SPAIN. The Three Friends Fired Upon by Spanish Coaster and a Gunboat Near Jan River - She Replied With a Hotohkiss Gun and Schrepoel, and the Spaniards Gave Up he Chase-Then the Expedition Landed and

Biosped. NEW YORK. December 25 .- A special o the World from Key West, Fis., says: The lone star flag of Cuba has met the vellow banner of Castile upon the seas. Hotchkiss to play upon the enemy, a The schrapnel, shell and rifle volleys of a brave filibuster have made answer to the roar of Spanish twelve-pounders, and have gained for Cuba Libre the first victory on the ocean.

the Filibuster

The filibustering steamer Three Friends sailed from Fernandina, F.a., Sunday night, December 18, carrying a valuable cargo of munitions of war for the Cuban insurgents, cluding the vigilarce of United States warships and revenue catters, and dodging every sail upon the ocean, the little steamer, with about fifty men, was within bailing distance of Cuba on the sixth night out Surprised, trapped, and fired upon, she threw shot into a Spanish naval chaster. rightened off a big gunboat, and escaped from a swift cruiser, steering out

As Cuba was neared about midnight last Saturday a two-pound shell buzzed and tore through the rigging, and five minutes later the naval duel was in Early on the morning of Friday, the

18th, Cape San Antonio, at the western extremity of Cuba, was rounded. A suff breeze was blowing off the land, and the ship headed southward. It was known that the battle-ship Reina Mercedes, the cruiser Alfonso XIII. and the coaster Dose de Maceo

were patrolling the Pinar del Rio south SEALED ORDERS FROM THE JUNTA. The sealed orders from the New York inta were opened an hour after the Cape had been passed. They gave no directions as to the course the vessel should take, its destination alone being

nentioned. The orders of the junta read: "Sail to the mouth of the San Juan River and there await a party of is surgents, who will take charge of the cargo. Do not attempt to land men or munitions at any other point." The orders caused a sensation. A consultation was held immediately in

the cabin, attended by Capt. John O'Brien, Navigation Captain Lewis, M. j Perez Morales, commander of the land expedition, and L'eut. Col. Calvo, a sea commander of the same. Maj. Arnas was also called in. Nearly every officer aboard had warned the junta that he would not attempt to

land an expedition near the San Juan River. The steamer Bermuda had tried to and had been fired upon and driven away by a Spanish coaster, while the cargo of the Dauntless, after having been out ashore, was captured. But what was then to be done? The steamer had stolen away from the about the scene to rescue their comrade

three quarters of the distance to her ordered destination. She had weathered heavy storms, and was stanch. Her crew was a picked one, and the soldiers. aboard were brave and determined. "We'll land at the San Juan if we have to sail through hell to do it," said Capt.

"Keep a good head on, but don't waste any coal," was the word seat down to Chief E igincer Dann. COAST SEEMED ENTIRELY CLEAR.

The Three Friends was hours in makng her way to the proper place to effect a landing. When all was in readiness the coast seemed entirely clear. On the lower deck, amidships the first boat's crew armed with machetes and revolvers stood ready to man the large sur boat which already swung over the side. The crew consisted of Lieuts Carbonne and Guiteras, Sharpshooters John Gorman and Privates Aurelio Arcano and Edgara. Maj. Perez Morales, and Dr. Bar jardin, who were also to go ashore in the first boat, stood at the gangway Behind the first boat's party stood a dozen armed men with machetes and Remingtons in line along the rail to re pel boarders. None others were armed except with revolvers they carried in their belts, as the rifles and macheres had been returned to their boxes for

On the prow, night glasses in hand, stood Capt. Lewis, Maj Arnas and Engineer Pagiuchi. The remainder of the expedition gathered along the rails on the port side as the vessel steamed almost in the shadow of the rocky cliffs. Dead ahead from the water line for three or four bundred feet all was dark. Be-

hind the mountain was a clear sky. Along the inviting shore a growth of trees relieved somewhat the black and solid mass of rock, and like a ray from the setting sun came the sombre line of the gap through which the San Juan

DISCOVERED BY A SPANI'H COASTER When the filibaster was within 400 vards of shore, and the first boat was about to be lowered, the engineer discovered a moving object in the darkness under the lee over the port bow. He trained his glass carefully, and immediately informed Capt. Lewis that he saw a coaster. Without delay, word was passed to Capt. O Brien at the which and Chief Eagineer Duan, Without further ado the filibuster turned swiftly to starboard and pointed for the open sea. Few persons aboard had seen the Spaniard. Capt. O'Brien, after allowing his ship to scamper 800 or 400 yards beave to, then backed toward the mouth

of the San Juan. All was excitement on board at this time, and a de sen glasses were trained upon the suspicious darkness. There had been no mistake. Steam and smoke were emerging from the p ace, and in a minute more the black shape of a fortyfoot coaster was seen darting out in ou direction. Away steamed the filibus:er. and behind, emerging from the shadow along the shore, came the coaster. The moon came from behind along the shore and the Spaniard, with frowning guns mounted upon her deck started in pursuit under full steam. The stern of the filipuster was crowded with anxious

continued, and then came a flash of light from the Spaniard. A second later came the crack of a two pounder, and then there was the hiss of a shell a few rods to the starboard. Word was passed on the filibuster that all must fight. A few men broke open the rifle and cart-ridge boxes and soon the entire party was armed. Sharpshooter German gathered his riflemen along the stern rail upon the upper deck. Major Mora-

les was in charge. SOLID SHOT FROM THE COASTER. Again came a flash from the coaster. and another solid shot splashed in the water on the starboard side, several rods nearer the vessel. Pursued and pursuer were each under full steam, and smoke was pouring from their funnels. They were now about 800 yards apart. Then the Spaniard fied for the third time, the shot falling a few rods astern of us, but

shot falling a few rods astern of us, but in a direct line.

"Use the Hotchkiss," commanded Maj Morales.

Gunner Michael Walsh, who, with his crew, had stood by the twelve-peunder in the bow, heard the command with joy, and called out to Capt. O'Brien to want the ship around. wing the ship around. In a minute the filbuster was almost broadside to the

gunboat, double the size of the coaster, ppeared on the port. OPENED FIRE WITH HEAVY GUNS. She opened fire with heavy guns, but lid not have the range. Ganner Walsh ammed another shrapnel into the gun

on the prow, sighted it for the newcomer and yanked the lanyard. There came a roar that shook the sea and the bills and echoed and re-echoed in the distance. The shell firm straight for the gunboat and burst directly over ber It was answered by a still heavier thunder from the gunboat, returning a fire of shell with shell. The shot from the Spaniard disabled two of the landing poats of the flitbuster, but did no other

shrappel, and the pext charge aimed with splendid skill by the amateur gun ners on the Three Friends, struck the c-utser amidships. Then the Three Friends put on steam, leaving the warship, possibly disabled, but at all events silent and defeated, out of sight behind point of land.

As the cargo of the Three Friends was being landed the Spanish coast patrol came up and a fierce fight ensued between them and the Cubans sent by Gen. Gomez to escort the cargo into his camp After two hours of fighting, the Spaniards were driven off, and the cargo safely landed and carried into

The vessel then lay for several days in a secluded cove, and she started for Florida last Monday. She was pursued by several gunboats as she entered the Windward bars, and a ball from one of them tore a hole in her bulwarks. A barrel of oil on the furnace fires soon ran up the steam and the fast craft crept

Emerging from the Keys, two cruisers were found waiting for her, and another race ensued. The Spanish vessels fired on her for half an hour. Capt. Lewis then ran in among the Keys and escaping from the Spanish war

vessels reached American waters near Miami, Fia. NEGRO RIOTERS.

Trouble in a Georgia Town-The Leader Arres ed and Lodged in Jail.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MACON December 26 .- A special to the Telegraph from Hahira, Ga., says: The marshal at this place arrested a negro last night, which enraged the entire black population. Negroes gathered pistols and rifles they threatened to wipe out the whites and especially all officers of the law. A scuffl; ensued in which the marshal and several negroes were slightly injured. Fearing a bloody riot, aid was asked from neighboring towns, when white men responded and soon quieted the disturbance by arresting a ar-load of the black leaders, and carrying them to Valdosta jail.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Owen Zugler and Kid McPharland Fight to a Draw io a Twenty-Bound Contest, By Telegraph to the Moralag Star.

New York, Dec. 26 .- Four thousand sporting men saw Owen Zeigler, of Philadelphia, and Kid McPaarland, of this city, light weights, fight twenty rounds to a draw at the Broadway Athletic Club to night. Zeigler did most of the work throughout, but his swings were, as a rule, wide of the mark, whereas his opponent showed plenty of by making a draw, when, before the men entered the ring, the betting was five to three in favor of the Philadelphian,

MINE EXPLOSION.

Seven Men Taken Out Dead and Five Seriously I jured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PRINCETON, N. J. December 28 .- A terrific mine explosion occurred in the coal mines of Maule & Son, a mile from this city, at 2 80 o'clock this afternoon. Sixteen men were in the mine at the time of the accident, and up to this hour (10 p. m) seven men have been taken out dead and five seriously injured. Four men are still under ground and there is no hope for them, as rescue cannot be attempted until the mine is sufficiently cleared of gas and damp to enable men to go down with safety.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

The Visible Supply of Cotton-Crop in Bight, . By Telegraph to the Morning Star, NEW YORK, December 26 .- The total risible supply of cotton for the world is 1,178,975 bales, of which 8,869,775 bales are American, against 4 093 814 bales and 8 717,114 bales respectively last year.

Receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns 165,670 bales. Receipts from the plantations 852 973 bales. Crop in sight 6,015 794 bales. A dispatch from Calcutta says that every day thousands of persons are cying from starvation in the central provinces of India, and the Government is

entirely unable to cope with the situa-

A Gifted New Orleans Girl. Miss Celeste Groenevelt, a gifted oung girl of New Orleans, bids fair to come the greatest woman pianist. She was born and reared in an atmosphere of music. Her mother, who is now with her abroad, is a pianist of note, and her father, Professor G. W. Groenevelt, is a gifted musician, organist, composer and musical director. Miss Groenevelt played before Paderewski on his first visit to this country. He gave her work unstinted praise and advised her to go to Vienna and complete her studies under his old master, the great Leschetizky. She acted pon this advice and lately went to Berlin to perfect herself. Recently she gave a recital at the Conservatory of Berlin and won high plaudits, She also played privately before the great conductor, Nikisch, who warmly praised her work.

A sister, Miss Grace Groenevelt, is a gifted and promising violinist.—Boston

Usual Thing. "What is the reason of so much friction between Hennepin and his "Oh, it's the usual result of natchmaking."-Detroit Free Press

an's Journal.

An Advantage.
"Madge, what advantage do you gain from being the oldest of seven laughters?" "I have the first go at the pin-mahion."—Chicago Record.

away before the Hotchkiss bellowed forth and sent a shrspael shell between the short masts of the coaster squarely over her engines. The shell did not burst, but the Spaniards seemed para yzed with fear. . It was the first time in the Cuban war that a filibuster has re-

"Woman's vote will purify politics."
This is the new woman's favorite cry.
Not long since a prominent equal suffrage lecturer, while earnestly setting forth this claim and enlarging on the meless manner in which men conturned shot for shot.

'A cheer burst from everybody on board the Three Friends. The Spaniard duct elections, declared that woman's chaste and refined influence was the only thing that could change the pres-ent undesirable condition of affairs. had fired four times, by without effect. Several men on the lower deck opened fire with their rifles, and this was fol-She was not ashamed, however, to relowed by a rattling volley from the line of men on the upper deck. The shrap-nel shell fired from the Hotchkiss ended the fight, as the Spaniard sailed late, previous to the close of her lecture that a short time before her sister had induced her family's hired man to vote for a certain measure by presenting him away, firing rockets for assistance. The on the eve of election with a half dozen call for assistance was promptly answered, for while the filibusier was new shirts made by her own hands. The absurdity of this incident reached a climax when it was noticed that in a large audience of women few saw anything wrong in female bribery. The fair speaker omitted to inform her audience whether or no this was to be the

prevailing mode of political purification when one-half of the burdens of state rest on female shoulders. But as women never lack expedients some purifying process less laborious than shirtmaking may soon be devised. -Mrs. Frances H. Winston in Forum. The Hotchkiss was again loaded with

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