TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

THE STATE. The grand lodge of Masons is to meet

at Washington on the 29th instant .-Dr. Abbott, of the railway commission, is notified by telegraph that the commission is to meet tomorrow; it is said business of importance will be taken up .- Members of the association of academies and high schools are assembling for the meeting in Raleigh .- The secretary of state licenses the Guarantors' Finance Company, of Philadelphia.-The proposition to put all insurance companies under federal control will the state treasurer says, deprive this state of \$90,000 annually.-Superintendent Green, of the Southern railway, will not go to the Seaboard Air Line.

A boat washes upon Rockaway beach with four men in it, frozen and unconwestern tour next summer .- The commissioner of pensions issues an order which will expedite the disposition of pension claims.—The Krag-Reynolds Company, wholesale grocers, of Indianapolis, make an assignment; the assets are about \$400,000 and liabilities \$350,000. -The Chicago grand jury indicts C. N. guished men are gathering at Cleveland, Ohio, for the session of the American Historical Association.—Kid McCoy challenges Fitzsimmons for a fight to the finish, for the middle-weight champion-ship.—The steamship Lamberts Point, Norfolk to Liverpool, put in at St. Johns with her cargo of cotton on fire.—The Overman Wheel Company, of Checopee Falls, Mass., assigns, with liabilities of York one man is dead and another dying quence of drinking corrosive sublimate by mistake for whiskey .- The related tramp steamship Llanthony ares in New York.—Mayor VanWyck points J. W. Keller for commissioner department of charities.—At Wilkesbarre, Pa., two miners fall 450 feet and their bodies are dashed to pieces .- The arrangements have been made for the purchase of the Memphis and Charleston railroad by the Southern .- In the penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J., one prisoner attempts suicide, but is rescued: about same time another attempts it as a joke on the keepers but is not reached in time to prevent death .-- H. G. Burt, of the Chicago and Western road, is to be the new president of the Union Pa-cific.—Six men are injured by an explosion in a mine near Scranton, Pa.— The suits by the New York state au-The federal government is informed through perfectly reliable sources that there is actual starvation among Cubans and the people are asked to contribute to their relief; instructions are given as to how to forward articles and Consul General Lee gives a list of the things most needed.—At Cincinnati, a man commits suicide, driven thereto by his children's ingratitude,-The liability

luminating gas. FOREIGN Turkey explains to Greece that the recent firing on a Greek gunboat was due to a misunderstanding.—The officers of the German schoolship Stein at Havana are banqueted by General Blanco. lice of Hayana have arrested Senor Boroete, a former provincial deputy, on government shows much feeling over a recent note from Minister Woodford on the situation in Cuba; it is in reply to pain's answer to the note of Minister Woodford delivered soon after his arrival in Madrid .- It is thought the new Cuban cabinet will be announced this week.—A bomb is exploded in the German theatre at Olmutz, Moravia; little damage is done.-England declines the proposals of our government to enter United States, Russia and Japan.

and two children are asphyxiated by il-

Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, which heal-It is the famous pile remedy,-R. R. Bellamy.

The Shooting Was Accidental

George Armstrong, the colored boy, who was accidently shot on Christmas by Mr. J. J. Burnett, the photographer, is getting along quite well. Mayor day. Wright discharged Mr. Burnett, as the shooting was shown to be an accident.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

Death at St. Pauls

Mr. Neil McKinnon received a telegram yesterday of the death of his aunt, Miss Herietta McGeachy, of St. Paul. He left yesterday to attend the

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents on a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Arrival of a Belated Steamer New York, December 27 .- The belated tramp steamer Llanthony Abbri, which left Dunkirk on November 27th arrived reported that about three tons of coal was all that was left in the bunkers and the supply of provisions was just sufficient to last them into port. Captain Townsend said that the weather con-

sisted of a succession of westerly gales with tremendous seas. For several days the vessel made no progress, battling with ferocious seas. Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddeil's, Ill., suf- "Hereafter claims for increase of penfered for eight years from dyspepsia sion will not be considered within and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. R. R. Bel-

Distinguished Men Gathering guished men are beginning to flock to the claims pending which should be taken | Cholera Morbus, Summer Complaints and all internal pains. Sold by J. C. American Historical Association, which opens here tomorrow. It will be the first meeting ever held west of the Allegheny consideration that they should be taken a promountains. The local committee on arrangements has prepared a most elaborate programme for the entertainment of the delegates. The principal event on the programme is a discussion of currency reform by Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury,



RUSSELL WRATHY

AT THE IDEA OF COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REVOLTING

Otho Wilson Expects the Congression. 1 Nomination - Complaints Against New England Mill Insurance Companies Writing "Overhead" Insurance-A New Yorker's Offer to Deposit Money in Ralei, h | copal church. Bank-Loge Harris Predicts Fusion in Next Campaign

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27. When Governor Russell yesterday heard some persons intimate that Dr. Abbott would not perhaps recognize Caldwell and Pearson, the governor's appointees as railway commissioners, scious; they will probably recover—Professor Alexander Melville Beil, of Edinburg, father of the inventor of the telephone, is to be married in New York to Mrs. H. G. Shelby, of Toronto.—The president expects to make an extended court and there is no telling now to

what length matters may go. Alt the office of United States Marshal Carroll it is said that they do not expect the newly appointed marshal, H. C. Dockery, to take charge before the end of January. The present clerks expect to remain in office, under civil service rules.

It is learned from populists that Otho Wilson confidently expects the populist nomination for congress in this district. It is interesting to know what will be the attitude of the republicans toward him. He now affiliates with the republican wing of the populists The secretary of state is receiving strong complaints of the manner in which the New England mill insurance

companies are writing "overhead insurance" in this state. Agents in North Carolina say thousands upon thousands of dollars are thus taken out as premiums, while the state cannot get a penny in taxes. At the next fire in which there is such insurance somebody will be caught.

A New York man wrote to a bank here today asking if it would receive \$50,000 on depositt, not subject to check, and give him 41/2 per cent. interest on it. The bank people replied no. The farmers are holding the bulk of their cotton throughout this section.

thorities against the Armours for \$1,700,- Relatively little has been marketed.

J. C. L. Harris, who is regarded a J. C. L. Harris, who is regarded as says that fusion of populists next year with the requbilicans on the 1896 basis, may be regarded as a certainty. The way he puts it is that the democrats have driven the populists to the repub-

Attorney R. O. Burton, of counsel for the Wilsons, railway commissioners, of Mr. Singerley, of the Chesnut Street says he is well pleased with the status banks amounts to \$2,650,000; the plan to of their case. He and the other counsettle up the banks is to issue Record stock.—At Chicago Mrs. Mary Anderson sel evidently expect the United States supreme court to take a different view of the matter from that taken by the

Cadet William Horne, son of Mr. Ashley Horne, died at the Rex hospital here Saturday night of exhaustion following a long attack of typhoid fever. He was brought here ten days ago from Oxford, where he was at school. His funeral was held yesterday after-

There was another sleet yesterday morning, and in some parts of the state it was very heavy. The railway officials say the holiday travel was so heavy as to break the

The gathering of public school supervisors here next Thursday will be a large one. The programme is well ar-

It is said that the oldest preacher in Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was active service in the United States is frightfully burned on the face and neck. Rev. James Needham, of Gaston coun-Pain was instantly relieved by De- ty, who will be 100 years old next May, Judge Purnell says he hopes at the ed the injury without leaving a scar, adjourned term of the United States court here to ahve Judges Simonton and Goff both present.

Little or nothing is doing at the state departments. The executive office is closed, the governor and the clerks being away. Nothing is going on at the railway commission office. Pearson is but Caldwell went home Satur-Abbott will be here Wednesday. The selection of Vice President A. E. Stevenson, a North Carolinian by descen't, to make the 20th of May address at Charlotte, when the corner stone of the monument to the signers of the Mecklenburg declaration of inde-

by the people of the state. The North Carolina cotton mills are doing well, and good dividends, it seems, will be the rule and not the ex-John R. Smith came back from his home at Goldsboro today. He left this

pendence will be laid, is, well received

afternoon for the Roanoke farm to make an inventory, Cotton picking will go on until well along into February. More is picked now than was ever raised on the farm before, per-

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food, It cures coughs, colds, and all throat he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late "Parker's Sarsaparilla" the "King of Blood Purifiers" makes the appetite keen and hearty-invigorates the liver-purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood in port today after a tempestuous pas- meker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. sage of thirty days. Captain Townsend | Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fen-

> To Expedite Disposition of Pension Claims Washington, December 27.-A new order, the enforcement of which it is believed will expedite the disposition of pension claims now pending, has been issued by Commissionr Evans, of of the pension office. It is as follows: twelve months from the last action allowance or rejection."

"The necessity for the new order, said an official of the pension bureau today, "grows largely out of the eads made on the office for a statement of 'the status of pending cases by members up as promptly as possible."

The Union Paciac's New President New York, December 27.-It is officially announced that Horace G. Burt, third president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, has been selected for the presidency of the Union Pacific railroad company. Mr. termined upon by the re-organization when it was supposed that Mr. Clark would be able to continue in the man-ment of the property, but which is imposible, owing to Mr. Clark's inability because of "u-health to ascept the duties and responsion" les of active

Men Injured in a Mine Explosion
Scranton, Pa., December 27.—Six men were seriously injured by an explosion of gas roday in the Bellevue shaft of kins & Kemble estate, \$450,000; grand the Delaware and Lackawanna com- total \$2,650,000. pany. John Aflexander, a laborer, and John O'Brien were so badly hurt that they may die. Alexander was frightfully burned and both of O'Brien's were broken. The explosion. which is thought to have been caused by a lamp occurred in a gangway of the fourteen feet vein, where eighteen

"SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETINGS

Three to be Held This Week-Grand Lodge of Masons to Meet-Railway Commission to Meet-Superintendent Green to Stay

With the Southern (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 27-The grand lodge of Masons is called to meet at Washington on the 29th instant to lay the corner stone of the Methodist Epis-

A telegram was sent Dr. Abbott today

notifying him that the railway commis-

sion meets Wednesday. He is at Washington, D. C. It is said that if he does not come, Pearson and Caldwell will proceed with the business, which, it seems, is to be of considerable importance. Some members of the association of academies and high schools arrived here today to attend the meeting tomorrow and Wednesday. The association of city school superintendents meets at Greensboro the same days, and the state superintendent of public instruction says most of those who attend it will come here to the county superintendents' conven-

The secretary of state licenses the Guarantors' Finance Iusurance Company, of Philadelphia. He has received a copy of the bill introduced in the United States senate by Senator Platt, to place all insurance companies under national supervision, and says if it becomes a law it will cut North Carolina out of \$90,-

tion Thursday. He has specially invited

both bodies to attend the latter conven-

000 annually. It is said that the rumor that Superintendent W. H. Green, so long with the Southern railway, is to leave it and go to the Seaboard, is unfounded, but that, instead, he will be promoted.

Mechanics Home Association The names of "building associations" given this class of institutions in our city is certainly misleading, for they do not build houses, neither do they buy or own real estate. They are really savings and loan associations. They differ from savings banks in the important respect that the depositors are the stockholders, and they only have the privilege by their votes of choosing from among themselves the governing board of the association. The loans made are of two classes, viz: stock loans, to those wishing to borrow an amount not larger than they have paid in for w stock; the other is real estate loans, to those wishing to borrow the par value of their stock-\$100 a share-thus anticipating its value at maturity, paying checks, or goods. interest at 6 per cent. per annum, and securing the association against loss by giving mortgage upon the real estate, apporved by the board of direc- is as follows:

the Mechanics' Home Association, of this city; one of the largest in the state, wielding a larger capital than most of the banks in this state, we that the stock of the borrower shares purposes. in the profits just the same as the stock of those who do not borrow. To the wage earners and salaried men, the Mechanics' Home Association commends itself as the very best place to deposit his weekly or monthly savings, earning, as it does for him, more than can possibly be obtained in any savings bank, and giving equal facilities for withdrawing his money out of it at any moment. All the weekly receipts, both of dues and interest, commences working for the stockholders as soon as paid in, and by the compounding of interest, these great results are achieved. You can easily see how safe is the money you invest in the Mechanics Home Association, headed by one of our most conservative and experienced business, men, assisted by a board equally as prudent and careful, comprising leading business men

well known to the community. This association has now open a nev series of stock, which will commence January 1st. Apply in time, while there are some shares still untaken, to either Mr. Nathaniel Jacobi, president, or to Mr. W. M. Cumming at the office of the association. Read the advertisement of the association in this paper.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. R. R. Bellamy.

Still Defies Arrest

We mentioned that Ed. Fisher, colored who was convicted at the last term of the circuit criminal court and was serving a term of twelve months in the county work house, for stealing lead, escaped a couple months ago and has since been at large about the city, defying arrest. A few weeks ago, it will be remembered, Mr. James Noble, foreman at the work house, attempted to arrest him, but he resisted and hurt Mr. Noble with his own pistol, the chamber having come out. He got

Last evening about 6 o'clock Mr. Nobl came upon him in Mr. Martin Schnibben's store on Seventh and Nixon streets. He went up to Fisher and told rim to consider himself under arrest. The convict slapped at him, but he jumped out of the way. Mr. Noble called on John Fisher, uncle of Fisher, to aid in his arrest and he obeyed, but Ed. Fisher continued to resist and kicked at Mr. Noble. John Fisher took hold of him and Mr. Noble says he started to put the hand cuffs on him but Mr. Schnibben objected to the disturbance in his store and put the crowd out. Mr. Noble then went to call for a policeman, but when he came back, the convict was gone. Fisher declares that he will not be taken, and if it probable that he will be outlawed if he does not surrender himself.

"In a minute" one dose of Hart's Essence of Ginger will relieve any ordinary case of Colic, Cramps or Nausea, an unexcelled remedy for Diarrhoea

Banks Philadelphia, December 27.-The cons ferees selected to formulate a plan of settlement of the affairs of the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestinut Street Trust and Savings Fund Company, of which William M. Singerley, proprietor of The Record. was president and which closed their Burt's selection as president is expect- doors last Thursday, tonight presented ed to carry into effect the policy de- a plan for the consideration of depositors and creditors. The chief measure suggested is the issuance of Record stock to secure the creditors. A local news bureau sent out the fol- | Wisconsin and North Western Univer-

lowing statement this afternoon: "From a reliable source, we learn that Mr. Singerley's liabilities aggre-gate \$2,650,000 divided as follows; The Chestnut Street National bank \$648,-

trilDhmDEu emfwyp emfw rdlaopj Hart's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oll with Creasote and the Hypophoshites if faithfully used, is a specific in the treatment of weak lungs, Consumption Bronchitis, etc. Leading physicians recommend it. Sold by J. C. Shepard, R. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

STARVATION AMONG CUBANS

NOT ONLY IMPENDING, BUT AN ACTUAL FACT

President McKinley Informed of the Distressing Situation from Perfectly Reliable Source-Americans Called Upon to Farnish Supplies-How They May be For warded-Cansul General Lee Tells What

Articles are Most Needed ; Washington, December 27.-The most profound distress prevails among many thousands of people in Cuba. Starvation not only impends, but is an actual da'et. The president has been informed of the facts from sources whose credit cannot be doubted. He has gone to the length of his constitutional power in calling the state of affairs to the attention of the American people.

The state department has used all of its authority to mitigate the conditions there and the letter to the public sent out by Secretary Sherman the day before Christmas pointed out the way to further alleviate the miserable condition of recontradoes. Today the sum of \$5,000 was received by Assistant Secretary Day from certain charitably disposed persons whose names are not disclosed and this sum will be remitted by telegraph early tomorrow morning

to Consul General Lee for disbursement among the more pressing cases. It is hoped by the department of state that the American people will come to the relief, and that promptly, by subscriptions of money, clothing and supplies of various kinds. The newspapers are expected to lend a generous aid in

carrying forward this movement. The machinery for distribution has been provided by the state department and Consul General Lee has undertaken, with the aid of the American consular officials in Cuba, to give personal attention to the alleviation of distress by the distribution of the gifts of the American people. One of the line of steamers plying between New York and Havana-the Ward line-it is said, has undertaken to forward any contributions of goods to General Lee at Havana and it is believed that American railroads will do their part in carrying the goods to the seaboard. The Spanish authorities have consented to remit all duties on relief sup plies forwarded. The state department directs that they be sent to Consul General Lee, either money by draft or

Consul General Lee tonight cabled the state department as follows just what is wanting at this juncture and his list Summer clothing, second hand or otherwise, principally for women and children, medicine for fevers, including a large proportion of quinine; hard

bread, cornmeal, bacon, rice, potatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, principally cod find that in the four series already fish; and canned goods, especially conpaid out by them, in no instance has densed milk for the starving children loans cost the borrower as much as Money will also be useful to secure per cent. per annum: the reason is nurses, medicines and for many other

PRISONERS HANG THEMSELVES

One is Rescued in Time, But the Other,

Who Was Attempting a Joke, Is Killed New York, December 27 .- Two prisoners, Frank Barbain, an Italian, and Harry McCalllum, colored, attempted suicide at about the same time in the penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J., today. McCallum, who attempted suicide as a

joke, is dead. Barbain will recover. Barbain has been ill and despondent for some time past. He fastened a strap at the bars of mis cen and manghimself, but was discovered by a keeper before life was extinct, and was resusciated. He admitted that he had tried to kill himself because he was ill and tired of living. When the excitement caused by Barbain's attempt had subsided somewhat, McCallum anonunced to his prisonmates that he would play a joke on convict, in a cell adjoining McCallum's heard the latter's cell door rattle, fol-

lowed by a low groan. A shout of warning brought the keepers to the rescue. McCallum was found hanging from the door. He had tied one end of a strap to the bars and the other about his neck, bent his knees under him and allowed his full weight to hang on the strap. He showed no signs of life when the keepers reached his side, though he had not been hanging more than a couple of minutes. The body was carried down stairs and a physician summoned. The physician worked hard over McCallum, but could not save his life. The doctor said that the strap must have pressed against the man's jugular vein in such a way as to render him unconscious almost instantly, McCallum was serving a sixty days' sentence for larceny and

was booked for release next Thursday.

Mayor Van Wyck's Appointee New York, December 27 .- Mayorelect Van Wyck has selected John W. Keller for commissioner of the department of charities. The place is worth \$7,500 a year. Mr. Keller was the editor of Truth at the time of the appearance of the famous Morey letter in the Garfield campaign. Later he became the managing editor of the Recorder and when that paper suspended he went on the staff of the Journal and Advertiser, writing the column signed 'Cholly Knickerbocker."

The Mother and Children Asphyxia Chicago, December 27 .- Mrs. Mary Anderson and her two daughters Edith and Myrtle, aged 8 and 5 years respectively were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in their home at No. 61, Johnson avenue today. The husband on redoor locked. On forcing it open he found his wife and children dead in bed. Gas was pouring from all the jets in the stove. It is supposed Mrs. Anderson was temporarily insane.

His Children's Ingratitude Caused Suicide Cincinnati, December 27.-An unusual suicide was that of L. W. Kampel, a tailor, who was found by his daughter dead on his work bench. He had at-A Plan to Settle Up the Chestnut Street | tached a rubber tube to the gas jet and from it inhaled the gas until he was overcome. He was at one time quite wealthy and had divided his property among his children whose ingrat-

itude weighed on his mind. Western U versity base B It League Chicago, December 27 .- Five western iniversities were organized into the Western Inter-Collegiate Base Ball League in this city today. The following clubs will compose the league: University of Michigan; University of Chicago; University of Illinois; University

Comptroller Dawes to Take Charge Jan-

uary 1st Washington, December 27.-Mr. Dawes, recently appointed comptroller of the currency, is expected to arrive here next Thursday and to assume his new duties on January 1st. Mr. Eckels, the retiring comptroller, will leave to take charge of the Commercial National bank, of Chicago, as its president, next Friday morning.

At Olmutz, Moravia, a bomb made of gas piping and filled with powder, was exploded in the German theatre. Little damage was done, but the incident has caused great excitement among the German residents.

SPAIN INCENSED

At the Tone of a Recent Note to Her Foreign Office from Minister Woodford on the Situation in Cuba

Washington, December 27 .- The officials here are somewhat surprised at the exhibition of feeling at Madrid over the latest note of Minister Woodford, delivered to the Spanish foreign office the day before Christmas. While the note itself will not be made public at present, it is said that there is no reason whatever why it should be withheld, save the fact that the preceding steps in the negotiations have not yet seen the light in the newspapers and it is desirable when a publication is made to preserve the complete chain of events in natural order

Possibly the correspondence will be

shortly called for by congress, in which

case, it is not likely to be withheld on grounds of public policy. The last note presented by Minister Woodford was in answer to the Spanish note called forth by Mr. Woodford's very first note after his arrival at Madrid. In the initial note the United States minister pointed out the interest of his country in an early termination of the present struggle in Cuba and asked when such a conclusion could be expected. The Spanish government in its reply acknowledged our interest in the matter, but suggested, after stating what it intended to do to ameliorate conditions in Cuba, that the United States could best exercise its good offices by stopping filibustering.

To this Mr. Woodford responded with his note of last week. It is said to be a purely argumentative statement of the position taken by the United States and the facts set out are substantially those so strongly drawn in the president's message to congress, of which it was supposed the Spanish public had been fully advised through the newspapers. The most forcible statement in the note is based upon the facts collected and published recently by the United States ereasury department, exhibiting the great expenses to which the United States had been put by reason of its efforts to natrol an enormous coast line in the pursuit of a few filibusterers and the remarkable success of the government officials in stopping these expeditions, as contrasted with the feeble efforts of the Spanish authorities to maintain a patrol around the island of Cuba All of these facts were included in Mr. Woodford's note, and while he put them in his own | and had suffered with an affection of the aguage in presenting them to the Spanish foreign office, it is said that the statements concern only events that have already been touched upon. According to an official announcement, the government considers that the Spanish press attaches too great

importance to the Woodford note. The government, says the announcement, continues to regard America's attitude as correct, despite "certain statements the note requiring refutation." Sueing the Armours for \$1,700,000 Albany, N. Y., December 27 .- The

state department of agriculture, the attorney-general's office and the special counsel engaged in the prosecution of the Armours, of Chicago, for damages amounting to \$1,700,000 for violations of the dairy laws in the distribution of oleomargarine throughout the state, find themselves in a predicament that seems to foreshadow failure to convict. When a recent ourt order was promulgated giving the state counsel the right to examine the books of the various railroad companies for evidence as to shipment, it little pills for constipation, billousness, was believed that the conviction of the Armours would be easily accomplished. It is found, however, that the same court order refuses the state a change of venune ad compels the commission ers of agriculture and the state counsel to prosecute the suits of which which the violation is said to have occurred. This would mean endless litigation without prospect of result. Some authorities whereby, if the suits were certain amount and promise not to deliver any more unmarked oleomargarbeen submitted to the governor and while he believes that the prosecution should go on if there is any chance to convict, as a lawyer he is inclined to

advantageous to the state. Why allow yourself to be slowly tortured at the stake of disease? Chills and Fever will undermine, and event- cortes. ually break down the strongest constitution. Febri-Cura (Sweet Chill Tonic with Iron) is more effective than quinnie, and being combined with iron is an excellent Tonic and Nerve medicine. It is pleasant to take, and is sold under positive guarantee to cure or money "just as good" kind don't effect cures. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress

Death from a Peculiar Explosion Chicago, December, 27.-An explosion n a storage house of the Independent Brewery today caused the death of Theodore Winkofsky. Louis Imme and Leonard Scoller will also probably die of their injuries. The men were putting a coat of hard enamel on the interior of the vat which had a capacity og 1,200 barrels. Winkofsky was holding an incandescent light near the side of the vat. He accidentally struck it by the enamel exploded. He was thrown through a manhole and instanty killed. The other two men were until all the enamel had been consum- work.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: After two doctors gave up my boy to the premier, has written to United States die, I saved him from croup by using Ambassador Hay in response to Ameri-One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy

Stabbed His Brother-in-Law Havreville, December 27.-William Dolan was stabbed to the heart with a knife and killed tonight by William Daly, his brother-in-law, who had lived with him twenty years. Daly is in jail charged with murder. The men were about 70 years old. They attended a wake last night and came home quarreling and showing the effect of liquor. At noon they went out together and drank more liquor. On returning home the men renewed their altercation and

toward evening began to fight savage-

ly. Mrs. Dolan ran from the house to

call friends and when she returned

with several neighbors Bolan lay dead

on the floor, with a narrow slit in his

breast over the heart. Ryan had gone

to the house of a neighbor where he announced that he had killed Dolan, They Drank Corrosive Sublimate New York, December 27.- A week ago a gang of furniture movers came upon a demijohn labeled "pure rye whistey" n a house from which they were carry-ing the furniture. They drank of the contents and as a result James Flanni-gan is dead and Patrick McNulty is dying, while three other men are recov-ing after a severe illness. The demi-

john contained corrosive sublimate. Oil." You get all the virtu of the oil, without the disagrecable effects. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

CAN DEFY THE WORLD

RUSSELL'S STRATEGIC MOVE ON THE CHINA COAST

She Seizes Kin Chau, a Walled City Which Commanded the Entrance to Several Important Rivers-Means Practical Posses sion of Cores and Manchuria - Russia Sends More Cruisers and Marines to Her Fleet in China Waters

St. Petersburg, December 27 .- The Russlans have occupied Kin-Chau, north of Port Arthur.

San Francisco, December 27.-Eli T. Sheppard, who has recently returned from China, where he held an official position, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin-Chau by Russia, said to-

"Kin-Chau is an important walled city not an open port), at the head of the gulf of Lau Tung and it commands the mouth of the river Yalloo, where the great naval battle between the Japanese and the Chinese was fought, and the other important rivers which flow into the gulf. It is about equi-distance between the mouth of Yalloo river and the terminus of the great wall of China. It commands the railway system recently constructed from TienTsin to the captal of Manchuria, and is of pre-eminent importance as a strategic position. The seizure of the port shows that Russia has practically taken possession of Corea, Manchuria and the gulf of Lau Tung and it possesses a significance which will cause consternation among the diplo mats in the world. Its situation is such that its possession practically places Russia in a position to defy the world." Odessa, December 27.-It is reported that two first-class cruisers with a large number of extra marines have been of dered to join the Russian squadron in

ANOTHER LADY SUICIDE

Chinese waters.

Miss Annie Wells, A Prominent Young Lady of Washington City Takes Her Own Life With a Pistol

A special dispatch from Washington, D. C., to The Baltimore Sun of yesterday, says: Miss Annie Virginia Wells, daughter of Judge Lewis S. Wells, a prominent attorney of this city, committed suicide

early this morning by shooting herself She had been in ill health for some time The suicide of Miss Leila Herbert last week also added to Miss Wells' depression of spirits, and she derived a morbid satisfaction from discussing the details of that event. Dr. W. W. Johnson, who attended Miss Herbert, was also attending Miss Wells, and she plied him with such eager questions concerning Miss Herbert that the physician, fearing the subject was affecting her mind, forbade her to consider it. These causes, acting upon a mind already unbalanced by ill ness, are thought to have prompted her rash act. Miss Wells was in her mother's room

when she determined to take her life. The means were not available there, and she proceeded to her brother's room, where she found a loaded pistol. With this she shot herself in the breast, the pullet piercing her heart. Her mother, who found her lying on the floor, aroused the household, and a physician was summoned, but life was already extinct. Coroner Carr gave a certificate of death in accordance with the

circumstances. Miss Wells was 30 years old, and had been prominent in social circles. Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. De-Witt's Little Early Risers are famous indigestion and all stomach and liver

troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

The New Cuban Cabinet Washington, December 27.-The new Cuban cabinet, which, with the captain ve organization under the new autonomous regime, will be announced during the present week, according to the expectation of Spanish officials here, There is no doubt that Senor Galvez will be the first Cuban premier. He has been long prominent as the leader dropped, they would agree to pay a of the autonomist party in the island. He is described as a man of wide influence among the most substantial Cuban elements and popular with the people at large. Senor Amblard will be another name in the cabinet list if he will consent to take a place. He has been in Washington for several days the idea that the acceptance of the in conference with the Spanish minister proposition will be in the end the more and left here last night for Cuba. It is possible that Senor Amblard might prefer to continue in parlimentary life, in which ease it is believed he will become the leader of the Cuban party in the

A Heavy Failure

Indianapolis, Ind., December 27.-The Krag-Reynolds Company, who sale gorcers, today filed a mortgage to Lafayette Perkins, as trustee for the various holders of promissory notes, to the amount of \$226,229. Late this afternoon the firm assigned to Mr. E. L. McKee. Mr. McKee said he understood that the commany's lightlities are n excess of \$350,000. *In a statement made by the W. W. Krag, the liabilities were placed in the neighborhood of \$300,000, while the assets amounted to \$400,000.

A Big Massachusetts Company Fails Springfield, Mass., December 27 .- The Overman Wheel Company, of Chicopee Falls, with agencies in all the principal cities of the country, made an assignment today to President H against the iron. The bulb was spat- H. Bowman, of the Springfield Nation tered and alcoholic vapors thrown off al bank. The liabilities are \$539,000; as sets \$1,318,000. A meeting of the creditors has been called for December 31st. The shops were closed tonight throwthrown down and could not be rescued ing several hundred employes out of

> England Declines Our Proposal London, December 27.-Lard Salisbury, controversy-her request that Great Britain would enter into an agreement with the United States, Russia and Japan to stop sealing. Great Britain declines to enter into such an agreement. Lord Salis-bury says in substance, that he has communicated with the Canadlan govern-ment, which has the foremest interest in the sealing question, and that Canada is unwilling to become a party to such an arrangement.

Another Cotton Cargo on Fire St. Johns, N. F., December 27 .- The fire in the cotton cargo of the British steamer Lamberts Point, Captain Humphreys, from Norfolk, Va., for Liverpool, which arrived her yesterday, after forty hours battling with the flames, resist all efforts to extinguish it. Two tugs and several engines of the city fire depart-ment are now pumping water into the

Cubans Determined on Freedom Madrid, December 27.-The insurgent chief, Rivera, has arrived at Cadiz from Cuba. He will be incarcerated in a fortress. In the course of an interview Rivera said he believed nothing would induce the Cubans to cease fighting before they attained independence. He justified the killing of Ruiz, the Spanish emissary, as a means of arriving at this end.

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