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Gov. Vance has been invited to address the Anti-Monopoly League of New York.

The construction of the Canada Pacific Railway is being pushed with great energy. Ninety-three miles were graded in September.

At Mount Washington, N. H., a slight snow fell, the wind blowing ninety miles per hour and the mercury fell to 3 below zero.

Peoria, Ill., paid over \$1,000,000 more taxes than Chicago and about \$3,000,000 more than Cincinnati, and this year the collections will show a greater proportion, placing the place at the head of the spirit producing districts in the country.

Mr. A. D. Shaw, United States Consul at Manchester, referring to cotton adulteration in a speech at Oldham, on Tuesday evening, said he would do his best to remedy the evil, and that he believed in fair play and fair dealing.

frosty, with the thermometer at 6 or sail was lost, and excepting a few degrees below zero, Reaumur (19 degrees Fahrenheit). A heavy snow is falling. It is feared that navigation will soon become dangerous."

Sir Edward Thornton, British Ambassador to Russia, has reached St. Petersburg and established himself in a court end of the city. It is said that he does not like the mission, and only accepted it at the earnest solicitations of his Government.

The Mexican government has ordered the commencement of the payment of a subvention to the Central Railroad for the first section, which is now completed. The government has decided that the Mexican National Railroad Company cannot build to Guadalajars.

Baron James Rothschild died on Monday at his residence in the Avenue de Friedland in Paris. He was the son of the fifth son of Meyer Anselm Rothschild, the banker of Frankfort, who rose from being a poor Jewish boy to the proud position of the leading financier of the Old World.

Diegraceful Pension 'Frauds.

The pensions paid by the Government now amount to about as much as the interest on the National debt! It has been officially reported that on certain classes of Government amount to 20 per cent; and it now transpires that rings have been formed in the Treasury, War Departments and Pension Office, among certain of the employees, who forward the frauds and participate in the plunder. Without collusion in these departments the frauds could not be so successfully practiced. The claims of many deserving pension-

News, are drawn from the Treasury in this way by persons who never entered into a battle, and never appeared in the army except as plunderers. The efforts of the demagogues in Congress to get the support of soldiers and sailors at the polls have been disgraceful. They have imposed burdens upon the country such as no other country in the world ever tolerated; and this abuse has been intensified by the combinations in the executive departments, to aid in the vast frauds which are practiced under the sweeping laws of Congress.

A New Route from Europe to California.

The recent voyage of a British ship from Antwerp to San Diego, Cal., via the Cape of Good Hope instead of by the old Cape Horn route, is a notable event in the nautical world. The Alta Californian reports that the Macmillan, under Captain Gray, took the unusual route around the Cape of Good Hope, through Bass Straits, which she passed seventy four days out, and crossed the Equator in the Pacific ninety-nine days out from Flushing, having made the run from the Equator in the Atlantic to the Equator in the Pacific, a distance of 14,424 miles in seventy-two days. The total distance from Flushing to San Diego is 21,948 miles, which was made in one hundred and twenty-eight days, or an average of A telegram from St. Petersburg 171 miles per day. During the mys:—"The weather in the Baltic entire passage "not a single spar stiff gales from the west the weather was splendid," despite the fact that she was sailing most of the time in the winter of the Southern Hemisphere. The ronte taken by Captain Gray is certainly novel for vessels bound from the English Channel to Calfornian ports, but the experiment suggests an important problem for navigators when making the winter passage. The distance from England to California by the Cape of Good Hope is far more than by Cape Horn: but the perils of the Cape Horn passage and its notorious uncertainties and attendant delays may, upon maturer investigation, make the route recently tried by Captain Gray preferable for sailing ships at least in the southern winter. By the Cape Horn route every mile of longitude the ship makes (about 120) degrees before reaching the Pacific coast), except while crossing the trade wind belts, she must make in the face of adverse westerly winds, whereas by the eastward route these winds are almost ceaselessly in her favor, as the fine average speed made by the Macmillan (171 miles per day) illustrates.

Forty years ago it was a crime for a foreigner to learn the Chinese language, or for a Chinaman to teach it to him; and though the Nanking treaty was made in 1842, twenthe pensions the frauds upon the ty-five years ago there were only five places in the vast empire in which a foreigner might dwell. The great interior was still closed. The whole empire is now open.

A Beautiful Incident.

Emma James, writing from the National Capital to the Providence Star, has this to say apropos to President Garfield's funeral, of the floral offering of Victoria: With regard to the Queen's wreath, a lit-BOILER MAKERS ers, who were wounded in the war, the incident occurred which was of and who are now unable with their great comfort to a sick lady, a German woman of humble life. mutilated limbs to gain a comforta- The arrival of the President's

year after year, while the frauds the muffled music of the drums, are put forward and acted upon. and all the solemn paraphernalia Millions. remarks the Savannah of woe, gave her a relapse as it passed directly by her window. Her husband was among the multitude who went up to the Capitol next morning to view the remains and he picked for his wife a halfloosened flower from the royal wreath, thinking it a partially opened tuberose. He put it in opened tuberose. He put it in water by her bedside, and it blossomed out, disclosing the form of a dove in the centre. It seems miraculous to her, as she did not know that there was such a flower (the flower of the Holy Spirit.) She began to mend from the moment she gan to mend from the moment she saw it, calling it the Christ flower sent from the dead President's bier to heal her. It would take less than that to form a miracle story sent from the dead President's bier of in superstitious countries. have known \$20 to be given for one such blossom in California. Its presence in the wreath denotes the lavish expense of the offering.

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