Officially States Her Position Anent Chinese Question.

of the Chinese Territory-Chief Secretary for Ireland Makes a Statement at Leer . No Backdown in England's Poli-() as at First Decided Upon-

to The Morning Post. Feb. 4 .-- The Government its silence, with a view to

ferment caused by its supalthough it has not dining to throw light on its in the Far East.

Balfour, Chief Secretary handening to be the first - Government to make a h since the outbreak, was & Salisbury to make a stateis this evening.

ting are the principal pas-Unifour's speech:

and suspicions have been T to the effect that the s funching from the firm hat it was abandoning prinenters to which it had given public utin the brave words of the Altherers were only preparing for

the second with confidence that these awhich have even been acceptorders where one might have nare confidence would have been object in the wisdom and courage of the Malesty's advisors) are without grant trans ("Lond closers.)

If I had true that the Government simplest particular departat their declared policy in the for the stand that they have, in consesometime of pressure from any other constitution of our just claims. considerations which govern that independence or die in the attempt. population in the last stated clearly to the by hore than one Cabinet Minister. To these declarations the Gov-

pendent in meters he necessary for strator all purposes the reason being that a second being a the lands. To annex Thomese territory would

Ar. Ballour do bired that the Gov-

embedd did not desire to possess any

middle be are red and an immense addicorresponding

Ghat British treaty rights secure carlies a editorium for trade, and more if she asbuildreds of millions

Confidence Mr. Balfour said: the long are prothe Governments which these d by jeopardized, so long I select is entitled to the con-

of fee of the nation, and so long (I beand the well retain that confidence. I have the bublic will realize the efreputationee and premature crit-

by to embarrass the Minister Affairs and increase the diftions of this kind," he denecessarily of a delicate

deliberacter, and to either afby authorized statements that the are would necessarily produce therefore, of Ministers on bject, is not to be taken either ang or denying what is said.

time has not yet come for mak-

itions which have taken place, nich are still taking place. the mean time, I am sure you st satisfied with the assurance. from the declarations of policy v- made.

London Newspapers Not Satisfied With It. Feb. 4.—The Government

re not appeased by Mr. Baland Salisbury to take the Nahis confidence, and declares convinced that good, rather m, will result therefrom. standard evidently fears that the to but is hedging with different that can be placed upon

CUT DOWN THE ACREAGE!"

That is the Farmers' Slogan Which Seems Now About to be Obeyed.

araph to The Morning Post. k. Feb. 4.-A letter from Au-.... states:

will see a great reduction in

w mules are being sold, and es will be cut almost in half. will not be able to get suphe present basis of cotton, and little or no supplies on hand.

nd going home with empty picion. best element of the planters him.

late in the spring for the then in limited amount. the better class of farmers house or what course he took in deof considerable wheat and parting. uter, in sections never be-I for this purpose.

nufacturers are talking of n their factories, owing to mand for fertilizers.

SILENGE IMPORTANT CUBAN DESPATCHES.

Detailing Matters of Interest and Cabled to to The Post Early This Morning.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Havana, Feb. 4.-A despatch from Matanzas says the American cruiser 'Montgomery" entered that port yesterday, anchoring at noon near the Spanish fort of San Severino, which answered the cruiser's salute by the usual

The son of the Spanish General Luque VII continues in a very desperate condition from the wound he received a few days ago in an engagement with insurgents on Her Hands, and Therefore Desires None in Santiago de Cuba province. Today By Britian and Russia-Cretan Question

his right leg was amputated. Henry W. Taim, who says he is an American citizen and captain of artillery in the American army, and who was an officer in the Cuban army under Garcia, arrived at Havana today. He surrendered to the Spanish a few

days ago in Santiago de Cuba. This morning he called on the acting Governor General, Gonzalez Parrado, and held a long conference with him. g-down in the matter of Secretary General Congosto acting as

> interpreter. Taim said that he needed no help from the American Consulate to get to belt with him. He intends to sail for New York tomorrow.

Between Boniato and San Vicente, in Santiago de Cuba province, a train has | been blown up by a dynamite bomb placed on the track by insurgents. Cars were destroyed, four Spanish soldiers a strong force of insurgents had an engagement near Boniato with the Spanish detachment which came to rescue

The Spanish official report says that a battalion of Cataluna captured at had taken on the Chinese Loma Coma, Santa Clara province, 75,-000 cartridges which belonged to the in-

Mean to Achieve Their Independence.

By Cable to The Morning Post. London, Feb. 4.-The Havana correspondent of the Times claims to have the highest authority for stating that the Government is willing to reconsider the clauses of the autonomy measure which is objectionable to the insurgents, and grant additional concessions on many other points, if the insurgents ask for them.

The correspondent confirms the statements regarding the uncompromising attitude of the insurgent leaders, who, he says, will not accept any scheme of autonomy, however liberal it may be. They are determined to achieve their

AUTONOMY A FAILURE.

Fifteen Thousand More Spanish Soldiers to be Sent to Cuba Shortly. of the Chinese territory, except such By Cable to The Morning Post.

Madrid, Feb. 4.-The newspapers generally are very pessimistic in regard to the situation in Cuba.

The impressions they gather are unfavorable to the success of autonomy, and their expectations are that there will be great difficulty in the pacification of the island.

It is reported that 15,000 additional croops will shortly be despatched to

Washington, Feb. 4.-Important information as to the success of the Spanish schemes for autonomy in Cuba has been received here. Mr. Atkins, of Boston, who is the most prominent American grower of sugar on the island, has written to Consul General Lee expressing the opinion that autonomy is a failure, and that there is no immediate prospect of peace.

Mr. Atkins has hitherto been an enhusiastic believer in the success of the Spanish policy. It is due largely to his representations to the last administration that Mr. Oiney pursued so conservative a course, and the present administration has been most favorably imressed with the value of his judgment. He was in Washington soon after President McKinley assumed office, and urged that Spain be given an opportunity to show what could be done to restore peace to the island before the wiblic statements concerning the United States took any steps toward intervention. What he says now, therefore, is likely to have considerable weight. His letters to Consul General now repeat, that it is not the Lee are almost despondent in tone. n of the Ministers to recede in Some of his plantations have been burned by the insurgents, and he is convinced that the insurrection is far from being under control.

FATAL ERROR OF MRS. SORG peach at Leeds, and again ap- Who Did This Murder, She Failing to Make a Man's Track in the Snow.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 4. Farmer Michael Sorg, who lived two miles from Lancaster, Erie county, was murdered by masked men at 4 o'clock this morn- don, England, and the Great Britain They declined to state whether they In this policy the Republican man-

wife and year-old baby. an entrance, for the Sorgs were careless in the matter of fastening doors and windows, and Mrs. Sorg thinks the back door was left unlocked.

Strange noises awakened Mrs. Sorg fermers are saying but little in about 4 o'clock. She opened her eyes the acreage through the and saw a man standing beside the bed with an uplifted axe. He wore a piece of cloth over his face.

As she stirred, the murderer swung after it is compared with the axe and the blade sank into Sorg's head. The murderer fled, and Mrs. Sorg

aroused the neighborhood. Michael Roguski, a Pole, who had complained bitterly that Sorg had cheated him in the purchase of a cow, e calling on factors and mer- was arrested this afternoon on sus-

There is little or no evidence against the to get supplies with which | It is remarked that the first persons crop, and they will have to to appear on the scene were unable to find any footprints in the snow to indicate where the murderer entered the

> This has served to cast suspicion on Mrs. Sorg.

A swarm of bees selected for a hive of the bee he discovers he is not the and now honey drips down the lightning rod which passes through the ball fore one named to two numbers due ning rod which passes through the ball. fore one pound of honey is made.

mise May be Made

Characterized as an Abominable Scan-Still in Thessaly-Over 125,000 Retugees at Athens-Other Foreign Items. By Cable to The Morning Post.

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London, Feb. 5.-Although the Chinese loan, with political consequences of great importance involved, is still under discussion, there is abundant mearly Every Time-A California Murderer reason to believe that Great Britain and New York, having \$5,000 in gold in a Russia have compromised one or two outside issues, Salisbury co-operating with the Czar in insisting that Prince George shall be the Governor of Greece; and it is altogether probable that this will be accomplished in spite even of killed and sixteen wounded. After that the opposition of Germany and Aus-cloano county. tria.

It is high time the abominable scandal upon humanity involved in the Cretan question should be settled, for reports of the condition of the island grows worse daily.

So, too, do advices from Thessaly. He had been disinherited and had The British philanthropists who retain shown extreme bitterness over loss of share of his parents' estate. any sympathy for the Greek victims of Turkey's success in the war receive by every mail harrowing accounts of the wretched people's suffering.

Most people outside of Greece appear to be under the delusion that the Turks have evacuated Thessaly, but, of course, the Sultan's soldiers are still there, and at the present moment are in comfortable winter quarters, which means that the Thessalians, wherever they have ventured to return to their homes, have been turned out again to make room for troops.

The winter weather, which has been phenomenally mild in most parts of doc, lost his three children by asphyx-Europe, so far, has been exceptionally severe in Thessaly, and homeiss thousands have been forced to take refuge in caves or other rough shelter. Hundreds have actually perished of

cold and starvation, being beyond the each of help. A letter received this week from Athgees from Thessaly, 20,000 from Epirus,

ens estimates that there are 75,000 refuand 20,000 from Crete, dependent upon charity to save them from starving to death.

There does not appear to be much spare cash in Greece, and the victims will die and the Turks will remain forever in Thessaly, unless Europe intervenes, of which there is now no indi-

KLONDIKE IS UP TO PAR.

Man's Letter.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. New York, Feb.4.-Robert Reading, tendent of Edwin Gould's match fac- Mrs. Orr in August last, was hanged at loration of public confidence. tory at Passaic, N. J., who started for Berlin, Ont., today. the Klondike gold fields last summer, and arrived at Dawson City in Octo- morning the jailer asked him if he ber, has written his mother a glowing wanted anything. Allison replied, account of the outlook in the diggings. He says the traffic in the claims is rattled over this thing." something marvellous, and that the richness of the country in precious lower part of which was enclosed to metal has been exaggerated in no respect, so far as matters had come un-

der his notice before going in. He saw \$2,000,000 in nuggets and dust at one store, and says that the talk in the "city" is that no less than \$25,000,-000 will be sent out during the next open season.

In Old Kentucky.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. There is no reason why the State should have only one interest of distilling represented in imported manufacturing plants when we have every sort of transportation facilities, cheap By Telegraph to The Morning Post. labor, a mild climate, cheap land and everything else needed for the conversion of raw material into finished pro-

An Insurance Announcement in Illinois. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 4.-The Insurance Superintendent states that the the atmospheric conditions were all being successfully resisted. London Fire Office (limited) of Lon- that could be asked. of London, are not licensed to transact It was easy for the murderer to effect issued by them is a contract in viola- of cotton stuffs. tion of the law, and that neither has any attorney in the State against whom suit can be brought in case of

These Two Indicted for Bigamy.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.-The grand jury of the Norfolk County Court today returned indictments against George W. Moore and Philip McDowell for bigamy. wives is known, but it will be difficult traordinary and Plenipotentiary to to convict him, since none of them refuses to push the charge or appear against him.

Fooled 'Em.

Ledgerby-It does seem good to see old Daybuke back at his desk after his ong illness. Bilfile-You bet it does-I was afraid it was another case of \$2 all 'round for

a floral tribute.-Detroit Free Press.

The Busy Bee.

worker but when he observes the labor Czar and receive visits from him.

SMALLPOX IN THE SOUTH

is Greatly increasing in Several States. North Carolina Included.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 4.-Reports Discussed, While a Compro-received today show that the smallpox s estimated that there are 1,000 cases in Northern Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Kentucky and Virginia. There were several new cases today n Batow county. Georgia, the total number there being fully 250.

The disease has appeared at Troy, Anniston and Hartsell, Alabama, and creating considerable alarm in the ining districts of East Tennessee. Dr. Albright, the chairman of the tate Board of Health, announces that Over Approaching Trial of Zola Which Be pholesale vaccination is the only dal Upon Humanity-Sultan's Soldiers thing that can prevent a general pread of the disease in all the disricts affected. Compulsory vaccination has been or-

ered, while the places where the disase has not appeared, vigorous measres to prevent infection are being

MURDER JUST WILL OUT.

Just Entrapped Into a Confession.

y Telegraph to The Morning Post. San Francisco, Feb. 4.-A Suisan pecial savs that Frank Belew has een entrapped by officers into a conession that he poisoned his brother ouis and his sister Susie at Dixon,

The victims suffered horribly, and rank sat by their bedside and was pparently a most sincere mourner. The coroner's jury investigated the case, and though it was clear that trychinine had been put in the tea, key could get no evidence to justify e holding of Frank for trial.

feers contrived to have witnesses hear nelew admit that he did the poisoning. was soon to leave for the Klondyke gions, having sold his share in the estate which he received at the death his brother and sister, to another

KILLED BY COAL FUMES. The Three Children of a Modoc Man Asphyx

lated by Charcoal. By Cable to The Morning Post. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 4.-Caretaker Milligan, of the Model School at Maiation this morning. The dead are:

JOHN MILLIGAN, aged 21. LEELIGAN, aged 15. ETHEL BAKER, aged 12. They were asphyziated by the fumes the envelope and forwarded. Charcoal. It has been Milligan's nabit to carry live coal from the school Far Eastern Question Still an Enigma With furnace in the evenings and place them in an old stove in one of the bed-

rooms of his house. No pipe connected the stove and When Milligan substituted charcoa for live coals, which he did this morning, the fumes quickly killed the persons named.

INDIFFERENT TO THE LAST

the fumes, and will probably die.

His wife was also badly affected by

According to the Statements Made in This How a Berlin, Ont., Boy Murderer Passed in His Checks.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Toronto, Feb. 4.-Jim Allison, 17

When he awoke at 6 o'clock this "Say, you people appear to be getting

Before he mounted the scaffold, (the conceal his death struggles) the boy handed this confession to the jailer: "I am sorry for my crime. I did it

out of ill-will. I hope those whom I injured will forgive me, and that no the battle of Waterloo. one will throw this up to my people. My sentence is just, and I hope God will suited in nothing thus far, except loss have mercy upon me.' He was indifferent to the last.

COTTON MILLS FOR CHICAGO?

Enquiring Englishmen Say Humidity is All Right, But Decline to Recommend Their Erection.

ducts. Everything save the encourage- the atmosphere at Chicago Heights (a body. ment of capital investment. Ought not suburb, twenty-six miles south) for the an end be put to such a state of affairs? past three weeks, to determine whether t contained enough humidity to warrant the spinning of cotton fabrics.

ing, while asleep in his bed with his Insurance Corporation (limited), also would recommend the erection of cotton agers had the efficient and earnest supmills there, but said that new tariff port of Sayers (Texas), the leading business in Illinois, and that any policy laws would greatly cut the importation Democrat on the Appropriations Com-

ENVOY OF MINE NO MORE Art Thou, But "Ambassador" From This

Washington, Feb. 4.-The President sent in the nomination of Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri (now Envoy Ex-Moore has practically confessed. The traordinary and Minister Plenipotenwhereabouts of both of McDowell's tiary to Russia), to be Ambassador Ex-

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Russia, to the Senate today. The nomination of Minister Hitchcock to be Ambassador was pursuant to the law authorizing the raising of pressed to passage as rapidly as posthe rank when another nation should sible, and when they have been distake similar action.

A cablegram was received by the State Departement on Wednesday indi- prospect, at least. cating the intention of the Russian Government to raise the rank of their ganization, he added. representative here to that of Ambaspromptly with the action taken today. \$1.200,000 on the occasion of the six- Greece. The prices are moderate and

continues to spread in this section It Last Night's Despatches From the Old World.

gins Tomorrow-Sovernment Still In dulging in Highhanded Methods of Middie Ages-An Instance.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

Paris, Feb. 5.-Although the violent features of the public agitation in France have subsided for the moment. the country is awaiting with ill-suppressed excitement the trial of Zola, which will begin at the Assizes on Monday.

There are some slight indications of reviving sanity and the recognition of the first principle of justice in Paris, but it is still certain that the Government will make every effort to stifle the inquiry and prevent the introduction of evidence tending to prove Zola's

France has had another example of high-handed methods of the middle ages, which the Government still dares to employ in a country which masquerades as a Republican form of Government. The public authorities do not hesitate to violate the secrecy of let-Through his brother-in-law the of- ters when searching for information of Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

> francs from a colleague wrote, saying that he enclosed a bank note to discharge the debt. But he forgot to put the money in the envelope, and, discovering his error, he called on his friend and proceedd to refund the amount. The creditor, however, asserted that

A Deputy who recently borrowed 100

the note had been duly forwarded n the Both, in astonishment, demanded an explanation of the postoffice. It was then learned that the official who opened and read the letter, and finding no enclosure therein, supposed he had

ost it. The authorities, accordingly, supplied another note, which was duly sealed in

the People of England.

London, Feb. 5.-The far eastern enigma is as much a mystery as ever, mney, and of course the fumes lin- as far as the public is concerned, and come exceedingly restive, not to say indignant, under the reticence of the

Salisbury Ministry. A complete change in the estimate of Salisbury, especially within his own party, is demonstrated in a most striking manner by the general anxiety at the present moment and the ready credence given to reports that he has again retreated, under pressure, from the position which he declared he

would never vacate. Balfour's vague assurance last night, that the Government was sticking to of Allendale, N. J., formerly Superin- years old, the boy who shot and killed its guns, has done little toward the res-

> The country demands specific facts. The greatest interest attaches to the Queen's speech, but the best opinion is that it will prove disappointing to the public by reason of what it will not There is much curiosity in regard to

the utterances on the Indian trontier campaign It was pointed out today that the slaughter of officers has been greater

in this disastrous frontier war than in Furthermore, the campaign has re-

IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

The House Passes Appropriations Bill Just as Reported By Committee.

and disappointment.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, Feb. 5.-The Senate Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4.-Four English- having yesterday adjourned over until men from Manchester have been testing Monday, there was no session of that

In the House, after a three-days' discussion, this afternoon the Fortifications Appropriation bill, just as it came They left for England Wednesday from the Committee on Appropriations night, and before their departure said all efforts to increase amounts carried

mittee, who said that could he have had had his way, the bill would carry but two millions instead of four mil-

lions. Mr. Lewis (Washington) declared that the substance of the reports that have been current for some time, regarding the proposed policy of the to witness it. "A Milk White Flag" is

managers of the House. " Icharge," he said, "that a welldigested and carefully prepared plan has been agreed upon. "No general plan for currency reform

House, no bankruptcy bill, no proposition to carry out pledges of the Republican convention regarding Cuba. "But the Appropriation bills will be posed of this House will adjourn. "I congratulate the country upon that

It was a triumph of magnificent or-

Ambassador Hitchcock, under his tieth aniversary of his ordainment as a the benefit is for a worthy cause. No Man believes himself a hustler, a new title, will be entitled to call on the observe for \$40,000 from the Duke of Norfolk, \$29,000 in gold from the Quen Regent of Spain, \$12,500 from Kaiser Wil- U. of either Spain or Japan for certain been reduced considera- of the court house at Independence, Mo. dred thousand to two hundred thous-

LOCOMOTITE AS AN EXECUTIONER

Mr. Hawks Killed Between Winston and Salem Last Night.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 5.-The train from Winston to this place struck a man named Hawks, a half mile this side of Winston this evening.

He was walking on the track with a friend and stepped to one side and his friend to the other. Hawks then attempted to cross the side his friend

was on, in front of the engine. He was badly mangled. Both legs will have to be amputated and he will yet probably die.

The train was backed to Winston with his body aboard, where it was delivered to friends. Another man named Fulps is reported

to have been killed on the same track

SUDDEN DEATHS IN WINSTON.

White Man Killed by Machinery and a Negro by Rallway.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Winston-Salemn, N. C., Feb. 5 .- A white man named Fulp was knocked off the track by the Winston-Salem passenger train of the Northwestern division of the Southern Railway, one mile from town at 5:20 this evening. Both legs were broken, besides other

njuries sustained. He was sent to the hospital and his condition tonight is considered very

Eli Willard, 23 years old, while at work in a wooden pin factory in Aleghany county today, was caught in the machinery and instantly killed. His skull was fractured, back broken, and one foot torn off. He was unmar-

Rector George of Winston May Go to Goldsboro.

George, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, has under consideration a call from the St. Stephen's parish at Goldsboro.

Big Shipment Tobacco for Duke Manufactory

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Salem, N. C., Feb. 5.-Thirty-one car oads of leaf tobacco were shipped from Danville, Va., today to Duke Sons & o., at Durham, N. C., to be manufactured into cigarettes and smoking obacco in their big manufactory there.

WAKE COUNTY TEACHERS.

Meeting of the Association Yesterday-Question of Organizing Circulating Library.

The Wake County Teachers' Associa- i tion met yesterday at the Centennial graded schools. The president of the Association, Prof. Logan D. Howells, resided, and the attendance was very good. Several new members were en-

The subject of a circulating library was discussed at length, Prof. E. L. Middleton and Professor L. D. Howell joining in the discussion. The president appointed a committee consisting of Prof. E. L. Middleton and Prof. A. M. Saur to investigate the matter and reort at the next meeting as to the feasbility of establishing a circulating

ibrary. The county supervisor, Rev. H. W. Norris, was appointed chairman of the committee on programs, as provided in the constitution. Being required to select two additional members, Mr. Norris named Misses Edith I. Royster, Anna Yates, and Lillie W. Jones, of ary. The committee was requested to select a program within ten days for the next meeting. A motion prevailed hat the program committee arrange opics only on the circulating library

and the subject of geography. Supt. Norris requested the teachers o read White's "Theory and Practice of Teaching."

Prof. L. D. Howell entertained the association with an instructive paper on "Ceography." The teachers of the ounty were asked to sketch and furnish at the next meeting as much geographical knowledge of their respective

localities as possible. BIG ATTRACTION THIS WEEK.

"A Milk White Flag," Which Comes

Thursday, a Great Success. Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag" will be seen on the Metropolitan stage next Thursday night.

It is unquestionably one of the most clever and elaborate of Charles Hoyt's stage productions. It is the last of Mr. Hoyt's dramatic efforts, he having in the last ten years successfully produced twelve productions, but "A Milk White Flag" is one of a series of unbroken successes, as the author can justly claim to never having made a failure.

How great a success it was, and how much amusement of the highest order of excellence it furnished is well known to the vast audiences that nightly availed themselves of the opportunity the most pretentious effort of this popular playwright. It requires for its production a large amount of scenery of a special design, a cast of forty performers, and costumes that are rich will be permitted to come before this and in great variety. The announcement that "A Milk White Flag" will be seen here will be welcome news to theater-goers and the fun-loving public.

A Rare Treat. The intellectual and scholarly people f Raleigh are to have the opportunity of enjoying a rare treat next Friday night, when Professor Alexander, of the University at Chapel Hill, late United States Minister to Greece, will Pope Leo received gifts valued at deliver his famous lecture on modern

Brazil is not willing to take the L O.