Pitched Battle Fought in Which the Insur-

gents Are Incontinently Routed.

SPANISH LOSS IS RIDICULOUSLY SMALL

Poor Marksmanship of the Rebels Responsible for immunity Enjoyed by the King's Troops, Who Crossed a Field Under Fire.

(Copyrighted, 1895, by Press Publishing Company.) HAVANA, Dec. 5 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The Spanish column under General Suarez Valdez met Generals Gomez and Sanchez, with 3,000 in-Antonio Maceo December 2 at La Reforma, a cattle estate in Puerto Principe province, about twenty miles from the eastern border of Santa Clara province. Maceo had united forces with Gomez December 1. With him were the officers of the newly formed Cuban republic. The total insurgent force is estimated at 4,000, including 240 cavalry. General Valdez had the Valladelid and Cuban battalions, about seventy cavalrymen, and a section of light artillery.

Gomez adopted his usual tactics. He threw out a skirmish line, and firing continued for some time, General Valdez advancing until he occupied the camp used by the rebels the previous night. General Valdez followed the retreating rebels, and was joined between Jicotea and Rio Grande by a column 3,000 strong under General Aldecca, who continued

General Valdez, in his dispatch to General Campos, extols the conduct of Lieutenants of the hotels failed to develop any clew. Churchill and Barnes of the British army who were with him.

Gomez and Maceo moved in the direction of Mount Quayes. The Spanish loss was ridiculously small. The rebel loss is unknown. Jose Millan was among the killed. BRAVE STAND OF FORAGERS.

la Catolica regment, under Frst Lieutenant Aquillar, went out for forage for their horses.

Four men sent in advance were attacked by a large body of mounted insurgents, who summoned them to surrender. The Spaniards of insufficiency and irregularity in government methods of meat inspection. ther rescue. Then there was a fight, in which the little band displayed traditional three sent to congress last winter to secure Spanish courage. A wire fence in the rear provented retreat. Lieutenant Aquillar formed his men in a semi-circle. The rebels resolution favoring the Nicaragua canal, if charged in front and on both flanks, Macharged in front and on both flanks. Machetes were used, and three soldiers were taken prisoners. The soldiers fought like tion and returned safely. The rebels finally were made prisoners. Lieutenant Aguillar was shot through a lung. A number to rebel dead were left on the field, and fifteen dead horses, including the horses of the rebel leaders, Salvator, Rica and Gonzales.

THIS GENERAL STILL LIVES. tersperced with open praise and clearings.

Reforma. It was a favorite spot with Gomez | the Reichstag four years. Herr Ahlwardt during the former war. He named his says he came over on the solicitation of some Santo Domingo property after it. The rebel New York and Milwaukee men and expects to peared in the country west of Cienfuegos, a short distance from Vaguaranus II. posed they are trying to get into Matanzas province at a point between Palma Sola and Spanish column, left Yaguaramus yesterday to search for them.

General Campos arrived in Havana today. WILLIAM SHAW BOWEN. LIEUTENANT CHURCHILL'S REPORT. Lieutenant Winston Churchill, a son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, arrived here tonight from the field. At the re quest of the World correspondent he sends the following signed statement:

To the Editor of the World: I joined General Suarez Valdez's column at Santo Espiritu, and proceeded across the border into Puerto Principe province to mee marches, through wild country, amid rains and heat. After some preliminary skirmishing we met Gomez and Maceo, December 2 at La Reforma plantation, where a battle was fought. The country is open and the battle field, half a mile broad, was flanked dense forests. The enemy was behind hedges with a forest in the rear. Spanish infantry proceeded slowly to within thirty yards of the enemy's position, where upon

the latter replied. General Suarez Valdez, in full uniform and on a white horse, rode up close behind the infantry. He was a conspicuous target. General Garcia Navarro, commanding the advance, exposed himself in a manner no commander is justified in doing. The insurgents are bad shots. It appeared to me that tons of lead passed over the heads of General Valdez's staff, with whom I was. Three orderlies were wounded. The Spanish loss would have been heavy had the enemy's shots to'd, for the troops, marched in close order through the open country towards the protected position held by the insur-

I was much impressed by the patience. the courage and, I may add, the indifference of the Spanish infantry. The men laughed and sang under fire. Their obedience was like that of the Russian soldiers-implicit. wenty-five sharpshooters, said fillbusters, were the only good shots the insurgents had. Roloff narrowly escaped

I returned via Ciego de Avila to Jucara, thence by gunboat to Cienfuegos. I was treated with much courtesy by General Valdez. My impression is that European methods of warfare are almost out of the question in a wild country, where the Cuban army operates. Cavalry as cavalry, is use-

less except for marching. WINSTON CHURCHILL. Lieutenant Fourth Hussars, British Army. REINFORCEMENTS FOR BOTH SIDES.

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 26 .- (New York World Special Correspondence.)-The Spanish mail steamship Alfonso XIII arrived here today, bringing 1,400 soldlers, forerunners of the next two weeks. Generals Toral and Rey | Chicago. left Spain for Cuba today, and General Salecds, who was given leave of absence by General Campos, will soon follow them.

There is no longer doubt that the expeditions of General Carrillo and Colonel Aguirre reached the eastern coast of Cuba safely and joined the insurgent army in the interior. The news has not been published in the local papers, but it is known by everybody. There is a rumor, too, that General Quesada landed his expedition a few days ago near Santiago. General Carrillo will go immediately ular. His presence there is thought to be good for an increase in the revolutionary York.

army of 4,000 men at least. Both Carrillo and Aguirre have been confined in the castle here since the revolution began, and were released through the efforts of Consul General Williams, as they are naturalized American citizens. They were arrested simply on sus-VALDEZ DRIVES MACEO BACK citizens. They were arrested simply on suspicion, and when tried nothing could be found to implicate them in the present revolution, so they were set at liberty and put on board an American steamer sailing to New York.

RUMORS OF A CUBAN VICTORY.

Spanish Troops Said to Be Routed by the Insurgents. KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 5.—According to advices which reach here from Havana, the Three hours of desparate fighting was waged, the Spaniards retiring with a less of 200 killed and 300 wounded. Among the killed were several officers. Insurgents' loss about half that of the Spaniards. It is asserted in Havana that the report that Gomez and Maceo were routed was ordered cabled to the United States by Campos to prevent, if possible, the recognition of the insurgents by con-

Cubnus Buying Small Arms. tlemen, are said to have held a conference in a hotel last night, but search of the registers

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE. Favor New Legislation for Uniform

Inspection of Ments.
CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—The executive committee of the National Live Stock exchange met in the exchange building at the stock The most remarkable fight of the war took yards this morning preliminary to the annual place December 1 at the sugar estate, Tran- meeting to be held by the exchange at the quilidad, three miles from Manzanillo, in same place tomorrow. The committee, Santiago province. Twenty-eight mounted in- among other thinge, will tomorrow report to fantry of the Second battalion of Isabella the national body the recommendation that the exchange favor the repeal of the tax on oleomargarine, and new legislation provid-

legislation looking to the prevention of for-eign embargoes on American packing prod-ucts and cattle. The committee approved a States.

W. H. Thompson, jr., of Chicago, presided over the deliberations of the committee, and tigers. One man broke through the rebel Charles W. Barker, also of Chicago, acted lines, reached a plantation, secured ammunities, reached a plantation, secured ammunities, and returned safely. The rebels finally Martin, South Omaha; W. J. Broderick, tien and returned safely. The rebels finally retired, when troops from Manzanillo came up. Of the little band of twenty-eight one was killed, eight were wounded and three East St. Louis; Frank Cooper, late candidate East St. Louis; Frank Cooper, late candidate for mayor in Kansas City, and J. N. Payne, Kansas City.

AHLWARDT LANDS IN NEW YORK Comes to Start an Anti-Semite Cam-

onign in America. NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- Dr. Herman Ahlwardt of Berlin, the celebrated anti-Semite Cattle raising is the only industry at La December 21, 1846, and has been a member of

give five lectures in New York. whort distance from Yaguaramus. It is sup- anti-Semitic club in New York, to deliver a the anti-Semitic movement abroad and am the leader of the anti-Semitic faction in the Amarillar. General Prat, at the head of a Reichstag. For four years I have advocated every measure against the Hebrews.

t long ago I received the invitation to lecture here. I came at once. Just where the lectures will be delivered I cannot say at present. I must consult the club's presi-dent before I divulge the plans. This much I can say, the lectures will be given in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Buffalo. Perhaps in other cities

SAN FRANCISCO HOLDS GOOD CARDS Coast City After the Convention in

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- General J. S. Clarkson, the national republican committeeman from Iowa, returned from Washington last night, and was at the Fifth Avenue hotel. A colleague, the republican national committeeman from Ohio, Mr. Hahn, was also on hand, and the meeting of the national republican committee in Washington on December 19 and the probable results as to the selection of a time and place for the republican national convention were discussed. I turns out that San Francisco is to make very sturdy fight for the convention, which will be held about June 10. The Golden Gate city has already from fifteen to twenty votes of the fifty-two members of the committee, and it was said last night the Californians could hold these votes and eventually, even if they lost the fight, designate the where the convention will be held. Golden Gate city clearly has the balance of power in determining the location. General Clarkson said there was no mistake about this. He added that the scene was shifting every day, and that nobody could tell the

CHICAGO MEN ARE IN THE DUMPS. Prospects for the National Convention Are Not So Bright.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Chicago men interested in bringing the republican national convention to this city next year are in the dumps today. The report of the committees appointed to canvass for a guaranty fund did not meet the expectations of the movers in the enterprise, and it is generally believed that Chicago's prospects for securing the event are by no means so reseate as they seemed before the attempt was made to raise the \$100,000 required.

According to figures submitted to the local committee only \$34,000 has been subscribed as the result of work among the railroads, hotels, restaurants and other classes of business from which the best returns were ex-pected. Next Tuesday the republican na-tional committee meets at Washington to choose the place of the convention, and before then over \$60,000 more must be obtained to

the 25,000 reinforcements that will arrive in ing the republican national convention for

HERE'S ANOTHER STORY ABOUT IT. Rumor that Great Britain is Willing to Arbitrate.

CHICAGO, Dec. E .- A Washington special to the Journal-Press says: It is rumored that the president has been informed that Lord Salisbury's reply to Secretary Olney's note asking that the Venezuelan question be arbitrated is favorable. The reply is ex-tected on Saturday.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Dec. 5. to Las Villas, where he is extramely pop- Marseilles, At Hamburg Arrival- Prussia, from New

the Powers.

Agents of the Porte Busily Engaged in an Effort to Rupture the Present Agreement Existing Between the Powers.

Cubans have once more won a notable victory over the Spaniards. The battle was fought between Camajuey and Las Villas. Generals Gomez and Sanchez, with 3,000 inbeen arrived at by the Porte on the subject Germany has been much more ective in en-of the firmans demanded by the powers for deavors to settle the Armenian difficulty and the passage of extra guardships through the to maintain the unity of the powers than is Dardanelles. The dilatory policy of the palace people is continued, apparently in the hope that some hitch will occur which may put an end to the accord of the powers. The proved fruitless." accord of Europe is liable to be disturbed at Cubnus Buying Small Arms. any moment, and it is to attain this HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 5.—The Telegram that Turkey is working assiduously night today says: "There is a very strong sus- and day with all the skill and subtleness of picion here that emissaries and agents of the eastern diplomacy. Irritating rumors about Cuban revolutionary party are here for the purpose of buying arms of the Colts patent firearms company and to see if Pratt & Whitembassy. In turn the French ambassador hears sly reports about the doings of the German ambassador, and vice versa. So the game continues, with the Turk still ahead in spite of the efforts of an apparently united Europe.

However, unless all signs are misleading or the unexpected happens, there will be a decided change in the situation by Saturday.

The existence of a cabinet crisis here has long been commented upon; but, as a change of ministry is one of the oldest and most fa-miliar moves of the sultan to obtain further delay, little or no attention has been paid to the matter beyond conveying to Abdul Hamid the intimation that another change of ministry would in no way after the determination of the powers to take any action they may think advisable under the circumstances. SULTAN IN AN ANGRY MOOD.

All the Turkish ministers are guarded, and all are in fear of their lives, not only dreading as assination at the hands of the Arnians, but standing in great apprehension of being summarily dealt with by the sultan, who is known to be irritated beyond any previous degree at everything and everybody. Seeing the meshes of the European net drawing closer and closer around him every day, Abdul Hamid is described as being frantic with impotent rage and likely to wreak vengeance upon any or all of his ministers, if he can only muster up courage enough to do so.

There are more rumors than usual in circulation today regarding the massing of Russian troops on the Turkish frontier and the gathering of a Russian fleet near the Bos-phorus. Indeed, it has been reported that several Russian war vessels have been sighted off the Black sea coast of Turkey, and no-body would be astonished to see Russia's

Only recently Said Pasha was mentioned Only recently Said Pasha was mentioned the American grievances are regarded as ill as likely to be reappointed a grand vizier, and when matters reached a crisis last week the form in which the precident utters them." a bogus battle at Jaguasco, is hastening after
Macco through a country of dense forests, intypergred with open praise and clearings. the Hotel Meyer in Hoboken. He was born Dryad ordered from the Dardanelles. Al-Pasha succeeded in getting Sir Philip to once more refer the matter to his government, although he had full power to act, with the eventual result that the Dryad was sent back

to Salonica bay. AMERICANS ARE SAFE. The United States ambassador, Mr. Alexander W. Terrell, has received a note from the Porte to the effect that new and more rigor-ous orders have been sent to the Turkish offi-cials in the disturbed districts to take every precaution necessary to protect all foreigners and their property, and assuring him of the safety of the American missionaries at Caescently reported.

It is reported here today that Zey Pasha is going to be sent as Turkish ambassador to Germany in place of Tewfik Pasha, who was recalled to be made minister for foreign af-

A dispatch received here today from Ma-rash states that the American missionaries there (Rev. and Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, Miss Harriet A. Lovell, Mrs. Etta D. Marden and Miss Meda Hess), are safe, and confirms the story that the mission buildings were at

tacked by the Turkish troops.

The situation at Bitlis caused renewed anxiety among the missionaries, as many alarming reports of rioting and bloodshed are in circulation. Efforts are being made to obtain accurate information on the

The following statement regarding the situation was obtained today from a high of-ficial: "Although the statement that the powers have presented an ultimatum to the sultan on the extra guardship question is in-correct, it is true that there have been fur-ther representations by the ambaseadors which have resulted in a fresh interchange of views, and there is a strong feeling that the delays of the sultan will not be allowed to continue much longer."

BEDUOINS THREATEN REPRISALS.

of Mecca, dated November 25, say that the

Mail advices from Jiddih, the seaport town

Turkish authorities there have made several arrests among the chiefs of the Bedwins. with a view to force the tribes to surrende those persons who made an assault upon the British consul and vice consul, the Russian acting consul and the French consular sec-retary there on May 30 last. The Beduoins, as a reprisal, are trying to capture several Europeans to hold as hostages. It is feared that unless a settlement is arrived at the caravans during the coming pilgrimage sea-son to Mecca will be attacked by the Beduoins and there will be much bloodshed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Turkish legation today received the following telegram from the porte: "With the exception of the incidents of small importance that took place at Marsovan and Zeitoun, perfect tranquillity reigns at the villayets of Diarbekir, Smyrna, Trebizonde, Hedjaz, Conia, the islands of the archipelago, Broussa, Bagdad, Van, Bey routh, Erzeroum, Castamouni, Adana, Mous soul, Yemen, Crete, Salonica, Adrianople, Janina, Scutari, Monastir, Tripoli of Africa, Mammoureteaul, Aziz, Syria, Bassorah, Sivas Aleppo, Vossovo and at the sandjaks of Tchatuldja, Zoor, Jerusalem and Ismid.

Thanks to the measures taken by the im-perial authorities, the inhabitants of Divrek and Antikabad, who suffered during the disorders in these villages, got back their stolen cattle and articles." put Chicago in the race.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Thirty-four thousand dollars of the necessary \$100,000 has been subscribed to the guarantee fund for securing the republican national convention for the Turkish council of state, and formerly grand vizier, has taken refuge in the British embassy at Constantinople, believing himself not only to be in danger of

arrest, but fearing for his life.

The Tribuna publishes information from Naples that a squadron of five Italian men of wor is anchored at Gaeta, and is orders to be in readiness to proceed to Turkish waters. PUSHING THE GUARDSHIP QUESTION.

OMAHA, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 6, 1895.

powers. Then the same correspondent says. The venal press here congra plates the sultan MANY IRRITATING RUMORS CIRCULATED upon the success of his reforms and of his repressive measures, but if the massacres diminish it is merely because victims are leaking. Today's news is that 200 Armenians were killed in Katsarych (Caesarea). A massacre has occurred at Kahlel, in the villayet of Erzeroum, about twenty miles east of the city of Erzeroum, where the Armenian morastery was sacked and burned and the bishop, the vicar and other inmates were killed. A feeling of alarm still prevails."

surgents, encountered Generals Suarez Valdez and Garriel, commanding 2,500 Spaniards, but no decision seems to have A Berlin dispatch to the News affirms that

ambassadors do not attempt to deny that the RUSSIA'S FLEET IS ALWAYS READY. Seven Battleships Rendy to Sali Through the Bosphorus.

BERLIN, Dec. 5 .- The Cologne Gazette today announced that a Russian squadron of seven battleships and nine torpedo boats is purpose of buying arms of the Colts patent firearms company and to see if Pratt & Whitney's people have any machine guns that can be put together on short notice. Several foreigners, looking like Spanish or Cuban genthrouse, looking like Spanish or Cuban genthrouse in the control of the Pratt & Whitney's people have any machine guns that can be put together on short notice. Several foreigners, looking like Spanish or Cuban genthrouse in through the Porte's agents, into the British growth age, when Russia assumed that Great Britain are taken anchored off Schastopol under orders to hold is If in read ne's to sail at twenty-four hours' notice. It is added that the orders for a symbol was proposed in the practice of the proposed symbol and the practice of the might attempt to send war vessels through the Dardanelles without the consent of the sultan of Turkey.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Referring to the sensa-tional statement of the Cologne Gazette re-garding the assembling of a Russian squadron Sebastopol, it was semi-officiativ stated here this afternoon that for years past the Russian Black sea fleet has been under order to be prepared for active service at any moment. Therefore, it is added, there is nothing new in the situation.

Moreover, it is pointed out, a full under-standing has been established between the and no apprehension exists of any one power taking independent action.

Terrible Gale in British Channel. QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 5 .- A terrible gale is raging in the English channel today and the White Star steamer Germanic, which arrived this morning from New York, was obliged to enter the harbor and anchor in order to land her passengers and mails. The departure of the White Star liner Majestic for New York is delayed owing to the lateness of the arrival of the Allyhead wall both at Kings. arrival of the Holyhead mall boat at Kingston. The Brilish bark Royal Alice, Captain Jones, from Rangoon May 28 for Falmouth, is entering the harbor partly dismasted.

Owing to the continuance of the gele in the English channel, the packet service between Dover and Ostend has been suspended. A

dolent storm is raging in Belgium German Papers Concillatory. LONDON, Dec. 5 .- The Berlin correspond ent of the Times telegraphs to that paper a the gathering of a Russian fleet near the Bosphorus. Indeed, it has been reported that several Russian war vessels have been sighted off the Black sea coast of Turkey, and nobody would be astonished to see Russia's extra guardship steam into the Bosphorus from the east at about the same time that Great Britain's extra gunboat passes the Dardanelles.

Only recently Said Pasha was mentioned

National Gallery Gets a Contribution. LONDON, Dec. 5,-The distinguish d artist. G. F. Watts, R. A., has made a gift to the nal Gallery of portraits of Matthew Ar noid, Robert Browning, Thomas Carlyle, Sir Audrew Clark, Sir Charles Halle, the planist, recently deceased; Lord Lawrence, Sir Hanry Layard, Lord Lytton, Cardinal Manning, John Stuart Mill, Sir Anthony Panizze, Danta, Gabriel Rosetti, Lord Shaffesbury, Lord Sher-brooke, Sir Henry Taylor, Lord Tennyson and Thomas Wright, the Manchester philanthro-

Disnaters at Sea. GLASGOW, Dec. 5.-The British bark Arabia, from Calcutta on October 22, has atrived here, damaged by a fire which co-stroyed 500 bales of jute and several hundred bundles of hides.

HABURG, Dec. 5.-Captain Patterson of the British steamer Madura, from Hamburg on November 14 for Port Royal, S. C., tele-graphs from Corunna, Spain, that the Madura foundered in midocean on November 28

Peruvian Congress Convenes. LIMA, Peru, Dec. 5 .- (Vis Galveston.) -- The extra section of congress was opened here today, and the secretary read President Picrola's message a king for approval of the budget and for other measures, and for the creation of sufficient revenue to effect the ransom of the Tacna Arica territory from

Chinese Minister Salls for America. SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 5 .- The American iine steamer St. Paul, which salls for New York on Saturday next, will take among her passengers Yang Yu, the Chinese minister to Washington.

Steamer Short of Conl. HALIFAX, Dec. 5.-The steamer Huntcliffe, from Mobile for Liverpool, put in today short of cosl. She has a

of cotton. Gales and head winds have kept AMERICANS FIGHTING FOR CUBA

Missouri Militin Officer and Two Hun-

dred Men Join the Insurgents.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5 .- The mystery surrounding the disappearance November 18 of Captain Resper Roemer, who was in command who asked for the chairmanship of the com-of the famous Busch Zouaves, has been mittee on labor, which seemed to indicate colved. He is now in Cuba at the head of a band of 200 Americans, fighting for Cuban independence, and with him is Sergeant Frank Hilligs, also a member of the Zonaves. When Roser Roemer left St. Louis, estensibly to visit the Atlanta exposition. It was quietly whispered among bis friends that his desti-nation was much more remote than the metropolis of Georgia. It was known that about the same time certain senders in the Cuban cause, with whom Captain Roemer had been in consultation, left the city. Today came the confirmation of the story. A close friend of Roemer received from him a letter direct from the Cuban seat of war. It is dated Havana, November 28, 1885. Much of

the contents are of a private character. He says:

Just returned here to headquarters after a skirmish around Matanzas. Cardenas and vicinity; only small bands there of natives and I am now detailed elsewhere, where some 5,000 men are quartered. I will command some 200 Americans with old rank temporarily, but expect to advance rapidly. Were the past bright I would be happy. Having realized a life's ambition, however, the former will stimulate for a better future, I trust. Will write often as possible, but chances are small for much of that pastime from now on. Go to the front at 2 a. m. Hard work, but a soldier's diet. Tell Anderson to hold the boys in line, and when possible will write for those wishing to follow me.

The Anderson referred to is quartermaster. He says:

of the Busch Zouaves. Reverend Prophets in Session

Anderson referred to is quartermaster

PITTSBURG, Dec. 5 .- The third day of the prophetic conference attracted a large crowd to the Fourth United Presbyterian church at Allegueny. Devotional exercises at this morn-LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Times will print a dispatch from Constantinople which says the ombossies have received instructions from their respective governments that the guardship question must be pushed home and that it is impossible for the powers to retire from the positions which they have assumed.

Mr. Gladstone has written to the secretary of the Armenian Rulief association as follows:
"I will hope in the indisposition of the power."

Allegueny. Devotional exercises at this morning assession were led by Ray. J. A. Owens of Elizabeth. N. J., after which Dr. W. J. Erdman of Philadelphia delivered an address on the "Molds of Prophecy." Following this address there was an interesting question box, led by Dr. Erdman, which lasted until the noon adjournment. At this affermoon's tession Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D. of Philadelphia, spoke on the "Coming of the Lord, the Practical Center of the Bible."

JOHN H. GEAR IS RECOGNIZED

Iowa's Junior Senator Gets a Place on the Republican Steering Committee.

LEW MAY'S CHANCES GROW BRIGHTER

His Friends in Washington Making an Enraest Effort to Secure His Selection as United States Fish Commissioner.

lows on the steering committee of the re-Gear has had long legislative experience. The personnel of the committee is decidedly mittal on questions, Pettigrew is for Allison, as is also Gear; Pritchard is for McKinley, Cullom is for Shelby M. Cullom first, then probably Allison, while Chandler, Platt and Quay are for Recd.

A petition was circulated among the Nebraska delegation today, directed to the postmaster of the house, asking that official to appoint John Steen of Wahoo, Neb., to a anchored off Sebastopol under orders to hold place in the postoffice. Congressman Hainer is active in securing a place for Steen, who has seen Washington life in other congresses, and who would like to be back again.

Lew May is to receive a boost in his candidacy for United States fish commissioner Saturday, when the Nebraska delegation will call upon the president to urge his appointment. While it may seem somewhat singular for a republican delegation to urge the appointment of a democrat, the members reason that as a democrat will be appointed, they would like to see the appointment go to Nebraska. Only one objection is heard to Mr. May here—his lack of scientific knowl-edge upon some phases of the work. This This objection is counteracted, however, by the assertion that he will give the department powers in regard to the situation in Turkey a clean business administration, one desirable in every way. Senator Allen has written a strong letter of recommendation in behalf of Mr. May to the president.

MR. HAINER'S EARLY BILLS. Congressman Hainer will tomorrow intro-luce a number of important bills which ran the gauntlet of committee and house success fully last session, but falled to reach the president. Among those which the member from the Fourth will present are: A bill to establish and maintain a national school of forestry; a bill to amend to certain para-graphs relative to the more complete endowment and support of agricultural colleges under this bill \$30,000 a year will be perma-mently donated to colleges for the benefit of agriculture); to establish and maintain agr agriculture); to establish and maintain agri-cultural experiment stations in Alaska; to transfer the bureau of the United States gen-logical survey and the United States Com-mission of Fish and Fisheries to the Depart-ment of Agriculture. He will also introduce a memorial passed by the last session of the Nobraska logicalture assigns concress to give Nebraska legislature, asking congress to give to each surviving prisoner of the war \$2 per

ARTESIAN WELLS AND IRRIGATION. Congressman Pickler of South Dakota had a conference of some length today with Su-perintendent Walcott of the geological survey concerning prospective legislation touch-ing artesian wells and irrigation in the west. Mr. Pickler favors an appropriation for experimental artesian wells by the government and claims it is the proper business of the government to put down a sufficient number of wells to define the artesian basin in his and other states, so that the people interested may know that the expenditure of money to put down wells will be a successful undertaking, and further that the government should send men with practical experience in irrigation to such wells to demonstrate the means and process of the practical distribution of water. Mr. Pickler says that there will be an effort made to make an absolute donation of the million acres of land to each of certain states for irrigation purposes, which was granted conditionally by the last con-

Acting Secretary Reynolds rendered de cisions in the following cases today: Ne-braska—Andy Johnson against William E. Holt, O'Neill district, decision of commission modified, Holt's entry held for cancellation and the land restored to public domain; Isham R. Darnell, exparte, McCook district, decision reversed and Darnell permitted to perfect his entry; Isaac Dillon against Union Pacific Railroad company, North Platte dis trict, decision reversed, patent to issue to Dillon and the county allowed to make a new selection. South Dakota—Carl Stras-burg against M. S. McDearmon, Huron district, motion for review denied and McDear-mon's entry held for cancellation.

GETTING COMMITTEES IN SHAPE. Great Pressure Being Brought to Bear

on the Speaker. WASHINTON, Dec. 5.—Speaker Reed has begun for the first time to definitely outline his list of committees on paper. After recelving members of the house all day yesterday he sat down at 9 o'clock and worked until a late hour putting on paper the assignments he had decided upon up to that time. Today he gave more interviews to members, and listened to the presentation of their claims. No information has leaked from the speaker's room, except remarks made by Mr. Reed to the friends of a member that he has decided to give that place to Mr Phillips of Pennsylvania, whose name has been presented by the labor organizations.

The labor unions are taking an interes in the committee on emigration, as well as the labor committee, and are endeavoring to bring about the selection of the committe:men who will favor Senator Lodge's bill, which, among other things, would bar illiterate foreigners from entry. It is estiforeigners admitted under existing laws would be excluded by a system requiring the ability to read and write their own language, and this is what the labor organizations secure.

Probably the strongest pressure being brought to bear upon the speaker comes from various candidates for the committee on wave and means. The republicans will be entitled to eleven places on this body if the party proportion of the last congress is maintained, and seven of the eleven are new men. The influence of business interests of every class and section has been invoked, and many letters and petitions are pouring in. Next to ways and means in their desirability from the standpoint of the members are the committees on appropriations and rivers and harbors, the two bodies which have charge of the distribution of the largest sums of money

Californians Are Hustling. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-Congressman

Bowers of California was engaged today in introducing Mayor Rader and Editor Os borne of the Los Angeles Times to congres-sional members of the republican national committee. They are the advance guard of the California committee appointed to secure the next national convention and claim to have between fifteen and twenty promises, and say San Francisco is the second choice of other members.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$175,568,704; gold re-

CROWE IN PROGRES. TRIAL OF Funha Man Attracting

ST. JOSEPI 5.—(Special.)—No criminal case in the mente crowds the charge of the charge obbery. Crowe's attorneys fought for invance on the ground that important colleges for the defense ould not be here. It was alleged that two non will swear they saw Crowe in Omaha the night the passenger train on the Kansas City, St. Jeseph & Council Bluffs road was robbed a mile north of this city, and cannot be present at the trial at this time. One of the witnesses is said to be in San Francisco and the other in New York. The application for a continuance was overruled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The appointment of Senator Gear of dence in the Crowe case, and it is being tried before a special judge. The strongest evi-dence for the state is that of Baggageman publicans to make up the list of committees skinner, who was in the expres scar when and officers is regarded as an exceptional the robbery was committed. With the conand officers is regarded as an exceptional the robbery was committed. With the con-honor for so young a senator, although Mr. ductor and Fireman Skinner he was stood up France and Germany should enact similar Gear has had long legislative experience.
The personnel of the committee is decidedly interesting, looked at through presidential glasses. Mitchell and Teller are noncomdrink some of it to steady his nerves. One of the strongest points made by the state was the fact htat all knowledge of the bot-tle of whisky was kept from the public until Crowe himself, while he was in jail here, spoke of it. He told a number of witnesses where the liquor had been purchased, and the label on the bottle verified his statement. Stephen Crole of Omaha is one of the wit nesses for the defendant, who is his brother Requisition papers have been granted for Crowe on the application made by Governor McIntyre of Colorado, and if he is not con ricted of train robbery he will be taken back to Denver, where he is under indictment for

diamond robbery, as soon as he has served he sentence for jail breaking here. Crowe has claimed that the charge against him in Denver was dismissed, since the dia-monds were paid for by his brother, but the Colorado officers who are waiting to see how the train robbery case will terminate say there is a strong case against him there, and if he is tried will get a long penitentiary centence. Crowe has admitted on several ccasion that he committed the Denver robbery, but his attorneys say the admission was made during one of the periods when he is not responsible for his statements.

FORMER IOWAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

John W. Kinkade Sends a Bullet
Through His Brain.

DENVER, Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—
John M. Kinkade, one of the best known citizens of Denver and a former resident of Iowa, committed suicide in the berth of a Pullman car on the Rio Grande road from Cripple Creek to Denver last night. The discovery was made this morning, when the discovery was made this morning and their which the Cubans are contending and their porter of the car slipped in a pool of blood, and thrusting aside the curtain found the body of Kinkade, the pillow and sheet of the berth in which he lay drenched in his life's blood, and it was still trickling from a bullet hole in his head. He had killed himself dur-ing the night, sending a bullet through his brain. Several persons in the car heard the shot, but thought it was the jarring of the car. Kinkade had for years been a sufferer from acute kidney troubles, and when the attacks came experienced exeruclating pain, and it is supposed that in one of these spasms he decided to end his life. The sui-cide was deliberate, for he had not un-

lressed.
Previous to taking the train he had talked business with Mr. Hartin of Cripple Creek and was hopeful of the future. Mr. Kinkade was 60 years of age. When a young man he removed to Iowa, coming to Denver about fifteen years ago, and engaging in the real estate business. His trip to Cripple Creek was with the object of starting in business there. He leaves six children, three in busi-ness in Denver, one in Chicago, and the present addresses of the others are unknown, all by his first wife. He had been twice mar-

MORTGAGE COMPANY ASSETS SOLD. Jarvis-Conklin Securities Bring About

One-Seventh Face Value.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 5 .- Securities of the Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage Trust company of the face value of \$1,775,000 were sold here at public sale today by J. F. Downing, receiver for the company. The North American Trust company, of which R. R. Conklin of the old Jarvis-Conklin company is th controlling officer, bid in all the securities in bulk for \$236,000. Before being sold in bulk, however, the securities were sold in separate lots, in which manner \$10,000 more was realized than when afterward sold in bulk. The court which ordered the sale will determine which sale shall stand. The North American company also secured nearly all of the separate lots. Bonds of the Northeast Electric Railway company, Kaneas City, amounting to \$53,000, were sold for \$40,000. Another series of 199 bonds sold at the same rate. This gives the North American com pany control of \$202,000 of the \$260,000 bonds of the road. Bonds of Washington park, Kan sas City, valued at \$100,000, sold for \$25,000 Sixty-four thousand dollars worth in the St. Joseph stock yards sold for \$600 A large amount of California, Georgia Utah and Oregon securities brought a very

Founds a New University. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.-Charles Burton Phillips of Chicago, who died in this city October 25, left a will which was filed in the surrogate's office today, in holograph. After making the bequest of certain property in Cairo, Ill., and in Johnson county, Illinois, to his daughter and son respectively, the will directs that the residue of his estate be applied toward the establishment of a polytechnic university upon, land which the testator owned in Johnson county, Illinois. This school, the will provides, shall include the community doctrine, or as the words of the will put it: "The organizing of the human family into a vast partnership, and through whose agency no member would ever want." The Oneida community of this state, Thomas B. Bryan of Chicago and the senior justice of the supreme court of Illinois are named as trustees of the proposed university. October 25, left a will which was filed in

Duffy Says Stone is a Prevarientor. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 5.-William Duffy, John C. Stone's partner, who is under sentence for three years, says that Stone's confession is false. Stone has a wonderful knowledge of crimes, but he gained it by his intimacy with crooks. He has been considered at times insane, doubt-less due to his products by has been considered at times insane, doubt-less due to his vicious habits. Owing to the fact that Duffy has exposed his true character, Stone is now attempting to con-nect him with all the murders he has ever read about or has any knowledge of.

Want Higher Duties on Wool. sociation of Wool Growers met behind closed doors today in order to adjust privately doors today in order to adjust privately some differences within the association over the memorial to congress which it was decided to draft. The delegates from Texas and New Mexico protested to the association that the McKinley tariff schedule worked a disadvantage to their grade of wool, and urged higher daties on such wools than the McKinley rates.

Norwegian Bark Goes Aground. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 5.-The Nor wegian bark Ole Smith Blough, Captain Osmundsen, from Savannah, bound Charleston, went aground this morning on the breakers in Stone river. She is in ten feet of water and several feet of water is in her hold. Unavailing efforts have been made to pull her off. Another attempt will be made tomorrow.

Elected a New Bishop. LEXINGTON, Doc. 5 -- The ouncil for the newly created Lexington flocese, comprising eastern Kentucky, afternoon on the eleventh ballot elected Rev. Lewis W. Burton of Louisville as bishop. He will remove to Lexington, the headquarters of the new diocese.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 -The directors of the American Sugar Refining company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1% per cent on the preferred stock and 3 per cent on the common stock.

CUBA'S CAUSE IN THE SENATE

CASE COMPARED WITH THAT OF AMERICA

Eloquent Plen of the Florida Statesman in Behalf of the Struggling Inhabitants of the Queen of the Antilles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The session of he senate was brief again today. Its only features beyond the introduction of a bill legislation, were a resolution by his colleague, Senator Gallinger, declaring it to be the sense of the senate that it was unwise and inexpedient to retire the greenbacks, and a short speech by Senator Call of Florida in favor of the recognition of the Cuban revolutionists as belligerents.

A bill introduced by Mr. Chandler, republican of New Hampshire, for the coinage of silver at the ratio of 151/2 to 1, the bill to become operative when England, Germany and France pass similar laws, was listened o with great attention by the members of he senate. Petitions from Florida for the recognition

of Cuba, and from the legislature of Montana against further issuance of bonds, were presented.

sented.

A resolution offered by Mr. Call, democrat of Florida, was adopted, calling upon the secretary of state to send to the senate the correspondence relating to the case of General Sanguilly, an American citizen, sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged complicity in the Cuban revolution, and directing him to procure a copy of the record in the case, if it is not on file at the department.

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Mr. Mitchell, republican of Oregon, intro-

which the Cubans are contending and their long struggle for freedom. He described the former revolutions and declared that the progress against tyranny made by the native Cubans who maintained, as we had maintained in 1776, that just government must derive its authority from the consent of the governed, entitled them to recognition as belligerents and the neutrality of other na-

He considered it an outrage that the United States should not hold out an encouraging hand to those who were struggling for independence. But instead of speeding the Cubans on their course, he insisted that this government was actually retarding the revolution; was, in fact, furnishing aid to the

Spanish tyrant.
"This government," said Mr. Call emphatically, "is responsible for many of the outrages that have been committed. I do not mean to say that the president and his cabi-net are responsible, but the attitude of this government negatively, by not recognizing the revolutionists ar beligerents in our ports and territory, is maintaining today the power

of Spain on the island of Cuba." In conclusion he described Cuba as the queen of the Antilles, the future center of a confederated republic, that would include all the islands of the West Indies and called upon the committee on foreign affairs to consider his resolution in the spirit of our forefathers and report it favorably at an early

Then at 1:20 the senate went into executive session and at 1:35 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

PRESIDENT STARTS ON A HUNT. Expects to Be Gone Something Over a Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The president left Washington tonight on the lighthouse tender Maple to recuperate from the strain he has been under in the preparation of his message to congress on a hunting trip through the North Carolina sounds. With him were Dr. O'Reilly, Commander Georga F. Wilde, naval secretary of the lighthouse board and Commander Benjamin P. Lamberton, in charge of the lighthouse district comprising the sounds. The little vessel was well provisioned, and it is likely that if the weather is fair the president will not return to Washington before the 12th or 13th of the month. The Maple was headed for the mouth of Chesapeake bay just about dusk, and the trip began with a cloudy, northwest and a rather raw and biting wind that is commonly regarded as the best possible weather for

water fowl in this section.
Unless it is deemed well to lie up in the lower Potomac over night on the chance of picking up some ducks there, the Maple should arrive at Norfolk tomorrow forenoon There she will enter the Chesapeake and Albemarie canal and pass through to the upper end of the system of sounds which ex-tend from Virginia clear down to Wilming-ton, N. C. Reports received by the president indicate that ducks and geese have appeared in these favored waters in large numbers on their flight southward before the winter gales, and it is hoped that the trip will be even more successful that that undertaker last spring in the same waters, when most of the fowl had already started northward. All of the president's companions have made this trip before in his company, and consequently are well acquainted with the best shooting grounds. It is expected that the cruise will extend as far south as Washington, N. C., though most of the time the party will be farther up the sounds from

Roanoke island. WAITING FOR SALISBURY'S ANSWER Official Messenger Starts for New

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The British embassy expects the arrival today of the steamship Britannic, bringing the official mail from the foreign office, which in this case contains the important answer of Lord Salisbury to Secretary Olney's letter, requesting a final and definite statement of Great Britain's purposes concerning Venezuela. Donaldson, the special messenger of the embassy, has gone to New York to receive the mail direct from the Britannic. He makes a fortnightly trip for this purpose, carrying the bags of official mail to and from Wash-ington and dealing directly with the stewards of the steamships. The steamships flying the British flag are the special cus-todians of this class of mail, and they in turn transfer it directly to the representative of the ambassador. It is probable that the delivery of the answer will be made to Sec-

retary Olney tomorrow.

There is no official information here as to the contents of the reply. In diplomatio circles no doubt is entertained that the British answer follows the lines laid down in the statement made in 1844 as to the British policy. In substance, this is that arbitration will be cheerfully accepted for the ter-ritory outside of the Schomburg line, but within that line no arbitration will be ceptable, as it is considered British soil.

Satolli's Elevation Postponed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The date of the elevation of Mgr. Satolli to the cardinalate has been postponed from the 15th to a date not yet announced. This was made necessary as a rivuit of cable information that Marquis Sacripanti, hearing the berretta, sailed today from Genus on the steamer Fulds. As it is not due until the 18th, and may be delayed beyond that date, a postponement was im-