ingmen's Condition.

ANTI-EXPANSION TALK BY A NEBRASKAN

J. F. O'Sullivan of Boston Introduces

Revolutionary Measure Imposing

Tax on Women's and Chil-

dren's Employers.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—The eighteenth

innual convention of the American Federa-

se acted upon by the latter.

demand set forth in the resolution.

eported back to the convention.

eforms along different lines.

ganization will be made.

pansion and colonization."

ler, general treasurer, have called a mass

and the council's delegate to the convention.

He has the unanimous support of the Kan-

his absence may have cost him votes.

When the convention opened for the after-

from Washington announcing the passage

gone to the president for his signature. The

reading of the message was greeted with ap-

Victory of Seamen's Bill.

T. J. Elkerden, secretary of the National

Seamen's union, announced that the bill was

a victory for organized labor and would be

of very great benefit to the seamen, although

The report of the executive council of the

Duncan, declared for the unqualified inforse-ment of the bill now pending before con-

gress granting the referendum to the resi-

dents of the District of Columbia. The re-

port also called attention to the indiscrim-

inate use of the boycott by various trades

unions, without the recognition of the fed-

eration. It declared that hereafter no boy-

cott would be recognized by the federation until it had been laid before the executive

council for investigation and for the coun-

BEFORE THE BUILDERS' COUNCIL.

Delegates Tell of Condition of the Trades Unions in Cities.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.-Delegates to the

Builders' trades council convention con-

sumed most of the morning in a discussion

of the merks of official cards which all

members of the organization use. Some

doubts of their necessity in the local unions

were expressed by a member, when H. W.

Stenbelss, general secretary and treasurer,

made a strong plea for them. He said the card

was a strict necessity to the council. A

resolution was finally adopted empowering

he chairman to appoint five men for the in-

J. J. Healy, Washington, and W. Soren-

sen, Kansas City, introduced a resolution

calling for the reorganization of hod car-

riers and all building laborers as trades

men. Referred without discussion to the

In a discussion regarding the condition of

the council in other cities W. G. Higgins of Omeha said the council in his city was not

well organized. He told, however, how the

exposition buildings of Omaha were built

with union labor altogether. The scale of

wages was according to the union's scale.

Not a nail was driven, not a foot of plaster

aid by any one other than a union laborer.

hod carriers were again taken up and H

was decided to request the hod carriers con-

nected with the local building trades of Chi-

ago to affiliate with the National Building

frades council. The Chicago hod carriers

who are now known as the Hod Carriers

inion of Chicago, desire to be known as

the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers of

Chicago and the resolution adopted today

permits them to select a name to suit them-

The convention voted to accept the invita-

Milwaukee has extended an invitation to

Rare Birds on Exhibition. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—The fifth annual pigeon and poultry exhibition of the St. Louis Fanciers' association is now open and

At the afternoon session the claims of the

roduction of a card in other cities.

committee on resolutions.

cil's indorsement.

it was only a compromise measure.

plause.

Christmas Shopping

made easy at our store-so many articles to select from-every one of known worth-it isn't necessary for you to be a judge of value here -we see to it that prices are made according to values.

Dress Goods and Silks-

Our dress goods department is a safe one for men to buy dress patterns for their sisters. cousins, aunts or mothers.



Any gentlemen buying dress goods or Hav silks from us for Christmas gifts may | OUF return them any time before January 1, 1899, and have them exchanged for infant's other goods or we will return the money. This makes it safe as we take the chances of its pleasing. Christmas goods? We have everything that is choice and desirable in dress goods and silks.

Down Quilts-Down quilts covered with dainty and beautiful sateen, filled with reliable down.

Carefully and neatly made-warm and Size 6 feet by 6 feet at \$4.25, \$5.00. Size 6 feet by 7 feet, \$6.50. Silk covered at \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.50, \$14.00,

Handkerchiefs-

A carefully se-

lected stock of pure linen hand embroidered, also plain hemstitched handkerchiefs for the holidays,

at 25c, 50c, 75c \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up. Every pattern is new and the values are the best we have ever

Children's Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes,

Notions—Christmas comes in | Cloaks and Capes two weeks.

Merry Christmas-

bon trimmings?

Swiss ribbed vests,

-3 pair \$1.00.

Useful gifts

for small fry,

have you seen

goods?

Don't forget your friends. You will always find a gift suited to your purse here. We would suggest one of those pretty combination pocketbooks for your lady friends. We have them at 50c. 75c. \$1.25. \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 each. Special for the holidays—Fin de Siecle Combs reduced from 75c to 59c each.

What could be prettier than those pink and blue kid bootees with white rib-

Those Quilted satin fur trimmed bootees And the dainty sacques and shawls and hoods and veils and—but come and see

Underwear and Hosiery-Ladies

Ladies' black tights, ankle length, \$1.00 each: better quality, \$1.50 each.

Infants' abdominal bands with strap and tabs, cotton and wool mixed, 25c each.

Ladies' black wool hose, very good weight, with high spliced heels and toes, also double soles, 50c pair.

A very nice black cashmere hose in plain or ribbed, with gray toes and heel, 35c

Children's black wool wide ribbed hose in sizes 7 to 10, 25c pair.

Infants' black cashmers hose, seamless, extra good quality sold at 35c and 40c pair, only 25c—in sizes 4 and 4½ only.



We have about 40 handsome jackets for little people from 6 to 12 years, which will be closed out at very low prices—the \$5.00 kind at \$3.75, the \$6.50 kind at \$4.50, the \$7.50 kind at \$5.00. This is an unusual opportunity to purchase an acceptable Christmas gift at February prices.

Omaha. December 14, 1898.

BEAUTIFUL PLUSH CAPES-Elegant fancy trimmed capes, the sort we have always sold at \$12.00, reduced price \$8.00.

COLLARETTES-Hundreds of pretty things in all the

Bleached Sheeting—Is always a cle in any household during the winter season.

We quote prices on following widths: 42 inches wide at 8%c. 9c, 11c per yard 45 Inches wide at 94c, 10c, 124c per vd. 50 inches wide at 10c, 11c, 14c per yard 54 inches wide at 11c. 13c, 15c per yard. 8-4 wide at 15c, 1614c, 20c per yard. 9-4 wide at 161/c, 18c, 221/c per yard. 10-4 wide at 18c, 20c, 25c per yard.

high neck and long sleeves, 50c each.

Andre length pants, to match, made with French bands, 75c each. Children's black ribbed wool tights, ankle length, all sizes, \$1.00 each. Men's Furnishings—A pair of nice kid

gloves will make an acceptable Christmas present for a gentleman or youth.

We have a complete line of both lined or unlined. Men's unlined kid gloves, \$1.00, \$1.25 and

Lined kid gloves or mittens, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a pair. Heavy fur lined driving gloves, \$2.75 Youth's lined gloves or mittens, 75c and

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

the advent of the military government of bliss to LEAVE THE CABINET concessions include the right to construct and operate the Central railroad line of the island, including eleven branches, and also a network of electric tramways for Havens.

The authorities first secured an agreement with General Wade at Havana by which Spanish sovereignty ever the island was to cease and formal occupation by the United States army begin on January 1, 1899. Advertisements were subsequently prepared ably the award made on December 29 of the present year, two days before the government is formally turned over to the United

The president, however, has seen fit to put a quietus on the enterprise of the Spaniards resignation within a short time to the presiand has issued instructions to General Wade, the chairman of our evacuation commission at Havana, immediately to inform the officials of the Spanish autonomist government to his large business interests. The resignathat the United States strongly disapproves of | tion, it can be stated, will not be due in the the distribution of the proposed concessions and franchises advertised and to ask that all negotiations for the same be discontinued. It seems probable that this hint will sufficient, but in case it is not General Wade's instructions are sufficient to meet every contingency. He is ordered to put a stop to these proceedings without any limitations on his authority in the provinces. If necessary there is no doubt that the principals in the scheme would be promptly arrested and imprisoned.

GEN. BROOKE WILL GOVERN CUBA

Six Provinces, Each with Military Governor, Subject to Him. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- Major General Brooke arrived in Washington from Fortress

Monroe today, and was closeted for more than an hour in consultation with Secretary Alger. He then, in company with Adjutant General Corbin, proceeded to the White

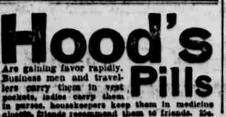
When he returned to the War department it was formally announced that the president had designated him to be milltary governor of the island of Cuba, a new post, which carries with it all the control over the military and civil branches of the is hand furmerly exercised by the captain genera under the Spanish regime.

Six of the provinces of Cuba will have its own military governor, just as General Wood is now military governor of the province of Santiago, but all of these will receive their instructions directly from Major Genera? Brooke, who is in supreme authority in Thus in Havana General Ludlow will be governor of the city, but answerable to General Lee, the governor of the province of Havana, who, in turn, will be answerable to Major General Brooke, the governor of the island.

ICEBOUND FLEET IN DANGER

Craft of All Descriptions Locked in the Fields Off the Detroit River.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—The increasing cold weather has rendered more precarious the situation of the hig icebound fleet off the off unless it becomes apparent that this is situation of the big icebound fleet off the Detroit river. From Amherstburg are seen imprisoned craft of all sizes between Colchester Light, Pelee island and Bar Point, helpless in the ice, being ice-coated and some of them being heavy listed. Several have broken their way through to the open water, others were disabled in similar attempts, but the majority of the fleet is helpless. The steamer Commodore has been towed into Amherstburg, after being lightened and released by the Detroit ferry steamers Promise and Fortune. The Northern Queen, since breaking its wheel, has grounded upon Bar Point shoal. The steel steamer C. A. Black and the Frank Rockefeller broke into open water and it is believed that the steamship Curry has done likewise. It is expected that provisions will run short on some of the boats if the freeze



Secretary of Interior Expected to Resign Within a Short Time.

LARGE BUSINESS REQUIRES HIS ATTENTION

and inserted in a Havana newspaper, asking Retirement Considered for Some Time for bids for these concessions and franchisos, the same to be opened and presumting Occasion-No Misander-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- It is probable that Secretary Blies will tender his dent. He has had the step under consideration for some time, deeming it necessary that he should be free to devote more time least to any differences with the president or his other advisers, but to Mr. Bliss' reluctance for purely private personal reasons to continue longer in office as secretary of the interior. At the time he entered the cabinet it was said semi-officially that he did not intend to serve out the term of four years, but would retire at some fitting opportunity. It is presumed official announce ment will not be made until the president

has chosen Mr. Bliss' successor. Secretary Bliss is now in New York con fined indoors with a cold. He left here Friday expecting to return yesterday. Acting Secretary Ryan today received a note saying he was feeling better, but his physician advised against going out. He expected, however, to return here some time this week. His indisposition prevented his joining the presidential party on its trip south It is said the president is contemplating giving this appointment to the western section of the country.

SENATE CONFIRMS NOMINATIONS.

M. J. Baer of Nebraska to Be Consu WASHINGTON, Dec. 13,-The senate day confirmed these nominations: D. J. Hill of New York, to be assistant

secretary of state. To be consul generals: F. H. Mason of Ohlo, at Berlin; R. Gunther of Wisconein, at Frankfort, Germany.

To be consuls: G. H. Pickerell of Ohio,

at St. Michaels, Azores; G. G. Pierle of Pennsylvania, at Munich; M. J. Baer of Nebraska, at Kiehl, Germany; Rufus W. Lane of Ohio, at Smyrnia, Turkey.

Reciprocity the Stumbling Block. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The joint high ommission will adjourn before the holidays. but there has been no definite determination yet as to whether the commission will meet again soon after the new year or adjournment be taken until after the adjournment of congress-March 4-when Representative Dingley and Senators Fairbanks and Faulkner, three of our commissioners, can devote more time to the commission. The commissioners on both sides are extremely anxious impossible. There is already substantial the protocol except reciprocity and the infisheries of the eastern coast. The latter question can be adjusted, it is thought, without great difficulty. The great stumbling block is and has been reciprocity. Neither side seems willing to make the concessions

Land Law for Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- Representative McRae of Arkansas today introduced a bill extending the public land laws to Hawaii with such regulations as may be decided on by the secretary of the interior. It empowers the president to establish or discontinue one or more land districts in Hawaii and to regulate the boundaries. He is also authorized to appoint a commission of the proper officers for each district.

Hearing of Grain Case. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Arguments in the case of James Nicol against the United States marshal for the northern district of Illinois, involving the constitutionality of the revenue stamp tax on grain transactions on the Chicago Board of Trade, began in the United States supreme court today. The case is exciting much interest as a test applicable to a wide range of business transactions. Its purpose is to secure a final description.

cision on the constitutionality of the was revenue law, so far as it compels the making poses a tax on sales; of products in boards of trade and exchanges.

Policy of Government in Regard to Filipino Subjects.

ment is now giving attention to the adjustment of affairs in the Philippines to meet the new conditions. The subject has been assumed at ecme langth between the president and secretary of state and secretary of war, though it has not figured very largel; in the proceedings of the full cabinet circle. The present intention is to follow as pursued toward the Cubans and Porto Ricans up to this point. To this end, as in Santiago and San Juan, the first thing to be done is to repatriate the Spanish troops who garrison Manila and the other towns. No difficulty is apprehended as to those in Manila, because the men, while on parole, are technically prisoners of war to the United States and are within the lines of

The administration is disposed to afford the Spanish Transatlantic company an op-portunity to contract for the removal to Spain of the troops now in the Philippines provided the terms offered are reasonable This company has already chartered several steamers, in addition to those owned by the company, for the purpose of transporting to Spain the Spanish troops in Cuba.

Senate Receives Appointments. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The president today sent a large number of recess appointments to the senate, among them being Hamilton G. Ewart to be district udge of the western district of North Carolina, and Edward R. Meek to be district judge for the northern district of Texas These two failed of confirmation at the close of the last session. The name of Albert G. Thompson to be district judge for the northern district of Ohio was

Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$293,306,888; reserve, \$245,370,566.

TORPEDU BOAT'S GOOD PACE

20.11 Kuots an Hour.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13 .- The second

Last Night's Winners.

OTIS TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-The govern

American occupation. Some difficulty may be experienced in the case of the Spanish troops and cierical prisoners who are outside of our lines and within the territory claimed to be in the possession of the insurgents, but it is not doubted that the latter can be induced to yield up their prisoners. To influence them in this direction, General Otis, the military commandant at Manila, will issue a proclamation to all Filipinos advising them o the acquisition of the Philippines by the United States and of the president's desire to accord them the utmost liberty of action. The condition of course will be imposed that the people prove themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them and refrain from acts of lawlessness. The proclamation in general outlines will be similar to that addressed by General Miles to the

among the number.

Commutes a Soldier's Sentence. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- The president has accepted the recommendation of General Wheeler and commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death impose by court-martial upon Private Lindsay of Tenth cavalry at Huntsville, Ala.

Little Craft Makes Trial Trip Over the Government Course and Scores

trial of the torpedo boat McKenzie made yesterday afternoon over the new government course in the Delaware river below Wilmington was successful, the little craft averaging a speed of 20.11 knots for two hours. This exceeds the government reguirements by 11-100 of a knot.

The bean jar guessing contests closing last night resulted as follows: Bean Jar No. 8—Nearest estimate, 1,581, by T. J. McAvoy, The Merriam; actual count, 1,584. Club member, Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet company, 1414 Douglas. Award.

Federation Considers Plans to Better Work-

will be the center of interest among poultry lovers until it closes, December 18. The largest display of birds in the association's history is offered. Every state in the Mississippi valley is represented and the competition between exhibitors is lively. One of the most striking features of the show is the exhibit of pigeons, which contains over 1,000 birds. Many varieties of chickens are shown, but the games are attracting more attention than any other breed. The display of these is remarkably good. Turkeys, geese and ducks are also shown in great numbers. One turkey in the Mammoth Bronze collection weighs forty-three pounds.

Commissary General Would Make Addition to Soldiers' Menu to Pro-

MIDWAY PROVES A SUCCESS Y. W. C. A. Girls Get a Good Crowd at Their Show and All Have a

Merry Time.

The Exposition Midway in its paimiest tion of Labor had hardly gotten down to business this morning when a recess till 2 o'clock was taken. The delegates were lays never furnished amusement for a more jovial crowd than that which was attracted promptly in their seats at 9 o'clock for the second day's seas! of the convention. A flood of resolution, cuching a wide range of last night by the Midway travestied in the halls of the Young Woman's Christian association. It was the second and last evensubjects were in aduced by various deleing of the entertainment, and from a finangates. Among them was a resolution opposcial standpoint, the most successful of the ing imperialism, presented by the populist labor commissioner of Nebrasks. In each From the time when the doors swung open

case, without discussion, the resolutions to admit the first visitors until the closing were referred to appropriate committees, to hour the people pushed, crowded and jostled one another in attempts to see everything One resolution of particular interest was that offered by Delegate Samuel Autlers of that was going on, just as they used to de a few weeks ago out at Kountze park. New York, general treasurer of the National All they had to do to believe that they were Garment Workers' union. It called upon back once more to the ecene of the real the United States government to give its Midway was to close their eyes. There was clothing to union shops for manufacture inthe ubiquitous barker with his megaphone, stead of sweatshops. The resolution was given to a committee. It will, he said, the weird music of the bagpipes from the Streets of All Nations and Caire, the shrill without doubt be adopted, and a telegram toot of the miniature railroad locometive was sent at once to Washington making the and the clatter of the crowd, but when they again opened their eyes the illusion van-James O'Connell of Chicago, grand master

of the Machinista' union, offered a resolu-For shooting the chutes there was an intion giving the machinists jurisdiction over clined plank twenty-four feet long, down all men empleyed mechanically in the care which the small boys and girls coasted on of linotype machines. There has been a small carriages at the risk of being spilled controversy between the printers and maoff in a heap on the hard floor, and the chinists as to which union should control other attractions were reproductions of the this particular labor. The resolution was originals on about the same scale. But all referred to a committee. A hot fight on it the attractions were well burlesqued and is expected when the resolution shall be in them the element of the ridiculous caught the fancy of the crowd and created no end James Duncan, representative of the Inof amusement. ternational Granite Cutters, made a report

Among the greatest drawing cards were of his attendance as a delegate to the Britthe Moorish Palace, the Old Plantation, ish Trades congress of Great Britain last Hagenback's Wild Animal show and August. Mr. Duncan declared that the English trades unions had made splendid Chiquita, the midget. progress in securing legislation looking to

E. P. Sabine, president of the National Five Known to Be Dead and Little Mope of Saving Lives of Twenty-Five More. Garment Workers' union, and Samuel Autmeeting of all the garment workers of Kan-

sas City for Wednesday night, when an effort to organize a local union of that or-POTEAU, I. T., Dec. 13 .- An explosion in the Hiawatha mines, three miles from here, late last night caused the death of Anti-Expansion Talk by Nebraskan, at least five men. Twenty-five others are S. J. Kent of Lincoln, populist labor comimprisoned in the mine, which is on fire, pissioner for Nebraska and a personal friend and it is feared few of them can be rescued. of W. J. Bryan, introduced an anti-expan-sion resolution. The preambles embrace all The disaster was caused by an explosion of dust, following a blast. One hundred men were at work in the mine at the time. the general arguments made against the extension of the power of the United States The greatest excitement prevails in the beyond the western hemisphere and denounce vicinity of the mine and the names of the the "so-called policies of imperialism, exdead and imprisoned miners cannot be obtained.

The most revolutionary measure was in-The explosion was something terrific and troduced by J. F. O'Surlivan of Boston. It asks congress to impose an annual tax of 50 was very plainly heard in this place. The timber work of the hoist was blown far into per cent of the total products of any firm or the air and the shattered remains immefactory which employs women and children over dight hours per day; or employs children under the size of 14.

The election of officers will not occur till diately caught fire. Over a hundred men were at work in the mine at the time of the explosion, and only about one-half of these have been accounted for. Those who esnear the winding up of the convention's caped were employed in another part of the work and as yet there is not very much talk mine. There seems to be little hope of resabout candidates. Delegate Max Hayes, the cuing the entombed miners, as the explosion Cleveland socialist, and a few followers are literafly rent the subways asunder and there continuing their electioneering against Prosare hundreds of tons of earth to be taken

away before they can be reached. have not gained inten headway since the convention opened. President Gompers him-"A hundred men are working vallantly to self pays no attention to this antagonism and his friends express no fear of his not the burning structure. It is probable that the interior of the mine is also burning, al-A boom for the election of a Kansas City though at the present time this cannot be man to the office of sec nd vice president

has been started. The candidate is M. F. It is also impossible to ascertain the names Bradley, president of the Industrial council, of those who have been killed and are buried in the mine. The fire lights up the country for miles around and there are thousands of people arriving on the scene. This is the second time within three weeks P. J. McGuire of Washington holds the position at present and has had it for years.

that an explosion has occurred in this mine, two men having been killed in the previous He was not in Kansas City on Monday and

THREE CROOKS GATHERED IN noon session Mr. Gompers read a telegram of the seamen's bill and the fact that it had Trio of Bad Men in Limbo Through the Efforts of an Amsteur Detective.

> Joe Weis, who came to the city about the time the exposition opened and was granted a concession to sell programs, went into the amateur detective business for a few hours last night and played the part of a Pinkerton sleuth so efficiently that three self-confessed highwaymen are now confined in the

Weis is an affable man of pleasant appearance and he has a trait of making friends that enabled him to gain the confidence of the three criminals. After they had admitted complicity in several holdups that have occurred recently and told their plans for undertaking one or two more during the next few nights, Weis sent word to the police and the trio were arrested. They gave the names of Tom Clark, Frank Howell and Oscar Lemmon, alias Winthrop, alias Kelly, alias Leonard. At the station, when the men were searched, Howelf had two \$5 bills in his mouth chewed up into a wad, while in the leg of Lemmon's trousers tied

up in a tobacco bag was \$140. Jorgenson Still Laid Up. Peter Jorgenson, the policeman who was knocked down and badly beaten Monday night while attempting to arrest Joe Nach-neber at Sixth and Pacific streets, was ab-sent from duty yesterday and will not re-port again until the bruises inflicted by the toughs are entirely healed. The most painful injuries from which Jorgenson is suffer-ing are a long gash over his left eye, a deep bruise above his left ear and several severe bruises on the chest and back caused by being kicked as he lay upon the ground. The attending physician says that it will require three or four days for the muscles to get over the stiffness and soreness where they are bruised, but after that length of time the officer will be able to return to his work.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

P. Dolan of Chicago is at the Her Grand. W. A. Johns of Chicago is at the Her Grand. Mrs. T. M. Berg of Lincoln is at the Her George N. Neff of Kansas City is at the

H. E. Hargraves, one of the wholesale nerchants of Lincoln, is in the city. B. Deutsch of Chicago, traffic manager for Edgar A. Walz of New York, president of the Hotel Protective association, is at the

R. W. Morse and George Boquet, two merchants from Shenandoah, Ia., are in the city buying goods. Mrs. C. W. Allen and daughter, Miss cost, leave for Chicago tonight to spend the holidays with friends. Division Superintendent Gibson of

J. J. Crowley, a special agent of the United States Treasury department, is spending a few days in the city. He is in-specting the offices here. tion of the Washington Building Trades Nebraskans at the hotels: J. L. Dewey, Wisner: George W. Coleman, Lincoln: Lon Bailey, Rushville: W. J. Palmer, Grand Island: C. E. Joy. Columbus. Consul General Jenkins of San Salvador, the council to hold its next convention in

sas City, is a guest at one of the hotels.

who has been visiting Omaha and other cities of the United States for several weeks past, leaves the city this afternoon for his post of duty. It will require twenty-one days for him to reach his destination

dition to Soldiers' Menu to Promote Better Conditions-Plenty of Beef Furnished.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Commissary General Eagan of the War department continued his testimony before the investigating committee today. He urged that the subsistence department should control the transportation of all its own supplies and the furnishing of means for cooking and eating. He said the secretary of war today approved a bill authorizing the subsistence department to build and furnish bake ovens, mess equipment, etc., which was much

He thought the quartermaster general's department was overburdened with duties innumerable. He pointed out that the British army was not as well fed by any means as our own and that rations already provided the United States soldiers are satisfactory, with the possible addition of dried fruits. He spoke of the constant and urgent importunities, which he said sometimes amounted to persecution, that various articles of food be added to the regular rations. These importunities were backed by strong support and heavy capital. One well known senator, whose name he withheld, he said, had proposed and insisted on one article being added, which he claimed would cost only about 1 cent a ration. While this might be so, for the whole army its cost would amount to an amazing figure. He said he believed beer should be furnished the men in such quantities as the commanding officers may decide to be best, and in the interest of the men he would be willing to incur the hostility of the blue ribbon societies. Plentiful Supply of Boof.

Referring to a complaint of the beef given the men in Porto Rico at the outset of that campaign, General Eagan said the responsibility rosted on other shoulders than his own: that he had purchased the best of beet but after the contract was entered into and MINERS IMPRISONED BY FIRE the beef aboard and sent from Newport News. General Miles had telegraphed him that he should get the beef on the island. Consequently the beef he shipped remained on the ships except a small amount, and was brought back to New York and thrown overboard. The beef of fine quality was here, he said, and should have been taken. 'No one," he said, "with any sense could hesitate to favor refrigerated beef as against native beef." He said he had now sent a refrigerator plant to San Juan. Referring to the ignorance in the volunteer army as to rations, General Eagan said there should be one commissary sergeant with each regiment to instruct the others as to the use and

> STEEL GAS TANK COLLAPSES Many People Missing and Hurt and

Several Thought to Be Killed in Debris.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The great steel tank of the Consolidated Gas company at Avenue A and Twen-tieth street, the largest of its kind in the world, collapsed at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. It went down with a crash and a roar like a great explosion. Masonry of granite blocks and bricks to the height of fifty feet fell and lossened from bondage their comrades. They are driven 8,000,000 gallons of water, deluging the death and destruction through the surrounding neighborhood.

Dead so far reported: JOHN GRAY, 75 years old, watchman Manhattan

ANDREW WENDT, workman. PIUS BAUM, engineer in adjacent factory. Catherine O'Connell, 4 years old, leg fracured and contusions. Mary O'Connell, 19 years old, body badly

Timothy Dunn, 55 years old, Greenpoint, L. I., general contusions and submersion by water. John Wagner, general contusions.

Charles Quigg, Brooklyn, severely injured about body and face. Peter Walker, dislocated shoulder. About fifteen others, so far as has been

learned, have been injured more or less

severely or almost drowned. Missing: George Bremer, timekeeper, George Winkie, 15 years old, son of Fore-

man Winkie. James O'Connor, foreman in Fuldner's facory adjoining, who is believed to have been in the basement with Engineer Baum, who was killed, is missing.

DEADLY FUMES FROM SMELTER

Four Deaths in Butte Attributed to Sulphur and Arsenie Gases from Chimney

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 13 .- A special o the Tribune from Butte, Mont., says: Five deaths occurred in Butte which are asserted to have been caused by the freadful sulphur and arsenic fumes from the smelters. Many people who can do so are leaving the city to get out of the smoke. mass meeting of citizens was called for last night to take steps against the deadly nuisance. The five persons whose deaths it is asserted are directly due to the deadly fumes are: Edwin Irvine, Mrs. Henrietts Levy, Frank Rochester, Catherine Sullivan, John Goodnow. Last night the smoke was more dense and suffocating than ever. Threats are made, and it is feared that some violence may result from the public meeting.

MARSH GIVEN A LONG TERM Fugitive Bank President Returns to

Stand Trial and Receives a Twelve-Year Sentence.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13 .- Gideon W. Marsh, former president of the Keystone National bank, was today sentenced by Judge Butler in the United States district court to an imprisonment of twelve years and three months and to pay a fine of \$500. Marsh was charged with conspiracy in making false entries in the books and issuing false reports to the comptroller of the currency.

It was thought probable that Marsh might, when brought up for sentence, make a state-

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ment implicating others in the wrecking of the bank, but he merely informed the court that his predecessor in the presidency of the bank had left a defalcation of over \$1,000,000 and that he himself had never profited a

dollar through the bank's losses. Merchants' Bean Club Notice. A new rule has been adopted that no person can deposit more than three coupons with an one merchant on the same day.
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ST. LOUIS AFTER EXPOSITION

Meeting to Be Called to Arrange for Fitting Celebration of Centennial of Louisiana Purchase.

ST, LOUIS, Dec. 13.-The official invitation to the states of the Louisiana purchase to participate in a conference in St. Louis, January 10 next, to determine the place and character of a commemorative of the centennial anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana territory from France has been issued by Governor Lon V. Stephens, from Hot Springs, Ark., where he is staying while preparing for the coming session of the Missouri legislature. The governor makes the strong point that the conference should be held on January 10, as any later date might interfere with plans to secure the indorsement of the general government at this session of congress. A meeting of the commit-tee of fifty will be held within the next few days to begin arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the conference.

A POPULAR MISTAKE

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condition to imperfect digestion. When nearly every person you meet is afflicted with weak digestion it is not surprising that nearly every secret patent medicine on the market claims to be a cure for dyspensia, as well as a score of other troubles, when in fact, as Dr. Werthler says, there is but one genuine dyspepsia cure which is perfectly safe and reliable, and moreover, this remedy is not a patent medicine, but it is a scientific combination of pure pepsin (free from animal matter), vegetable essences, fruit salts and bismuth. It is sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. No extravagant claims are made for them, but fer indegistion or any stomach trouble. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are far ahead of any remedy yet discovered. They act on the food eaten, no dieting is necessary, simply eat all the wholesome food you want and these tablets will digest it. A cure results, be-cause all the stomach needs is a rest, which Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give by doing the work of digestion.

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