British Force Under Clements Compelled to Abandon Its Position.

SEVERAL OFFICERS ARE KILLED

ant Delary Wies Signal Advan-

LONDON, Dec. 15.-Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at flict with any of the principles held Nooitgedacht, General Clements' forces were compelled to retire by there seems to be no substantial ob-Commandant Delarey with a force of stacle to an almost immediate closure 2,500 men. Four British officers were of the negotiations concerning the killed. The other casualties were not preliminary agreement. reported.

Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to ly that the German minister at Pekin, the War office is as follows:

"PRETORIA. Dec. 13.-Clements' force at Nooitgedacht, on the Magal- of the German government to abate iesburg, was attacked at dawn today by Delarey, reinforced by Bever's com- Thwang. Duke Ian and other Boxer mando from War Bath, making a force estimated at 2.500. Though the first | point that the United States made the attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get atop of the Magaliesburg. which was held by four companies of the Northumberland Fusileers and was thus able to command Clements' camp. He retired on Hekpoort and and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

"The casualties have not been re ported but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that Colonel Lange of the Twentieth Hussars and Captains McBean. Murdoc and Atkins were killed. Reinforcements have left

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lichtenburg, and that General Letemmer was killed. Attacks upon Bethlehem and Vrede were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. Vryherd was attacked December 11. Sniping continued when the message was dispatched.

The scenes at the War office today recall those witnessed in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited people filled the lobby, all sceking details of the disaster. The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland Fusileers in General Kitchener's dispatch leads to the foreboding that the four companies of the Fusileers mentioned are in the hands of the Boers. The War office officials evidently expect a heavy casualty list, but they are hopeful, from the fact that the dispatch does not mention the capture of the Northumberlands, that such a great catastrophe has been escaped. Orders were issued at Aldershot, Mal-

ta and other military centers to dispatch all the available mounted infantry to South Africa. It is reported that General Knox. co-operating with the British column at Redersburg, has stopped General

Dewet and that a battle is proceeding. The report adds that many of General Dewet's followers have been captured. JOHANNESBURG. Dec. 14.-3:25 p. m .. - The battle still continues in the hills a few miles from Krugersdorp. General Clements has asked for reinforcements, and mounted men, under

General French, have already gone. There have been many casualties on It is estimated that the Boers num

Root Advocates Canters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-Secretary Root was before the senate committee on military affairs for two hours today going over the army reorganization bill. He urged that the enti-canteen provision inserted by the house be stricken out, saving that the canteen or post exchange is an important factor in army life from a special point of view. He feared it might be difficult to secure recruits with the canteen abolished. The secretary again is the text of it: dwelt upon the importance of speedy action upon the bill, saving that the United States be respectfully requesttransport for Manila would begin to ed to consider the expediency of open-leave San Francisco tomorrow, and ing negotiations with the government

He called attention to the fact that civil government had been established among some of the Filinines and said that it would not do to leave them unprotected even for a short time.

Baldler Gate Twenty Young WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .-Privates Reniamin Stanley and Thomas Feaster of Company G. Fortyeighth volunteer infantry, stationed in cently by court martial of rape and desertion and each was sentenced to be hansed. The president has conmuted the sentence in each case to dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all

Dr. Levds, who dined this (Friday) Hague, "on hearing of the British dis- the camp of General Clements in the was wrecked two miles west of Kirkaster at Nontredacht, were quite unmoved. Mr. Kruser said he thought camp, killing a number of British offi- was killed and Engineer Samuel Dove the English would break their necks on the Magaliesberg, and he asserted his complete confidence in ultimately of the Northumberland Fusileers. The forcing England to initiate an accept-

for twenty years.

able settlement." Sure Hor Will Remain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .-Notwithstanding what amounted to the authoritative denial that the secretary has declared a semi-annual dividend of state had resigned, the story was persistently circulated during the day, in 1889 and 3 per cent so far in the and finally reached the ears of some of Secretary Hay's fellow cabinet officers. These declared that nothing whatever was said at the cabinet meeting today on this subject and said that even the treaty proceedings in the senate yesterday were not discussed. So, as before stated, it is not to be Switzerland for 1901 in succession to expected that there will be any change.

Killed by His Brother in-Law. BUTTE Mont., Dec. 15 .- J. V. Cunningham, proprietor of a lodging is growing so rank in the Arkansas house, was shot and instantly killed Valley wheat belt, embracing territhis afternoon by Louis L. Felker, his | tory that produced over 9,000,000 bushbrother-in-law. Two weeks ago dur- els last year, that the farmers are them to resume their deliberations at ing a quarrel Cunningham stabbed advertising to take stock free for the 8:30 tomorrow. The twelve men his wife twice. He gave himself up. purpose of eating it down. The indi-claiming it was done in self-defense. cations at this time for the crops are out of the court room. They have in-Today he went to see his wife. The 25 per cent more favorable than they wife's brother, Felker, insisted on remaining in the room during the interview. Cusninghom, it is claimed, drew his knile to assault Felher. The latter emptied the contents of a revolver into Cunningham.

25 per cent more favorable than they were at the same time last year. It is now estimated that Sedgwick, Summer and Barton counties, Kansse, and Kay county, Oklahoma, will produce 10,000,000 bushels of wheat next year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The latest advices from Pekin, from official sources, is that England has significaa willingness to sign the agreement reached by the foreign ministers with a slight amendment which is said to be rather in the nature of a mere change in form, rather than an amendment of the scope of the agreement at any material point. It was the undertaking that England was the only

power that was holding back, and as, according to the advices received here, the alight changes made, or proposed to be made, by England, do not conout for by our government, from the point of view of the State department Mr. Conger's last advices to the

State department indicated very clear-

Mumm von Schwarzenstein, was living up to the spirit of the promise its demands for the imposition of the death penalty upon Princess Tuan and ring-leaders. It was upon this very issue with Germany and England and was said to have prevailed, so that if any demand is still made by Germany in the line indicated, it is contrary to Mr. Conger's reports and would be distinctly a surprise to the State department here. Therefore, the officials are fully prepared to hear at almost any moment that the plenipotentiaries at Pekin have signed the agreement and that the latter had been laid before Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang.

COVER THE BRITISH FLAG.

Unfortunate Incident in Connection With

Centennial Celebration. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-In connection with the decoration of the house of representatives vesterday, by the omission of certain flags in the scheme of decoration. In the original plans, the British, German, French, Russian and other flags were draped about the chamber. But through a misunderstanding of officials it was thought that the British jack was the only one displayed, and, in order that no invidious distinction should be shown, a piece of bunting was placed over this flag, thus omitting it from the general plan, while the other national flags remained. Although the incident caused some comment, it was dismissed by the officials as wholly unimportant and due to a

DE ARMOND WANTS TO KNOW.

Asks for Report on Chaffee-Von Walder

see Affair. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Representative DeArmond of Missouri introduced a resolution requesting the secretary of war for information as "to what, if any, protest, objection, criticism or suggestion General Chaffee or any other American officer in China made or offered concerning looting or other action or conduct deemed inhuman, dishonest, dispicable or improper; to whom directed or addressed, and on account of what facts or information, and how received or replied to. and with what result; and what, if anything, the war department did or suggested to General Chaffee or other officers, or directed to be said or done

in reference thereto." This resolution refers to the reported incident between General Chaffee and Count von Waldersee.

FOR ABROGATION OF TREATY.

on the Clayton-Bulwer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Senator Money today introduced a resolution in the senate providing for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by diplomatic negotiations. Following Resolved. That the president of the

that all transports leaving after this of Great Britain for the abrogation of time would bring volunteer soldiers the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, with assurance that such action on his part will meet with the early consent and support of the senate.

Iowa to Be Shut Ont.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.-Iowa and Minnesota will not be given an opportunity to play foot ball against the University of Chicago next fall. That neither of the teams which had been ir the lead this fall would be given a place on his schedule for 1901 was the Philippines, were convicted re- announced by Coach Stagg today, The reason for Stagg's refusal to give either Iowa or Minnesota a game is that he has five other contracts for big games with the following institutions: University of Michigan, Univerpay and allowance, and confinement sity of Wisconsin, University of Pennat hard labor at Leavenworth prison | sylvania, Northwestern University and University of Illinois.

> LONDON, Dec. 14.-The Daily Express publishes a rumor of a serious story is not confirmed in any quarter burned. The mail clerks were not inand is not generally believed.

Nebraska Boad Dividend. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-The St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad company of 214 per cent on its first preferred stock. The company paid 3 per cent 1900 calendar year.

President of Switzerland. BERNE, Dec. 14.-The vice president of the federal council, Ernest Brenner of Sale, has been elected president of Walter Hauser of Lucerne.

Wheat Growing Too Bank. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 14.-Wheat

Senate Adopts Davis' Amendment to Hay-Paunceforte Treaty.

DEBATED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

tion Carries by Decided Majority-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-In acsenate in executive session took a vote at 3 o'clock today on the amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, authorizing the United States to defend its interests in the canai. The senate did not close its doors until 2 o'clock, and there was left only one hour's time for discussion of provisions of the amendment. The vote was taken by seventeen against it. The negative ty and jurisdiction extended so far as votes were as follows:

Baird, Beveridge, Frye, Foster, mansbrough, Lindsay, Mason, McCumber, McEnery, McBride, Morgan, Money, Stewart, Tillman, Wellington, Wolcott and Gallinger. After the amendment offered by the

committee was passed upon various other amendments received the attention of the senate for a brief time, but none of them was acted upon. The committee amendment, which was adopted as a provision to be inserted after section 5 of article ii of

the treaty is as follows: It is agreed, however, that none of the immediately foregoing conditions and stipulations in sections numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this article shall apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces the defence of the United States and the maintenance of public order. The amendment which probably at-

tracted most attention was offered by Senator Elkins and is as follows: Nothing in this treaty shall be construed to prevent the United States from acquiring sumcient security and sovereignty, or to prevent it from building, operating, maintaining, controling and defending the said canal (referring to the proposed Nicaragua canal), or for any other purpose that the United States may deem for its

Other amendments were suggested by Senators Tillman, Allen, Money and Thurston. Senator Thurston's suggestions provides that the United States may defend the canal and Senator Tillman's makes the committee amendment adopted by today's vote apply to all provisions of article ii. This would have the effect, it is believed of nullifying the provision of section 7 of the article providing again the fortification of the canal. Other amendments were offered striking out sections 3 and 7 of article it. Senator Tillman said that if Senator Elkins' amendment should be adopted he would not press his amendment for the modification of section 7 so as to omit provision against the forti-

fication of the canal. Senator Lodge, in charge of the bill, was not slow to recognize the futility of trying to secure further considertoday's session, and as soon as the amendments were all submitted he which motion prevailed.

Cotton King Hopkins Dead. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Gustavus Clark Hopkins, an ex-president of the Cotton exchange, is dead. He was born February 9, 1844, in Mobile, Ala., but removed to Guilford, Conn., with his parents when he was very young. He moved to this city and in 1876 became a partner in the firm of Hopkins. Dwight & Co., cotton merchants. Mr. Hopkins became a member of the Cotton exchange October 17, 1878. He

Pension Bill Complete. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14 .-The pension appropriation bill was completed today by the house subcommittee on appropriations having it in charge, after a hearing from Commissioner of Pensions Evans. It carries about \$145,250,000, of which about \$144,009,000 is for pensions and the balance for administration. will be reported to the full committee tomorrow and get before the house

probably Saturday. To Amend the Army Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.-Senator Chandler today gave notice the army bill providing that all original vacancles in the army which shall exist immediately after the passing of the act shall be filled by the selection of at least one-half of the persons to fill them among the officers of volunteer and the remainder from regular army officers.

Barlington Fast Mail Wrecked. BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 14.-The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railevening at the palace." says the cor- disaster to the British arms. Accord- way's fast mail. No 15, which left Barberton district, capturing the wood early roday. Fireman Shannon cers and taking prisoners all the Brit- was badly hurt. The engine jumped ish troops, including four companies the track and was demolished. Two mail cars with their centents were

Not Carrying 1,500 Bodies.

jured severaly.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14 .-The following statement was posted at the war department today: "The United States army transport Hancock arrived at San Francisco December 10. with the remain of eleven soldiers. ten of whom died en route, and one was transferred from the hospital ship Relief at Nagasaki. The report that 1.500 remains were brought over is without foundation and it is requested that this statement be given the widest circulation by the press."

No Verdict la Morrison Case. ELDORADO, Kas., Dec. 14.-Judge Shinn sent the Morrison jurors to their hotel at 9:30 tonight and instructed out of the court room. They have informed the court that they are sopeformed the court that they are superlessly of different minds as regards
Miss Morrison's guilt and that they
have stopped balloting in the jury
room. Judge Shinn will give out no
intimation as to the length of time
he will permit the jury to deliberate.

Bergstram has 3,000. Mr. McCling
and his boy, about thirteen or fourteen
years of age, have taken care of tasir
out their money. It was evident
that there were as many persons :
it don't look as though the farmers of
Greeley were in a suffering condition.

Greeley were in a suffering condition.

BRAND LAW DOES NOT SUIT.

numerable bills that will be introduced in the next legislature for the benefit of cattlemen of western Nethe state marks and brands commis sion and changing in many places the law which governs and regulates the exercise of its authority. It is pro-posed to reduce the membership of the commission to one man, who shall maintain a permanent office at the state house, and to raise the fee charged for registering a brand from \$1.50 to \$2.50. The existing commiscordance with previous agreement the sion is composed of four members, including the secretary of state, each of whom shares equally the proceeds from the registration of brands. S. P. Delatour of Llewellyn, president of the Northwestern Cattlemen's association and member of the Nebraska commission, is one of the men who are urging the proposed changes. He has devoted more time to the work of yeas and nay, sixty-five votes being the commission than any other man cast in favor of the amendment and and is interested in seeing its authori-

possible. During the few months of its existence the board has registered over 3,000 brands, and applications for nearly 5,000 have been passed upon, many of which were returned because of duplication. Cattlemen in all parts of Nebraska are manifesting considrable interest in the work, believing that the time is not far distant when the official registration of brands will greatly benefit their class.

One of the arguments used in support of the plea for the amendments is that the work of the commission could be much more successfully prosecuted by one man giving his entire time than by four men who meet only periodically. It is also argued that an increase in the fee would enable the commissioner to enforce the law and bring it into more general operation. However, the matter of fees is considered of secondary importance and the increase would probably not be urged should it meet with any strong Chuang, upon Duke Lan, and, further, of which it has now, opposition.

Kearney Wants Extension Completed. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 15 .- F. J Keens, as a representative of the Commercial club of this city, visited St. Louis for the purpose of conferring with the officials of the Missouri Pacific road regarding the extension of the line from Prosser to this place. When the line was originally constructed it was the intention to build to Kearney, but work was stopped when it was completed to Prosser, twentyfour miles distantt. General Manager Harding gave him encouragement that the line would ultimatery be built, and probably in the near future, but was not prepared at present to make a prepared at present to make a direct proposition. Mr. Harding denied there was any truth in the rumor that the Missouri Pacific had secured control of the Kearney & Biack Hills line, running from Kearney to Callaway.

Must Show the Books.

LINCOLN, Dec. 15.-The supreme court has issued a formal order to the Standard Oil company to permit the attorney general to inspect the books of the company, giving the list of stockholders at present and from the time the company was organized, the ation of the treaty, as amended, during | minute books of the company and other books and papers. The order was the decision of the court a week moved an adjournment until tomorrow, ago, wherein it declared it was competent to try the case of the attorney general against the Standard Oil company, in which it is sought to debar it from the state on the ground that it is a trust.

Organize a New Church.

McCOOK, Dec. 15 .- The Congregationalists of this vicinity held an important meeting at the Noble schoolhouse, near Box Elder, fifteen miles from this city. A church of thirtycight members was duly recognized by a church council and Rev. W. J. Turboard of managers. ner of this city preached the sermon and Rev. J. S. Calhoun of Indianola, Rev. A. G. Axtell of Stockville, Rev. J. D. Stewart of Auburn and hev. H. Bross of Lincoln took part in the ser-

Rulo Murderer Sentenced for Life. FALLS CITY, Dec. 15 .- William Miller was arraigned in the district court on a charge of murder in the first degree, having shot and killed A. J. Wake, city marshal of Rulo, on the night of November 29. At first Miller entered a plea of not guilty, but after consultation with his attorneys withdrew the plea, interposing a plea of guilty. Judge Stull immediately sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Booth Physical Director. LINCOLN, Dec. 15 .- Walter C. Booth has been retained as coach of the uni-

versity of Nebraska football eleven or the next year. The regents of the university elected Mr. Booth to the while located on the gulf of Pe Chi chair of assistant physical director of the university, the position of director temporarily remaining vacant. OSMOND, Dec. 15.-W. H. Butter-

field of Norfolk, closed a ceal where-

by he come into possession of nine

other big ranch. A Cincinnatti wife attempted suicide because she didn't like her new hat.

This should be a warning to other wives not to order new hats this fall.

How a Farmer Fooled a Town. ST. PAUL. Neb., Dec. 15.-The oll

boom at St. Paul has collapsed. Some time ago the excitement started over the report that oil was ozing out of a v sited it and found no oil. The salting process had been neglected.

Immense Corn Crops in Greeley. GREELEY, Dec. 15.—There are four farmers just west of town whose aggregate corn crops foot up 28,000 bushels. John Fitzpatrick has sold to one person 10,000 bushels and has about 5,000 left to carry him through till the

LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—One of the in- Powers Come to Satisfactory Decision of Joint China Mote.

braska wil provide for reconstructing BUELOW'S CONDITIONS ACCEPTED

Heavy Indomatty.

LONDON, Dec. 13.-The negotiations of the powers in regard to the joint China note were concluded satisfactorily yesterday, all agreeing to the conditions identically as outlined by Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor of Germany, November 19, with the exception of the introductory clause saying the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

Count von Buelow, on the occasion of his first appearance in the Reichstag as imperial chancellor, on November 19, after making a statement defining Germany's policy toward China and outlining the Anglo-German agreement, proceeded to give the complete text of the demands which the resentatives of the powers in Pekin had at that time agreed to recommend to their representatievs to embody in collective note for presentation to China, as follows:

Article I-An extraordinary misden, headed by an imperial prince, shall be sent to Berlin in order to ex- of the commission appointed. A numpress the regret of the emperor of China and of the Chinese government ed. for the murder of Baron von Ketteler. On the scene of the murder a monument worthy of the assassinated minister shall be erected, with an inscription in Latin, German and Chiperor of China.

on Ying Nien, Kang Yi, Chao Shu Chiao, Tung Fuh Slang, Yu Hsien and other ringleaders whose names will be given by the representatives of the powers. (b) In all places where foreigners have been killed or maltreated official examinations shall be suspended for five years.

Article III-The Chinese government shall crect a monument in every foreign or international cemetery which has been desecrated or where the graves have been dstroved. Article IV-The probibition of the import of arms into China shall be maintained until further notice.

Article V-China has to pay a just indemnity to governments. corporations and individuals, as well as to those Chinese who suffered during the recents events in person or in property owing to having been in the service of foreigners. Count von Buelow has interpellated

the remark that it was intended to effect a further understanding with the powers on the principles on which claims should be presented. This particularly applied to the case of missionaries. Article VI-Every single foreign power is granted the right of main-

taining a permanent legation guard and of placing the quarter of Pekin where the legations are situated in a state of delense. Chinese are not to be alolwed to live in that quarter of Article VII-The Taku forts and those forts which might prevent free

communication with Pekin and the sea shall be razed. Article VIII-The powers acquire the right of occupying certain ports upon which they agree among themselves for the object of maintaining free communication from the capital and the sea.

AFRAID OF BEING FROZEN IN.

Tacle fam Removes All but Two War Vessels from Certain Waters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-With a view to avoiding the danger of having any of our war vessels caught fast in the ice in the gulf of Pe Chi Li at the mouth of the Pei Ho river during the present winter, the Navy department has reduced its representation in that quarter to two ships. One is the Monocacy, which has been ordered into a mud dock in the Pei Ho river, where she will reserve as a station ship. The other vessel is the New Orleans, which has been turned into a dispatch boat for the time being, plying between Shanghai, Che Foo and Taku at regular intervals. The army transport service has landed all of the supplies that are deemed to be necessary to carry General Chaffee's troops comfortably through the winter, so that it will be unnecessary for any of those ships to enter the Pei Ho. General Humphrey, the quartermaster in charge, has established a new base at Shanghai Kwan, which, Li, is said to be approachable by shipping all through the winter, and which is connected with Pekin by a fairly good road.

Troops Called Out in Utah. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 13. A special to the Tribune from White day authorized favorable reports upon quarter sections of land lying just Rock thre miles east of town. He paid \$40,- of Agent Myton, Troop K, from Fort 000 for the tract and will open an- Duchesne, was ordered out this evening to prevent trouble at the Uintah agency. Over thirty children in the school are down with measies and other diseases and their parents have been much dissatisfied because the children were not allowed to go home.

Lonely Life's Sad Ending. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The body of Confederate Brigadier General Herman Bins has been found in Black swamp, four miles from Norristown. N. J. He was known as the hermit spring situated not far from town and of Wanong mountain. For thirtypeople had visions of fortune, with five years Bins had lived a solitary Coal Oil Johnnies on every block. Investigation has broken the spell. It tain. He had little to do with any appears that a farmer, with a view one and his retreat was far removed to having some fun. "saltel" the spring from the nearest house. His cabin daily with coal oil. One day a party | was found in ashes by those who went to it after the body had been identifarmer was away from home and the fied. No one knows how the old man came to his death.

Run on Hariem Savings Bank. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-The run on the Harlem Savings bank, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Third avenue, was continued today. When the bank opened there were next crop; John F. Swanson and James | 250 men and women in line waiting McClung have each 5,000 and C. A. an opportunity to get into the bank Borgstram has 3,000. Mr. McClung At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the bank

WAITING ON THE ENGLISH. Note to China Will Be Delivered as Se

so That Country Signs.

PEKIN, Dec. 12.—(Via Taku)—At yesterday's meeting of the ministers, called to consider if Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching had power from the court to conduct negotiations for a settlement on behalf of China, some of the ministers stated that they were authorized to treat with them as representatives of China, while others, including the German minister, had not received instructions in the mat-

All decided, however, that as soon as Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the Brit-ish minister, shall receive word to agree to the joint note they will commence negotiations with Li Hung Chang and Prince Cibng, unless otherwise instructed by their home gov-Count von Waldersee has turned

over \$63,000 as the British share of the result of the Pao Ting Fu expedition to General Gazelee, who, in turn, gave the money to Minister Satow to be used for the benefit of Chinese who may need help during the winter.

Li Hung Chang visited General Chaffee today. He says that his powers to negotiate with the foreign envoys, though conferred by telegraph, are absolute and complete. At the meeting of the provisional

government held today the United States was represented by Captain Dodds of the Ninth infantry. All of the governments have entered into the plan except France, whose representatives insist that the French territory shall be excluded from the rule

Several high Chinese officials, on be ing asked, expressed a desire to assist. Though army officers have been appointed members of the commission. it is the desire of the generals to nese expressing the regret of the em- make the rule civil, as far as possible Japan was placed on the charity com-Article II-(a) The death penalty is mittee on account of the amount of to be inflicted upon Princes Tuan and rice it commandeered in August, most

RUSH TO NEW GOLD FIELD. Profitable Diggings Reported from Fourth

of July Creek. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 11.-A special to the Chronicle from Nelson, Wash., brings news of a stampede up Fourth of July creek, a branch of the Kettle river. Shot gold has been discovered with ground running \$10 to the cubic yard. Digging in that vicinity has been secretly worked by George Arnett, an old miner, for three or four years. It is estimated he has cleaned up \$10,000. The strike extends on both sides of the British-American boundary.

OFFICIALS SAY IT IS OVER.

Santa Fe Executives Claim Strike Is Thing of the Past. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 12.-The Santa Fe officials today claim the telegraphers' strike is a thing of the past. They say the strikers' places are so nearly filled that the hiring of men will be

stopped tonight. General Manager Mudge has issued reward notice offering \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person cutting or obstructing in any way the telegraph wires or instruments of the company.

Hearing on New Army Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-The senate committee on military affairs today continued its consideration of the army bill. Secretary Root was before the committee for a brief time and recommended some change. He was followed by General Miles, who continued his remarks of yesterday. General Wilson, chief of engineers also was before the committee. After a short but interesting debate the matter of recommittal, by consent, went over until Thursday. The ship subsidy bill was then considered.

Puts a Quietus on the Story. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-President McKinley and President Harrison met last night at a dinner given by Justice Harlan of the supreme court. It was the first dinner that the president had taken in Washington outside the White House for some time past. The fact of his acceptance of ar invitation where he would meet ex-President Harrison is taken to effectively dispose of the reports in circulation that the relations between the two had been strained of late.

LONDON, Dec. 12.-(New York Cablegram.)—Croker has been ordered by the British income tax assessor to pay on £20,000 a year. How the assessors fixed this sum it is impossible to say. Croker attended recently before the assessor at Wantage and protested strongly, but to no purpose. The amount of his tax will be about £1,000 and the only way Croker can escape is by proving that his income

New Extradition Treaties Reported. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-The senate committee on foreign relations torecently negotiated treaties providing for the extradition of criminals between this country and Chili and between this country and Bolivia. Similar action was taken with reference to the agreement G 3, extending for another year the treaty privileges for the demarkation of the boundary line between the United States and Mexico.

Battle Is Still On. LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Evening Standard says the battle between General Knox and General Dewet continues and that the forces change ground incessantly. Lack of definite information on the subject is said to be due to the absence of telegraphic communication with the scene of action.

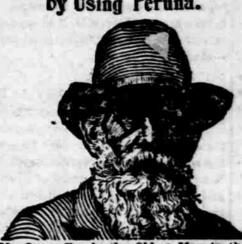
THE HAGUE, Dec. 12.—The Dutch government today finally and definitely refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration between the Transvaal and Great Britain. "Helle" Girls Have an Idle Day. AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 11.-The local

Dutch Make Final Refusal.

hone exchange was nearly wrecked this morning. Some one reached the roof of the exchange building and, boring a hole into each the fifteen cables, entered the main exchange, poured liberal quantities of prussic seld on the wire; which inis affected. A large force of workseen

OLDEST HAN IN AMERICA Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters

by Using Peruna.



Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan county, Tex., has attained the great age of 111 years, having been born in 1788. He is an ardent friend to Peruna and speaks of it in the following

"During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases, but I have learned from Dr. Hartman's books that these affections are the same and are properly called catarrh. "As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for

these affections. "Peruna has been my stand-by for many years, and I attribute my good health and my extreme age to this remedy. It exactly meets all my requirements.

"I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people."

Isaac Brock.

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