INSURGENTS DRIVEN BACK

Report of a Severe Engagement with a Band

Under Gomez.

Reported the Rebels Are Short of Ammunition-Spanish Arrest a Spy Who Was Carrying Disputches.

HAVANA, Feb. 20 .- The government on Tuesday sent a force of troops to Jarruco. this province, on the report that Gomez and Maceo were attacking the town. The insurgents burned the jail, liberated thirty-four prisoners and destroyed a number of huts by fire, but were repulsed by the garrison when trying to capture Jarruco itself. General Hernandez, at the head of 1,000 Spanish cavalry arrived at Jarruco at sunrise yesterday and soon afterwards attacked the insurgents. The enemy left twelve dead on the field and retired with many wounded. Only three soldiers were wounded. When the in-

Gemez at the Mora plantation. A skirmish was followed by the retreat of the insurgents, who suffered some loss not enumerated in the report. This body of insurgents, it appears, was later met by General Linares at Zena, where it was asserted Gomez and Maceo had arranged to unite their forces. When this information was obtained, General Linares sent a mounted messenger to General Aldecoa in order that the latter might support him in case of an emergency. The Linares column then took up the best positions possible under the circumstances and the Spanish artillery, from neighboring high ground, opened fire upon the insurgents, and the latter retreated. A later report says that General Aldecoa

pushed forward and met the insurgents under Gomes, who had retreated before the Linares column. The last engagement is described as having taken place at Otari, but the insurgents once more retreated and finally made a stand at San Marcos, where their main body is believed to have occupied strong positions. The troops pushed forward, how-ever and when within fifty yards of the insurgent lines, the enemy charged with machetes. The Spanish cavalry had, in the meantime, been dismounted and pushed forward as skirmishers, keeping up a warm fire on the insurgent position. When the insurgents charged, the skirmishers were called in and formed a square around their horses. The movement was admirably ex-ecuted, and with two sides of the square firing the enemy beat a hasty retreat, leaving many killed and wounded on the field. GOMEZ REPORTED WOUNDED.

It is rumored that Gomez was among the It is rumored that Gomez was among the wounded, but the report has not been officially confirmed. The retreat of the insurgents was the signal for the cavalry to remount and push forward. The insurgents by this time had abandoned their positions, and, dividing up into small parties, began retreating in all directions. They were followed until nightfall by the Spanish cavalry, who killed many more of them and made a who killed many more of them and made a number of prisoners. Colonel Segura is continuing the pursuit

of the insurgents. At a point near San Jose de Las Lajas, a force of 300 insurgent cavalry was met and dispersed by a squadron of Spanish cavalry.

meial reports confirm the news received here concerning these skirmishes, and says that the insurgents' loss in the engagement of Tuesday was eighty killed.

General Seranno Altemiro has engaged the
insurgents under Manuel Suarez in the prov-

The insurgent leader Sanchez is returning to Sancti Spiritus, province of Santa Clara, taking with him a convoy of seventy-two wounded. Among the latter, it is under-stood, are some of those who recently landed Cuba from the United States as members of the various expeditions fitted out to assist the insurgents' cause. In addition wounded bound for the Sancti Spiritus

district, where an insurgent hospital is under-stood to be located, include Rosenda Garcia. Augustin Sanchez, Ruperto Pina and Han eato Cruz, all well known leaders of the insurgents. Friends of the insurgents, however, deny that these men are wounded. They claim that they are going into the Sancti Spiritus district for good cause and in the interest of the insurgent army. The latter version of the affair would seem to be borne out by the fact that a number of men sloven of when so, well a number of men, eleven of whom are well known insur-gent chiefs, recently arrived at Sancti Spir-itus from Paredes, province of Santiago de Cuba, and others are expected there from the eastern part of the island. Carillo Aguire, with a force of insurgents. has passed through Reina, province of Santa

Clara, going westward. The immigration from the province of San tiago de Cuba, which is one of the of the insurrection, continues. Qu Quite recen'ly a party of 100 persons left the prov-ARRESTED A SPY.

The authorities of Cobre have arrested and imprisoned a man named Redolfo Solis, who was engaged in carrying dispatches

from headquarters to different Spanish com-manders. He had been suspected for some time and bogus messages were placed in his pouch. It was afterward found that these dispatches had been opened and acted upon by the insurgents, thus proving conclusively the prisoner's guilt. He has also been the bearer of mail matter and is understood to have made the best use of it possible in the cause of the enemy. e tried by court martial, and if his guilt s established beyond any reasonable doubt the prisoner will most likely be shot.

in that district of Santa Clara province. In fact, in the district of Santa La Grande, through which the insurgents have so frequently passed on their way westward, the planters have gone to work again and are disposing of their grain and other products without interference.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The government in the

for the extensive operations against the inof ammunition and they continue pointing to the fact that although the enemy has been in the field for about a year past not town of any importance has fallen into session of the smallest kind of a seaport.

KILLED MACEO AGAIN. Today's rumors that Gomez had been wounded has been followed tonight by the startling rumor that Autonio Maceo has been killed. This, like a former rumor, has not been confirmed.

Colonel Melena met the insurgents under Maceo today near San Nicolas and the fight is said to have resulted in a very great lose the insurgents, besides the reported death

A report reaches here from the island San Demingo that a vessel in the hands of flibusters in those waters has made an attempt to capture a Spanish merchant vessel. The attempt was, however, frustrated. Generals Navarro and Canella sailed te-

LONDON, Feb. 29—Sir John E. Milais.

bett, was elected president of the Royal
Academy today, in succession to the late
Lord Leighton. He was born at Southampton, England in 1829.

Sivas, Turkey, has left Constantinople for
liss post.

Currie, English ambassador at Constantinople of Gloucester. The Don Zella will be put into
admirally court. The Collins pieked her up
for in at Paris. Lord Leighton. He witten, England in 1829.

SHUTS OUT AMERICAN CATTLE.

Proposed Prohibitive Legislation in

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-That, as a sop to the agricultural interests, the Salis bury government had given private assur-LEADERS STARTING FOR SANTA CLARA ance to the leaders of that element in Parliament of an intention to introduce radical measures to protect British cattle and sheep growers, I cabled to the World December 7. I then outlined the pretended sanitary basis of such measures and why it had no

real grounds, in fact, Tonight my prophesy was exactly fulfilled by a bill introduced in the House of Commons by Walter Long, the minister of agri-culture, practically prohibiting the importation into Great Britain of live cattle and sheep. This, while most affecting chippers in the United States, also will seriously affect Canada, and the measure has met the streauous opposition of the agent here of the Do-minion. But the demands of such a large part of the support of the Salisbury administration could not be refused, whatever may be the result to British loyalty in Canada.

BALLARD SMITH.
LONDON, Feb. 20.—In the House of Commons today Hon. W. H. Long, conservative member from Liverpool and president of the Board of Agriculture, introduced an amend-ment to the diseases of animals act of 1894, with the object of abolishing the discretion surgents retired before the advance of the now enjoyed by the minister of agriculture Spanish cavalry they divided into small bands to admit foreign cattle and to make the same usual and scattered right and left, make present restrictions permanent. He did not spanish cavairy they divided into sold in the spanish cavairy they divided into sold into so General Aldecoa reports that he has been showed that the restrictions now existing engaged with a force of insurgents under had not prevented a large increase in the number of cattle imported from the United States and Argentine, but that they had almost abolished disease in imported cattle.

Mr. Long said he sincerely believed that the bill would encourage cattle breeding in England and would thus do something for the agriculturists. The bill was read for the first time.

One of the features of Mr. Long's bill i that it renders the slaughter of foreign cattle at the port of entry compulsory.

COSTA RICA CITIZENS COMPLAIN.

Distribution of War Medals to Source of Much Dissatisfaction. Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 20.—(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-There is great dissatisfaction here over the distribution of medals awarded to men living here who fought against Walker's Amer ican filibusters in 1860. General Manuel Arguelles, well known through Central America for the valorous part he took in that campaign, has none, while some who en-couraged the enemy have medals because

they are friends of President Iglesias.

MERIDA, Yucatan, Feb. 20,—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—Chief Victor Pec of the Chan Santa Cruz tribe is reported to be a fugitive. The Indians, having been refused arms and ammunition at Cruz tribe against the control of at Crozal, hanged two men and backed sev oral women and children to pieces with tom ahawko.

GUATEMALA, Feb. 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Guatemala government has demanded from Nicaragua an explanation of a libelous article published in an official newspaper against President Barrios and his staff.
SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Spec'al Telegram.)—Antonic Exta writes to a friend here that his disposition is desperate, as the California syndicate refuses further advances and will not renew the charter of the steamer for filibustering, fearing trouble with Colombia

and other governments.

COLON, Colomb'a, Feb. 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Hamburg Steamship company's ship Marko-mannia is hopelessly stranded at Cape Agosta, near Baranquilla. No lives were

ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMPIRE.

the Emperor's Health.
BERLIN, Feb. 20.—At a banquet of the Bundesrath tonight, in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the empire. Chancellor von Hohenlohe, in proposing the health of Emperor William and the German princes, said he was well aware that another, a better and a greater man than he should occupy the position he himself filled the man whom Germany, next to the great Emperor William, honored as the founder of its unity. For himself, he had only taken a preliminary share in the great work to which the sacrifices of the German princes made in the patriotic decision to join the empire had contributed. The national movenent of 1848 and 1870 had to reckon with the local patriotism which had grown upon the individual states and which had been strengthened by the course of history. It was this feeling which the emperor, who always upheld the rights of his federal allies, had ever taken into account. They mus aiways be able to count, he said, upon har nonious co-operation of the different mem bers of the empire. He concluded by call-ing for cheers for the emperor and the princes of the empire and for the free cities.

RENEWED ITS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Chamber by a Large Majority Sus-tains the French Ministry. PARIS, Feb. 20.—The Chamber of Deputies today by a vote of 309 to 185 affirmed the vote of confidence which it passed in the government on February 13. The vote on February 13 stood 326 to 43.

The moderates moved, in addition, that th Chamber regretted the interference with M. Ricard, the minister of justice, in the legal proceedings confided to the magistrate charged with investigating the Southern rail-way scandals. This motion was defeated by

a vote of 279 to 234.

During the course of the debate Raymond Poincarre, republican, representing the district of Commercy, declared that if M. Bour-geois sheltered himself behind a vote of confidence the general policy of the government would have the appearance of being afraid. These remarks so annoyed the pre-General Pando is at Santo Domingo and afraid. These remarks so annoyed the pre-has done a great deal toward restoring order mier that after the sitting he sent two of

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- The government in the House of Commons today was asked by Sir W. H. Houldsworth, conservative member of surgents, which, it is understood, he will Parliament for Northwest Manchester, if it conduct in person with the view of restoring had refused to co-operate with Germany in conduct in person with the view of restoring order as quickly as possible. Very little accurate news has been received recently concerning the movements and doings of the Spaniards. The Spaniards, however, claim that the forces of Gomez and Maceo are short that the forces of Gomez and Maceo are short the rumor that the government had been the concernment of conduct and refused to co-operate with Germany in furthering an international monetary agreement by reopening the Indian mints. The first lord of the treasury, Mr. A. J. Baifour, replied by saying that there was no truth in that the forces of Gomez and Maceo are short.

> Blockede at the Suez Canal. PORT SAID, Feb. 20.—The German steamer Kantzlor, from Hamburg for Delagoa bay, remains aground at Ismailia. Twenty-six teamers already await her release in order that they may be able to proceed through the

British naval budget will carry

The suitan has asked England to take charge of regulating Egypt. tharge of regulating legypt.

The Italians report a loss of fifty killed in their recent skirmish in Africa.

The leaders of the German bimetailists aimit they are making slow progress.

The Berlin tallars' strike has been settled by the man getting a 12% per cent increase.

A. Jewell, United States consul at Turkey, has left Constantinople for

HE SAW SOME FUNNY THINGS

Don Victor Concas, Captain in the Spanish Navy, Tells His American Observations.

AMUSINGLY SILLY RATHER THAN OFFENSIVE

He Came Over with the Caravels and Made a Trip Through the East During the World's Fair Year.

opyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company. Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The episode arising out of an address delivered in Madrid by Don Victor Concas, a post captain in the Spanish navy, appears not to be as serious as the press dispatches would make it. Tonight's Madrid mail brings the text of the address which seems silly, rather than of fensive.

Don Victor went to the United States as the commander of a Columbus caravel during the exposition year, and delivered this address before the Madrid Geographical society. He is quoted in the report as say-

ing:

The Yankee's skull is similar to that of the red Indian. In America there is no family; society goes on with no other ideal than dollars; without a thought of representing anything in the history of the world. The politics and administration there are the most immoral in the world—to such an extent that people do not care to sit next to the politicians at banquets. It is a country without religion, without family, without ideals, and will collapse the day its material prosperity is imperiled.

There is a good deal of tals crude sort of There is a good deal of this crude sort of

stuff and some funny reminiscences of ex-periences in the United States. Senor Con-cas visited a "school of teachers, in which some 4,000 strong, robust girls were learning the carpenter's trade and other similar pur-sults, and who went through a military drill for an hour." On the other hand, in the national military school at West Point, he saw "cadets of delicate constitution locked in cells, absorbed in sublime mathematics, carefully keeping their clothes in cupboards, and who did not venture to maneuver" before Senor Concas and the marine cadets who

went there with him. When not childish, Don Victor was need-lessly abusive of Americans, and Minister Taylor addressed a note to Premier Cano-vas, pointing out the impropriety of such a public address by a Spanish officer on the active list of the navy of his catholic majesty; an officer who had been courteously welcomed in the United States on the occa-sion of the World's fair. The premier's disclaimer seems to have been prompt and ourteous, and the incident, therefore, apears to be closed

It illustrates the character of the misinformation about things American in Spain, and the World's Madrid correspondent thinks that any day there may be an outburst of national feeling against the United States. arising out of the Cuban question, which may lead to serious international complica-tions. BALLARD SMITH.

WAS NOT MEANT TO BE INSULTING Note from Canovas Explains the Lan

guage of Captain Concas. Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 20 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Madrid advises report that the Spanish foreign minister sent a diplomatic note to Washington inquiring if the American government sustains the demand of Minister Taylor regarding the language offensive to the United States used by Captain Concas of the Spanish navy, at a meeting of the Geograph

ical society. A later dispatch says Captain Concas sen a letter to Minister Taylor saying that the words used by him do not convey any meaning offensive to the United States. The president of the Geographical society make

a similar statement.

The Dario de la Marina, the leading Havana newspaper and the organ of the reform party, attacks the United States today edi It declares: "It is time we should less arrogance displayed by Yankee officials whenever Spain or a Spanish subject is concerned, and should teach those inflated representatives of the neighboring republic that they must keep their arrogance at home; that they must restrict their actions to their own countrymen-many of them holding official positions-who, in the senate and house, in mass meetings and in the public streets in North American cities in-sult our flag and conspire against our nation, and in open violation of international

INSURGENTS ATTACK A CITY. Insurgents attacked Jaruco Tuesday night, liberated twenty-four prisoners and set fire

to the jall, completely destroying it.

Jaruco is one of the most important towns on the railroad between Havana and Matanzas. It is about twenty-five miles eas of here and has about 25,000 inhabitants. The insurgents entered the town at 9 pm., according to the efficial dispatches, and

first attacked the small garrison stationed there. After being repulsed several times by the garrison, the insurgents gave up trying to take the fort and turned their attention to the prison. The five guards stationed there promptly surrendered, and the rebels opened the doors to the prisoners. Several houses on the outskirts of the town were also fired. The rebels, supposed to belong to the combined forces of Gomez and Maceo, held the

ARMIES MEET IN FORCE.

General Fernandez and his command c Spanish infantry, which had been ordered north from Calaihua, reached Jarruco at day-bresk. Fernandez had been pursuing 1,000 mounted rebels who were on the way from Moline to Guinee. He attacked the insurgents at Jarruco and they retreated, leaving

General Aldecca's column encountered Gomez Tuesday forenoon at the Morales Sugar plantation, near Guines. Some time afterwards General Linare's column me Gomez at Galves. There news was received that General Aldecoa had previously engaged Genez. The Spaniards pursued the Cubans closely and the fighting became general reached. Then there was an encounter last ing two hours, in which artillery was brough into play, and the Spanish cavalry dismounted and fought on foot. The loss was not heavy on either side according to the official bulletins.

There is a rumor that Gomez was wounded in one of these engagements, but it is not he rumor that the government had been approached on the subject by Germany. He added: "We should willingly consider, in conjunction with the Indian government, the respensing of the Indian mints if the measure the properties of a satisfactory scheme for currency who distinguished himself in engagements who distinguished himself in engagements in eastern Cuba in the early part of the cam-paign and later in Pinar del Rio province. has been presented with a tortoise-shell cane by his country-nen-Austrians residing in Havana. He sailed for Spain today, as did

The latter was promoted yesterday.

A Spanish soldier, supposed to be insane, murdered a man in Havana at daylight yesterday, inflicting sixty-five wounds swords and bayonets. On the way i police station the prisoner tried to shoot an

The Swedish corovette Trig has arrived from Kingston.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 20.-The prize schooner Don Zella arrived today in charge of a crew put aboard by the Gloucester bark, J. W. Collins. The vessel and its

CLEARING OUT THE VULCAN MINE. KILLED OVER ONE HUNDRED Resenc Parties Gradually Getting

OMAHA, FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1896.

Out the Dend Bodles. NEW CASTLE, Colo., Feb. 20 .- Up to he Vulcan mine explosion have been recovered. At 5:20 this morning four bodies vere found and brought to the surface. They were the remains of Nick Ress, Robert Cottle, jr., Emil Frank, aged 14, and Willie Dore, 13. At 3 o'clock this afternoon two more bodies were found and half an hour later two more. They were the remains of Robert Steiger, Toney Tapero, John Gampard and Charles Merchant. They were found in the first left entry and all lay within a space of about 100 feet. The bodies were covered with coal and timbers and were terribly diefigured. Their legs and arms LONDON, Feb. 20.—(New York World and ribs were broken and the flames had ablegram—Special Telegram.)—The episode blackened their features almost beyond recognition.

An additional name was this morning added to the list of the victims. It is that of Alfonso Boldis, and increases the number to forty-nine.

The situation at the mine is steadily improving. The air is good and the gas no longer threatens the men. Six hour shifts of twelve men each are being worked and they are steadily pushing their way into the cpenings of the mine and clearing out the coal and timber, which choke their progress. Carl Schmidt was discovered today at-tempting to rob the trunk of Mrs. John Funk, whose husband was killed in Tuesday's explosion. Schmidt and wife were friends of the Funk family and were at the house to sympathize with her. He was promptly arrested and as it was not deemed prudent in the present state of public mind to try him at present, he was sent to the county jail at Glenwood, in default of \$1,000 There are threats of lynching and bail. Schmidt may be sent to Denver for safe keeping. STRUCK A CROWDED STREET CAR.

Injured.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 20 .- About 4:30 this afternoon a caboose on the Erie railroad tracks collided with a Grove street horse car at the Grove street crossing. A loco-motive was making a flying switch at the time, sidetracking the caboose. The gates at the crossing had not been lowered and at the crossing had not been lowered and the horse car attempted to cross the tracks, when it was struck by the caboose. There were about six passengers in the car, all of whom were more or less injured. Harry Bernard, 5 years old, of Milton, N. J., was badly bruised and internally hurt, while his mother was only slightly injured. The boy was removed to St. Francis hospital, and it is thought he cannot live. The other passengers were removed to the Second precinct police station. In addition to the above

sengers were removed to the Second precinct police station. In addition to the above mentioned persons, the following were injured: Mrs. Steward, 1238 Patk avenue, Hoboken, crushed about the head and body; Harry Gross, 5827, Gross street, hurt about the head and back; Morris Fogleson, 305; First street, Hoboken, foot crushed; Edward Voorhies, 254 Greene street, New York, body crushed. The car was driven by Michael Collins of Hoboken, and Conductor W. J. Ellett had charge of the car.

HOUGHTON, Mich. Feb. 20.—A wreck co-curred on the Duluth, South Shore & Attantic railroad last night, nine miles east of here. A freight train was unable to reach the siding at Chassell where it was to be passed by a passenger train, which was over one hour late. The passenger train crashed into the rear of the freight caboose at Sturgeon river, the caboose was telescoped and caught fire from the stove. Brakeman Jerry Donothue was perhaps fatally burned and Conductor Horace Fee was badly folured. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train escaped by jumping. A flagman sent back by the freight crew could not be seen by the passenger engineer on account of the snow storm.

TWO SHIPS ADDED TO THE NAVY. Monitor Monadnock and Ram Katah

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 .- The monitor Monadnock was formally placed in commission at Mare Island navy yard today. The construction of the Monadnock commenced wenty-one years ago and has dragged along at intervals all that time. Naval officers say that she is now a most powerful battle thing that floats. Captain Sumner took command of the vessel today.

lefense ram Katahdin, designed by Admiral Ammon, was formally put into today. The crew, numbering fifty men is now on the receiving ship Vermont, await-ing orders. The officers who have been pelected to take charge of the new vessel are: Richard P. Leary, commander; Lleutenant William Wood, executive officer; J. C. Colwell and George P. Blow, lieutenants; assistant paymaster, Ray Halton; passed assistant surgeon, J. A. Guthrie; passed assistant sur-geon. I. S. K. Reeves.

STILL SEARCHING FOR MRS. CODY. Her Husband Offers a Cash Reward

TACOMA, Feb. 20 .- Mr. Cody has offered a reward of \$500, limited to Pierce county, for he restoration to him before February 28 of his missing wife. He states that while the family and friends were satisfied that a thorough search of the city and vicinity had been made, yet no results having been had of the widespread publicity that has everywhere been given to this mysterious case, the family naturally return to the theory uicide by pistol, as it has been impossible disprove that it was Mrs. Cody who bought the revolver in McNaughton's store on the afternoon of her disappearance. The report that a woman answering Mrs. Cody's description was seen going, and afterward at Memphis, Tenn., is being carefully investigated by Mr. Cody's brother from Kansas City. The brother left Chicago Sunday on the search.

BELLEFONT, Pa., Feb. 20.-Fire broke out at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity college at 3 a. m. this morning and before help at 3 a. m. this morning and before help could arrive the handsome building was entirely destroyed. The students escaped and were compelled to travel through snow in their night clothes. It is supposed the fire originated from an open grate. The loss on the building is \$12,000, partially insured. The students will lose about \$2,000.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 20,—The Leader newspaper building narrowise escaped destruction by fire this morning. A fire started shortly after 6 o'clock and a portion of the fourth floor was badly burned. Water ran down

floor was badly burned. Water ran down into the press room and book bindery, doing considerable damage. All editions of the News and Herald will be issued as usual.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 20 .- A special to the Post from Frankfort says: The death of Judge Grace cast a gloom over both houses of the legislature today. The roll call showed 126 members present; necessary to choice, 64. The ballot resulted: Hunter, 59; Black-burn, 59; Carlisle, 3; McCreary, 1; Burchett, 1; Davis, 1; Crawford, 1; Bate, 1. On re-assembling after the joint assembly both houses adjourned out of respect to the me-

Ex-Governor Robinson Very Low. CHICOPEE FALLS, Mass., Feb. 20.-Ex-Governor Robinson's condition is not in proved today. His right side is paralyzed and he has practically lost his speech. (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Public opinion in Pretoria is in

At New York—Arrived—Georgia, from Liv-erpool; Britannia, from Marseilles, At Glasgow—Arrived—Austrian, from New York. At Bromes-Arrived-Spree, from New York, via Southampton. At New York—Arrived—Southwark, from Antwerp; Munchen, from Genea; Werra, from Bremen.

clock this evening eight more victims of Fearful Havoc Caused by a Dynamite Explosion Near Johannesburg.

VERY FEW VICTIMS WERE WHITE PEOPLE

Eight Carlonds of the Deadly Com-

pound Accidentally Discharged Reduce an Entire Suburb to Chaotle Ruins. (Copyrighted, 1896, by the Associated Press.) JOHANNESBURG, South African Republic,

Feb. 20.—Details are reaching this city today of what is probably the most disastrous dynamite explosion on record in any part of the world. Thousands of people have been rendered homeless by the terrible calamity, about 100 persons are believed to have been killed, some two or three hundred men, women and children have been severely wounded, and many others have been more or less injured.

Viedendorp, the scene of the calamity, suburb of Johannesburg. In it are huddled members of the poorer classes of whites of the Rand-Malays, Kaffirs and Chinamenwho subsist for the most part by doing odd jobs about the place, which is a railway transfer station for the mining districts of the section.

Among the freight cars standing on the shunt lines at Viedendorp yesterday were eight trucks loaded with dynamite. The deadly stuff was hidden under canyas cover-ings to protect it from the rain and sun,

As evening was approaching there was an explosion near the freight depot, so awful in the intensity of its force that the ground for miles around was convulsed as if by an earthquake. Houses rocked and fell, masses of fron, stone, earth, weod and human ruins ware intensity. were burled skywards, the windows of al-most every house in Johannesburg were broken, and people were blown through the

long and eighty feet wide over the spot where the eight trucks of dynamite stood but a few minutes before. The whole of that quarter of Johannesburg was literally blown to pieces. The effects of the explosion could be seen over a radius of more than a mile and almost everything within a haif-mile of where the trucks had been shunted for the night was razed to the ground and crushed by the dynamite beyond redemption. Iron work was twisted and torn, stone destroyed. work was twisted and torn, stone destroyed and brick work purverized.

The headquarters of the Wanderers' club s being used as a mortuary chamber. In the ab room are horrible bodies, rows of charred arms and legs, crushed and burned heads, hands, feet, pleass of flesh, etc., tied up in bags, the whole presenting a sight as blood-curdling as was ever witnessed. Around the club and scene of the explosion the most sickening scenes are witnessed by fathers looking for their children, wives staring blankly at what seemed to be the remains of husbands, the living, many of them badly hurt themselves, hunting for

races of their dead. Probably the best idea of the force explosion can be gathered from the fact that the iron axles of the trucks upon which the dynamite was leaded were driven twenty feet

CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.

How the explosion occurred is not known ut a belief prevails that a thieving Kaffir ound his way to the shunted trucks and that n trying to break open one of the cases of the explosive, being in ignorance of what it obtained, he brought about the disaster which has caused so great a loss of life and which has rendered so many people homeless and

The exact extent of the disaster will never be known. According to the estimates, how-ever, about 100 persons have been killed and about 200 wounded severely. In addition it is estimated that about 100 more have been ess severely injured. Several of the wounded

lave since died of their injuries.
All the hospitals are filled with sufferers from the explosion and many private houses turned into refuges for the wounded and homeless,

Most of the houses in Viedendorp were suit of corrugated iron, as is usual in South African suburbs, and of this material, any-where near the spot where the explosion took

place, hardly a vestige remains. A popular subscription has been opened for the relief of he wounded and homeless Already over \$300,000 has been raised and this amount will reach \$500,000 before night. In addition, steps have already been taken to clear away the debris from the ground, a portion of the money subscribed will be invested in building materials and the worl of reconstructing Visdendorp will be com-menced as soon as the remains of the dead are interred, which will probably be tomorrow and the occasion will be marked by a turnout of almost the whole population of Jo

The Boers and the Uitlanders are working harmoniously in the succoring of the wounded and homeless. The disaster seems to have done a great deal toward healing the sore ness which ramained from the Jameson raid and may do much to cement a new and better feeling between the foreign population

and the Boer rulers.

President Kruger has tolegraphed his sympathy with the people of Johannesburg in this emergency and he has been kept posted on all the details of the great calamity. The amount of dynamits which caused the

terrific disaster, the details of which have already been sent, is ascertained to have been twenty tons. This had been standing of the railway switch for a period of thre days exposed to the sun and air, and this is supposed to have put it into the condition is which its chemical composition was very un stable, so it was ready to be set off from the slightest disturbance.

It is now definitely learned that the num-ber of deaths resulting from the deaster is over 100, besides the large number of

maimed and injured. The distress has resulted from the accident is both and widespread and a large number of firms both here and in London are subscribing liberally to afford relief. Think Kruger Should Accept. CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Feb. 20.

onial Secretary Chamberlain's invitation to go to England to discuss Transvani affairs. MADRID, Feb. 20.—The police have ar-rested several persons on suspicion of expleding a petral last night in the square in front of the palace. The explosion alarmed the royal family, but only a street lamp was

FISHERMEN LOST ON THE ICE. TAKES A SENSATIONAL TURN Caught in the Storm and Unable to

BUFFALO, Feb., 20 .- A rumor was current in the city today that twelve fishermen | Trial of Rev. Dr. Brown Develops Some had lost their lives out on the lake during yesterday's storm and though the report cannot be substantiated, it is believed a number have perished. Between 300 and 350 men are known to have been on the ice fishing when the storm sprang up about 10:30 a. m. and it is thought that some failed to make the land. As a large number of these fishermen

are Pollacks, their absence would not likely be reported for some days in any event.

Several of the returned fishermen report terrible experiences with the blinding snow

storm. Some narrow escapes occurred. An unknown man was found forzen to death near the track of the Grand Trunk railway this side of Port Colborne, Ont., this after-noon. He is supposed to have been a farmer. CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Chleago is experienc-ing the coldest weather of the season. Since yesterday morning the thermometer has not risen above zero, and with a bitter wind blowing, much suffering has ensued. The signal service lowest record was at 6 o'clock this morning, when 9 below was reached, but this morning, when a below was satisfied no explanation thermometers in the suburbs and in various pastor. She was satisfied no explanation parts of the city proper indicated a much could be made regarding the apparently damlower temperature, some marking 14 below. Two deaths have already resulted, Michael Hughes, who was frozen to death while on his way to work, and John Bradley, who was overcome by the cold and fell into the river. Besides these, scores of people who have been compelled to remain out of doors have been severely frostbitten. The cold snap is general throughout the northwest and accordstations were filled with tramps and homeless persons during the night and it is estimated

Chief of Police Badenoch issued orders during the night that none be turned away.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Feb. 20.—No trains have arrived from Rochester or Buffalo since 3 o'clock yesterday, owing to heavy snow. The train from the Falls due here at 6 o'clock last night, got in at 9 o'clock this morning, drawn by three engines. The two trains from Buffalo due here at 6 and 7 o'clock last night, were stalled at the junc-tion half the night. Four engines were sent to the rescue this morning and succeeded in bringing back one car with the passengers. PITTSBURG, Feb. 20 .- The mercury took another drop last night and zero weather pre-vails throughout western Pennsylvania. In this city it is from 2 to 8 degrees below zero, according to exposure, while in the mountains and in northwestern Pennsylvania the mercury is reported to have fallen to 12

that over 1,000 were protected from the cold.

degrees below zero. The prospects are for a continuance of the cold map.

Eric Railrond Completely Blocked. LEROY, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Eric railroad completely blocked. Two trains are stalled ust west of this city and the snow plow and its engine, in attempting to clear the track, became derailed. BATAVIA, N. Y., Feb. 29.—The Canan-

daigua branch of the Central is blocked its entire length. MEXICO HAS NOT TAKEN ANY PART.

Denial that Its Services as Mediator

Have Been Offered. CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 20 .- Foreign Reations Minister Mariscal said today that the Mexican government had never thought of making an offer of its good offices to Engand, either in the boundary question or in the Uruan incident, but the Venezuelan minister at Washington proposed to the Mexican minister, Romero, that we should au-thorize our minister in London, and subse-quently let Mr. Romero go on some kind of a mission, for the purpose of negotiating with the British government respecting the Venezuelan government. Before making any proposals of our good offices we procured the necessary information, and ascertained that on motion of Venezuela, another minhad already offered his mediation in the matter, and that the offer had been accepted by Lord Salisbury, and that negolations were pending; consequently, we have nothing to do in the matter, at least for

he present. The Cuban colony, having proposed to telebrate on the 24th inst. the first anniversary of the rising of Cuba, the federal listrict has informed them it cannot be permitted. It was feared it would provoke cuble with the resident Spanish colony.

Catholie Young Men's Institute. DENVER, Colo., Feb. 20.-The supreme council of the Catholic Young Men's in stitute, now in session in this city, has elected officers as follows: Supreme chaplain, Archbishop P. W. Riordan, California;
supreme president, J. J. McDade, California; supreme first vice president, Senator M. T. Corcora, Ohio; supreme second
vice president, P. B. Costello, Kansas;
supreme secretary, F. D. Lyon, Kentucky,
nupreme treasurer, W. E. Kenney, Ohio;
supreme directors, P. B. O'Brien of Illinois, F. J. Muraski of California, F. J.
Kiera of California, J. F. Collier of Indiana, H. W. Rives of Kentucky, J. L.
Gaynor of Pennsylvania, F. E. McEntepe
of Ohio, and John P. McEntee of Oregon.
A resolution was adopted to set aside a
certain percentage each year to constitute a fund, with its accretions, for the
purpose of disseminating literature setting
forth the facts in regard to the Roman
Catholics. With this money a bureau for
the circulation of booklets, tracts and circulars will be established, also a lecture
bureau. elected officers as follows: Supreme

Kansas City Times Sold. O. Cox, a prominent local banker, Kansas City Times Newspaper company, which was sold under the auctioneer's hammer for \$82,300. The property was placed in the hands of Mr. Cox as receiver last fall at the request of certain creditors. Then were but three bidders. The Remington Paper company, the principal creditors, through Charles E. Crysler, made the second best bid, and E. F. Swingey, vice president of the First National bank of this city, the third. The bonded indebtedness of the Times company is \$200,000. Mr. Cox will run the property for himself personally. Kansas City Times Newspaper company or himself personally.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20 .- President Charles A. Blanchard of Wheaton college, Wheaton Ill., and Dr. Frances S. Carothers of Des Moines, Ia., were married at Pilgrim Congregational church Wednesday morning, by Rev. M. Burnham. The groom has been connected with Wheaton college in various capacities for the last twenty-four years. Several years ago he published a book purporting to expose the secrets of Masonry and attained widespread notoriety therefrom. The bride, Dr. Carothers, has been practicing medicine in Des Moines for ten years. One peculiar feature of the wedding is its celebration in a strange city, away from the friends of the contracting parties. III., and Dr. Frances S. Carothers of Des

ST. PAUL, Feb. 20.—To a representative of the Associated press today Archbishop Ireland said: "The report coming from Ireland said: "The report coming from Halifax that Pope Leo XIII, has granted a full, or even an "avinculo" divorce on the ground of infidelity on the part of the woman is clearly a misrepresentation of the facts in the case. The positive, inflexible teachings of the Catholic church is that a valid marriage contract, duly consummated, cannot be annulled or made by any authority in state or church, death alone terminating its obligations.

Williams May Decline the Bishopric MILWAUKEE, Feb. 20.—It is by no has just been elected bishop of the Marhas just been elected bishop of the Mar-quette, Mich, diocese, will accept the honor. His friends in this city say the newly elected bishop seriously considers declining the ecclesiastical honor because of the danger of dividing the diocese into factions were he to accept. One gentle-man, who enjoys close intimacy with Mr. Williams, is satisfied that he will never accept the office under the circumstances.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Feb. 20. The condi-tion of Bill Nye shows no material change from that of last night. He remains in an unconscious condition, but appears to be sinking.

Spicy Testimony.

WOMAN SAYS THE MINISTER KISSED HER

Prevented by Her Attorney from Answering Some Question, Unless the Answers Were Kept from the Papers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.-When the council which is to try Dr. Brown convened this afternoon Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, assistant paster to Dr. Brown, and one of his accusers, was recalled for cross-examination. She declared she had done everything possible to bring out the truth of the charges against Brown, and denied that she had acted in an unscriptural manner toward her pastor. She was satisfied no explanation aging letters ostensibly written by Miss Overman. She repeated that she was morally certain Mrs. Tunnel had been spirited away by Dr. Brown to prevent her testifying against the minister.

The judge advocate at this stage asked for an adjournment until Tuesday. Dr. general throughout the northwest and actining to the weather bureau there is no immediate prospect of moderation. The police the delay as unfair to all concerned after the long delay in calling the council, and it

was finally determined to proceed.

Mrs. Lena Blanchard was then called and told of an interview with Dr. Brown in which he had threatened her with arrest for voting lack of confidence in Dr. Brown at a church meeting, the witness not being a member. Witness said Brown promised her immunity from prosecution if she would sign an affidavit confessing that Mrs. Cooper had urged her to vote, although not a member. Witness had, first signed such an affidavit, but afterward amended the affidavit. However, witness said Brown had allowed a newspaper to publish the affidavit in its original form. She held Brown responsible for the publication, Mrs. Davidson, the cause of all of Dr.

Mrs. Davidson, the cause of all of Dr. Brown's troubles, appeared before the council today in charge of a deputy sheriff and filed her charges against the minister. She accuses Brown of adultery with Miss Overman; with causing a criminal operation to be performed, and with various kinds of deceptions. She also says to has a statement in reserve which is a "scorcher."

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An attorney for Mrs. Steckton also appeared and stated that Mrs. Stockton would testify against Dr. Brown provided she were assured protection. This is taken to mean that Mrs. Stockton fears that legal proceedings may be brought against her.

After Mrs. Blanchard had told her story, members of the council and Dr. Brown attempted to question her. Mrs. Rogers who

tempted to question her. Mrs. Rogers, who says Mrs. Blanchard told her that Mrs. Cooper urged her to vote, was also present, and insisted that Mrs. Blanchard had told the facts as stated. Mrs. Blanchard grew in-tensely excited. "You lie! You lie!" she shricked. Efforts to calm her were unavalling and she was led from the room shricking and crying. The council then adjourned until evening.

At the evening session, to which only reporters were admitted, another sensation was sprung. Mrs. Albertine Stockton, whom Dr. Brown said had attempted to blackmail him long before the Davidson affair, went on the

Mrs. Stockton sald that Dr. Brown had kissed her and had taken liberties with her. They had gone on long walks, and had dined at the Maison Riche, a French restaurant. Once while she was sick in her room with grip. Brown had called and kissed her. Later she said that Brown had wronged her.

On cross-examination, Rev. Mr. Williams, a member of the council, asked her if the had met Dr. Brown at any other place than the ones she had already mentioned, and if their relations had been these of husbund and wife. Mrs. Stockton started to answer, but her

attorney interrupted her and told her not o answer the question unless the reports present would agree not to publish the an-

papers had printed everything against him and he did not see why Mrs. Stockton should be favored. He wanted all the facts made answer should not be made public, and said that if the reporters would agree not to pub-lish it they would be allowed to remain. Dr. Brown thereupon declared that he had not promised secrecy, and that he would

publish Mrs. Stockton's answer if she prade Mr. Williams then withdrew his question and Dr. Brown said he would not divulge anything Mrs. Stockton did not wish pubished. The council then excluded all re-

SOUTH DAKOTA MASONS MEET.

Annual Gathering of the Scottish Rite Order at Yankton. YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 20.-(Special.)-The annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Order of Free Masonery for South Dakota is being held at Yankton this week and is attended by prominent Masons from the northwest. The Masonic Aid association elected its officers for the ensuing year today as follows: President, L. B. French, Yankton; vice president, D. H. Wheeler, Omaha; G. F. Stevenson, Yankton, secretary; W. H. McVey,

upon for the April election, arc: Republican, mayor, A. B. Wilcox or William Powers; treasurer, W. H. Edmunds: marshal, William Logan; police justice, S. A. Boyles, People's ticket, mayor, A. M. English; marshal, George Adamson; treasurer, M. P. Ohl-man; police justice, J. H. Matthews. A. A. Grant, the present chief of police, is said

Yankton, treasurer,

o be a candidate for sheriff on the populist bridge across the Missouri here, preparing for laying the pler foundations

GIRL HOLDS UP A SHERIPF. Bold Attempt to Collect a Debt in South Dakota. CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Feb. 20 .- (Special Telegram.)-Minnie Sliendorf, a 17-year-old girl, drew a revolver on Sheriff Miller of Aurora county and threatened to kill him if he did not pay her \$35. Miller is administrator of the estate of the girl's grandfather, and the amount is claimed for nursing him during his illness. The girl was disarmed, after a struggle, and confessed that brother-in-law, John Burns, gave her weapon, instructing her in its use, and advised her to force collection of the amount claimed. Burns was arrested, and in default of \$5,000 bonds, new lies in the Aurora county jail. His trial takes place next month. The girl will be sent to the State Reform school.

Reform school. Made the Process Instantaneous. ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 20 - After experi-menting for two weeks in his laboratory in West Orange, Thomas A. Edison today succeeded in taking an instantaneous photograph by means of the Roentsen rays, from fluorescent tubes, the rays having penetrated a heavy cardboard and a vulcanized fiber plate holder. In another experiment a sharply defined image of a metal strip was made on a plate with four and a half inches of wood between the plate and the fluorescent tube, and after an exposure of tweive minutes the photograph was, taken. Mr. Edison said that by the end of the present week he would be ready to try to take a picture of the human brain. n West Orange, Thomas A. Edison today

Sending Money to Miss Barton. NEW YORK, Feb. 20. The National Armenian relief committee today sent \$25,600 by cable to Miss Clara Earton at Constantinople.