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### **REFORMS MAY PREVENT WAR** QUIET CHRISTMAS AT HAVANA. People Too Poor to Indulge in Any Particular Display.

Spanish Officials Prefer This Treatment of the Rebellion.

MEANS A FRIENDLY UNDERSTANDING

Canovas Alleged to Have No Excuse for Having Falled to Put in Effect Laws Passed Years Ago for that Island.

(Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) MADRID, via Bayonne, France, Dec. 25 .--(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Spanish statesmen generally and Spanish soldiers are loth to say anything just at this juncture for publication, either here or in the United States. Even Martinez Campos, ordinarily so outspoken. declines any expression of his views.

enters the councils of the regency, today made the following statement:

"I think that everybody in Spain knows that our chief. Sagasta, recently, on the ocession of his visit to the palace, placed before the queen our unanimous opinion on the expediency of promptly carrying out in the lower classes in Hyvana, all of whom the experiency of promptry carrying out in the lower chasses in Fiyvana, an of whom are suffering from the business depression, it is remarkable how quiet they are. Small-cortes last year, but even a pox and yellow fever continue. Smallpox has increased in the last few days. That our Parliament authorized two years WILLIAM SHAW BOWEN. ago. We are sure that economical reforms would be the shortest road to the pacification ago. of Cuba and a friendly understanding with the United States. We cannot see that The United States, we cannot see that Premier Canovas has given a single plaus-ible reason for his systematic postponement of these reforms. They are, I fear, in reality repugnant to his lifelong ideas in Cuba, colonial policy, and equally repugnant to the ideas of Spanish and Cuban conserva-tives. Why should not these reforms be corrided out as far, and as quickly as poscarried out as far and as quickly as pos-sible at the same time as the military op-erations against the rebels in Cuba, who

decline to accept anything short of inde-pendence? The liberal party shares the belief of many military men who frankly admit that Cuba cannot be pacified exclusively by force of arms, and this opinion is shared by Sagasta, Maura, Gamazo, Vega, and Armijo, all of our ex-ministers and generals belonging to the liberal party. CANOVAS IS SELFISH.

"Canovas follows a selfish policy, simply calculated to secure longer tenure of office and to prepare a favorable opportunity for retiring with popularity and prestige if he fails and has to hand over the reins of government to successors who would have to undertake to repair his mistakes in the most disadvantageous conditions, both in Spain and in Cuba, and in our relations with the United States. Canovas ought to know that the very interest and fate of our mon-archy are staked upon the results of our policy, and this increases his responsibility, especially as our queen admirably and nobly plays her part of constitutional sovereign and has shown anxiety only for more prac-tical and prompt results of the mational sacrifice in men and money, and she has insisted upon more morality in Cuban and

Spanish administration. WILL SPEAK OUT LATER.

"We liberals loyally and patriotically suspending the sentence of the first district judge, who a few days ago decreed an em-but we will speak out when the time comes in Parblament against a policy that we conin Parsyment against a policy that we ton-nider facilty, short-sighted and bad. We will ask for complete data on the negotia-tions which we are perfectly aware have been going on between the Spanish and the building syndicate, now in possession of the line, to make a deposit of \$4,000,000 for the line protection of all claims against the com-tally destroyed St. Stephen's Episconal

Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) HAVANA, Dec. 25.-(New York World Disastrons Christmas Day Conflagration in (Copyright, Cablegram - Special Telegram.)-Christmas eve, usually an occasion of hilarity here, passed in comparative quiet. There was music, as usual, on the plaza and a few NARROW ESCAPE FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS people danced and sung in the streets until morning, but the general aspect of the city

suggested the fact that it was under mar-tial law, although no increase of the mili-tary is apparent. The customary midnight Fifty-Eight Sufferers, Men, Women and Children, Are Carried Out to a Nearby Hotel with the mass at the different churches was sus pended. The people as a rule remained at home and ate roast pig and roaster chest-nuts, the conventional dishes. Everybody NEW YORK, Dec. 25 .- Fire this morning

New York City.

Ald of Police.

floor of Nos. 211-213 was occupied by the snuff factory of Adolph Pinner. It is be-lieved that the fire started in the snuff fac-

tory. A part of the top floor of the factory building was occupied by the New England

Car Springs company. The fire in East Thirty-third street had

been burning from 6 until 7 o'clock before

s too poor for display. Consul Brice at Matanzas has informed destroyed two big buildings on East the State department at Washington that a hostile demonstration against the consulate Thirtisthird street, partially destroyed was contemplated three days ago. The people of that sity are greatly incensed over the speeches in the senate. The governor of the city becoming aware of the intended demonstration, sent word to the leaders that he would lock them in the calaboose if they started any disorder. Consequently The structures which were destroyed were declines any expression of his views. Senor Moret, however, who will be minis-ter of foreign affairs if the liberal party enters the councils of the regency, today prudent and avoid discussion of politics. The consul is a timid man. Last winter 213 to 231, used as a factory building. The Last winter first and second floors of Nos. 211-213 were he became alarmed and sent an excited letter

WHY WEYLER SHOULD ACT AT ONCE

### Spaln Must Have Money and Cannot Borrow at Present.

1896, by Press Publishing Co. MADRID Dec. 25 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-One of the principal reasons given by the Spanish government for insisting upon General Weyler making a decisive attempt to clear the making a decisive attempt to clear the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Ma-tanzas within a few weeks is the urgent ne-consity of scoring a military success before Spain has once more to appeal to the ma-fourth street, burst into flames. The Spain has once more to appeal to the ma-tive and foreign market for fresh loans when she exhausts the money obtained by recert interior loans, namely, in March next year. The expenses of the war for Cuba are \$12,000,000 monthly, and for the Philip-nios \$12,000,000 Un to the present the Span. pines \$4,000,000. Up to the present the Span-ish treasury has assisted the Cuban treas ury by guaranteeing advances made by for

moment is fast approaching when the Span-ish taxpayers must be asked to provide in the shape of additional taxation \$25,000,000 annually for the interest and sinking fund of \$240,000,000 thus far raised to meet only in part the expenses of the Cu-ban war up to March, 1897, and which the Cuban budget and Cuban taxpayers could not possibly undertake to pay even if the war soon terminated. The budgets have showed deficits averaging \$5,000,000 annually before the present insurrection.

HIGHER COURT SUSPENDS SENTENCE

Embargo on Monterey & Mexican Raflway Property Rests. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 25.—The Second 000, were slightly damaged, while the stock and wood cuts were nearly destroyed. The federal district court has issued a decision

losses, however, are more than covered by insurance. The total loss will probably b under \$50,000. Two years ago today th same building was burned. That fire was more disastrous, for the Call was burned ou That fire was and the building had to be reconstructed. Peter McCabe, a fireman, today fell from the two-story building adjoining and was & Mexican railway in the interest and pro-

illes.

deatroyed St. Stephen's Episco

lected for the Cabinet. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A special to th

Secretary of the navy, Cornellus N. Bliss

Attorney general, Nathan Goff of West

TWO LARGE BUILDINGS BURN TREATY WAS MADE WITH BANK. Concessions to Russia Were not Granted by Chinese Government. LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Times dispatch from St. Petersburg says: It is alleged that the Russo-Chinese treaty which recently caused so much comment is not between the two governments, but between the Chinese government and the Russo-Chinese here government and the reason these bank, which was funded a year ago by the directors of the Russian International bank. The treaty is dated September 8. The Rus-so-Chinese bank formed the railway com-pany, which an imperial ukase re-cently sanctioned under the name of the Eastern Railway company, with a capital of 5,000 operblas to construct and work a

Strike Off for the Present,

Walk Out Again.

5,000,000 roubles, to construct and work a rallway from the western frontier of Hel Lung Chiang to the eastern frontier of Kirin. in Manchuria, to connect with branches of the Siberian railway, it being also provided that the holders of the shares must be either Thirtysthird street, partially destroyed the New York Polyclinic hospital and compelled the removal of its patients, drove a score of families from their homes in adjoining buildings and did \$500,000 damage. The structures which were destroyed were

tion. China obtains nominal control by appointhe became alarmed and sent an excited letter to Consul General Williams stating that he expected trouble. Consul Williams ridi-culed his fears and time proved that be was right. Considering the excitable nature of the lower classes in Havana, all of whom are suffering from the business depression, it is remarkable how quiet they are. Smallticup. the strike.

Smallpox Smallpox S. Structure and the control and the down and goods will be otherwise fa-vored. Security and the security of the securi Plano company, allied concerns, which had their factory in the upper floors of the factory building. The rear part of the upper

Says His Public Life is Not Ended and Will Not Be Just Yet. FORT ELIZABETH, Cape Colony, Dec. 25. At a banquet tendered to fl.cil Rhodes here a. m.

he made a speech, in the course of which he declared that his public life was not end-ed and that he would not , by up his seat he declared that his public life was not ended, and that he would not , We up his seat in Parliament until he was turned out. He assorted that no savage country can remain a part of Africa. Cape Colony, he said, would be the dominant power south of Cenyclinic, was a miy the Thirty-s. The d to re-te Dela-the dis-v squad with the late Charles Stewert Parnell he to sub-the sid, could to re-to cultivate a closer union with other South African communities.

physicians in charge at once decided to re-move the fifty-eight patients and the Delaware hotel near by was placed at the dis-posal of the Polyclinic officials. A squad of policemen began the removal of the sick had promised him that a clause should be in-serted in the home rule bill which would people and all were carried out in safety. In the tenement house just west of the permit representatives from the colonies to sit at Westminster. LONDON, Dec. 25.—Ceell Rhodes' speeches burning buildings lived twenty-four fam-ilies. These were all removed to places of

illes. These tool of the factory building real safety. The roof of the factory building real within an hour after the fire was discov-ered. The wall to the west tumbled down upon the tenement house. The cast wall went down on Schuller's hotel. The loss is well covered by insurance. The safety is the safety of the same set in the same set is the sa went down on Schuller's note. well covered by insurance. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Fire this alternoon destroyed the plant of Francis Valentine & Co., one of the largest printing bout to meet." In his speech at the ban-about to meet." In his speech at the ban-quet tendered to him at Fort Elizabeth he referred to the mether country as a power Light and Power company, and spread to the first floor, where the Buswell Binding out of sympathy with him, to which he

had presented a new colony. The Times protects against Rhodes bul-lying the British public, "who have stood by him during a year of trouble, and who are prepared to accord him a fair bearing." company was wiped out. The upper floors were occupied by Francis Valentine & Co. Their presses, which were insured for \$30.-BUILDING A MERCHAST MARINE.

> London Times Says Assories Could if She Would Rivel Unviand.

on, and a large number of the employes crowded the streets and apariments near LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times has a spe-cial article this more antile mar w, in which it says: "The United States have ac-which it says: "The United States have ac-markable things that will achieve a great deal more. From a (Charlestown). President Young of the Con-The Westmore urely commercial and monetary point of ductors'. Motormen and Drivers' union lew, rivaling the British marine is less headed the list. More than 100 discharges The caus ifficult than might appear. The task of were also made on division 2 (Lenox street ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 25.-Fire gutted the Huffman hotel building. Loss on the difficult than might appear. The lask of building such a fleet is comparatively small line), and it is said a black list has been pre-millions in railways. But the question is, mane of every employe of the company which contains the twee shull? Looking to the fact that it president Young says the strike is off za far struction in corned. He admits that come of the union is con-carrying trade and to the heavy cest of con-On millions in railways. But the question is, What would they do with such a navy when it was built? Looking to the fact that it Potter Bros.' department store the loss was \$90,000; insurance, \$60,000. The store was filled with Christmas shoppers when the flames broke out and spread rapidly, crestruction in America, as compared with Eng-land, it is safe to assume that England has having been discharged, may ignore the ulti-matum of the supreme council and inaugu-rate another strike. It is generally thought ittle to fear for a long time to come."

SING THE BEE BULLE CARS ARE RUNNING AS USUAL Weather Forecast for Nebraska-Fair and Slip 1. Spanish Hope to Avold War Boston Street Railway Men Declare Their Disastrons Fire in New York Boston Strikers Not Entire affed State Treasurer's Annual Sta Christmas Day at the White House. MEN ARE FAR FROM SATISFIED, HOWEVER Maher Wins an Easy Fight. Narrowly Escapes Being Lynched. . How Omaha People Spent Christmas. Some of Their Leaders Have Been Dis-Old Freighter Days on the Frontier. charged, and They May Ignore 4. Editorial and Comment. Advice of Officers and 5. Thurston on Union Pacific Legislation Cuban Sentiment Changing. Court Holds Contracts Sacred. 6. Council Bluffs News. BOSTON, Dec. 25 .- The west end strike Trailing Precious Metals. declared off by the supreme council of the 7. Financial and Commercial. Motormen's and Conductors' union at an South Omaha News, early hour this morning, came to an end in 8, Russia Goes to the Gold Basis. How Confederate Money Was Made. fact as the hours of Christmas day rolled by. Following close upon the successful op-9. Sale of Otoz Reservation Lands. Presents for the Presidents. erations of early morning cars, the old em-In the Field of Electricity. ployes applied for reinstatement in such Santa Claus in Nebraska. numbers that regular trips of electric cars 10. Bits of Feminiae Gossip. on all lines were resumed and accommoda-Massachusetts and the Moth. tion for the traveling public was ample long 11. Stories Told of Wizard Herrmann. before noon. As the hours passed the num-12. Youngest Prospector on the Calaveras ber of cars in commission steadily increased, and so quiet were matters that few people from observation would know of yesterday's WRINLEY IS HIS MOTHER'S GUEST. The West End management, true to its ultimatum, engaged such of its old Christmus Day at Canton Passed in employes as it desired, but declined the Good Old Fashioned Way. services of those prominently identified with CANTON, O., Dec. 25 .- Ideal Christmas weather prevailed in Canton today, Pres-What threatened to be the most exident-elect McKinley and his household made tensive strike in the history of this city was averted by the action of the the most of the opportunities offered. No supremo council of the motormon and con-ductors' union, when, after a protracted thought was given to work or business during the day, Private Secretary Boyle joined session, the strike was declared off at 12:30 his wife and daughter at Columbus, Hon. This afternoon traffic was resume Joseph P. Smith went to his home in Urbana and others of the official household went to their homes. The greater part of the morning Major and Mrs. McKinley spent in

driving about in a double-seated cutter, having with them on their little jaunts the The speedy ending of the strike began to be unilcipated yesterday afternoon, when, in spite of the efforts of the union, the emvarious members of the family at the old conestead, where Mother McKinley and her ployes of the South Boston lines refused to join in the movement, and until in the daughter, Miss Helen, reside. At this modest little home the president-elect ate his Christ-mas turkey. It is many a year since he evening these cars were almost the only ones to be seen in the street. By 6 o'clock. ate Christmas turkey any other place, no matter what has been his official position. however, one or two care of the Grove Hall lines were seen, and later a few desultory

Today's gathering was strictly a family affair. The dinner was served at the old-fashioned hour of midday and digested while trips were made on the other lines Meanwhile the executive council of the met was trying to convince the importunate strikers that the movement could not sucthe family sat around the open fire in the sitting room and discussed matters of inter-cet to the family. The evening was spent at the major's home with the guests at the diamer party and a few close friends who cood when it had been begun in face of the promise of the council to defer the strike at the major's home with the guests at the dimer party and a few close friends who dropped in informally. Several young peo-ple with musical accomplishments were in the party and same and played the favorite selections of Mrs. McKinley. There were a until the directors of the road should have time to consider the agreement presented by the men. At last the argument of the company prevailed, and although the decision selections of Mrs. McKinley. There were a few social callers during the day, but they to declare the strike off is not satisfactory to many of the employes, nevertheless the subject has been presented to them in such were not numerous, and there was none from a light that they can see no other way of maintaining the honor of the committee or out of the city whose mission was of public significance. The season's greetings came by of their union. As soon as the news of the committee's action became known prepletter and by wire to Major and Mrs. Mc-Kinley from their friends in all parts of the country, and there was also a number of arations were made to reopen operations carly this morning on all lines. At the usual hours the men began to report, and while some changes, necessary to the gen-cral withdrawal of the cars as in rotty mementoes sent with the well wishes of friends and admirers.

cral withdrawal of the cars at 10 o'clock, were made, there was little to indicate that anything unusual had occurred. At WELSH EISTEDDFOD AT PITTSBURG.

Four Hundred Singers Render Music

For Hundred Singers Reader Music for Many Auditors. PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—The opening of the annual Welsh Eisteddfod at Old City hall this afternoon was a success, both in music union headquarters this morning not a per-non was to be found, the executive officers being at their homes. At the executive offices of the company enrolment was going and attendance. About 400 singers from

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# NEBRASKA'S BALANCE SHEET

State Treasurer Bartley's Biennial Report of Affairs of His Office.

OVER A MILLION AND A HALF ON HAND

Financial Transactions of the Last Two Years Show Accumulation of Cash, Outstanding Warrants and Delinquent Taxes.

LINCOLN, Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-In the introduction to his biennial report to the governor State Treasurer Bartley seta forth the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the period covered front the close of business November 30, 1894, to December 1, 1896. From the detailed exhibits are found:

Total Disbursed November 30, 1894, to December 1, 1896..... ...\$4,785 982.29 3,059,354.99

Balance November 30, 1896...\$1,729,627,30 From this amount are to be deducted the follows:

.\$ 271,522.08 Total ..... Balance "During the present month," says the re-

port, "the temporary school balance as per statement, \$256,582,88, less amount in suspended depository banks (\$24 624.58), will be apportioned and paid to the several counties, decreasing the cash in the state treasury at the time of this report to that amount. There is now in the state depository banks funds to apply upon the payment of regis-tered general fund warrants in amount of \$589,370.39, Icss amount in suspended de-pository banks, \$58,453.36, which will, when applied, further reduce the cash balance to that extent.

"In addition to general fund floating indebtedness shown in previous reports and occasioned largely by excess in appropriations over the amount raised by levy to meet the same, under a similar condition existing during the blennium for which this report is made, the floating indebtedness of

cess was the unusual demand for relief re-quiring an appropriation of \$250,000, and the reimbursing of the sinking fund for \$180,000

Termburship of the sinking runa for \$180,000 lost in the Capital National state depository, "The outstanding registered general fund warrants November 30 are in amount \$1,934,-069.13, which, after deducting the cash on hand cited above to apply on same, have for their redemption the uncollected taxes of 1895-6, and delinquents from previous years, which from the statement of the auditor of public accounts, are \$2,330,692.76, and if paid in will take up the entire out-tanding warrants and have a bulance of standing warrants and leave a balance of \$927,540,60."

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those securities in the last four years: From unty bonds. which will be ready livery to the state January 1, making a total bond purchase since November 30, 1892, of \$989,677.92. "The bonded indebtedness of the state has funding bonds, due April 1, 1897, there is now on hand in the sinking fund \$317,840.04. Of these funding bonds the state has pur-chased and holds in the permanent school fund \$326,267.35. The balance, \$123,000, are e held by outside parties, so that what romains e held by outside parties, so that what romains after applying the sinking when the bonds are due, can be held by the state, awaiting the delayed collections to meet them, without incurring any injury to the state's credit. The experience of this de-partment during this blennium with the state depository law has not been such as to change the opinion expressed in the bi-ennial report from this office two years ago, or to show the law profitable to the state."

recent notes exchanged between the two foreign offices, and as regards the European governments it is no secret that they all advised Canovas to carry out the colonial

"The liberal party has great faith in the efficiency of diplomatic action in the new and old worlds, if only they are appealed to in a timely and proper way, and we think it easily conducive to a friendly un-derstanding with the United States.

"It is rumored that General Weyler had have fresh operations against the insur-tation of the second state of the second the disposition of bands and their chiefs since the death of Maceo, with a view to feeling his way to preparing the ground for finishing the present Cuban war like the past insurrections in Spain, where money and unofficial negotiations proved more telling arguments than force

quickly and directly with the United States to secure American neutrality by granting discriminating concessions in the contem-plated Cuban tariff and fair promises of plated Cuban tariff and fair promises of adjourned until December 31. At that time plonial authority before the accession of the government representative will give his McKinley.

Spain Almost Willing to Mediate. LONDON, Dec. 23.-The correspondent of the Standard at Madrid says: All rumor of the acceptance of the United States mediation in Cuba are premature, but it is undeniable that the Spanish people are growing less refractory to the idea of understanding with the United States

If only the idea of Cuban independence i dropped, and Spain is allowed to execute her own ideas of colonial reform. All ru-mors pointing to unofficial action by the Suropean powers are unfounded, except that the powers generally have advised Spain to grant to her colonies autonomy, and to make her own terms with the United States, if she can so hasten the pacification of Cuba.

### Europe Might Stand by Spain

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- The Times' Paris cor respondent says: The Washington government has been confidentially informed, although in very friendly terms, that the European powers would not remain passive should the United States recognize or eucourage the Cuban insurgents. If my in-formation is correct, an intimation has been further given that Germany is quite ready even now, to take Spain's side should the United States show a disposition officially to alde with the rebels. These warnings originated in the course of pourparlers for European coalition against revolutionary socialism.

### Spanish Military Preparations

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- A Madrid dispatch to the Daily Mail says that General Aszcarraga minister of war, whose health has been shattered with overwork, has risen from a bed of sickness in order to direct the war-like preparations which are going forward with feverish haste in all of the arms and ammunition factories. By the middle of February all of the infantry of Spain will be armed with Mauser rifles. The Toledo fac tory is turning out 40,000 cartridges daily.

Sultan Looking After Finances. LONDON, Dec. 25.-The Times Constanti-Nople correspondent says: Sir Edgar Vincent, director of the Ottoman bank, informs me that the sultan is devoting himself to the finances and is ordaining important reducpress in Uruguay. tions of the military expenditures and a 10 per cent reduction in the civil list.

### Laying a New Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- According to a Berin dispatch to the Times the new cable om Emden to Vigo has been completed. It is regarded as the first installment of a great Transatlantic cable intended to connect Germany with North America by way of the the Times says that M. Nobel bequeathed a Azores.

### Russia Is Watching Japan.

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- A dispatch to the Graphic from Paris says: It is stated that a Russian fleet of twelve vessels has been stationed at Viadivostock to watch Japan, which is suspected of meditating another blow at China.

the protection of all claims against the comtally pany. The Second district judge may re-voke his sentence, but if he does not the church, one of the largest edifices city, early this morning. case must go to the supreme court. The Mexican Herald advises American creditors land club adjoining was gutted. of the fire is unknown. Loss \$200,000. to have patience and confide in the equity of that high tribunal which has always pro-tected property rights. hotel was \$85,000; insurance, \$40,000,

Clubs have been organized in many citics which favor the recognition of Cuban bel-Hgerency. There is great interest shown here in the foot ball game between the American teams

ating a panic. No one was seriously burned. The flames were confined to the hotel within a few hours. The hotel was the property to arrive here tomorrow. **Princess** von Wrede's Divorce of D. J. Stewart of Rockford; John Huff-PARIS, Dec. 25 .- The trial of the divorce

man, manager. case of the Princess von Wrede, who M'KINLEY HAS MADE UP HIS MIND. charges her husband with having gone through the ceremony of marriage with an List of Names Said to Have Been Se of arms, directly the insurgents than force of arms, directly the insurgents saw no more hope of foreign aid. It is also be-lieved in diplomatic circles that Soulo be-filled with a crowd of loafers American heiress at Geneva, is not marked bloved in diplomatic circles that Spain will fake advantage of dispositions of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney to negotiate quickly and directly with the United State Times-Herald from Washington says: It is now possible to give some important news concerning the progress which Presidentelect McKinley has made in making up his cabinet slate. It is incorrect that Major nice points of international law. The princess was present yesterday, when the trial was McKinley has fully and finally determined

Dance Until Nightfall.

whom he will ask to be his ministers. S far only two direct offers of places in th cabinet have been made, one of these to Mr. Hanna, who is not likely to be in the cabiopinion of the legal points raised. net at all and the other to Governor Ding

ley. But the president-elect has practically determined the composition of his cabinet, LIMA, Peru, Dec. 25 .- (via Galveston.) The matinee entertainment given by Mr.

except as to one or perhaps two places. Unless he changes his mind the following Richard R. Neill, secretary of the United States legation, in honor of Admiral Beards-lee of the United States cruiser Philadelwill be the McKinley cabinet when it is finally announced: phia, yesterday proved a great success. Mr Neill's daughter, Mrs. Drew, and Mrs. Mac kenzic, wife of the United States minister Secretary of state, John Sherman of Ohio Secretary of the treasury, Nelson Dingley of Maine. acted as hostesses, and more than 100 women Secretary of war, ex-Governor William R. well known in Lima society, as well as a number of officers, were present. There was Merriam of Minnesota.

dancing until 7 p. m. The marine band of the Philadelphia, in scarlet and gold uniforms, attracted great attention. Bring the Sultan to Time

Germans Have Some Fear

Restores Liberty of the Press.

passed through here today on the Olivette,

on their way to Havana.

for arms.

tion of German sugar.

Postmaster general, Henry C. Payne of CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 25 .- When the Wisconsin, French and Italian ambassadors protested

Secretary of agriculture, Judge Waymire of California. to the sultan against Mazhar Bey, who is held to be responsible for the Salvator mur QUARRELED OVER A BUFFALO ROBE der being included in the general amnesty, they requested their respective governments to send fleets to Alexandretta. This step was taken in view of a possible miscarriage of justice, which France and Italy are re-Double Murder in a New York Town on the Night Before Christmas. CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 25 .- A double mur der occurred at Rathbunville, fifteen miles solved at all hazards shall not happen. A11 east of this city, last night. William Allen, of the ambassadors have refused the Porte's

of New York

Virginia.

William Harrington and Cloyd Myers quarrequest that all foreign vessels be searched reled about the possession of a buffalo robe while in ar intoxicated condition. Myers had the robe at his home, and Allen and LONDON, Dec. 25 .- The Standard's Berlin Harrington drove there at 10 o'clock last night and domanded it. They were met by Myers, who had a shotgun. When the men demanded the robe Myers shot both of them. Harrington was in the buggy at the time. correspondent remarks upon the apprehension of German merchants that the irritation in America at Germany's prohibition of

American meat will result in further repris-als; for example, the compulsory examinaand the horses started at the report of the gun. Allen died at 12:15 this morning. The bodies of both men were terribly torn. Mytion of all German wines and the placing of serious obstacles in the way of the importaers was captured at 2 o'clock this mornin

and is now in jail. Serious Charge Against Von Tausch LONDON, Dec. 25 .- A dispatch to the HANNA IS SLIGHTLY INDISPOSED. Standard from Berlin says that Major von

**Republican** Chairman May Tausch, the commissioner of political detec-Go South with His Wife Next Month, CLEVELAND, Dec. 25.-Concerning tives, who became implicated by the testi-mony in the trial of German journalists for libelling the foreign office, will be tried for lese majeste, in addition to perjury. LONDON, Dec. 25-A dispatch from Montevideo to the Times says that a decree general health is excellent. For sevhas been issued restoring the liberty of the

the chairman and Mrs. Hauna will go bags a year. south for a few weeks sometime next month

Big Fortune for a University. LONDON, Dec. 25.-A Paris dispatch to "Lady Slavey" Leading Lady III. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.-Miss Mary fortune estimated at \$10,000,000 to the Stock-

**Railroad Enterprises in Canada**. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 25 .- Among the ap-

plications to be made to the Dominion govrnment at the coming session of Parlia ment for charters to build railways are hope of the Transcanadian Railway company, which proposes to build a road from Winnipeg to York factory on Hudson bay, and the Albert Railway & Coal com-pany, which wishes to build a line from Lethbridge, N. W. T., to the American oundary. **Postpones Australian Federation**.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 25 .- Hon. Sir John Forest, premier of West Australia, has equested Hon. G. H. Reed, premier of New South Wales, to postpone the federal con-ention until the end of 1897. Mr. Reed bjected to this and it is feared that it neans the shelving of the federation movement.

NOTHER MEEKS MURDERER FOUND

Talks About the Crime When Drunk \_His Children Questioned. FULTON, Mo., Dec. 25 .- John Hall, under arrest here for being drunk, is believed to have been connected with the Taylor brothers in the murder of the Meeks family at Carrolton in 1895. Hall came in from the in a grade crossing accident. A passenger country yesterday and went on a spree and train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey during the night talked of his connection struck a trolley car. L. J. Ware, aged 49, with the crime. Today his two children, the motorman, was instantly killed. The Mary, aged 8 years, and a boy, aged 4, were found locked in a barn out of town, nearly frozen to death, where they had been left by their father. The little girl said she used to live near tha Meeks and play with Nellie, the only survivor of the crime. Her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Clayton, lives at Browning, according to the story of the child, who says her father left that place in May, 1895, and has been wandering around over the country ever since. This was just after the crime was committed. She

was backward about an wering questions, saying that her "papa did not allow her to talk much" It is evident that she knows more about the crime. This morning Hall refured to talk refused to talk.

SUGAR TRUST GETS A GOOD THING.

Woolson Spice Company Has Pr Its Money Making Ability.

TOLEDO, O., Dcc. 25 .- Havemeyer's agen has secured 640 shares of Woolson Sples company stock for \$640,000, which leaves only sixty shares. These are held by Spence Acklin, one of the original projectors of the company, who has all along statement sent out from this city to the been averse to the deal. The price paid effect that the health of Hon. M. A. Hanna makes a total investment by the Sugar trust in breaking down it may be stated that of \$1,905,000 for the 1,740 shares it has sewhile the national chairman has been slightly indisposed for the past few days, properties in this part of the country. It Intervideo to the Times says that a decree as been issued restoring the liberty of the ress in Uruguay. Consul Lee Returns to Cuba. KEY WEST, Fia. Dec. 25.-United States Consul General Fitzhugh Lee and family passed through here today on the Olivette, that the chairman and Mrs. Hauna will so

### Killed in Stopping a Runaway.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.-Lewis Klusman, patrolman of the police force, lost his life today saving that of another man.

Her a Heart," captured the audience, and she was compelled to respond to repeated encores. The principal event of the session was the chorus contest entered into by clubs from class. The first prize was won by the Gwent club of Girard, O., second by the Calcott club of Cleveland.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25 .- The Yale Glee and Banjo clubs entertained a large and select among the conductors and other men that the action of the supreme council means that the managers have until next Monday man and E. H. Brewer made the hits of the evening in their various specialties, banjo club held the stage for an hour, The was given a loyal welcome. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.-The Princeton college club sang here tonight in Central Music hall. A crowd of 2,500 was present, and

warmly applauded the different numbers. MISS WILLARD IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Her Physician Hopes that She May Be Eventually Pulled Trough. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 25 .- A specia to the Commercial from Warsaw quotes Dr Green, the physician in attendance on Miss bers, however, argue that a strike now Green, the physician in attendance on Miss would be the height of folly. In the event Frances E. Willard at the Castile sanitarium, as saying that although her condition a

will have to remain at the sanitarium some months for treatment. All of Miss Wil-lard's engagements, including her California speaking trip, where she expected to about February 1, have been canceled.

ductor and Four Passengers Hurt. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 25.-Five persons were injured and one killed this afternoon struck a trolley car. L. J. Ware, aged 49, the motorman, was instantly killed. The injured are: George Gresser, trolley car conductor; Mr, and Mrs. John Brink, P. Gehman and Ed Werg. The last four live in Bethlehem. None of their injuries are serious. The locomotive struck the trolley was and Luther Case. The Case boys

# of the car.

Southern Cross mine in Deer Lodge county, D. A. Riley, the well known mining man, was shot through the heart and instantly killed, and John McIntyre, his slayer, also received a bullet in his right hand. McIn-

time came.

Squealed On and Squeals on Squealer. SEATTLE, Dec. 25.-Gay Harshman alias "The Kansas Kid," who was con victed recently of passing \$10,000 worth of counterfeit moncy, has made a statement to the effect that his pai, George Conkling, who is now serving time for counterfeit-ing and who squealed on him, confessed to him that he was one of the three men who held up the Northern Pacific train at Hot Springs in 1884, when the passengers in the sleeping coach were relieved of \$2,000. It is believed that Harshman also had a hand in the holdup. Conkling is not a had man, but Harshman is an old crim-inal and a desperate man. victed recently of passing \$10,000 worth of had a hand in the holdup. Conkling i a bad man, but Harshman is an old inal and a desperate man.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Dec. 25 Movements of Ocean Vessels, Dec. 25. At New York-Arrived-Campania, from Liverpool; State of Nebraska, from Glas-gow Salied-Munchen, for Bremen, At Morflle-Salied-Furnessia, for New York. At Queenstown-Arrived-Lucania, from New York, for Liverpool. At Glasgow-Salied-Nestorian, for Bos-ton. At Boston-Arrived-Scandinavian, from Glasgow.

# BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

### Strong Plea for Stricter Economy in Expenditures.

LINCOLN, Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-The biennial report of the auditor of public accounts present is serious, he is sanguine that she was laid before Governor Holcomb today. will be fully restored eventually, but she Auditor Moore prefaces his report with a strong plea for stricter economy in the expenditure of state money, calling attention to the fact that present appropriations largely exceed possible revenues. He says: "Two years ago I called attention to our financial condition and urged that better revenue laws be enacted. Now, more than then, if possible, is the necessity for a better financial system for the state apparent. It is an absolute physical and financial im-possibility for the state to have any satisfactory relief under our present imperfect revenue system. The appropriations largely and necessarily must exceed the possible revenues of the state with our constantly increasing expenditures and as certainly a decreasing revenue. The state board of equalization is powerless to remedy the condition that confronts us until it is given more extended authority than now. Assess-ors throughout the state have been constantly reducing values until the assessed valuation of Nebraska for 1896 is \$167.078,-270.37 as against a valuation of \$194,733,124.73 in 1893, or a total reduction of \$154,165,154,165 while the rate of tax levy has increased from 6.45 mills in 1893 to 7.11 mills in 1896, and still we fall far behind the revenues of 1893, Our laws should authorize the board to increase or decrease valuations, or greater latitude should be given in the rate of levy, or, what might be better, the sev-eral counties should be charged with a speeral counties should be charged with a spe-cific sum to be raised and paid into the treasury in cash, based upon the actual values of the counties, as mearly as can be determined, and then distributed after it reaches the state treasury. There is a rap-idly increasing delinquent list of taxes due the state, amounting now to \$2,330,692.76, belonging to the seneral fund. belonging to the general fund.

### IN THE GENERAL FUND.

"There are now outstanding general fund warrants in the amount of \$1,936,273.47 and in the state treasury, belonging to the gen-eral fund, \$589,370.39, which, less the amount now held by suspended blacks on state de-pository bonds, will be promptly applied to pository bonds, will be promptly applied to the payment of the floating debt so far as it will go. The appropriations of the last sea-sion of the legislature were \$2,784,684.60, while the entire possible revenue of the state for the same period is but \$2,283,695.78, or \$400,988.82 loss. The entire appro-priations for state expenses for the ten years ending November 30, 1896, amount to \$12,-985,655.27, and the entire tax levies, for all purposes, are \$631,665.19 less than the ap-propriations for that decade, or \$12,358,-020.08. November 30, 1886, there were \$11,-943.46 of general fund warrants outstand-ing and there was then delinquent general find taxes due the state to the amount of \$1,577,982.54, which delinquency has con-\$1,577,982.54, which delinquency has con-stantly increased until there is now due the general fund from the taxpayers of the state \$2.330,652.76. To many causes are at-tributable the present financial condi-tion of the state, and no individual or party. can bring a material reduction of our float-



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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.-A special to the Republic from New Madrid, Mo., says: Joh

Grand Jury Finds Nothing to Do. CLAY CITY, Mich., Dec. 25.-Judge Max-

### well has dismissed the grand jury, which was impaneled to investigate alleged mis-

was impaneted to investigate alleged inte-doings of county and city officials. No in-dictments had been returned and little progress made in the investigations. The jury may be summoned again,

WELL KNOWN MINING MAN SHOT. D. A. Riley Dead and John MeIntyre

Motorman Instantly Killed and Con

sign an agreement submitted by the ne cognizing them as a union instead of in dividuals. If the company refuses to do this another strike may be ordered. The more radical of the men say that the supreme council and the conference com-mittee have failed to represent the senti-

ments of the union. One of the men and tonight that if the company refuses to recog-nize its conductors and motormon as a union and the present council does not order strike, the resignation of the present men iers would be demanded and a new council

representing the sentiments of the men would be installed. The conservative mem of a strike being ordered, many of these men

ould refuse to go out. Today and yesterday, the recruiting office of the West End registered about 1,000 men supposed to be competent, besides receiving hundreds of applications by mail.

TROLLEY CAR STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Two Tragedies in One Day. TANGIPAHOA, La., Dcc. 25.-The kill ng of W. B. Davidson by Monroe Bambert and the accidental wounding of a negro bay by a fusillade fired by drunken men at the time of the killing and the subsequent shooting of Young Payne by Alexander

in Bethlehem. None of their injuries are Jechtral raiway at wessen, was knie serious. The locomotive struck the trolley car at the front platform, carrying the motornan a distance of seventy-five feet. The others were hurt by flying fragments the murderers were arrested. W.O

### Trains Run Into Fire Engine.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. -Willia Dougherty was killed and James Nedri James Stewart and Stephen Neissler badly injured in a collision between an engine Injured in a consistent between an engine of the water works fire company and a Baltimore & Ohlo train at the Pennsyl-vania avenue crossing. They were thrown 160 feet and hurled against the side of a building. Dougherty died within an hour. He was returning from a visit to his mother, to whom he had given a Christmas gift, when the alarm struck, and being a member of another fire company Dough-erty jumped upon the engine.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.-G. M. Schillin the one-armed pedestrian who is attemp ing to walk from Pittsburg to San Fran

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# **Doubly Fatal Duel with Pistols.**

public from New Madrid, Mo., says: John Adams and Charles Simpson met at a dance in Pemiscotf county last night at the res-idence of Joseph Canol and drawing their pistols, fought a duel to the death. Each man emptied the contents of his revolver into the anatomy of the other. Simpson died on the floor and Adams outside the door. An old feud was settled.