BACK FROM ALASKA

Steamer Tees Returns with a Number of

Gold Seekers.

START FROM DAWSON DURING NOVEMBER

Some Run Out of Provisions and Beg Along the Way.

MANY OUTFITS FROZEN IN THE RIVER

Leveral Rafts of Beaf Carried Down Stream by the Ice.

PEOPLE AT DAWSON HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT

Americans Complain of Having to Pay Duty on Their Outfits_Reports of Several New Strikes.

VICTORIA, B. C. Dec. 28.-The steamer Tees, from Skagway, brought down five Klondikers, Richard Shaw of Victoria, who left Dawson on November 16, and three other Victorians, and T. Hanby of Seattle, who started on their tramp October 27. The party leaving on the latter date ran out of provisions at Fort Selkirk and had to beg their Brother of the Deceased to Make the way along getting food at different camps or when it was not to be had living on anything they could shoot. Shaw came out by dog train, leaving Dawson after the ice formed. He passed fifty men along the river bound outward. They were all coming along with just enough food to last them. At Stewart river forty-three outfits bound for Dawson were frozen in. Two of the three rafts of beef which were on the bars just above Dawson were carried down the river right past the town by the float

On the night of November 15 Jim Gray's saloon at Dawson was robbed of \$20,000. Ed Lord, the bartender, and two other men were arrested. At Fort Selkirk a man named Keeler was robbed of \$8,000. Ed Jackson was arrested on suspicion.

A report reached Dawson of a rich strike made on "43 Below," on Hunker creek. The dirt went \$3 to the pan and there was five feet of gravel. Dominion creek is also turning out well.

Americans complain bitterly of having to pay duty on their outfits at Tagish lake. J. W. McKay, who left Dawson on November 3, reached Skagway before the steamer Tees left. It is stated that he brought out \$75,000 in dust. Shaw says none of the men on the trails will get down until the ice goes out in the spring. Just before he left claim owners reduced wages from \$15 to \$10 per day and the men were theatening to go on a

Speaking of the food eltuation at Dawson, Shaw stated that food was scarce, but that the men now there have enough to last them through the winter. There are a number of men along the trails who are no: very well provided. All the recent mails are at Big Salmon waiting means of transporta tion to Dawson.

MORE MEN RETURN FROM DAWSON

Deny All Reports of Any Possible Suffering. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.-The steamer Alki arrivel here today at 1 p. m , bringing advices from Dawson City up to November 25. The Alki's passengers included thirty persons who left Dawson between November 22 and November 25. All, without exception, say there will be no starvation at Dawson this winter or next spring. When informed of the action being taken by the United States government to send in a relief expedition, they said it was unnecessary and uncalled for. Several thousand men have gone from Dawson to Fort Yukon, where there is an untimited supply of provisions. Those remaining in Dawson have three regular meals every day, and have enough supplies in sight to last well along in the spring. No sickness is reported at Dawson, and everybody there is in much better circumstance and worrying less over the food situation than their friends on the outside imagine.

Nearly all those who arrived on the steamer Alki today were at Dawson City only about three months, having started in with the first rush in the latter part of July. They came out to purchase their outfits for next season. Following is a list of today's arrivais: W. W. Eveland, S. W. Fox, W. E. Knowles, C. Lengan, B. Murnier, D. C. Campbell, J. J. McKay and wife, Dan Egan. W. A. Kiestling, B. Alderson, A. Hedstrong, W. Falker, L. D. Barnes, H. D. Dubson, George Munroe, S. W. Foote, J. Dubroinky, E. A. Sother, W. J. Christie, M. B. Crane, C. J. Christianson, E. L. Renould, T. H. Mallory, Con O'Brien, Ed Barrington, Jim Keat ing and A L. Cheeney.

J. J. McKay and wife, whose home is in Tacoma, made the trip out from Dawson to Talya in the quick time of twenty-five days. They passed over 200 people on the way up. The Alki's passengers brought out, it is estimated, about \$150,000 in dust and nug-

The last to leave Dawson were Messrs Egan and Kiestlien. They made even better time than the McKays, completing the journey in twenty-one and one-half days. All agree that the most serious shortage at Dawson is in candles and oil. This will reduce the output of the mines, as an absence of artificial light will prevent their being worked to full capacity.

Edward Conrad, when asked if there i danger of starvation at Dawson, replied emphatically: "No, sir, there is not a surplus of food, but there will be no starvation. When asked for an opinion on the governmental expedition he said: "It is a humbug and I doubt if it can get down to Dawson before the ice breaks. The men who came out and say that starvation lurks there are men who were there only a few weeks, got discouraged and homesick and cry starvation as an excuse for coming out."

Conrad's statements, so far as they re lated to the improbability of starvation, were endorsed by all the other arrivals seen. On November 20 the English church

known as "The Klondike," was destroyed by fire. Two or three adjoining cabins were also burned. All the creeks in the Klondike distric

are reported as turning out well. About 300 men are camped at the mouth of Stewart river, which stream they will coldly received. prospect this winter. No new gold discov-

eries are reported. Mrs. Booth's Condition Unchanged. NEW YORK, Dec. 28,-The cor

CANADA PARTIAL TO THIS COUNTRY. Interesting Figures on Its Exports

OTTAWA, Dec. 28 .- The trades and navigation returns shortly to be issued will show the total imports entered for consumption were \$11,294,021, as against imports of \$110. 587,480 the preceding year. The duty collected amounted to \$19,891,997, as against \$20,219,037, a decrease of \$327,040.

Exports amounted to \$123,950,838, an in crease of \$17.581.485. There were exported to the United States Canadian products to the value of \$43,991,485, as against \$34,460,-428 in 1895-6.

Great Britain took of Canada's exports \$69,535,852. Yet, Canada's imports from the old country were but \$29,412,288, a decrease of \$3,567,554 as compared with the preceding year, while from the United States Canada imported to the value of \$61,649,041, an increase of \$3,075,023 over imports of Anferican products of the year before. Upon the total imports of British goods there was collected duty to the amount of \$6,225,354, an average rate of 21 per cent, and on total imports from the United States the sum of \$8,147,075, an average rate of but 13 per cent. Even upon the dutiable portion of imports the average duty on American imports was cent on imports from Great Britain.

The balance of trade in 1896-7 as between Canada and Great Britain is in Canada's ties in the affort to aid the miners in the committee of the senate. The question of favor by \$40,121,664 for the year. As be- Klondike, tween Canada and the United States it is in favor of the Americans by \$17.657.556.

COMPEST THE WILL OF DR. EVANS.

Fight. PARIS, Dec. 28.-Rudolph Evans, the only yesterday evening with his wife and son.

It is learned from a reliable source that legal.

translator, who demands 35,000 francs for with great nutritive value, being selected. the translation, and having found differences in the two wills, he refuses to deliver them until both are probated here. The United absolutely indispensible articles and is made made for the building. States consul, however, insists that the up of bacon, flour, pers, meal, onlons, tea, adds to the complications.

ceived but \$10,000. Therefore he is determined to fight the will.

the Present Crisis. PEKIN, Dec. 28.-The German question is unsettled. China's difficulty is increased sugar and tobacco. owing to the uncertainty of the attitude of roposed loan. There are calamitous forethe Chinese New Year's day

Redmond Salls Today. at, 1897, by Press Publishing Company.) LONDON, Dec. 28 .- (New York World Caolegram-Special Telegram.)-John Redmond, M. P., the earl of Ava and Hon Rupert Guinness are among the passengers on the Teuare, to put it very mildly, a very small days. minority of the Irish race in America or at home. Redmond's position in Ireland is in itself conclusive proof of the meaning of this American expedition. Redmond has set himself in determined opposition to the peace

has been undertaken." The earl of Ava is on his way to spend the popular men in London society and a great organizer of society functions. He is un-

Officers of Geological Society. MONTREAL, Dec. 28 .- The annual meeting of the Geological Society of America was held here today and the following officers were elected: President John J. Stevenson New York; first vice president, B. K. Emerson, Amherst, Masz; second vice president, George M. Dawson, Ottawa; secretary, H. L. Fairchild, Rochester, N. Y.; treasurer J. C. White, Morgantown, W. Va.; editor, J. T. Brown, Washington, D. C.; librarian, H. P. Cushing Cleveland; councillors, W. M. Davis, New York; Robert Ball, Ottawa, and M. E. Wadsworth, Houghton, Mich.

LAGOS, West Africa, Dec. 28.-Hesha and been occupied by the Lagos Haucus. The inhabitants are cothusiastic over the presence of the British flag, as they feared an attack tempting to force themseives on the Bariba country and are devastating it.

Straightening Out His Accounts. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- (Special Tele gram.)-S. H. Elrod of Clark, S. D., wes disbursing agent for the Sioux Indiana in 1891 and his accounts have never yet been finally settled at the Treasury department. He is here for the purpose of straightening them our and is making rapid progress to that

Prince George Not Popular. LONDON, Dec. 28 .- The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says that at the last meeting of the ambassadors of the powers the Russian representative created surprise by proposing Prince George of Greece as governor of Crete. The proposal was

Attend Princess Hohenlohe's Funeral BERLIN, Dec. 28.-All the members of the staff of the United States embassy attended the celebration of a requiem mass Mrs. Ballington Booth today is reported as for the repose of the soul of the late Princess Hoheniohe, who died on Tuesday.

CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED

Klondike Relief. CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON HAND

Will Remain a Few Days Hoping that

Mr. Alger Will Recover Suf-Beiently to Meet with Them.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

SUPPLIES TO BE SENT.

wills be handed to him for verification. This salt and pepper. These things are to go if anything is taken. It will be noticed that Rebuilding and Strengthening the Rudolph Evans, who, if his brother had in food value onions are set chead of potadied intestate, would have been entitled to toes, and tea is taken instead of coffee. Both half the fortune of the deceased, which after potatoes and coffee are provided for in list at the Navy department indicate that the all only amounts to exactly \$4,000,000, re- No. 2, which is made up of articles to be British government is pushing the work of CHINA WAITING ON THE POWERS. Utterly Powerless to Do Anything in por ation facilities are equal to a still fur- on the fortifications. ther load then the articles to list No. 3 will

been received from Russia concerning the is nothing but lighters to land the goods. strength of their positions? Mr. Sifton said tonight that he proposed hodings connected with the sun's eclipse on to conclude his visit within the next two days and that there was no doubt the two governments could make an arrangement which would be mutually beneficial in ex

tending relief to the Klondikers. The minister's attention was called to re co-operate in the use of the military arm mond is going over to work up the movement | which recently became a law. He said, howis leader in this county. An attempt to nar- reason it is expected a satisfactory agree- in their absence. row down the celebration to the party who ment will be reached within the next two

MIXING CHARITY AND POLITICS. Talk of Jingoes WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-M. Dupuy de and unity proposals of Mr. Harrington. He Lome, the Spanish minister, expresses strong the highest on record for any one day in the persists in maintaining division and it is not disapproval of reports that the relief measto be doubted that it is not with pursuance ures adopted by the United States and coof that policy that his mission to America operated in by Spain are a step toward in-plications abroad for patents to file their

winter in Canada, with a view to engaging reports as an effort to mix politics with charin the Klondike enterprise, in which his ity and as calculated to excite ill-feeling terested. The earl of Ava is one of the most | ment and impede its execution in Havana and throughout the island. Referring to the subject he said today: "This talk of inter vention in certain quarters has no other purpose than to embitter both countries and to divert the original essential purpose of almsgiving. The extension of aid to the sufferers action of all the nations of the world-includ-

siege by the Germans was raised."

Turning to a dispatch just received from Dr. Congosta, secretary general at Havana, the minister proceeded, quoting in part from Spanish authorities in Cuba are not equal to | force. the cituation. Succor is being given abund-Berehara, important Bariba towns, have antly and relief committees are in regular operation. In two of the provinces-Puerto Principe and Santingo-there has been no concentration. Forty plantations are grindfrom the French native troops, who are at- ing sugar and there is ample work for those being conducted in Havana is shown by a giance in the Havana papers every day, where there are long lists of charitable deciations from parties of condensed milk cornmeal and like articles especially serviceable for the relief of children. It should be borne in mind also that the Spanish government has remitted all duties on relief supplies sent to Cuba, so that for every dollar of supplies entering Cuba Spain adds a considerable percentage, the duties ranging from 50 per cent down. It is well understood that the American help will be received with the epirit it is given and the American government-as Secretary Sherman expressed in his recent letter-offers the well known generosity of the American people in the same spirit that they have ac-

> calamity. "It seems that persons who make the statement as to the conditions in Cubs for probably be at the department in a few days. D. Woodward will be their manager,

cepted foreign help in cases of public

get that the evils of war connect be miti- GAGE HAS NOT RESIGNED gated in a short time. They fail to compare the actual situation of teday with that of the past and they totally disregard the cecretary Alger Is Too Sick to Discuss efforts made to improve the situation. After Head of the Treasury Department Still at all, it is probably unnecessary to answer those who will go to such an extreme as to mix intervention and intrusion with the acts of mercy of a ration well known for its ALLEG'D AUTHOR OF THE STORY DENIES IT generosity and charity."

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REAPPORTION SPACE AND MONEY. Government Board Will Adapt Itself

to New Conditions.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)-It is expected the government board in charge of the Ometha exhibit will meet WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The Canadian this week or early next week to reapporminister of the interior, Mr. Sifton, and his tion the space and amount of modey for exsecretary, Mr. McKenna, were waited upon hibition purposes to the several departments at their hotel this morning by Assistant made necessary by the enlarged dimensions Secretary Meiklejohn of the War depart- of the cuilding. Members of the board are ment and welcomed in the same of Secretary not feeling especially jubilant over the turn Alger. They were then driven around the affairs are taking as to the bill introduced suburbs, including the Soldiers' Home by Allen in the secate and Mercer in the grounds until noon when Secretary Alger, house to correct certain administrative who arose from his sick bed for the purpose, features in the old bill making an approentertained his visitors at luncheon. It is printion for the government exhibit. There understood that Mr. Refton in accepting Mr. | are certain features in the new bill which Alger's invitation to come to Washington the members of the board will be called for the purpose of consulting respecting upon to explain and this is taken to be a only about 26 per cent, as against 30 per Klondike relief measures, telegraphed that slap at the board, when the reverse was inhis government was heartly in favor of tended by the ways and means committee co-operation with the United States authori- of the house and international exposition how far the government beard can go as to the purchase of exhibits is the subject that The expected conference between Secretary comes up for the committee to decide. The Alger and Mr. Sifften did not take place this purchasing clause is necessary in order to evening. Secretary Alger had overrated his make new cases and tables and to surround strength and he was not sufficiently recovered pictures with new frames, the wear and tear from his illness to undertake the work of ar- at Atlanta and Noshville having made the ranging details of the relief expeditions. The government exhibit look old. As for the prosurviving brother of the late Dr. Thomas W. Canadian visitors are to remain in Washing- vicien for a disbursing officer, Mr. Kemper Evans, the famous American dentist, who ton for a few days, however, so that the con- of the Treasury department was emphatic died in Paris, November 14, arrived here ference is simply postponed for a short time. In favor of the proposed amoudment. It is Captain Brainerd has been an horized to understood that Mr. Kemper has written a issue tomorrow the advertisements for the letter to Representative Mercer, wherein he the original will of Dr. Evans, drawn up supplies that are to be carried on the relief takes exception to the latter's statements by Arthur E. Valois of New York, his at- expeditions. They pobably will appear in that at both Atlanta and Nashville too much torney, was so badly copied by Dr. Evans. newspapers in Chicago, Scattle, Portland and money was spent on transportation and subwho also amended it and added several San Francisco. The list of articles to be car- sistence. Supervising Architect Taylor has codicils, that is is very doubtful if it is ried has been arranged with the greatest care added \$7,950 to the bid of George Moore & by the quartermaster's department, after con- Sons, for extending the wings of the gov-It also appears that Dr. Evans made two sultation with Surgeon General Sternberg, erament building at Omaha thirty-three feet wills, one for the United States, and another only the most vitally necessary food articles, in length. The Life Savings department of for France, which was sworn to by the walch combine resistance to cold and decay the government is engaged in outlining plant for the life saving station at the exposition and as soon as these are completed the su-The list in as follows: List No. 1 includes pervising architect will direct plans to be

ENGLAND IMPROVING GIBRALTAR. treaties contained clauses permitting an

Historical Fortress. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- Reports received carried in addition to those in the first list, modernizing the great fortifications at the if there is accommodation for them. This Rock of Gibraltar with all speed, and that list is dried fruits (apples, prunes or raisins), not less than 5,000 Spanish workingmen pass desicated potatoes end coffee. If the trans- daily over the lines to end from their work

A large number of the heaviest pieces of be udded as follows: Fresh meat in cans, artillery are being put in place, a great dock for trensmission to the other parties to the is under construction, and the plan of de-From the advices of the Canadians it is fense cermits of the absolute protection of a the powers. Germany's withdrawal from likely that Skagway will be chosen, instead vost British fleet under the guns of the But the president positively refused to go Kiao Chau bay is said to be conditional of Taiya, as the terminal point of the re- fortress. Contrary to the policy pursued in forward with the treaties unless congress upon its finding a suitable naval station else- lief expedition. The reasons for this change some other British fortifications, the soldiers where. China is becoming alarmed at the is said to be the fact that Skagway has in charge made no objection to an examinapresent situation. The government appears wharves at which the ships can discharge tion of the works by American naval officers the present administration took them up to be utterly powerless. No answer has the'r cargoes directly, while at Taiya there and soilors, and seemed rather proud of the soon after it assumed office and resumed who gave the alarm. Hopkins fought like

TURKEY IS VERY ACCOMMODATING. Convicts Murderers Who Are at Pres

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- An indication of the willingness of the Turkish government to oblige the United States minister at Conpunishment of the murderers of the Ameritonic, sailing for New York tomorrow. Red- of the government as provided by the bill can bicyclist, Lenz, is contained in a cable- tended. gram from Minister Angell, received today bellion of '98. Dublin Freeman's Journal, that direction, as the only purpose of the the murderers have been convicted and sen-

LAW MAKES RUSH FOR PATENTS. One Day's Applications Exceed Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- Three hundred and seventy-five applications for patents were received at the patent office yesterday. history of the office. The fact that the new law, requiring persons who have made aptervention by this government in the affairs applications in this country within seven of Cuba. The minister characterizes such months of the filing of application for foreign patent becomes operative January 1 is accountable for the rush. Heretofore applifather, the marquis of Dufferin, is largely in- which will embarrass the charitable move- cations could be filed at any time within the life of a patent issued in foreign countries.

SPANISH ENTHUSIASM IN CUBA.

This Information Comes, However, Through Spanish Sources. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- The Spanish minister has received a dispatch from Hain Cuba is no more intervention than was the vaca stating that the autonomist mayors of Belgucal and Juanabacoa had been inauguing Spain-to extend help to Chicago after rated amid great enthuriasm, the people rethe big fire, or that of the United States in ceiving them with shouts of "Long live sending a shiplead of grain to Russia and last Spain." The dispatch adds that the patriotic year to India and of the city of London in spirit shown at there demonstrations gives sending food and money to Paris when the assurance of the speedy realization of the good effects of an autinomous form of gov-ernment in Cuba. The autonomous mayors in these two cities are among the first to be camed, in each case succeeding a military the dispatch: "It is not true that the ruler under the martial system hitherto ic

Sooner Claims Will Not Be Allowed WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Commissioner Hermane of the general land office has decided that no entries and disporals of any nonmineral lands north of the Colville Inwho want it. Many of the reconcentratoes, who are reported to be suffering, are in such condition through an unwillingness to work. cut timber on such kinds, he holds that can-not be done. Timber curing is unlawful until after cutries are made, except as to timber growing on mineral claims and for use in the ordinary working of such claims.

Pertaining to Postoffices.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)-First Assistant Postmaster General Heath today granted to P. M. Gering of Nebraska \$200 additional for clerk hire in separating mail. He also cllowed the postmaster at Genoa, Neb., \$180 for rem and \$44 for fuel and light from December 15. The postmaster at Clayton, In., is allowed \$100 for J. W. Donley has been appointed postmuster at Delmar, Clinton county, Is-

Secretary Alger Improving.

the Old Stand.

Belief in Washington that Secretary Gage Offered to Resign if His Views Were Embarrassing to Administration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Steretary Gage was seen today on his return from New York and questioned as to the truth of the published report that he had tendered his resignation to the president and that it had bein' firmly declined with many expressions of confidence and appreciation of his ability as shown in his administration of the Treasury department. Mr. Gage was not inclined to discuss the matter at length, but said that he had not tendered his resignation nor had be any reason to believe that he and the president were not in substantial accord on the great question now before the country. The report, he said, probably sprung from a rimark he had made to intimate friends to the effect that not for anything 12 m 25 would be embarrass the president, and if he saw that he was doing this he would resign at once.

He added: "A cabinet officer ought always to be ready to surrender his office at the call of his chief, the executive, but I have not the slightest reason to believe that such action on my part is even remotely desired by the president. The desires of other pco ple in that direction I am not disposed to consider."

RATIFIES EXTRADITION TREATY.

Orange Free State Takes Favorable Action. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- The Orange Free State has ratified the extradition treaty between that country and the United States. recently negotiated, and has returned the document to Washington, where it awaits the action of the United States senate. It was this convention, together with a similar treaty negot'ated with the Argentine Republic, that made up an issue between President Cleveland and the cenate, resulting in the shelving of both treaties. As submitted to the senate by President Cleveland, the American citizen to be surrendered under extradition to the legal authorities of the Argentine Republic or of the Orange Free State, or vice versa, the United States might reclaim from either of those countles of cative who had escaped from the United States after the commission of a crime. The senate very promptly rejected this radical departure in the theory of our extradition poceedings and cut them out of the treaties by amendments. This resulted in sending the documents back to the State department treatles in order that they might have an opportunity to pass upon the amendments. accepted his ideas on the point at issue and the documents have lain on the shelf until the negotiations, looking to their fical com-

CABINET SESSION WAS BRIEF. No Matters of Importance Under Con-

sideration. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- Today's cabinet meeting was unusually brief. Secretaries captors to make quick work of him and little France to pay the indemnity and secure the ports that Canada might not be willing to stantinople, who has been pressing for the Gage and Blies being out of the city and time was lost in carrying out the request. Secretary Alger ill, only five members at-

The appeal to the American people for aid for the celebration of the centenary of the re- ever, that he apprehended no difficulty in at the State department, announcing that for the sufferers in Cuba was the principal ing. Hopkins' record is a very bad one topic of discussion. The president and memwhich supports Dillon, commenting on his two governments was to effect the relief in tenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. These bers of the cabinet are deeply interested in mission today, says "It is mere folly to the most feasible way possible. There ap- murderers, however, are at large, having the relief project and have taken every suggest for a moment that it is not meant pears to be no desire on the part of the escaped months ago into the Russian Cau- means at the command of the administration for a party demonstration in favor of a cam- Canadian officials to interpose any technical causus, so that the Turkish government has to facilitate the extension of the subjection paign of the section of which Mr. Redmond obstacles to the relief measures, and for this prosecuted, condemned and sentenced them through the State department here and Conprompt and generous. Several departmental | felony, extreme cruelty and adultery. matters of minor importance also were brought to the president's attention.

Reject Claim to Taiya Townsite WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- A decision of much importance has been made by Commiscioner Herman of the general land office affecting the town of Talya, Alaska. The townsite is claimed by Healy and Wilson to this country and started suit. The eviunder the general law allowing 160 acres in dence indicated that McCallum married her body have resigned. The newspapers demand Alaska for manufacturing and trading pur- in 1895, while still the lawful husband of on- the formation of a very strong ministry caposes. These parties claim to have made their location long prior to any adverse drews. On November 17, 1896, a child was east, right. The commissioner rejected the application for patent on a number of grounds and says that the survey of the claim was not regularly made. He says that a new survey is therefore necessary and that the case will come up on its merits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special Tele gram.)-Captain George A. Cornish, Fifteenth infantry, has been detailed as agent at Uintah and Ouray Indian agency, Utah. cavalry, has been detailed as temporary commander of the Department of Colorado Otis on court martial duty at Savannah. Leaves of absence: Lieutenant James B. Hughes, Tenth cavalry, three months; Lieutenant Anton Springer, jr., Twenty-first in-

Colonel Edwin B. Wood, deputy surgeon general; extended one month. Negro-American Academy WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- The first annual meeting of the Negro-American academy was held in this city today. The organization was formed a year ago and includes some of the most prominent negro educators of Woshington. While the membership largely local, it is hoped at the present year book, and provide for an interchange of views among those interested in the wel-

fantry, extended two months; Lieutenant

fare of the race all over the country. REBUILDS AUDITORIUM THEATER.

Paxton & Burgess Contract for the New Lease. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.-Alexander Fraser, owner of the Auditorium property recently destroyed by fire, contracted tonight to rebuild the theater and to have it ready clerical assistance, commencing Jaquary 1. hotel feature of the old building will be for occupancy by September 1 next. The omlitted, but the theater will be larger, having a seating capacity of 3500, and the structure will also provide for a big root WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary Alger, garden. Mr. Fruser contracted tonight to who has been confined to his home by a lease the new theater to Paxton & Burgess, severe cold, is decidedly improved, and will the lessees of the burned building, and O.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska-Partly Cloudy; Northwesterly Winds 1. Stories of Returning Klondikers. Klondike Relief Conference Postponed,

Secretary Gage Has Not Resigned, Japs Spoiling for a Fight. 2. Nebraska Horses for Kentucky

Broad Question Opened Up. 3, Nebraska School Ma'ams Take Lincoln,

Eckels Gives the Lie to a Fake. 4. Editorial and Comment.

5. Art Plans for the Exposition. Courtship Through the Mails. Affairs at South Omaha.

6. Council Bluffs Local Matters. Iown Teachers in Session. 7. General News of the Farther West.

Jobbers Pleased with Bridge Deal. 9, Some Facts About Pensions. Gossip About Railroad Promotions. Klerstead on the Moores Settlement.

8. Poppleton Enjoins the City Council.

Mand Raymond Case Up Again, 11 Commercial and Financial News.

12, "Louise's Last Tantrum."

Temperature at Omaha: 5 n. m..... 23 6 n. m.... 22 1 p. m..... 26 2 p. m..... 28 3 p. m 29 S n. m..... 22 4 p. m 9 n. m..... 22 5 p. m 30 10 n. m..... 23 11 n. m 24 7 p. m 30 9 p. m..... 32

At 9 p. m. the temperature was the highest it has been since Friday, when the maximum Wae 37.

SENATORIAL CONTEST IN OHIO. Major Dick Takes Charge of Senator Hanna's Forces.
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—Major Charles

Dick arrived from Cleveland tonight to assume charge of Senator Hanna's personal Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, cominterests in the senatorial election. Mr. mander in chief on the China station. Japon Hanna is not expected here before Sunday, and in the meantime Major Dick will shape up affairs to combat as successfully as possible the opposition to his chief. The room at the Neil house occupied by Senator Sherman as headquarters in his memorable contest with Senator Foraker six years ago have been secured by Major Dick for Mr. Hanna. Major Dick will have a corps of lieutenants to assist him and the prospects are for a very lively skirmish.

But few of the members-elect of the general assembly have arrived and the majority will probably not come to the capital city until Friday, the day previous to the caucuses for the organization of the upper and lower houses.

The list of members claimed by Charles L. Kurtz in opposition to Senator Hanna, as given out tonight, contains the names of two senators and six representatives, but Major Dick does not concede that any of these members will voto against Senator Hanna.

CONFESSED MURDERER LYNCHED. Joseph Hopkins, Colored, Captured

and Quickly Disposed Of. MINTER CITY, Miss., Dec. 28.-Joseph Hopkins, the negro who murdered two white farmers on Christmas day at Glendora a small inland town near this place, was captured by a posse at daylight this morning on the James plantation, near Swan Lake Hopkins had concealed himself in a gin house, but was discovered by two negroes, a demon before being taken into custody and when arrested it was found the negr had been shot in three places during the melee. He was not fatally injured, however and was at once taken to the scene of his terrible crime. Hopkins confessed his guilt A rope was placed about the negro's neck and was then riddled with bullets and left hangmany recent crimes being attributed to him.

MRS. MCALLUM GETS HER DIVORCE.

burg. FARGO, N. D., Dec. 28 .- In chambers be sul General Lee in Havana. It is expected fore Judge Poliock this evening, Mrs. Ethel effect that the Japanese fleet has also arrived that the first responses to the appeal will Mary McCallum was granted an absolute di- at Port Hamilton. come from the large cities of the country vorce from her husband, William Cuthbert LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Globe this afterand belief is expressed that they will be both McCallum, on the ground of conviction for noon says a private telegram reached Lon-

> and in railroad circles in this country, in Port Hamilton. which the accomplished plaintiff has many wealthy relatives. The defendant held a re- FAILS TO RECONSTRUCT CAMINET. sponsible position for the government at Cape Town, South Africa, and was convicted of felony and sentenced to a term of years in other Mrs. McCallum, who was Nellie Anborn as issue of said marriage.

CHASE MURDERER DOWN STREET. nteresting Diversion for Citizens of

Missouri Tawn. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28 .- A crowd of men and boys chased a negro murderer through the business section of Kangas City today, running him to cover in a pile of goods boxes. The negro, James Reed, fired four bullets into the body of his mis-Lieutenant Colonel George C. Hunt, Second tress, Susie Blakety, of whom he was jealous, killing her instantly. The shooting occurred at Twelfth and Cherry streets, and during the absence of Brigadier General as the murderer ran out of the house the cry of murder was raised by men on the quis Salgo as to the present premier, which street, who began the chase, and soon several hundred men and boys had joined in the pursuit. When the murderer was captured he was hurried off to the police station. James Reed is the son of Martin Reed, who was hanged in Kansas City six years ago for the murder of his wife, James Reed's mother.

> Supreme Court Knocks Out Another Hope of Durrant's.

heard the matter argued in chambers denied sess on to extend its scope and establish a the application of the attorneys for W. H T. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, for a writ of probable cause. It was contended by Durrant's counsel that Judge Buhrs erred in having fixed the date for the execution of their client within less than sixty days after the date apon which he was re-committed to the custody of the warden of San Quentin prison, the petition unanimously.

> Gas Companies Consolidate. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-It was announced today that the conso'idation of the Equitable and East River Gas companies, which has been pending for many finally been accomplished. The terms agreed upon were those suggested by J. Plerpont & organ, who is credited with having engir sered the deal.

JAPS WANT A FIGHT

Their Fleet of War Ships Reported All Ready for Action.

WAITING ONLY FOR THEIR INSTRUCTIONS

Japan Acting in Cless Touch with the British Equadron.

PROPOSES TO JOIN HANDS WITH ENGLAND

Will Oppose Permanent Russian Occupation of Fort Arthur.

DIET DISSOLVES, OWING TO WAR SPIRIT

Japanese Fleet Will Attempt to Prevent Landing of Reinforcements from Odessa to Protect . Russian Rallway.

LONDON, Dec. 29 .- A special dispatch from Shanghal, dated yesterday (Tuesday) cays: It is reported that a Japanese fleet of war ships is waiting near Goto island, outside of Nagasaki, fully equipped for war and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese ravy, and the Chen Yuen, that was ceptured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron under will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occuration of Port Arthur

The sudden dissolution of the Japanese Diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian Transasiatic railway in Monchuria, EAGER FOR ACTION.

A dispatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the Diet has greatly angered the political parties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former premier, and Count Okuma, a former foreign minister, will form a coalition ministry, with a vigorous foreign policy. The military party is eager for action. Extraordinary activity prevails at the military and naval depots, and war slips are assembling at Nagasaki.

According to a letter which the Times publishes this morning from a correspondent at Tokio, a cabinet crisis occurred in November. due to the refusal of the progressionists to vote an increase in the land tax, which is necessary owing to the deficits caused by the late war. Parliament would have expired next June, and the progressists did not desire to risk uncopularity by voting to increase taxation. However, Count Okuma, leader of the progressists, says the correspondent, comes with an enhanced reputation, and next to Marquis Ito, occupies the largest space in

the field of the nation's vision. The Times, commenting editorially upon this letter and its dispatches, says: "The advent of a cabinet led by two such statesmen as Marquis Ito and Count Okuma may

regarded as an event of great signi by the other powers."

FRENCH VIEW The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says: "Russia has long been negotiatand did not plead for mercy, but begged his ing to raise a Chinese loan of £6,000,000 in Japanese evacuation of Wel-Hae-Wel. The negotiations were broken off, France insisthe was hanged to a limb of a tree. The body | ing that the Bank of France should issue the loan, and Russia desiring that the Russo-Chinese bank should take the lead. A certain coolness exists between France and

> Russia." LONDON, Dec. 28.-A special dispatch from Shanghai says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. The dispatch further says that a report is current at Chee Foo to the

don lest evening announcing that over The case is one of interest in Great Britain twenty British war ships have arrived at

Japanese Newspapers Strong Ministry, YOKOHAMA, Dec. 28 .- Owing to the fall-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The Japanese minister has not yet been notified of the resignation of the cabinet and he thicks that while the resignations may be tendered the emperor will not accept them unless it becomes apparent that an entirely new cabinet, under Marquis Ito, can be framed. Ito has been in private life much of the time since his notable achievements during the China-Japan war and it is not believed he is ready to return to the cabinet. He is strong with all parties, however, and has the people behind him, so that he may again assume the premiership if the emergencies demand it. The Yokohama dispatch refers to Mar-

is said at the legation to be an inaccuracy. as Marquis Matsugata has been premier up The reference in the dispatch to the public

sentiment in Japan for a strong ministry. capable of coping with the situation in the east, is one of the first jutimations direct DENY WRIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE. from Japan that it may take a hand in the controversy centering in China. While he has received no official advices as to the SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 .- Late this purpose of his government, Mr. Hoshi exafternoon the supreme court, after having presses the personal conviction that Japan will not be quick to enter into the controversy, but will maintain an independent and

neutral attitude for the present. DETERMINE ALASKA'S BOUNDARY. British and American Conferees

OTDAWA, Dec. 28 .- It is said in officia circles that the meeting between the British and American authorities for finally deter The supreme court however, after hearing mining the boundary of Alaska will be held the points relied upon for reversal, denied this winter. The meridian line is practically agreed upon and the main point of dispu will be as to the strip running along the Pacific coast contiguous to British Columbia.

> Confer on Scating Question. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Colonel John Hay, United States ambassador, had a conference today with Sir Thomas H. Sanderson, permanent secretary of the foreign office, on the sealing question.