TAKES WAKE ISLAND

Uncle Sam Asserts Sovereignty Over Another Little Parcel of Realty.

IT'S 'WAY OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF PACIFIC

To Be Utilized as Station for Cable to Connect Philippines.

LIES BETWEEN GUAM AND THE HAWAIIS

Bennington is Commissioned to Hoist the American Flag.

Considered Imperatively Necessary to Have Location for a Station in Locality-Island Ours by Former Possession.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The government has determined to hoist the flag over an Island far out in the Pacific ocean and orders were sent out late this afternoon to the commander of the Bennington (Captain Taussig), to proceed at once to take possession in the name of the United States government of Wake island, latitude 19, about 2,000 miles from Nihau, the westernmost point of the Hawaiian islands, and 1,300 miles east from Guam.

It is almost in a direct line between these possessions of the United States and is admirably adapted for use as a station for a Pacific cable to connect the Philippines with Hawall and the United States. It is about three miles in length and encloses a lagoon of sait water.

The average height of the island is eight feet above high tide. It is scarcely capable, in itself, of sustaining life, but it is said a cable station can be maintained without difficulty by the erection of a condenser to supply fresh water.

Some station in this locality is deemed to be absolutely necessary to the maintenance of a cable and for that reason the American peace commissioners at Paris endeavored to secure one of the Caroline islands, but without success.

Wake island is said to be by right already American territory, for in 1851, Admiral Wilkes surveyed the place and asserted the title. It is not inhabited so far as is known at the present time, but guano gatherers

have temporarily lived on the island. The Bennington is now at Honolulu and the orders to it go out by steamer. After hoisting the flag on Wake island the Bennington will proceed to Guam and make the survey of the island which was ordered some time ago. It has already completed a survey of Pearl Harbor, seven miles from Honolulu, which will form the foundation of the government plans for the enlargement of the harbor there and the straight ening of the channel connecting the inner harbor with the ocean.

SCHOONER BORDA IN FORT Blown One Thousand Miles Out of Course on Atlantic Coasting Trip -Crew's Hard Experience.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.-The missing four-mested Philadelphia schooner, Matirda D. Borda, Captain Norton, which sailed from Portsmouth, N. H., November 25, for this port, the day before the terrific gale property along the coast, and which was blown over 1,000 miles out of its course, arrived here tonight in tow of the tug Aga Hughes.

homecoming of this, vessel its which had crow, some time been given up as lost, was one that will be long remembered by their relatives who have passed through weeks of anxiety. The experience of Captain Norton and his men was a thrilling one, as the vessel scudded off shore with seas leaping high over it. It was provisioned only for a short run and for days the men have been subsisting on short rations. The British ship Trinidad supplied them with some food, otherwise it is not unlikely they would have perished from hunger. Captain Nor-ton, upon learning of the fearful havoc wrought by the storm, said their safe arrival was due to an interposition of Provi-

TRIES TO DEFEND HERSELF Mrs. Botkin Admits She Was at Ferry Depot the Day the Poisoned Candy Was Mailed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 .- The trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin is nearing an end. The defense concluded its case today, with the testimony of the accused woman. Mrs. Botkin made specific denials of almost all the charges brought against her. She contradicted the testimony of almost every witness that has appeared for the prosecution and her denials generally were on the most important points in the case. She swore that she did not buy the candy sent Mrs. Dunning or the handkerchief which was enclosed for Mrs. Dunning's little girl. She admitted intimacy with John P. Dunning and stated to the jury that she had tried to prevail upon him many times to return to his family. Cross-examination brought out at least one very important fact against the accused. She admitted being at the ferry depot on the very day that the poisoned candy was mailed at the ferry postoffice. Three other unimportant

witnesses were introduced by the defense. The court then adjourned until Tuesday when the prosecution will present testimony in rebuttal.

RELEASES FRENCH STEAMER

Prize of War Court Decides Cannot Be Held Because Blockade Was Not on at Time of Taking.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.-In the United States district court here today Judge Brawley handed down a decision discharging the Olinde Roderiguez, the French steamship made a prize of war by the cruiser New Orleans July 17. The ship belonged to the Transatlantic line and at one time it seemed as though international complications might grow out of its retention and the fight in the United States courts over it has been long and bitter. Judge Brawley releases the ship on the ground that the blockade of Sen Juan was not effective on July 5 in the sense of which that term

is accepted by the nations. Wholesale Book Thief. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 23 .- James P Miller, a Vale divinity student and a threeyears' graduate, has been arrested for shop He was found by the detectives to have purioined three books in a bookstore and by tracking the man they discovered that he was evidently a professional shop-

lifter. Five thousand volumes were dis-

covered at his rooms and at his home. The books ranged from editions de luxe to pocket EVILS OF STANDING ARMIES editions. Two dealers have already identified 2,000 volumes. Miller wore a coat fitted with pockets, such as professional thieves wear.

THEY BURN UP THEIR BOOKS Standard Oll Company Employes Confess to Destroying

Evidence.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.-Evidence was secured from additional witnesses today to show that books and papers belonging to the Standard Oil company had been destroyed on November 19 and 21.

The first witness examined before Notary Mason today was George Fields, who was claimed to have sent employes of the company to the general offices after the books that were alleged to have been destroyed. Fields testified that he was an employe in the car shops of the Standard Oil company. He said he was instructed by telephone SAILS FROM HONOLULU STATION AT ONCE to send two men to the general offices. He sent William Moran and McNierny in the morning, and in the afternoon Gabeline and Schaaf went to help them.

The next witness was William Moran, a car repairer. Moran said he was sent by Fields to the general offices on November 19 after the boxes of books and papers. Edward Oheam and McNierny went with him and Harry Gabeline and Henry Schaaf came in the afternoon. Moran said the boxes were about three feet square and weighed about 200 pounds. They took part of them down to the first floor from the sixth floor, but the hallway was narrow and they carried them back to the second floor and lowered them to the ground with a block and tackle through a window. Moran said north, longitude 166, east. It is distant the boxes were loaded upon a wagon and taken to a store house on Independence street.

On the following Monday morning, he said, the Broadway office telephoned to the car shops for some men. McNierny and himself were sent. On that morning they took some boxes from the store house to the river pump house. He did not know whether they were the same boxes that they had got Saturday. They took the boxes to the furnaces, opened them and burned the contents.

On cross-examination by Attorney Tolles, Moran said that he knew that a lot of books and papers were burned a year ago, but he did not help burn them,

The books were burned Saturday in the car shop and on Monday in the pump house. Nobody said anything to him about keeping

the matter secret.
Several other witnesses appeared today, but their depositions were not taken. Constable McMahon was sent to subpoenae several bookkeepers and clerks employed at the Euclid avenue offices, but came back with the report that he had been unable to find for. any of the men he had been fooking for. Another effort was also made today to subcompany and Frank Rockefeller, but neither could be found. The taking of depositions was continued

until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

New Document Will Provide for Private Claims Against the Government.

way to Washington. Speaking of the notification of the abrogation of the commercial treaty between the United States and ple." Peru, which expires by limitation next October, Captain Hickey said it would be followed by a new treaty, one of the principal features of which will provide for arbitration of claims of citizens of one country which caused such sacrifice of life and against the other, which will do away with the friction attending the McCord and Frey claims. About the secret mission of the commander of the Peruvian navy to France and Spain, Captain Hickey said that scrupulous care the liberty of the citizens the report that he was going to purchase war ships was laughed at in Lima, and that it was there said that if he made such a statement at the isthmus he was simply romancing. Captain Hickey said Peru is far too poor at present to indulge in luxur-

ies like war ships. Another passenger on the Allianca was Victor Fridian, who claims to be an American citizen, and says that the Peruvian government confiscated all of his property and that he was compelled to fly to save his life. Fridian said he made his way on a sailing ship to San Francisco, and there found spies awaiting him. Next he fied to the isthmus and there became a steerage passenger on the Allianca for New York. | tered out of service of the United States Fridian did not go into the details of his trouble in Peru.

Captain Hickey said he had heard nothing about Fridian before boarding the Al-

PECK PREPARES FOR PARIS

Commissioner General Says American Arts and Industries Will Be Creditably Set Forth.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-Commissioner General Ferdinand W. Peck of the Paris exposition has arrived in Chicago after a ten days' visit in Washington and New York City in the interests of the exposition. He was accompanied by F. J. V. Skiff, director-

in-chief of the exhibit department. Mr. Peck expressed satisfaction over the interest shown in the exposition and promises of support by members of congress, as well as that shown in New York throughout the east in general by leading manufacturers, the majority of whom assured him they would put forth every effort to make a creditable showing for American industries. John B. Caldwell of New York City has been chosen by Mr. Peck for director of the Department of Fine Arts. The heads of the Department of Agriculture and the Textile department will be

announced soon. The Lafayette Memorial commission has named an expert committee on designs. consisting of J. Q. A. Ward, president of the National Sculptors' society; John La-Farge, president of the Society of American Artists, and George B. Post, president of the Institution of American Architects,

all of New York. Assistant Commissioner General Woodward is expected in Chicago next week direct from Paris, with complete plats of the space allotted for American exhibits.

CHILDREN HONOR LAFAYETTE

Ohio Schools Make Contributions Toward Erection of Monument for the Colonists' Friend.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23 .- The report of State School Commissioner Bonebrake of the collection of funds from the school pupils of Ohio for the Lafayette monoument fund has been filed with the governor. It shows that there were contributions from 849 schools in the state, the total contributed being \$4,397.41. He sent out 4,750 letters calling attention to the movement and the total expenses in this work were \$121.88. He has now in bank subject to the order of the treasurer of the fund the sum of \$4,275.53.

Minority Report on Hull Bill Points Out Enormous Tax Burden.

YEARLY COST HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION

No Hope of Economoleal Administration in Public Affairs Can Be Expected if This Expenditure is Maintained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The minority of the house committee on military affairs today filed with the clerk its report in opposition to the Hull bill for the increase of the regular army to 100,000 men. It is as follows:

a permanent standing army of the United States of over 100,000. Such an army is country now, neither because of our relations to the islands of the sea, nor because of any necessity, which in the past year has arisen in this country itself. "The evils of standing armies are too well known to be dilated upon here. Such a standing army as the one proposed would in time of peace be a menace to the liberty of citizens and in time of war would not be sufficient to meet successfully the armies of the first-class powers of the world. Happily we are so situated that a large standing army is not a necessity and would only be a luxury to be supported by the ble to the American government?" Adtaxes of the people. It is estimated that the Hull bill will cost the people annually the sum of \$150,000,000. This would be a permanent charge upon the people; \$145,-000,000 is being paid annually to the soldiers of the civil war and the war with Spain, thus placing a permanent charge of

"The passing of this bill means the practical destruction of the National guard and the volunteer troops of the states. With such a large standing army the citizen soldiery of the country would feel that it was not necessary to prepare for war in time of peace, nor to go to war in time of war. The taxes which are now so burdensome to the people will continue to be collected and will rather be increased than otherwise. No hope of economical administration can be indulged in while such permanent and lavish expenditure is provided

\$295,000,000 upon the people of the United

States and this to maintain the military

establishment alone, to say nothing of the

"It is well understood that the great corporate interests of the country are depoenae Secretary Squire of the Standard manding this large standing army. The reasons for such a demand are too obvious to be pointed out. These interests want large forces to enforce their demands and a president dominated by such interests would have, with such a standing army, CHANGES IN PERU'S TREATY the means at his hand to invade the liberties of the people, to suppress freedom of speech and to desecrate the ballot box it-

"It is needless, however, to continue to point out the many evils of the bill; suffice NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Captain J. H. it to say that both in form and substance. CUICAGO. Dec. 29. The western head-filter, military attache of the United it overturns the policy which has been purquarters of Arbuckle Brothers announced to-from seditious designs. The obedience of States legation in Peru, arrived today on successfully by this government day another cut in the price of refined the clergy to the apostolic see, whose rights the Panama liner Allianca. He is on his for so many years and launches the country upon a course which can only terminate in the destruction of the liberties of the peo-

Recommended in Substitute Bill. "The minority holding the views above expressed have thought they owed it to the country to present to the house of representatives a substitute for the bill reported by the majority. They herewith report said substitute, as embodying every need of the government in its present condition and at the same time preserving with and avoiding the evils of a great stand-

ing army.

'The substitute provides for a permanent standing army of 30,000 enlisted men, about the number in the army before the war with Spain. The reorganization provided for in the substitute conforms to what it has been with some few important changes. A larger number of men is provided for artillery than usual by reason of the necessity of manning our coast defenses upon which large sums have been spent. The substitute also provides for 50,000 volunteers to be taken from the states and territories and the District of Columbia, in proportion to population; these volunteers to be within two years from the date of passing unless their service is sooner terminated. Their organization is to be the same as that of the regular army.

"Volunteer organizations now in service are to be given preference as to re-enlistment. All volunteers now in the service of the United States are to be mustered out within sixty days from the passing of this act. The substitute is not to operate to discharge any commissioned officer who was in the army of the United States prior to the war with Spain. The necessity for this body of volunteer troops arises from the relations which the United States government now bears to Porto Rico, Cuba the Philippine islands, the Hawaiian islands and the Ladrone islands. Fifty thousand men are very near the mark which the general of the army said would be necessary in these islands in his testimony before the commission on military affairs. Representative Hay of Virginia, who prepared the minority report, estimates that the regular army establishment provided for in the minority substitute would entail an annual expenditure of \$30,000,000, or about \$1,000 per man, and that the volunteer force of 50,000 men by the same calculation would cost \$50,000,000, or a total during the existence of the volunteer army of \$80,000,

The War department is preparing official estimates which will be ready in a few days.

News for the Army. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-Instructions directing the discharge of Private L. D. Morehead, Company F. Forty-ninth Iowa volunteers, have been con-

f.: med. Piret Lieutenant Richard P. Strong, 18sistant surgeon, Second United States artilery, has been ordered to proceed to Fort Crook and report to the commanding officer of the Twenty-second infantry, to acompany that regiment to Manila.

Mercer and His New Job. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-Captain Mercer leaves for the Omaha and Winnebago agency tomorrow to settle up accounts prior to taking charge at Leech Lake. The Indian commissioner has

Omaha National Banks WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- (Special Tele gram.)-A report of the condition of the National banks of Omaha at the close of business on December 1 was today made public. Compared with the previous statement in September the banks have mate-

Leech Lake for Captain Mercer.

counts and individual deposits, while a MACLAREN MAY BE CALLED reserve. Loans and discounts in the cur-rent statement aggregate \$11,280,700, against \$9.766,541 in September. Individual deposits have increased from \$6.156,692, in September, to \$9,743,905, while the average reserve has dropped from 38.64 per cent to 33.39 per cent. Present holdings of gold coin aggregate \$949,680, a decline of more

than \$73,000 since September. ADMIRAL SAMPSUN RETURNS

Cuba He Says is at Present in No Condition to Govern Itself-Military Government's Work

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The United States ruiser New York, from Havana, has arwith Mrs. Sampson.

Admiral Sampson said he bad come home o attend his daughter's wedding on January 4, at Glenridge, N. J. He will spend "The minority of the committee dissents from the views of the majority of the com-Christmas at home with his family in Glenridge. mittee, because the bill represented makes Admiral Sampson said that the perfecting

of the custom house service and the offinot necessary to be maintained in this cial police in the island were the most important features in connection with Cuba. When General Greene and Chief McCullagh had established their police force he thought there would be little disorder. The admiral said the material benefit from the reduction of the Cuban custom

receipts could not be judged at present

customs that it was impossible to change everything right away. In answer to the question, "Do you think the people of the island will prove amena-

miral Sampson said: "It does not make any difference if they do or do not. We are down there and our government will go on as soon as necessary. General De Castro, civil governor of Cuba, is doing the best that can be done and by the first of January all of Cuba will be officially evacuated except Matanzas or one or two other points."

Regarding the suffering throughout Cuba, which Mrs. Sampson has been working hard to alleviate, Admiral Sampson said: "The government is issuing rations reguarly, but the reconcentrados are now scatered and there is the difficulty. Many of them have died and many more will die, They lack tools to work their farms and the only crop they could raise now is sweet potatoes. It is too late to raise sugar." Of the future of Cuba Admiral Sampson

"The wealthiest and most influential people in Cuba want the island annexed to the United States, whether as a state or as a territory, they don't much care. But there are many Cubans who think that they are able to govern themselves. Cuba at present certainly is in no condition to govern itself. The question of what shall become of Cuba will not be settled for a year at least and possibly not for two or three years. In the meanwhile the military government by the United States will go on.'

LATEST MOVE OF ARBUCKLES

Another Cut in Sugar Announced and a Merry War Impends with the Trest.

sugar. Quotations of 5.14 cents per pound they defended and whose intentions they were made to retail dealers direct, jobbers being ignored. The reduction in prices made cal offense. Nevertheless, imbued with the by the Arbuckles has not been met by the sense of their high mission and duty they trust. When asked today the reason for will not yield either to flatterers or menselling to retailers direct instead of dealing aces and their firmness is finding response with jobbers, Arbuckle company representa- in numerous laymen deeply imbued with tives said that their prices had not been rec- love for the papacy. It is thus, by the ognized in the trust combination. There was a strong feeling as far as jobbers were concerned, but whether the practice of deal- sured." ing with retailers will be continued had not been decided.

Charles Slack, the grocer, says: "It is rather difficult for me to understand the acion of Arbuckle Brothers. It may result in a merry war, and it may not. The trust and the Arbuckles have been nagging at each other for a considerable time, and it may work up to the consolidation of the two concerns or to the dissolution of the combine. The Arbuckles are very wealthy. and they are in a position to do much before being whipped into line."

DAKOTA RATE CASES DECIDED Decision in Contest is that Capital

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 23.-After many months' work and thousands of dollars expended in securing expert testimony, the famout North Dakota railroad rate cases were decided by United States Judge Amidon today in favor of the railroads. The decision is concurred in by United States Judge

Has Right to Proper

Remuneration.

Thaver. Pursuant to a law enacted by the last legisfature, the railroad commissioners made a slightly reduced freight tariff. The railroads obtained an injunction in the United States court preventing the enforcement of the rates. Judge Amidon then appointed Attorney Lovell of Casselton special master to take testimony in the case. Attorney General Cowan and he devoted practically an entire year to the case, assisted by a number

of experts. The decision is to the effect that capital has a right to proper remuneration and North Dakota failed to show that the railroad rates do more than yield a proper inon the capital invested. roads in the state had joined in the con-

BADLY BURNED IN EXPLOSIONS Five Injured at Indiana Iron Works

and One Will Die-Natural Gas Blows Up.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 23 .- This evening an explosion of natural gas wrecked Henry Krull's grocery store. William Dragoo, Mr. Krull and two boys, Arch Breeze and Abel Mitchell, were badly burned. An explosion of red hot cinder at the In-

diana Iron works this evening dangerously burned five. Albert Porter, colored, die. Arthur Steves was burned in the back and hurt in the face. William Ensley was burned in the head and face. His clothing was all burned off. Frank Chambers was burned in the face and body above the waist. Edward Hefferling was struck in the side of the head and a large gash cut.

Sunny Slope Farm Sells for \$40,000. EMPORIA. Kas., Dec. 23.—Sunny Slope farm, famous as a breeding establishment for Hereford cattle, was sold today for \$40,000, the purchaser being C. A. Sramard of Hope. Kas. The rale was effected by the decided to recommend an appropriation of \$3,500 for the erection of a residence at Leech Lake for Captain Mercer.

National bank, of which he was president, rency as a result of the heavy defalcations of

Granted a Respite.

DANVILLE, III., Dec. 23.—John Johnson, who was to hang here next Tucaday, was granted a respite today until February 24 A petition with 2,000 signers has been presented to the governor asking for life imrially strengthened their loans and dis- prisonment

Eminent Scotchman Spoken Of for Pastor of Plymouth Church.

PARTIES INTERESTED ARE ALL RETICENT

Among the Possibilities that the Well Known Author May Yet Fill Henry Ward Beecher's Old Pulpit.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—(New York World rived here. Admiral Sampson is on board Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-In reply to an inquiry of the Rev. Dr. John Watson ("Ian Maclaren") if he would accept the pastorate of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, as the successor of Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, the noted preacher and author wired this message today: "I have received no communication from

New York. I can therefore say nothing. "JOHN WATSON." NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-Henry L. Pratt, chairman of the advisory committee of Plymouth church. appointed after the resignation of Dr. Abbott, said tonight:

"No name has yet been officially considered. After the holidays the committee will and remarked that there had always been consider the names that have been sugso much fraud in connection with Cuban gested in communications from members of Plymouth church and also from persons living outside the city and state. Ian Mac laren would be very acceptable to Plymouth church if he could be obtained. I understand, however, that he has recently declined an invitation from an influential London church. The Rev. Dr. Charles Ab bott Berry of Wolverhampton, Eng., and Dr. Aked of Liverpool have also been suggested. I think we should turn all our ef fords toward finding an American to fill the

PRELATES HONOR THE POPE

Leo Paints Gloomy Outlook for Coming Year and Regrets Past Occurrences.

ROME, Dec. 23 .- The pope today at the reception of Christmas greetings from cardinals and other prelates appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the "Sinister events of 1898," and said it was high time the governments of Europe united to stop unheard of outrages and savage exterminations." But, the pontiff added, this could not be stopped until "the fear of God, the basis of all morality, is revived in the conscience of the people and becomes the guiding principle of the organization of steries."

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church in violation of his dignity and rights "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defense of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

Continuing, the portiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although seconded, is now being construed as a politico-operation of the clergy and laity, that the salvation of coming generations is as-

NEBRASKAN DIES AT MANILA Private Tyler, Company L. Succumbe

to Typhoid Fever-Insurgents May Conse Trouble

MANILA, Dec. 23.-The United States cruiser Boston and the gunboat Petrel have arrived here from Chinese ports. The steamer Union, which has returned here from Ilollo with United States soldiers, has been refused a landing here. Private Tyler of Company L. First Ne-

braska, who has been suffering from typhoid fever, is dead The steamer St. Paul has arrived here with the Christmas mail. The first American flag was raised over

the Maleate school house yesterday. It was sent by the University of Pennsylvania. The honor or raising the flag was accorded to Father McKinnon of California, in recogni tion of his services in reopening the schools The native troops encamped in the suburbs are again causing anxiety. The attitude of an insurgent detachment at the Panduchan bridge on Wednesday was such that the California, Idaho and Washington regiments were concentrated in light marching order at short notice at Pacoa, but trouble was avoided.

The name of Tyler does not appear on the muster roll of Company L, the Thurston Rifles. Captain Wallace Taylor, commanding the company, and Privates Herbert L. Taylor of Omaha and Cuyler of Danforth, Ia., are the nearest approaches to the name of Tyler. Cadet Taylor has no news of the illness of either of his sons. Telegrams have been sent to Washington and elsewhere to secure verification or correction of the report.

TO ARBITRATE GRIEVANCES

Grand Trunk Telegraphers and Railway Employes Accept Hay's Suggestion.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.-General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk in reply to the ultimatum of Chief Powell of the telegraph operators' organization last night suggested that the complaint of the operators be submitted to arbitration and proposed either the railway committee of the Canadian privy council or three arbitrators, one each to be appointed by the railway company and the operators and a third by these two. The operators, through their committee accepted Mr. Hays' suggestion of arbitra tion and sent him a message to that effect and giving their viwes as to how arbitration should be conducted.

Von Holleben Thinks We Will Yield. BERLIN, Dec. 23 .- At the annual convention of the conservative party in east Prussia today Count Klinkowstroein, referring to the meat inspection law, said that when Dr. Von Holleben, German ambassador to the United States, was asked how the United States would receive the bill, replied that the Americans were very sensitive with regard to "petty vexations," but that if a strong law were adopted they would "quietly yield.'

Commander of British Squadron. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 23.-Captain Henry D. Barry, assistant director of the naval intelligence office of the British admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the British squadron in New

Forecast for Nebraska-Fair; Colder; Northwest Winds. Yesterday's Temperature at Omahai Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. . . . 28 1 p. m. . . . 20 6 a. m. . . . 28 2 p. m. . . . 29 7 n. m 27 m. 24 4 p. m 9 a. m..... 27 6 p. m..... 29 7 p. m.... 28 10 a. m..... 27 11 a. m..... 28 8 p. m

modore and the cruiser Comus is his flag-

FORCED TO CHEER FOR CUBA

Mouth by a Band of Enthusi-

astle Cubans.

HAVANA, Dec. 23 .- Some Cubans entered the residence of the Marquis de Pinar Del Rio, in the Cerro suburb of Havana, yesterday, and compelled him to cry "Viva Cuba libre." The marquis, who is one of the richest men in the island, and of a noted family, complained to Captain General Castellanos, and a note on the subject was sent to the American evacuation commission. The Marquis de Pinar del Rio and other prominent Spaniards are determined to leave Cuba, their friends say, "unless the United States establishes a strong government and they are assured ample protection."

The United States transport Florida ar rived at Matanzas yesterday.

The United States flag was formally hoisted at Cardenas yesterday by Lieutenant G. R. Siburn of the Eighth regulars.

SPANISH SOLDIERS GOING HOME, tion, consisting of Generals Wade, Butler Transports Leave Havana This Week

with 8,000 Soldiers. HAVANA, Dec. 23.—The Spanish treasport Darmstadt sailed today for Cadiz with It is estimated that there are 15,000 Spanish soldiers at Matanzas and there are about 30,000 Spanish troops in Cienfuegos. The the proceedings were of the most cordial Spanish troops here will withdraw to character. Matanzas and Cienfuegos after January 1.

Fighting in the Philippines. MADRID, Dec. 23.—According to a dis-patch received here from Hollo, island of Panay, severel engagements have taken place betwen the Spaniards and the insurgents and many of the latter have been killed or wounded.

all over Cuba.

It is asserted that Aguinaldo has cabled to the government, saying he will shortly release the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the insurgents. This statement, however, has not been confirmed. There is much comment upon the confer-

ence that has just taken place between Marshals Martinez de Campos, Prima de Rivera, Blanco and Iminguiz. The minister of the colonies, Senor Giron, announces that the troops. In Morro there is only a guard of payment coupons of the mortgage bonds have been issued. Steal a March on American Consul. in Cabanas is a company of the same bat-LONDON, Dec. 24.-The Washington gov

at Samoa to act with great vigilance and places will be designated in which they may not to entrust his duties to his British remain until they can be sent to Spain, and German colleagues. It appears the German agent has taken advantage of his colleague's confidence to land munitions of Cienfuegos, there to embark for Spain. war, etc., so gaining important advantages for German firms. Leaves for Land of Free Speech. BERLIN, Dec. 23.-Frank Knaak, who

was recently tried by the provincial court to Emperor William as a "sheepshead" he was intoxicated at the time, will leave for the United States next week. Montenegrins Perish in Snowdrifts.

LONDON, Dec. 24.-The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Several hundred Montenegrin soldiers were frozen to death in a snow storm. The exdrifts so heavy that it was impossible to save them."

AWAKENS FROM LONG TRANCE cident is likely to bring immediate blood-

Used in Restoring Chicago Sleeping Woman to Normal Senses.

at her home in this city, was brought to of hypnotism

apartments on July 23 last. On the followshe kept on sleeping and though at times form of hypnotism, was tried and the patient today was successfully brought out of her long trance. Though very weak, she is her. She has been kept alive with liquid

Editor Sentenced for Contempt. DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 23.—Torrey E. Wardner, editor of the Boston Traveler, was entenced to serve thirty days in Dedham jail today for contempt of court in permit-ting the publication in his paper of comments and editorials on the Getchell case which, in the court's opinion, would have influenced the minds of the jury had the paper containing the matter reached the house before the case was submitted for final consideration Engineer Getchell of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was charged with manslaughter in connection with a railroad collision last August.

To Establish New Presidio Hospital. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 .- Colonel Marshall, chief quartermaster of this department, received authority from secretary of war, through Quartermaster General Ludington today, to expend \$113,339.50 on the new pavilion hospital to be erected at the Presidio. This is about double the original appropriation and provides for a much larger and better built hospital than was at first contemplated, although the number of beds remains fixed at 400.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—One man was instantly killed and another seriously, if not fatally, injured in a collision which eccurred off Liberty island today between the freight steamer Idaho of the Wilson line Fireman Killed While Asleep. freight steamer Idaho of the Wilson and the tramp steamer Flower Gate. The dead man was William Smith and the in-jured John Birch. Both were firemen on the

Brooke Leaves for Havana. SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 23.—General John R. Brooke and the members of his staff left this afternoon for Miami, where they will take a steamer for Havana. General Brooke has been in Savannah several days Foundly id waters with the rank of com- after his return from Porto Rico.

Idaho and were asleep at the time of the

accident.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER PLAN OF EVACUATION

All Details Are Arranged for the Spanish Exit from Cuba.

OCCURS AT NOON FIRST DAY OF JANUARY

Fresident of Spanish Commission to Formally Surrender Sovereignty.

YELLOW FLAG WILL THEN BE HAULED DOWN

Obnoxious Words Put in Spaniard's General Wade to Accept Surrender in Behalf of United States.

STARS AND STRIPES WILL THEN BE RUN UP

American War Ships Will Thunder Forth a Salute to Spain and Spanish Flagship Will Return the Compliment.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) HAVANA, Dec. 23 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The ceremonies for the formal surrender of Spanish sovereignty over Cuba January 1 were arranged today by the joint commission of evacuation at their final meeting.

There is no record of any similar proceeding in history. The American deputaand Clous, Major Butler, Captain Hart, Lieutenant Wade and Cuban Attache Vidal, arrived at the governor general's palace at 10 a. m. They were received by Secretary Giranta and Assistant Secretary Denites of 2,770 officers and men. About 8,000 Spanish the commission and ushered into the Salon troops have embarked this week for Spain de Sessiones, where Governor General Casand some 8,000 others are left in Havana. tellanos, Admiral Manterola and the marquis of Montero and their nides awaited them. The session lasted until 2 p. m. and

It was decided that at precisely noon on The widow and daughter of General Calixto | January 1 the American evacuation commis-Garcia have been left in poverty and patri- sion shall wait upon General Castellanos at otic societies are contributing to their re- the palace. He as governor and captain general and as president of the Spanish com-Preparations for processions, dinners and mission shall formally surrender Spanish speeches on New Year's day are being made sovereignty over the island of Cuba. In behalf of the United States General Wade will accept the surrender. This ceremony will take place in the Salon de Sessiones and will be brief. Representatives of the American army and navy and visitors will be present. Immediately after sovereignty is given up the flag of Spain will be hauled down, while the American war ships in the harbor will thunder out a salute of twentyone guns. The stars and stripes will then be run up over the palace, receiving a sim-

ilar salute from the Spanish flagship. All the fortifications still at that date in Spanish possession will be turned over to American officers detailed to receive them and the American flag will be raised over thirteen men of the Leon battalion and three talion. Spanish troops remaining in Cubi ernment, according to a dispatch from Auck- after the surrender will be regarded as land, has instructed the United States consul troops of a friendly foreign nation and After the ceremony of surrender General Castellanos will go either to Matanzas or

Both Spanish and American officials here are much concerned over what to do with the Spanish troops while the Cubans are having their five days' celebration of liberon the charge of lese majeste, in referring ation from Spanish tryanny. The sight of a Spanish uniform during these days, it is and who was acquitted on the ground that feared, would be the signal for trouble. The Spaniards are to keep their arms until they sail and in case of a clash with he Cubans the American troops would have great difficulty in restoring order. The small part of the great army Spain had in Havana three months ago which will be left after New Year's day would have pedition sent to their relief found the snowdifficulty in holding its own if the exincident be moved to attack it. The Inglaterra hotel riot and the recent skirmishes at Cerro show that the most trivial in-

shed.

Suggestive Therapeutics Successfully Everything will be to some extent disorganized immediately after January 1. The Spanish regulars who kept the peace at the point of the bayonet only because there CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-Tony Broshelt, a was a company of soldiers at every corner young woman 23 years of age, who has and a battalion at every block will be rebeen in a trance for the past five months duced by that time to a few regiments whose authority absolutely ceases and inher normal condition through the influence stead of being defenders they must be defended. The municipal police Colonel Miss Broshelt retired as usual in her Moulton and ex-Chief McCullagh of New York are organizing and which will assume ing morning when it was time to awaken authority that day is made up of hostile elements, Spaniards and Cubans, entirely she would open her eyes, she seemed un- untrained to act as officers, ununiformed conscious to her surroundings. The case and unused to the new conditions which will has baffled many physicians. At last an provail upon evacuation. Their power to application of "suggestive theraupetics," a maintain law and order in the first few weeks is problematical. It is rumored that many candidates for the police force who were members of the old police (Orden able to say a few words to those around Publico) that escaped being sent home when Spain ordered the corps sent back to be punished for mutiny, have been conspiring to kill the Spaniard working to organize the Spanish element in the new municipal police. The plotters are said to have charged this man with secretly working to discover who of them were deserters from the Orden Publico in order to have them sent to Spain.

Provisions Are High.

The prospects for a Christmas dinner are not bright for American soldiers not remembered by friends at home or for Americans in Havana who live outside hotels unless they are blessed with gold mines. Turkeys cost \$6 apiece in town, \$18 in the suburbs and are scarce at that. Chickens bring \$17 a dozen. Eggs sell at 5 cents apiece. Bread is 9 cents a pound; sirfoin steak, 65 cents a pound; cabbages, 60 cents a head, and lettuce 30 cents a bunch. Beer is 40 cents a pint and ice \$30 a ton. Americans are doing without as many necessaries as possible until after January 1, hoping that high prices will come down with the Spanish flag.

BACARDO'S COMPLIMENTS TO WOOD

Military Governor Presented with a Spanish Medal of Honor. SANT!AGO, Dec. 23.—Senor Bacardo, the mayor of Santiago, accompanied by the city council, visited General Wood, the military governor, today to present him with an old Spanish medal of honor of embossed gold, with a chain and a parchment scroll coa-

"To make one's self beloved of the people is the best of victories." The deputation requested General Wood

taining the words:

to forward a similar medal to President Mc. Kinley with a scroll containing the declara-"A people never forgets its benetion:

Danger of Trouble.