"We have spent more than \$10,000 in our preparations for the celebration. It was difficult to get this money and we feel the injustice of now being told we cannot celebrate. Our celebration would be quite as much an American as a Cuban affair. As it is we feel that the United States military authorities do not trust us."

### FLAG RAISING AT MARIEL Colonel Seyburn Speaks Encouraging Words to Cubans During

the Ceremony.

HAVANA, Dec. 29 .- About 1,600 Spanish troops left Havana from the vicinity of the the graenal, Morro castle and Cabanas fortress for Guanajay yesterday. Two companies of the Pennsylvanians, under

Major Mayer, went to Mariel yesterday. Colonel Seyburn of the Two Hundred and Second New York raised the American flag yesterday over the municipal building at Mariel, in the presence of a number of notable persons and the people of the town. He made a speech in English which was alliance, and with him Rev. Wallace Radinterpreted into Spanish, in the course of which he said: "In this solemn act you D. C., Rev. W. W. Barr of Philadelphia must not see any meaning, except paternal and Rev. J. B. Drury of New Brunswick; N. love and protection, never domination. We J. The first petition was signed by the repdo not wish to see differences between resentatives of 145 national and denominaparties.. All Cubans ought to unite with tional churches, existing on all the six conus, so as to re-create Cuba. In the name of tinents, namely: The Church of England, my government and nation, I assure you the Church of Scotland, twenty-nine other that in proceeding this way you will obtain churches in Great Britain and Ireland, the a free and happy country."

The colonel caused 500 rations to be distributed to the poor and the event was land, twelve in Australia, twenty-eight in celebrated, by a ball at night. Colonel the United States and sixty-four in other Seyburn goes to Cabenas and Bahia Honda from Mariel in order to distribute rations.

#### PRESIDENT SNOW SPEAKS Emphatically Declares that the Mormon Church Has Nothing to Do

with Congressman Roberts.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 29:- In connection with the election of B. H. Roberts to congress and certain charges circulated by the Presbyterian board of missions, President Lorenzo M. Snow of the Mormon church furnished a signed statement to an afternoon paper here today, in which he says in part: I declare most solemnly and emphatically that the statements which are being pub-lished to the effect that the Mormon church is encouraging and teaching polygamy are utterly untrue. Ever since the issuance of

the manifesto on this subject by President Wilford Woodruff, my predecessor in office polygumous or plural marriages have entirely ceased in Utah. Since my accession to the presidency of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints I have repeat-edly asserted my intention to stand by that manifesto and my determination not to per-spegarded as "the advocates of peace at any mit any marriage to take place under the price, or with maintaining the opinion that sanction of the church which is contrary to valor is sinful. They quoted the Westthe law of the state, and I now reaffirm that

The enabling act required a provision in the constitution of the state of Utah that polygamous or plural marriages should be forever prohibited. • • • The election of B. H. Roberts to the office of representative in congress from Utah was an entirely sacular affair. Non Mormons participated in his nomination in the regular convention of his party. Non-Mormons also aided in his election. Many Mormons, not being of his party, voted for his opponent. He was elected as an American citizen by American citizens, and the question of religion did not enter into the purely political contest. The church has nothing to do with the action of congress in relation to his seat. If, however, notice is to be taken of wild statements and anti-Mormon fulminations from the pul-pit and the press to the effect that Mr. Roberts has violated the state legislation and the requirements of the enabling act, it is proper for me to state, as I do most posi-tively, that the charge which, incidentally, affects the church of which we are both rs, is entirely without foundation in

### MERRIAM SLATED FOR RUSSIA High in the Estimation of

the President. Brilling NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- A special from Washington says: Former Governor W. R. Merriam of Minnesota is said to be slated to succeed Secretary Hitchcock as ambassador to Russia. Mr. Merriam's friends assert, with every indication of assurance, that the incident is closed between the president and

Mr. Merriam is now in Washington and has had several interviews with the president, but he declines to confirm or deny the reports. Those familiar with Minnesota politics are aware that the president has more than a passing friendly regard for Mr. Merriam and had he only to consult his personal desires a place in the cabinet would have been bestowed upon the former governor. He was also favorably mentioned in the early stages of the present administration in connection with various diplomatic missions abroad, from ambacsador to the court of St. James down to consul general in Cuba.

Confusion in Hungarian Diet. BUDA PEST, Dec. 29.—There was a renewal today of the uproarious scenes in the lower house of the Hungarian Diet. While the premier, Baren Banffy, was de-Yending the government's policy, he said the government intended to steadfastly carry out its duty, and re-establish parliamentary order, being convinced that the ministry was defending the Hungarian construction. The words were almost drowned by the uproar of the leftists.

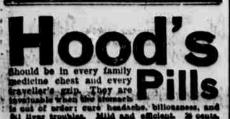
Duke Will Become Admiral. LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Press association today announces that the duke of York will probably be made a rear admiral before the equadron of American war ships which is expected to visit Europe reaches Spithead, in whose reception, it is added, the duke will take a prominent part.

Gale Continues on English Coast. LONDON Dec. 29 .- Another violent gale swept over the English channel and east count of Great Britain today and the trans-channel service was again interrupted. Several small wrecks have been reported and damage has been done at different sea-

Cursons Arrive at Bombay. BOMBAY, Dec. 29 .- Baron Curson of Kedleston, the new viceroy of India, and Lady Curzon, with her children, arrived here today on the Arabia, which left London

Carlinville Trouble Settled. CARLINVILLE, Ill., Dec. 29.—The strike in the Carlinville coal shaft is ended, the union miners returning to work today. The cause of the controversy was settled when Alva Witt, the topman, whose discharge was demanded by the union, voluntarily quit. The termination of the strike is fortunate; believing Carlinville would, have had a coal famine in a few days.

Bustuess Troubles Cause Suicide. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—H. Clay Montgomery, prominent merchant of Decatur, Ill., and x-treasurer of Macon county, shot and killed himself today in his room at the Great Northern hotel. He had been dead some time when found. Business troubles



### EIGHTY MILLION FOR PEACE

Ohristians of Many Denominations Unite in Appeal to President.

DELEGATION WITH TWO PETITIONS HEARD

McKinley Assures Them that While He Sympathises with Capr's Proposal, United States Armament Cannot Now Be Lessened.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-A delegation presented to the president today two petitions, one from the great majority of the Protestant Christian churches of the world and the other from the Pan-Presbyterian alliance. Both petitions had been placed in charge of Rev. William Henry Rogers, the American secretary of the Pan-Presbyterian cliffe and Rev. A. W. Pitzer of Washington, general of the Salvation army, two churches in Belgium, two in Switzerland, six in Holparts of the world. Baptists,- Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians unite in their approval of the petition.

It asks for the reduction of the heavy armaments maintained by Christian nations, "ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their disputes by bloodshed" and also requests the influence of the government of the United States in favor of international arbitration in place of war. The second petition is from the Pan-Presbyterian, which includes eighty national and denominational churches throughout the world. This second petition asks for a permanent and peaceful method for the settlement of all controversies arising between the peoples of the British empire and the republic of the United States."

Spanish War is Just. . The delegation in presenting the petitions emphasized the fact that both originated in the United States, the first for disarmathen in 1890, with the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church South. The delegation also stated that they were not to be regarded as "the advocates of peace at any minster confession to the effect that "civil magistrates may rightfully now, under the New Testament, wage wer upon just and

necessary occasions." The president was congratulated upon the results of the rightful war recently waged by the American people in the cause of justice and humanity and the divine blessing was invoked upon him as the man "ordained of God in a great crisis in human history to be the leader of this people, and also to be instrumental through both war and peace for the inbringing of Christ's universal kingdom."

The signers of these petitions represent more than 80,000,000 of Christians in all parts of the world, 25,000,000 of whom are ing 12 cents (1 peseta).

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

The president responded cordially to the delegation, saying that he favored arbitration as between Great Britain and America. He also said that he had responded promptly to the czar's proposal for disarmament, but that under present circumstances the armaments of the United States could not now | granted: be lessened, but would in any event be less

than would satisfy European mations. Minnesota Ex-Governor Said to Stand CANAL A FEASIBLE PROJECT.

Estimates on Two Best Known
Routes Made by Commission.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The full text of the preliminary report of the Nicaragua canal commission was today made public. It is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NICARAGUA CANAL COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The Honorable, the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.—Sir: We have the former governor and his name is ex-pected to go to the senate soon after the your letter of December 19, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the senate of Decer ber 15, requesting a report of the progress made by this commission in investigating the question of the proper route, feasibility and cost of construction of the Nicarague

canal. This commission has understood the law by which it was constituted, approved June 4, 1897, to require that all routes heretofore proposed, having any merit, are to be considered, new routes that appear to have merit are to be developed and the entire region of canal possibilities to be examined with sufficient thoroughness to enable a just and comprehensive comparison of the various routes to be made and the most de-sirable one selected. In short, to enable this commission to make a complete and

exhaustive report.
With this in view, the commission visited Nicaragua, personally examined the entire ployed some seventy engineers, with their laborers and helpers, for ten months, in making careful surveys and szaminations of the canal region. Some meteorological and hydrogical observers are still continued in hydrogical observers are still continued in Nicaragua, with a view to obtaining a full year of observations of that nature. The required field work has been obtained. The reduction of this field work together with the compilation and comparison of former surveys going back nearly fifty years, has been in progress for more than two months. The commission indices that the construction of a canal across Nicaragua is entirely feasible.

fearible.

The estimates for two of the best known characteristic routes have been nearly completed. These routes are known as the Maritime Canal companys route and the Lull route. Their estimated cost is approximately \$124,000,000 and \$125,000,000, respectively.

proximately \$124,000,000 and \$125,000,000, respectively.

The assumed dimensions are considerably greater than ever before progoned, both in length of locks and in width, depth and radius of curvature of cases. These increased dimensions have been made, beccusary by the demands of modern commerce, size and draft of modern ships, atc. This has necessarily made a corresponding increase in the estimated cost and is in no way inconsistent with the estimates made from former surveys, which contemplated a much smaller

with the estimates made from somer sur-veys, which contemplated a much smaller and cheaper canal.

A canal of smaller dimensions, just suffi-cient for present needs, is being estimated for. Such a canal would cost considerable less than the estimate for a canal suitable for modern necessities, which is referred to above.

above.

It is the opinion of this commission that of the two rouses herewith estimated for the one called the Luli-rouse is the more desirable, because it is easier of construction, presents no problems not well within good engineering precedents and will be a safer and more reliable canal when completed. It also believes that the dimensions and form of construction preferred by the commission are better than the cheaper form, with smaller dimensions which would undoubtedly call for expensive improvements within a short time after its completion.

Both of the routes referred to above admi-

to work in tropical countries, that the estimate is lower than it should be by about 20 per cent. PETER C. HAINES. 20 per cent. PETER C. HAINES, Colonel Corps of Engineers and Member of

# TIME FOR NEGROES TO ACT

Bishop Walters Declares Lynchings in South Cannot Be Defended on Ground of Protecting Women.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The first annual meeting of the Afro-American council opened in this city today. Bishop Alexander Walters of New Jersey presided. The council grew out of the meeting of prominent colored men at Rochester September 15 and was called in the interests of the amelioration of the condition of the Afro-American race. Rev. I. I. Thomas delivered the address of welcome, to which Rev. J. M. Henderson of New York responded.

Bishop Walters delivered a lengthy address, in which he reviewed the condition of the negroes from the time of the revolumust treat the negro as it would have the difficulty. negro treat the south. The south could no Walters said he could not understand the motives of the members of the race who lives. The property, qualifications . ton the time had come for the colored man to act-to act with firmness, calmness and after due deliberation.

Representative Dalzell accompanied a delegation of colored men from western Pennsylvania, who called on President Mc-Kinley to put in a memorial against the reports of the lynching of colored men in the The memorial severely criticised conditions in the south and alleged brutal lynching of colored men without cause and for no other reason than their color. They appealed for a just enforcement of the laws.

RATE PUT ON FOREIGN COINS French and Spanish Money Accepted

in Cuban Customs. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The president has issued the following executive order: WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28, 1898—It is hereby ordered that on and after January 1, 1899, and until otherwise provided, all customs, taxes, public and postal dues in the island of Cuba shall be paid in the United States money or in foreign gold, such as the Spanish Alphonsinos (centen) and the French Louis, which will be accepted in payment of such customs, taxes, public and postal dues at the following rates: "Alpostal dues at the following rates: 'Alphonsinos (25 peseta piece), \$4.82; Liouis (26 franc piece), \$3.86.

That all existing contracts for the payments of money shall be payable in the money denominated in such contracts and where French and Spanish gold shall be the stipulated money of payment they shall be received in their present decreed inflated values i. e., Alphonsinos (25 peseta piece), \$5.30; Louis (20 franc piece), \$4.24, or in United States money, at the relative value set forth in the above table, namely, \$4.82 for Alphonsinos (25 peseta piece) and \$3.86 for Louis (20 franc piece).

It is further ordered that on and after January 1, 1899, and until further provided, the following Spanish silver coins now in circulation in the island of Cuba, shall be received for customs, taxes, public and postal dues at the following fixed rates in Ameri-can money: The peso, 60 cents; the medio peso, 30 cents; the peseta, 12 cents; the real, 6 cents; the medio real, 3 cents. Bronze and copper coins now current in

the island of Cuba will be received at their face value for fractional parts of a dollar, in a single payment to an amount not exceed-

## PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS

Survivors of the Civil War Remem-WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- (Special.)-The following western pensions have been

Iowa: Original-Perry McGriff, Medora \$6: John Rink, Shelby, \$6: Charles South-wick, Waverly, \$6. Increase—William Bloomfield, Doran, \$10 to \$17; Ebenezer W. Hutchfield, Doran, \$10 to \$17; Ebenezer W. Hutch-ison, Anderson, \$6 to \$8. Original, widows, etc.—Mary A. George, Shambaugh, \$12, Colorado: Original—Nelson Gaskill, Mitch-ell, \$8. Original, widows, etc.—Margaret Denver, \$12; Minnie E. Brown, La-Montana: Reissue-Thomas M. Gasaway.

Rosebud, \$8. Original, widows, etc.-Zerelda Bevan, Helena, \$8.

RELIEF SHIP BRATTAN'S VOYAGE.

Believed to Have Supplied Enough to Pide Over Crisis in Cubs. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-General Eagan ommissary general of the army, has received a detailed report from the officer in command of the expedition on, the ship Brattan, which carried relief supplies, to the destitute Cubans. This smaller ship preceded the relief trip of the Comal and made many stops along the Cuban coast, where the destitution was great. The report shows that the supplies came most opportunely for relieving the widely prevailing distress. The Comal carries 11,500 pounds of rations and is putting off supplies points not touched by the Brattan. General Eagan is hopeful that those two large consignments will be adequate to meet the most pressing existing necessities.

Duties of Commercial Agents. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- To correct an mpression that has obtained in some degree, to the effect that commercial agents of the United States abroad have special functions in the collection of information for American manufacturers and exporters, the Bureau of Foreign Commerce has published a synopsis of the regulations on the subject. These show in brief that the commercial agents have no other status than that of ordinary consular officers and are not more particuarly engaged in securing commercial inormation. They are appointed directly by he secretary of state, rank with captains in the navy or brigadier generals in the army and in the consular service fall beow consuls, but above vice consular officers. t is usual to ask an exequatur for them.

Ordered to Yosemite for Cruise. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-Several naval auxiliary cruiser Yosemite, now fitting out for a cruise to Guam, as a station ship. Among the number are Lieutenant Commander J. H. Moore of the Columbia, Lieuenant C. H. Harlow of the Vixen, Lieuenant C. J. Boush from the Yankee. Lleutenant J. B. Melton has been detached from the Yosemite and ordered to the Badger. Lieutenant F. E. Sawyer has also been detached from the Yosemite and granted sick eave.

Domestic Postage Does Not Apply. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The postmaster t San Francisco has called attention to the arge amount of mail matter accumulating here under the mistaken notion that donestic postage applies to Hawaii. Letters or residents of Hawaii still require the inernational postage of 5 cents per half ounce, though all mail to people in the United States military or naval service is

Both of the routes referred to above admit of variants, which may reduce the cost. These are now being considered by the commission. The work necessary for an exhaustive discussion of and report upon the entire canal problem is being pushed as rapidly as its great magnitude permits and when completed the report will be submitted without delay.

We are, sir, with great respect, your obedient servants.

J. E. WALKER, Rear Admiral, U. S. N.,
President of Commission.

LEWIS M. HAUPT, Civil Engineer,
Member of Commission.

I concur with the other members of the commission in respect to the construction work and feasibility of the canal, but I think, in view of the increased size of the canal estimated for and difficulties incident.

Variance of Views on Proposed Laws in Territorial Committee.

NNOVATIONS IN THE MAJORITY REPORT

Dangers Pointed Out in Granting Judiciary Too Much Power and Requiring Property Qualification of Voter. in

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- A sharp contest will occur in the house over the legislation for the government of Hawaii, as the majority and minority of the committee on territories do not agree as to the form of the bill. Neither does the majority agree to the senate bill on relations, but all the tion down till today. The south, he said, differences are not such as to cause great

The majority report of the house comlonger shield its barbarity to the negro with mittee changes the bill introduced by Mr. the excuse of protecting its women. Histop Hit only slightly, with the exception of the qualifications for senators and representacounsel inaction. With the president silent stricken out and any gitizen who is a voter in his message upon the riots at Wilming- and has been a resident of Hawaii for three

years is eligible. Those who were citizens of Hawaii on August 12, 1898, are made citizens of the United States. One house will not be allowed to constitute the legislature in case the other adjourns, nor will it be necessary to have the sanction of three members to introduce a bill in the legislature. The delegate to congress shall possess the same qualifications as a voter. Bends issued on the credit of the public domain shall be payable in not less than five nor more than fifteen years. One year's residence must be proved to obtain a divorce. Minority Report.

The minority report was prepared by H. B. Fergusson, delegate from New Mexico, who is a member of the subcommittee. Mr. Kenry of Texas is also a minority member, but is now absent.

The report says the minority is unable to agree to some prominent features of the bill as introduced and as approved by the majority of that subcommittee and contin-

"It is important to emphasize the fact that new territory as acquired should be governed, as other territories of the United States have been from the foundation of the government, with the view to ultimate admission to statehood.

"Upon this theory we believe that Hawaii should be given substantially the same form of government as har been accorded other territories of the United States; and the importance of this view is increased rather than diminished by the imminent Philippne question. New territory which we feel is \$4.82 | unfitted, either from the character of its population or because of its distance from other shores, for statehood in the union ought to be left alone entirely.

"We therefore object to the provision of the bill making the supreme court of the territory of Hawaii judge of the membership of the house of the territorial legislature of Hawaii. We believe that each house should be the final judge of the qualifications of its members.

Danger in Too Much Judicial Power "The innovation not only fails to pre-serve the constitutional independence of the great branches of the government, executive, regislative and judicial, but tends to degrade the court to the level of political squabbles and partisan bias. It tends also judges of the supreme and superior courts to increase the already dangerous power of General John C. Black, commander of the

the courts in our system of government. "We also object to the property qualifica-Issue of December 16:
Nebraska: Original—Class Boshoim; Omana, \$12. Increase—John C. Morrow, Dranch of the legislature. This is an inno-comana, \$6 to \$12. Philip K. Price, Gelfop, vation recognizing by law the right of wealth to \$8.

Lower Original Content of the legislature. This is an inno-common of the legislature of the legislature of the legislature of the senate of the legislature of the legislatu tion for members of the senate of the legis-fature of Hawaii. This disqualification also Kirk Hawas and Colonel James R. Sexton, made concerning the meat. It was found varion recognizing by law the right of wealth | was scheduled to speak, but on account of

"A residence of three years in Hawaii is also necessary for one to become a qualified voter. As our desire is or should be to Monitor and Merrimac, the other of the Americanize those blands, we think a res- Nineteenth Illinois at Chickamauga. idence of even less than one year would

be preferable. "We think also that too great power is given to the governor; especially we object to his being empowered to nominate part of the judiciary of that island for life. We believe that all the judges, as in other territories, should be appointed by the presdent and from the bonafide resident base of the territory for a term of four years If life judges are to be appointed at all they should be appointed by the president." There are other minor points of difference between the minority and majority of the sub-committee, but the above are the prin-

cipal ones. The minority makes no objection to the educational qualification for citizenship as it believes this to have worked well

TO REST IN THEIR NATIVE LAND Bodies of Soldiers Killed in Cuba

Soon to Be Sent Home. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- General Ludington, quartermaster general of the army has completed arrangements for bringing to this country the bodies of American officers and soldiers interred at and in the vicinity of Santiago, Ponce and other points

in Porto Rico, Manila and Honolulu. The graves have been carefully marked by officials of the quartermaster's departall of the American dead. A large number of metallic caskets are now being manufactured. The shipments of the caskets will begin about January 10 and a force of skilled men will go with them to attend to sealing the caskets and shipping them to this country. They will be brought on the government transports. They will probably be brought to New York and from that point sent to relatives and friends. In order that people throughout the country may make preparations for securing the bodies ficers were today ordered to duty on the of friends and relatives the Quartermaster's department today made the following state-

ment: "Duly authorized relatives and representatives of the families of the deceased soldiers who wish the remains sent to the homes are requested to notify the quarter- March 15. master of such desire, stating in full the name of such soldier, the company and regiment to which he belonged and the address of the town, county and state to which the remains are to be forwarded and the name f parties in whose care the remains are to be shipped, so that they can be advised of the date of shipment when made."

Congress appropriated \$200,000 for the purpose. It seemed at one time that the re-turn of the bodies to American soil would be impossible, as it was thought to be an undertaking attended with too many difficulties and dangers. A strong popular sentiment on the subject developed, however, and in response to this congress made the provision of law for the return of the bodies. At the time of the act last July the summer heat made the removals inexpedient but now that the cold winter months are on the danger of infection is entirely removed.

Quite Service of the Navy. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The navy is bout to lose one of its brightest young officers in Passed Assistant Engineer Walter M. McParland, at present attached to the bureau of steam engineering as assistant to Engineer-in-Chief Melville. Mr. McParland leaves the navy to assume the office of as-sistant general manager of the Westinghouse company at Pittsburg, at a salary four times

as great as that he now derives from the MILES SUPPORTS HIS CLAIM

ROMERO IS SINKING RAPIDLY Minister from Mexico Will Probably Not Survive Operation for Appendicitis.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- At 2:30 a. m. this morning Ambaseador Romero of Mexico was reported sinking rapidly. The ambassador was operated upon for appendicitis Wednesday.

Reciprocal Mail Arrangement. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-The postmaster general today signed an order accepting as private mailing cards both the Canadian mailing cards, bearing United States stamps and mailed on this side of the line and the United States cards mailed in Canada with Canadian postage. This is the result of a reciprocal arrangement between this and the Canadian government.

New Hampshire Bank Fails. WASHINGTON, Dec 29 .- The controller of the currency has received information of the failure of the Colebrook National bank of Colebrook, N H.

#### BLIZZARD HAILS FROM NORTH Government Signal Service at Chiengo Gives Notice of Severest Storm of the Season.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- The government signal service late this evening announced the approach from the northwest of the most severe cold wave of this season. By Saturday morning it is predicted zero weather will prevail in Chicago and the entire lake region. The thermometer tonight registered from 18 to 24 degrees below zero in the northeast territory, the low mark being reached at Winnipeg. At Havre, Mont., the northernmost station of the United States, the mercury is already "on the toboggan" and at 8 o'clock this evening registered ! degrees below zero. St. Paul and Chevenne reported strong indications for the approaching blast with 10 and 8 degrees above, respectively. In the district of Chicago 44 degrees above is the ruling figure tonight, but if indications are worth anything a drop of 40 degrees will be recorded by Saturday. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-The air pressure has increased remarkably in Alberta and Alberton, a pressure being reported of 30.72 inches and temperatures respectively of 12 and 18 degrees. This high area has caused a sharp fall in temperature from the middle and upper Mississippi valleys to the plateau regions of 50 to 22 degrees. Temperatures in this region are from 10 to 25 degrees below normal. The cold wave will spread in an easterly and southerly direction and on Friday night will reach western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, portions of Tennessee and Kentucky, through Arkansas and northern parts of Mississippi Louisiana and eastern Texas. It will extend to the Atlantic coast, by Saturday, continuing in the Atlantic states and the lower lake region till Monday.

# MEMORIAL HALL DEDICATED

Magnificent Apartment is Furnished in Honor of Veterans of the Civil War.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- A magnificent memorial hall in honor of the veterans of the civil war was dedicated today in the new public library on Michigan avenue. Over 3,000 persons were present, including many of the state, county and city officials and General John C. Black, commander of the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, made the formal dedicatory adthe Republic, also spoke. Governor Tanner sickness was unable to be present. The assembly rooms of the hall were furnished the too great power of concentrated wealth. at a cost of \$22,000, appropriated by the state. Among the furnishings are two large panels, one showing the fight between the

#### ENGAGEMENT IN HIGH LIFE Announcement Made of Alliance Between Virginia Fair and William K. Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- The Herald says: The engagement of Miss Virginia Fair and William K. Vanderbilt. jr., was formally Colonel Haskin—The meat was generally announced yesterday. Miss Fair is a sister disliked, was soft, watery and insipld, agree-of Mrs. Herman Ocirichs. She was able to neither eye nor taste. The men could educated in the Convent of the Sacrei Heart at San Francisco and later traveled abroad extensively. She came to New York soon after the marriage of her sister to Mr. Oelrichs, and with her mother passed a good deal of her time with Mr. and Mrs. Ocirichs, both here and in Newport. Miss Fair was an intimate friend of her flance's sister, Consuello, now the duchess of Mariborough.

#### RESULT OF AN INFATUATION Dr. E. E. Gray of Bloomfield, Ind Kills Woman Who Led Him to

Leave Wife and Home.

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Dec. 29 .- This after noon Dr. E. E. Gray killed Mrs. Lizzie Skinner on the streets within 100 feet of the depot in plain view of many people. He stabbed her four times with a surgical knife ment, who have gone over the several fields and she died instantly. He made threats and have succeeded in identifying nearly this morning that he he would kill her toand she died instantly. He made threats day. He was watching for her at the depo as she was coming to take the train. After the killing he immediately gave himself up Mrs. Skinner left a former husband on ac count of the doctor and he has deserted the work of disinterment, hermetically wife and family on account of her. Dr. Gray is about 30 years of age.

#### RAILROAD LAW IS PASSED Kansas Bill to Appoint Board for Ad justment of Tariffs Goes Through Legislature.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29 .- The railroad law house today by a vote of 70 to 39. It will be passed by the senate and be promptly signed by Governor Leedy and become a law The law provides for a railroad board, with

judicial powers to hear complaints and ad-

just railroad tariffs where unjust or exessive rates are proved. It allows appeals to be taken to the supreme court. The appointment of the board is placed in the hands of the incoming republican governor, Stanley. Soldier Receives Fatal Injury COLUMBUS. O., Dec. 29.—Corporal Martin Tracy, Seventeenth infantry, fell while xercising in the gymnasium Tuesday. An

X-ray photograph was taken and when the photograph was developed it showed that one of the cervical vertibrae was dislocated

and a rib torn loose from the spine. Chicken Fighters Locked Up. MILWAUKEE. Dec. 29.—A cocking main on the outskirts of the city, in which Milwaukee and Chicago birds participated, was stopped by the police today. Twenty-two men are under arrest and warrants are issued for the arrest of sixteen others. The raid was arranged by Superintendent White-

Recruits for the Twelfth. CLEVELAND. O., Dec. 29.—A telegram has been received at the United States recruiting office in this city from Washington ordering the recruiting of 500 men for the Twelfth United States infantry, which is now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. The regiment will soon start for Manlia.

Regimental Officers Testify that Beef Unfit for Use.

ARGE AMOUNT SPOILED WHEN OPENED

Material Said to Be the Refuse of Beef Extracts and Not Nutritious-Case is Set for January 9.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The War Invesigating commission held a short session today, devoted to executive business. There The Swift Packing company of Chicago, to C. A. Beeler, the Wells-Fargo money canned fresh beef furnished his expeditions, has notified the commission of its ability to ence of Commissary General Eagan that he vicinity where the vehicle was found. be called to testify in answer to General Miles' charges, and no decision has been reached

Miles, of the results obtained from the use of canned fresh roast beef, in campaigns press company is here investigating. He in Cuba and Porto Rico. These reports were admits that the loss will reach the sum his testimony last week and presented in amount, substantiation of his vigorous denunciation of the canned beef. General Miles stated at the time that he had started an investigation of the matter of the canned beef supplies and the reports submitted follow his official inquiry along this line. The statement given out includes a statement of Major John D. Black, chief commissary sergeant, United States volunteers, and commissary at headquarters of the army in the field during the Porto Rico expedition, dated December 19, on the canned fresh roast beef received, issued and transferred by him. It shows the totals received from all sources were 12,604 one-pound cans, 86,292 two-pound cans, and 2,220 six-pound cans. The total issued and transferred was as follows: One-pound cans issued, 144; one-pound cans transferred, 12,460; two-pound cans issued, 42,168; twopound cans transferred, 44,126; six-pound cans issued, none; six-pound cans transferred, 2,220.

Testimony of Commanding Officers A synopsis of the reports as furnished follows:

Commanding Officer, Fourth Infantry Major Baker-The beef seemed to be of in ferior quality and was anything but palatable. Quite a number of men could not and did not eat it. Commanding Officer, Sixth Infantry, Lieu-

tenant Colonel Minord-The meat was ut-

terly unfit, as an article of diet, for either sick or well. It had no nutriment in 1 and turned the stomachs of the men who tried to eat it. Commanding Officer, Ninth Infantry, Colonel Powell-The meat produced disordered stomachs, was not nutritious, soon became putrid and in many of the cans was

found in course of putrification when opened. Commanding Officer, Twelfth Infantry, Major Humphreys-The meat presented such a repulsive appearance that men turned from it in disgust. "Nasty" is the only term that will fitly describe its appearance. Its use produced diarrhoea and

dysentery. Commanding Officer, Thirteenth Infantry, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of very unpalatable and is unfit for issue to

Commanding Officer, Seventeenth Infantry. Major O'Brien-The juices having been cooked out of the meat, it was not nourisning nor palatable. It should no longer be

Commanding Officer, Second Battalion Twenty-first Infantry, Captain J. W. Dun can-The meat soon spoiled after opening he cans; the men soon tired of it and it is not proper food. It is not equal in any way to canned corned beef. Commanding Officer, Twenty-second Infantry, Major Van Horne-The meat issued

was nothing more than refuse after various kinds of soups had been extracted from it Further issues of it should not be made. Commanding Officer, Second Artillery

be induced to eat it only when prepared as a stew. Commanding Officer, Fifth Artillery, Lieutenant Colonel McCrea-The meat was unpalatable because of the excess of fat in it Its appearance was black and stringy and none of the men liked it. When prepared as a stew it was more palatable. If less fat and mixed with vegetables it would deserve a further trial. Commanding Officer, Light Battery K, First Artillery, Captain Best-The appearance of the meat was not inviting. The

men soon tired of it. Commanding Officer, First Cavalry Brigadier General Viels-The meat was miserable apology for food in a hot climate slimy mass of beef scrape, unpalatable to the taste and repulsive to the sight. Competition for the contracts placed the price so low that only tailings and scraps were used for canning. Officers, Ninth Cavalry-Very unsatis-

eat it when they have nothing else.

#### MRS. CORNISH IS INTERVIEWED 💆 Claims She Has No Knowledge of the Family Where Her Divorced

Husband Resides.

BOSTON, Dec. 29 .- Mrs. Addie J. Cornish, he divorced wife of Harry Cornish, the Knickerbocker Athletic club manager, by whom a bottle of poison was received as a Christmas present, the contents of which caused the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams igreed on in populist caucus passed the last night, stated today that her only knowledge of Mr. Cornish of late has come to her through the newspapers or letters written to

her by her daughter, Edith. Mrs. Cornish declares that she is not acquainted with Mrs. Adams, described as the aunt of Mr. Cornish and the victim of the Christmas package. She says she never met Mrs. Rogers, described as the daughter of Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Cornish added that little Edith went to New York some time ago and on her return told of having been to the house of Mrs. Adams, but beyond that Mrs. Cornish has no knowledge of the woman. Edith is now in Hartford spending the holidays with he grandmother.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- The Adams-Cornish poisoning case remains as great a mystery as ever. When the detective bureau, the district attorney's office, the coroner and others seeking to find a solution of the strange case ended their labors for the day nothing had been learned that might assist in bringing the gullty persons to jus-

on opinion. Shafter Returns to Coast. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 .- Official notice has been received by Major General Merriam that General Shafter is to be again assigned to the command of the Department of Caltfornia. It is expected that General Shafter will take charge about the 10th of next

month. General Merriam has not yet been agaigned. He may go north again to the Department of the Columbia. The impression prevails, however, that he will go to Denver to command the Department of Colorado and that the Departments of California and the Columbia will be combined under Shafter.

#### PACKAGE OF MONEY IS LOST Wells-Pargo Express Messenger at San Antonio Supposed to Have

Got Away with \$60,000.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 29.-The local office of the Wells-Fargo express company has lost a money package containing \$60,000. The money was sent here from Houston for the Southern Pacific to meet its pay roll west from this city to El Paso. It arwere no witnesses ready for examination. rived Wednesday morning and was given which protested against the statements in delivery clerk, to hand over. Beeler started General Miles' testimony derogatory to its for the depot and was seen en route. Four hours after his departure his wagon was found five miles west of the city in a be on hand on January 4, as expected, and thicket, the horse almost dead from the January 9 has been set as the date for the effects of hard driving. Inquiry developed appearance of the representative. So far the fact that no delivery had been made. no final action has been taken on the insist- There was no evidence of a struggle in the Beeler had been in the employ of the company for nine years and enjoyed the regarding calling Generals Miles and confidence of all. He spent several years on the frontier as a cowboy. His friends The commission made public today a stoutly assert that he is the victim of foul synopsis of the reports of officers to General play and his wife is also inclined to this belief. Superintendent Taft of the exsubmitted by General Miles when he gave stated, while rumor nearly doubles the

> Adams Case Still a Mystery. NEW YORK. Dec. 29.—According to the statement of the officials who are seeking the cause of the mysterious death of Mrs. Adams, there were no new developments in the case today. The coroner's physician said that he would perform an autopsy, but the result of this would probably not be known until tonight. The Rogers family and Mr. Cornish deny themselves to all visitors. Dr. Hitchcock, who attended Mrs. Adams and who himself suffered from the poison, said that he believed the soltzer bottle contained cyanide of potassium, If the district attorney's office or the police have any clew as to the identity person who sent the bromo-seltzer b Mr. Cornish they keep it carefully to them-

> Kansas Troops Reach Home. LEAVENWORTH, Kan. Dec. 29.—Troops B. C. F and K. Sixth United States cavalry, arrived at Leavenworth today from Huntsville. Ala., and went into camp north of town. The soldiers will remain in camp town. until the Twentieth infantry, under or to go to Manila, departs, when they occupy the fort barracks.

> Bucklin's Arnica Saive. THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Sait Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

> > AMUSEMENTS.

#### O CREIGHTON **Ortohoum** - Creighten Theatre Telephone 1531 Omaha's Society Vaudeville Theates ARE YOU GOING TO THE MATINEE

TOMORROW? It Will Only Cost You 25c. THREE SISTERS MACARTE. Marvelous Exponents of Equipose. in "A Game of Wits."
TOPACK & STEELE. Celebrated 'Kneckabout Come

The Man with 100 Fages. THE GLEASONS, Refined Singing and Dancing Specialty. Comedy Trick Bicycle Acrobats. E. M. HALL, The Well Known Minstrel. BARTELL AND MORRIS. Refined Novelty Musical Artists. Prices never changing. Evenings—Reserved seats, 25c and 50c; gallery, 10c. Matnee, any seat, 25c; children 10c.

BOYD'S THEATER PAXTON & BURGESS, SPECIAL HOLIDAY ATTRACTION. Two Nights beginning Sunday Matinee, Jan. 1st. Special Matinee Monday. MR. DAVID HIGGINS

### s picturesque romance of the moun-tains and valleys of Tennessee, "AT PINEY RIDGE,"

MISS CEORGIA WALDRON
And a Capable Company.
Night Prices—lower floor 75c, \$1.00; balecony 35c and 50c.
Matinee Prices—lower floor 50c; balcony

BOYD'S THEATRE PAXTON & BURGESE TWO NIGHTS-ONE MATINEE, DEC. 30-31.

FRANK DANIELS

In His Two Great Comic Opera Hits, Tonight and Saturday Matinee-THE IDOL'S EYE ..... Saturday Night Only-THE WIZARD OF THE NILE. PRICES-25e to \$1.50.

ing must be claimed before 3 p. m.

Reserved seat tickets laid aside for even-

News Boys Third Annual

Ball and Banquet

Creighton Jan. I, Hall. 1899. Cake Walk at II p. m. Come and get

your money's worth. Per Couple 50 Cents. Mogy, Manager.

HOTELS. THE MILLARD 13th and Douglas Sts., Omaha, AMERICAN AND EULOPEAN PLAN-CENTRALLY LOCATED. J. E. MARKEL & SON. Props.

THE NEW MERCED

12th and Howard Sts., Omaha. American Plan
You will find your friends registered here.
F. J. COATES. Proprietor.
WM ANDREWS. Chief Clerk.