CHINA FACES

Feeling that Flowery Kiegdom Has Much to Lose in Case of War.

LY INCREASING PROSPECT OF W. Diplomats at Peking 5 3 Japan Has Little Hope 4

JAPANESE MINISTER IS Representative a: London Does N

an Early Settlement. BERLIN KEEPS EYES ON GREAT BRITAIN

Germans Feel that in Present Situation England May Have to Join

Japan in Order to Maintain Prestige.

PEKING, Dec. 33.—The optimistic feeling in some quarters concerning war between Japan and ituasis are not shared by diplopresent situation entities their opinion to the highest consideration. It is positively known that the Japanese government has which it will not make any material con-cession and it is determined to fight before yielding what it considers to be its vital interests. It is believed that unless Russia concedes vital points another exchange

of notes will precipitate matters.

It is also believed that Japan will refuse any arrangement holding in abeyance the question of the evaquation of Manchuria, which was one of the terms of the propo sition recently made at St. Petersburg, and which is supposed was intended by the Russian government up a feeler. This would be a violation of piedges given to

Uceda is believed to have said he would resign his post in the event of such an arrangement. The most dangerous factors in the situation is the confidence of the Russian officials in the far east that a war would mean an easy victory for Rusela, and the challenging tone of Russian

Many foresee the perils menacing China in the event of war and the possibilities that a partition of the empire may result from China's inability to maintain the neu-trality of its harbors and subjects. The conger officials and the newspapers discuss the possibilities of an alliance between China and Japan, but the only available Chinese troops are the 15,000 Japanese-trained men of Yuan Shai Kai, who was recently appointed commander of the imrecently appointed commander of the im-perial army and navy, who might fight un-der foreign leaders, but whose present offi-cers are incompetent and of doubtful cour-

We Ting Fang Will Give Up. Wu Ting Fang, the well known ex-min-ister to the United States, tells his official friends that he despairs of China's future. "I-see no hope," he says, "for China. The partition of the empire sooner or later is heavitable." He is discussed with the commercial treaty recently signed, and was surrmoned to Peting and given the vice presidency of the board of commerce. The president of this important board is rince Test Chen, a youth, whose only unlineation is the fact that he took a usried trip around the world when he oppresented China at the coronation of

King Edward. Yet, he vetoes most of the practical movements made by other mem-bers of the board. among the provincial officials, who come to Psking. They all declare that they never before found the government so lacking in able men.

See Nothing But War.

The two members of the diplomatic corps at the Chinese capital whose opinions regarding the present critical condition of affairs in the far east are probably most valuable are Japanese minister Uchida and Sir Ernest Mason Satow, who for over three years has represented the British government at Peking. It is no secret with ham that there is only a faint prospect war being averted.

Minister Salow was connected with the British diplomatic service in Japan for a quarter of a century. He is one of the greatest living authorities on Japanese history and literature, and is in constant communication with the forement munication with the foremost statemen of Japan. He is quoted as saying that anyone who imagines that Japan will not fight for what it conceives to be its greatest interests does not know the Japanese people. Minister Uchida is an afferent of the "young James people." young Japan party," and has always ad-

cented war if necessary to secure the recurring of Manchuria. Robert Hart, director of Chinese Imperial maritime customs, said today that he feared China would be the chief sufferer ground between the two milistones.

The decadence of the Chinese government

has never been more completely displayed than in these times, when its ministers go from legation to legation imploring other governments to help China without any thought of China's helping itself. There is absolutely no strong man among the ruling ministers—no Prince Chung, Marquis Teeng or Li Hung Chang-all are venerable con-servatives like Prince Ching.

Berlin Eyes Great Britain.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.-The German Foreign office, in estimating the probabilities of war in the far east, fixes its attention at this moment on Great Britain rather on Japan, for it is recognized that Japan is only wait-ing for Great Britain to give the word beore beginning hostilities. A new and even it is looked upon here, is the rising feeling in Great Britain that Russia must yield or Japan and Great Britain ought to fight it.

The Associated Press learns from the government, while still refusing to believ that war is certain, is convinced now that If war between Russia and Japan comes Great Britian will take a part in it, because the British government looks upon war as possibly the only means of saving and re-

establishing its position in the east.
It is fewred that matters will so to such a point that would not be at all surpris-ing of Great br. in expressed its willing-ness, providing Japan agrees to accept a certain special compromise, to guarantee to back Japan, if necessary, by force of

There are no known developments an the diplomats do not expect any insidintely, or until the Russian reply apa's request for a reconstruction of th or Russian note is received.

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PERIL POPE RECEIVES ALL CARDINALS

Season's Greetings Are Exchanged by Pontiff and His Nearest of Bank.

ROME, Dec. 23.—The pope received all the cardinals and high prelates today and they exchanged the season's greet-The function was unusually interesting, as it was the first of the kind Is Without Authority to Do Anything under the present pontiff.

The reception took place in the gorgeous throne room of the private apartments of the late Pope Lee XIII, now renovated and used as Pope Plus' public reception

The pontiff, in spotless white robes, was seated on the throne, while the cardinals ranged themselves in front of him, according to precedence. Behind them were the other church dignitaries in their order. The dean of the Sacred college, Cardina Oregits, rend a short, happily worded speech, to which the pope replied with his usual affability and modesty. The assemblage then advanced and kissed the pontiff's hand and broke into small groups, Pope Plus, speaking personally to each of

The United States was represented at the reception by Mgr. Seton, titular arch-bishop of Heliopotis, of Newark, N. J., and Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American

GRANTS DIVORCE TO PRINCESS drawn the line for a settlement, beyond Daughte, of Don Carlos, Alleged to Have Eloped, Released from

Marriage Bonds, DRESDEN, Dec. 21.-The court has dissolved the marriage of Prince Frederick and Princess Alice of Schoenburg-Walden-

The princess, who is a daughter of Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, was reported some time ago to have eloped with her Francisco, B. Ariaa Ferraud, jr., has notiman, an Italian named Emilio Maberni, but this was denied from several sources and she began divorce proceedings

The prince and princess were married by the present pope while he was Patriarch of Venice and the princess expects that the pontiff will agree to the dissolution of the marriage.

The court simply announced the decree of divorce without explanation of the rea-The proceedings were in entire privacy, though no concealment was made of the fact that each side accused the other

ALONZO CRUZEN QUITS PLACE

Nebraskan in Porto Rico Has Resignation Accepted by Secretary of Treasury.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Doc. 28.-A cablegram SAN JUAN, P. R., Doc. 22.—A emblegram has been received from Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, accepting the resignation of Alongo Crusen, customs collector of Porto Rico. It is expected that W. H. Elliott of Indiana, commissioner of the injurior for Porto Pico, will succeed Mr. Crusen, and he in turn will be succeeded by Regis H. Post of New York, who at present is auditor of Porto Rico.

It is reported that President Rossevelt will permit Senator Esveridge of Indiana to name the new collector. The resignation of Mr. Crusen is the result of the second purpose of the admiral's visit was

recent investigations into the charges of smuggling made against certain officers of the United States navy and Porto Rican

CHAMBERLAIN WINS VICTORY New Man is Elected from Shropshire in Piscal Question Cam-

LONDON, Dec. 22.-Rowland Hunt, lib eral uniquiet and a approrter of Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal policy, has been elected to represent the Ludlow division of Shropshire in the House of Commons, cceed Robert J. Moore, liberal union ist, deceased, by a majority of \$70 votes. At the last election Mr. Moore was elected without opposition, but at the previous contested election his majority was nearly

The issue was clear cut. The contes was fought exclusively on the fiscal ques tion. The constituency was deluged with organizers and speakers from Birmingham and representatives from the Free Food

DREYFUS COMMISSION MEETS Hears Report of Directors, but Will Consider the Case Several

Days.

PARIS, Dec. 23.-The Dreyfus commis sion today considered the report of Victor Mercier, one of the directors in the ministry of justice and the reporter of the Dreyfus commission, on the evidence mitted by War Minister Andre.

The members of the commission say the tocuments in the case are voluminous and theey propose to thoroughly study them, so that a decision is not expected to be rendered for some days. It is generally supposed that the commission will support M. Mercier's findings, and that they are favorable to Dreyfus.

JEWS FEAR FURTHER RIOTS

May Tell Russian Government of Alleged Lawless Plans for Christmas Day.

LONDON, Dec. 28-The Jewish Chronicis announces that a joint meeting of the for-eign committee and the board of deputies of the Anglo-Jewish association will be held December 25 to consider the question of making representations to the Russian government through the Foreign office rel-ative to the report that fresh anti-fewish excesses are threatened at Kishineff on the Russian Christmas day. The Jewish Chronicle adds that it understands the matter is already engaging the attention of Foreign Secretary Landowne.

CUT TENDONS OF HIS HEELS

Ladrones Find Presidente Susceptible to Achillean Treatment and

Administer It. MANILA, Dec. M.-Ladrones recently coted the municipal treasury at Rosoboso. in Luzon. They captured the preside and cut the tendons of his beels. The co-atabulary pursued the band and success in recovering part of the stolen funds.

Treaty Between Cuba and Italy. ROME. Dec. 21-Signor Savina, the Italian minister to Cuba, has been authorized to sign a treaty of commerce and naviga-lion between Italy and Cuba similar to that of 1200 between Italy and Mexico and in-cluding provisions for arbitration in the case of disputes.

BEARS MEN AND MUNITIONS WILL FIGHT FOR OLD FORTUNE ALLEGES A FALSE SHOWING

Colombian Boat Sighted by Coghlan Has Suspicion Appearance

but Look On Until There is Intrusion of Panama's Precinets.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23-The following cablegram was received at the Navy de-partment today from Rear Admiral Cogh-

"Mayflower reports met with Pinson, carrying 300 men and munitions, bound for case at Titumatt."

Official maps of the Nevy department point referred to is Tumate, a group of Isaac Goldfiam were advertised for,

Postal Entanglement Straightened,

minister, M. Bunau-Varilla, has filed its first protest against the action of a United Comptroller Authorizes Change States official affecting matters pertaining to that republis. In a long dispatch to the minister, the Panama consul at San fied him that the postal authorities of that city had refused to accept registered mail or parcels post addressed to the Republic against Prince Frederick on the ground of panama. The consul states that these bodily injury and forcible deprivation of authorities insist on mail being addressed "Rapublic of Colombia." The consul refused to comply and referred the matter to the minister.

Minister Bunau--Varilla promptly laid the matter before Acting Secretary of State Loomis, who at once notified the costmaster general, asking him to take ch steps as will rectify the action of the

The postmaster general, upon receipt of the communication from the State Cepartment, sent the following telegram to the aster at San Francisco:

Walker Explains Conditions."

Rear Admiral Walker, retired, called upon Acting Secretary of State Loomis today and explained conditions on the Isth-mus of Panama when he left there a

tion of Mr. Crusen is the result of the second purpose of the admiral's visit was entative of the prest ent from a political point of view, and while on the isthmus he has kept the chief executive fully advised as to developments Consequently, there was little for the ad-miral to add to his preceding reports.

Shows Panamanian Approval.

M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from oday an interesting document in the shape of the "Official Gazette" of that republic containing the resolutions passed by the nunicipal councils of twelve of the prin cipal provinces of the isthmus, approving he action of the provisional government or junta in ratifying the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty.

The object in bringing the document to

the State department was for the purpose of answering the criticisms which have en made in some quarters that the apgroval of the canal treaty did not come rom the representative men of the fethmus Rear Admiral Walker informed the pres ent that in his opinion it would be ex of the Republic of Panama and that it was unnecessary to increase the force of ma rines in Panania or in isthmian waters.

Regarding the health of the marines. Rear Admiral Walker told the president that it could scarcely be better. He said that while the marines were welcomed and their presence realized to be for the best interests of the republic the sending of egular troops might cause a feeling of

Despite the peaceful report made by Rea Admiral Walker the probability is that two nore battations of marines will sail next week on the Dixie and the Philadelphia from Colon. It is felt at the Navy de partment that it will be well to have a sufficient force in isthmian waters to permit of frequent relief for the force ashore. Between now and Monday the question will be decided definitely.

Elitott Will Go South.

The official announcement is made that corps, will go to the isthmus, as the admin-istration wishes him to make a thorough inspection there, both from a military and sanitary standpoint. The Dixie will also carry a number of rapid fire guns. Commanding the two battalfons will be Lieu-tenant Colonel Biddle and Lieutenant

Among those to go are Captain Cyrus Ford as chief quartermaster, Captain H. L. Matthews and Captain Eli K. Cole. General Elliott will be accompanied by his two sides, Captain Frank E. Evans and Captain Harry Leonard. It is expected the Dixie will sail from Polladelphia on Mon-day. A long cablegram was prepared for Rear Admiral Glass today under the perwas largely one of inquiry as to co on the lethmus and the probable need for more marines. On Rear Admiral Glass' reply will depend to some extent the depart-

Reyes Note Nears Completion. The note of General Reyes to the State department, though not yet filed, is nearing General Reyes was working is expected that the note will be presented within the next few days and that General Reyes will then return home at once unless he has reason to expect an answer to at

Reyes Will Hasten Home. "War on Panama means war with grams which General Reyes, the Co-

nister, is sending to Bogota and to his (Continued on Second Page.)

Goldflams Learn that Five Millions Werer Left Undisposed Of by Wandering Uncle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21-Jacob Goldfiem, Now York rest estate dealer, has nied QUTHRIE CANNOT START AN INQUIRY a claim to Illinois property said to be worth \$5,000,000 through increased value since the death of his uncle, Isaac Gold-flam, who was murdered twenty-two years

ago by a footpad in Chleago. Isaac left Warsaw when he was 17. In Warsaw were his brother, Saul, and a sister, Esther. From time to time the absent brother reported his progress, but never told them he had become wealthy and was the leading citizen of Oquawka. Ill. As his millions increased his munications ceased altogether.

About twenty-five years ago Jacob Goldflam, son of Sanl, came to this city to seek his fortune. Three years later Isaac was killed and, it is stated, in the absence do not show any place by the name of of known helps the estate was turned over Titumati, but the supposition is that the to the public administrator. Helps of point referred to is Tumate, a group of three islands, lying half a mile from the Colombian coast, in the Guif of Darlen, and about thirty miles southeast of Cape Tiburon. The Tumate islands being a part of Colombian territory, the department is without any power to act, beyond cheserving the movements of this detachment of Colombian troops.

The situation at the Island of Pines, however, is quite different, as that island is within Panama territory and it is not to be expected that the eighty or more Colombians who were landed there will be permitted to remain.

Fostal Entanglement Straightened,

The Republic of Panama, through its WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

State Hank at Loup City to a Notional

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-(Special Tele gram.)-George W. Schreck of York, Neb., who has been visiting his son, Charles, now taking a course of electrical engineering at Columbian university, left for home

William H. Alexander has been appointed regular and Cass Swarts substitute rural carriers at Griswold, Ia.

These Iowa rural routes will be estab county, one route; area covered, thirtyeight square miles; population, 600. Emerson, Mills county, one additional; area, thirty-six square miles; poulation, 500. Glidden, Carroll county, one additional; ares. thirty-two square miles; population, 525. Harlan, Shelby county, two additional; You are hereby instructed to accept for registration mail matter properly prepaid and prepared addressed to points in the Republic of Panama and to Baue registration, 750. Reasnor, Jusper county, one area, seventy-six square miles; population, tional; area, fifty-four square miles; popu-tation, 750. Resenor, Jusper county, one route; area, nineteen square miles; popu-

Nebraska postmaster appointed: Ellis,
Gage county, Charles W. Gillett, vice H.
Pyle, resigned; Ives, I undy county, Oren
B. Ballard, vice J. B Brunt, resigned;
Watts, Lincoln county, Mrs. Nettle A.
Bowen, vice M. P. Prosser, resigned.
The comptroller of the currency has approved the conversion of the First bank of Loup City, Neb., into the First National bank, with \$25,000 card d.

Cent and War.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.-Haunrds of ratirond life are sharply emphasized in the annual report of Major L. B. Brown, secretary of the Department of Internal Affairs, in which a parallel is drawn beween the casualties among rallroad emcloyes in this state during the last year and the union losses on some of the greatialities among steam railway employee in Pennsylvania for the year covered by the report were 15,382. The combined figures for the steam and street rallways show a year "than occurred to the union army in any one of the great battles of the civil

During the year the number of passengers killed was forty-one, and injured, 1,512; of the employes of the street railway corporaions twenty-one were killed and 252 in ured; of other persons 165 were killed and .000 injured, making the total number of fatal accidents on the lines of these corporations 227, and the total number not fatal 3,669.

In discussing the casualty figures reported y the various roads Major Brown calls atntion to the significant fact that there was a decrease in the number of employee

BRUSHES ASIDE RACE THEORY Emineut Eastern Ethnologist Says Old Scientists Erred About the Esquimanz.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Basing his opinons upon data collected by several ex-derers sent out by Morris K. Jesup of this city, Dr. Franz Boaz, curator ethnology of the American Museum of Natural History, has announced his belief that previous theories as to the origin of American and Asiatic tribes around the north pole are founded in error. The curator declares that the tribes around Bering sea and east to Greenland are subdivisions of one race, and that the Esquimaux's position as a distinct race, so long con-ceded, can no longer be sustained.

"It seems clear," he says, "that the isoof the northwest coast of America form one race, similar in type and with many elements of culture in common. The indisturbed the former conditions, but enough remains to lead us to think that the tribes of this whole area must be considered as a single race, or at least that their culture is a single culture, which at astern part of the old world and the torthwestern part of the new world," Heretofore the dwellers of the Arctic

ESCAPES IN DOUBLE SHACKLES While Watchmen Sleep Alleged 21, 1903, invested \$133,625 in the Uruguay Forger Leaves Train in Sightclothes.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 33.-Shackled with leg from and attired only in his night clother Thurlow W. Parker, alias Brown,

Such is the Testimony of Witness in Hearing of thipbuilding Case.

Attempt of Lawyer to Question Newspaper Men is Made Impossible in Present Hearing by Order of Referee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 -At the opening of today, Counsel Untermyer at once took up the subject of the publication of Alexander correspondence, declaring that so far as he knew, neither himself, his associate counsel nor anyone connected the publication of this report can be raised in anything but a Pickwickian sense." He the Louisiana Purchase exposition relative said that he had learned that no less than to the St. Louis exposition fifteen copies for the correspondence had been made and distributed broadcast in New York: that he, himself, had had his copy only during the examination. He been offered for sale in newspaper offices | Beet in New York. "Under such circumstances," he continued, "It is absurd to claim that such correspondence is privileged." During Mr. Untermyer's extended re-

narks on the subject he referred to the alaged "lack of courtesy as shown by opposing counsel" and "efforts to sidetrack the real issues in the case."

"At another time," he added. "we shall be very glad to go into this matter. Mr. Guthrie, replying, declared that paper (the World) which published the correspondence yesterday and asked permission to go into the matter, but Counsel Untermyer objected to a hearing on this subject being interjected into the shipbuilding hearing.

Referee Doesn't Care.

Referee Oliphant sustained the objection and directed that the complainant's next witness. Alfred Rose, an accountwho made an examination ant the Bethlehem Steel for Receiver Smith, be called. Mr. Guthrie entered a protest against the exclusion of his newspaper witnesses and announced his intention of bringing the matter before the

Mr. Rose testified as to the financial status of the Bethlehem company from July ii, 1899, to October, 1908, his information prior to July 31, 1963, being derived from Further than this I must be excused from reports of officers of the firm. For the saying anything about the matter. year and three months since then he had made a direct personal investigation.

During a pause in the examination Mr. braska commission on World's fair mat-juthrie brought up another sensational ex-Nehraska postmaste appointed: Eills.
Gage county. Charles W. Gillett, vice H. Pyle, resigned; Ives, lundy county, Oren B. Ballard, vice J. B Brunt, resigned; Watts, Lincoin county. Mrs. Nettle A. Bowen, vice M. P. Prasser, resigned.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the conversion of the First bank of Loup City, Neb., into the First bank of Loup City, Guthrie brought up another sensational exim he was exci

Discrepancy in Report.

Mr. Rose in his testimony spoke of the discrepancy between the annual reports of submitted to the Stock Exchange committee at the time application to list the stocks of the shipbuilding company was made and "surmised" that the excess in earnings given in the latter statement might have been due to failure to charge of! deprecia tion allowed for in the annual reports. In the Stock Exchange statement, currency assets of July 31, 1902, were overstated to the extent of over \$300,000, he said, as shown by the books of the company, The over statement was brought about largely by the inclusion in live assets, he said, of

bad accounts. L. C. Root, third vice president of the New York Security and Trust company, which loaned \$350,000 to Messra. Nixon and Dresser on their note on August 12, 1902, testified that so par as he knew this loan of 2850,600 was the only one made to Nigon and Dresser and that no loan has been made to the Trust Company of the republic It had been understood before that the amount of this loan was \$700.000 and that J. P. Morgan & Co. deposited this amount with the trust company to provide funds for the ioan. It was upon the New York Security and Trust company that the \$7,injured last year as compared with the provide Nixon and Dresser with funds for the purchase of the Bethlehem plant and Mr. Root was questioned about Mr. Root was questioned about Mr. BRUSHES ASIDE RACE THEORY Schwab's daily balance at that time.

It was shown that Mr. Schwab's balance was rapidly increased immediately prior to August 12, 1968, to an amount sufficient to cover the amount of the check, but Mr. deposits from Morgan & Co. Inquiry about other loans, however brought out the fact that on August 5,

1902, the trust company loaned to Oliver Wrenn, Mr. Schwab's secretary, \$2,000,000, taking as security United States Steel corporation preferred stock, the loan being repaid December 5, 1902. Mr. Root did no now that Mr. Schwab was connected with this loan. Bethlehem Company Prosperous.

Mr. Rose gave a technical description the effect of the charging off of \$250,000 from the Bethlehem assets in November 1902, declaring that the shipbuilding com pany had bought un representations in the books of \$350,000 in current assets which the facts did not bear out and that this amount had appeared as current as sets in the statement to the New York Stock exchange.

Taking up then the alleged withholding

of Bethlehem dividends, which, it is charged, was instrumental in wrecking the shipburiding company which owned Bethicketh stock. Mr. Uttermyer tained from Mr. Rose the statement the Bethlehem company, which on April 1, 1902, had debts amounting to \$712,000, had region were believed by many scientists by September I, 1903, emerged entirely to be the oldest existing race and to be from debt, having paid off \$225,000 since April 1, 1905, and \$750,000 during the month of August. In addition to applying this Iron company. Upon Mr. Guthrie's ob jecting to this as testimony concerning transactions subsequent to the joining is-due in this case, Mr. Uttermyer rejoined in our case is that of matters arising sinc the joining of action."

Portland police for weeks, wall-ed off a figures showed that the earnings, \$220,176 train at Umatitis and made his escape while Detective Day slumbered is a berth. The officer left Parker in charge of a per-being paid in 1901, none in 1802 and \$250,000 in 1902.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST KILLS

Rate or Snow Thursday in East, Fair in West and Colder in South Portion; Friday Fair.

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MICKEY UP ON COLBY CASE the United States ship building hearing Chief Executive Says State Will Walt Many of These Hurt in Wreck Exceeded to See Whose Money

ft In. Governor J. H. Mickey was in th with his office had anything to do with city yesterday to confer with District giving the correspondence to the press. Attorney Summers relative to the indict. "However," he continued, "I do not see ment case of former Adjutant General how the question of contempt of court in L. W. Colby, and with President G. W. Wattles of the Nebraska commission

He was closeted for some little tim with United States District Attorney Summers at the federal building. Relative to his conference with the district attorney said that copies of the correspondence had the governor said to a reporter for The

> "There is nothing much I would care to Colby has, as you know, complied with my demand on him for the \$2,280, which is now on deposit in the First National bank at Lincoln, subject to my order as govwas deposited by him of his own volition. which is, I suppose, to cover the armory bed, the train was running at a high rate rental matters, such as the Wymore of speed. Suddenly the passengers were armory rent, which he has since paid. I thrown from their seats by the lightningalready have engaged an expert accountant like application of the air brakes and a to go over the books of the adjutant gen-

egislature granted it this matter would

what the rights of the state are in the gheny river. matter. Should it turn out that it is a state affair entirely when we look into it. We cannot undertake to do anything until

"I am here also for a little conference with Mr. Wattles, president of the Ne-

vestigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The War department has made public the following

MANILA, P. I., July 28, 1803.—To the Ad-itant General I. S. A., Washington, D. —Sir: I have the honor to invite your tiention to statements made in the edi-orial columns of the New York Sun of une 2, 4 and 6 and later dates, which tearly charge me with conduct of a most ensurable character—perhaps contemptible rould be a better word. Also I invite your tiention to the source from which the aper claims to have obtained its intor-iation, namely, statements of first Lieu-enant James F. Eurosic (late major United tates volunteer cavairy), made to various oliable parties, and to request that the latter be referred to the inspector gen-ral of the army for such action as may e required under the circumstances or to my other authority which the War de-

extracts from letters, etc., bearing on the subject.

The matter is now one of three and a half years' standing and during the greater portion of this period I have been within easy reach of the aggrieved party or parties. The statement enclosed gives the addresses of most of the persons who have more or less knowledge of the affair. It will be noted that many of the letters are confidential in character, the originals of which are in the confidential efficial files of the secretary of war. Very respectfully, LEONARD WOOD.

Brigad'er General U. S. A.

SEARCH FOR SOUTH OMAHA MAN Police Making Quest at Instance of Aged Parents of Edward Killien.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28 .- (Special Telegram.) Dawson dispatches say that the whereabouts of Edward Killiles are being west mounted police for the benefit of his aged 'parents llying on Seventh street, South Omahs. The old folks are aged, having passed the 80-year mark, and are nxious to see their son again before they die - Killifen went north several years agand at first wrote home regularly. For a long time his parents have not heard from Officers all along the Yukon are endeavoring to get some trace of him.

FATAL END OF CELEBRATION Two Persons Perhaps Patally Burned While Playing Santa Claus

Near Denton.

LINCOLN, Dec. 23.-A telephone message from the village of Benton, fifteen miles at a Christmas entertainment in a school house two miles from there tonight John hields and Kate Sullivan were perhaps fatally burned and others slightly

Miss Sullivan, acting as Santa Claus, was enveloped in cotton, which took fire Shields and others went to her assistance WARNED TO BEWARE OF THE ICE

Owners of Properties Along Allegheny Biver Are Told Breaking Up May Be Bad.

PITTSBURG, Doc. M.-There is great danger owing to the warm weather condidals have sent out warnings to the inter sta sions the stream and preparations are eing made for what may be the worst movement in many years.

thick. Some property loss has already been reported in the vicinity of Freeport.

Serious Accident Occurs on Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Pennsylvania.

FAST TRAIN STRIKES OBSTRUCTION

Engine Leaves Track, Carrying All Conches to Brink of Precipies.

TWENTY OR THIRTY PERSONS INJURED

to Die from Injuries STEAM FROM ENGINE SCALDS WOUNDED

inperintendent of Road Makes Statement Saying that at Least Thirty-Five Are Dead and Crew in Minsing.

CONNELLEVILLE, Pa., Dec. 18.-Wit. a terrible crash and a grinding noise, the Duquesne Limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittaburg to New York on the Baitimore & Ohio, plowed into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson at 7:45 o'clock this evensay about the matter just now. General ing. Sixty-three lives were lost and thirty

The train left Pittsburg this evening running a lew minutes late, in charge of William, Thornley, engineer, of Connells ville, When approaching Laurei Run, which is a particularly fine piece of road-

moment later there was a terrific crash. eral's office. He will begin work January

The train was made up of two baggage,

10. I asked an appropriation for this purtwo day coaches, one sleeper and one
pose in my inaugural address, and had the dining car, and at the time was carrying, at the lowest estimate, 150 pashave been settled up long ago. The ac-counts of the adjutant general's office will be gone over thoroughly.

Sepgers. The train ploughed siong for a considerable distance and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, scream-"I cannot say just what action the state ing, falling from the wreck as it tore along, will take in the matter of the hearing of Suddenly the engine awayved to the left General Colby before the United States district court, and until it is determined just embankment to the edge of the Youghio-

We cannot undertake to do anything until it has been determined what claim the government or state has on the money. I made a demand on General Colby for a settlement shortly after my inauguration. Further than this I must be excused from saying anything about the matter.

Gries that rent the air were beyond description. Many were insane in their mad excitement and plunged into the river. Others, plushed henceth the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized tones for release. So terrific was the force of the wrenk that nearly every passenger suffered a able bodied men were unable to assist helping the injured from the wrech on a

The minute the cars stopped rolling there

was a wild some. Many were pinioned

The official statement of Sup W. C. Lores follows: No. 12 was derailed by running into switch timbers, or timbers of about size, derailing the engine and cors. the cars are badly damaged. In the cars are badly damaged.

taken from the werds and are lying on the bank. Engineer and firemen cannot be found.

List of the Bond. DISTRIBUTER WILLIAM THORNLEY of DIVISION ENGINEER S. G. HEATER of Ha-elwood, Pa.
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HERBERT HOLMES of Emelion, Pa. JESSE HINES of Tarboro, N. C. The Union News company agent on the CHARLIES LINDFORD of Confluence,

EDWARDS of Pittsburg.

J. W. MARTIN of Hancock, Md.

RICHARD DUCKETT of Baltimore.

EDISON GOLDSMITH of Connellsville. The other fifty-three dead are mostly foreigners and negroes who were riding in the smoking car. The work of their identification has not yet begun.

The injured are:

W. H. Harcock of Pittsburg; slight injuries.

John W. Bromley of North Braddock,
Pa.; slight injuries.

Annie Reese Greenwood of Pittsburg,
Pa.; slight bruises and cuts.

Thomas J Dom of Haselwood, Pa.;
slight injuries.

Conductor Height, the Lamited conductor,
of Haselwood; slight injuries.

J. W. Marrin of Hancock, Md.; slightly
cut and bruised.

J. A. Alfurter of Bealton, W. Va.; seriously injured.

Henry Davin of Rockwood, Pa.; badly injured; will dis.

C. H. Lindford of East McKeesport, Pu.;
will dis.

William Edwards of Cumberland, Md.
Thomas Tippier of Philadelphia.
Harry Davin of Connellsville.

W. H. Stoddard of Connellsville.

E. P. Keifer of Sougrest, Pa.
John K. Powers of South Cumberland.
J. W. Altman of Connellsville, Pa.
Aaron Verg of East Pittsburg. W. H. Hancock of Pittsburg; elight in-

KANSAS BOODLE CASES GROW Attorney General Coleman Has to Se-

cure Assistant to Handle the

Work. KANSAS CITY, Dec. B .- Charles F. Hutching an attorney employed by the citizens' committee in Kangas City, Kan., has been appointed as an assistant to Attorney General Colomas by the latter to help him in the boodle inquiry. Mr. Cole-man says that the disclosures are becoming serious and the volume of evidence so ing serious and the volume of evidence so voluminous that it is necessity for him to have assistance. There is, it is reported, sufficient evidence to warrant the return of eight indictments against city officials and those who bribed them.

With the appointment of Mr. Hutchins the Mercantille chip and the citizens' com-

mittee, as well as the citizens who took an active part in promoting the calling of the grand jury, has been granted every de mand made for a thorough investigation

THINKS SWEETHEART KNOWS Parents of Missing Army Officer Do Not Think Him a Deserter.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.-First Lieutenant Floyd Miller of the First infantry, who was on duty at the grave of the late President McKinjey, and who has best absent from his post since November 25, spent several days with his parents in this city and has been missing dince December 5. His parents do not believe that he has eserted or that he is the victim of foul play, nithough they were of the opinion that be had returned to Canton. say he was in lave with the dao a retired army surgeon named Cook, in Washington, and that they believe this young woman knows of his whereabouts