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NEARLY BURIED ALIVE. Indiana Woman's Narrow Escape From a Terrible Death.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A special to the Chronicle from Indianapolis says: Mrs. Ellen Crosby had a narrow es-cape from being buried alive in Crawford county. She was pronounced dead, and preparations for the burial were being made. While this was in progress her daughter, is years old, worn out by exhaustion, lay down to rest, but her eyes had scarcely closed before she sprang up and peremptorily insisted that her mother's body he returned to the bed. She remarked that her mother had called to her in her sleep, saying: "Mary, don't let them buty me alive." The undertaker complied with the daughter's request, saying it was but a dream but the daughter stoutly claimed the contrary and would not be denied. Nearly eight hours passed when Mrs. Crosby slowly opened her eyes and looked at her daughter, who had remained by her bedside, constantly watching for a return to life. Mrs. Crosby is now considered in a fair way to recovery. marked that her mother had called to her

Advance in Price of Wool Bats. DANBURY, Conn., Jan. H .- All of the leading manufacturers of men's and women's wool feit hats in this city. Reading Pa., and other hat centers, owing to the rapid rise in the price of wool, by agreement advanced the prices of wool hats today is cents per dozen on cheap grades, and higher qualities in proportion.

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ALL ON BOARD LOST.

Rumor That a Gasoline Schooner Blew Up.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 16.—A report was brought to this city today by a Mexican, who arrived overland from Ensenada, that the gasoline schooner Anita had blown up in Magdelena hay, and that six parsons all on beard had provided. six persons, all on board, had perished. The schooner was owned by the Ybarra Mining Company, of San Domingo, Lower California, and had been running between the mine and this port for some time. She was in command of Captain Funcke, with Charles Anderson as mate. Willies with Charles Anderson as mate; William Forrest, engineer, besides three sallors, two of whom were Mexicans. The Mexican who brought the news, however, says that there was no very definite informa-tion at Ensenada, and friends of the captain and crew do not fully credit the

Contract for New York Subway. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.-The board of rapid transit commissioners today decided to let the contract for building the underground railway in New York city to J. B. McDonald, of 100 Broadway, one of the two bidders. His price was \$35,000,000.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.-Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows:
Available cash balance......\$280,925,188

Gold reserve 224,513,283

Fighting Taking Place on the Tugela River.

AT PIETERMARITZBURG

Boers Probably Contesting Buller's Passage of the River-Rumors From the Front.

LONDON, Jan. 17 .- The Times publishes the following from Pietermaritzourg, dated Tuesday:

"Very heavy artillery firing was heard resterday in the direction of Springfield." The Exchange Telegraph Company has received the following dispatch, dated January 16, from Pietermaritzburg:

neavy firing was heard today in the direction of Frere. It is probable that General Buller is engaging the enemy. A rumor is current here that a portion of the British force is near Ladysmith." A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pieermaritzburg, dated Tuesday, says:

orth yesterday. I believe the Boers are contesting General Buller's passage of the Tugela. Howitzers are evidently busy, as the firing is described as the heaviest yet heard in Natal."

NO MORE REINFORCEMENTS.

Troops Now Mobilizing Will Be the Last to Go.

LONDON, Jan. 17, 4 A. M,-Even runors are no longer telegraphed from Na-al. The conclusion deduced from this silence by the military experts generally is that no decisive blow has been struck either way, as in such an event there would be no necessity for silence. The South African conciliation commit-

tee, quietly formed to represent the peace minority, announces itself to the country today and asks for support. Among the members are Lord and Lady Coleridge, Herbert Spencer, Sir Robert Threshle-Reid, George John Shaw-Lefevre, Frederic Harrison, Stephen Gladstone, the Countess of Carlisle and other notable persons. Leonard Courtney, unionist member of parliament for Bodmin division of Cornwall, is president of the

This movement should be distinguished from the "stop the war" group of ex-tremists, of which William T. Stead, is the most active member. Its programme, summarized, is to wait until a proper opportunity arises for some peaceable settlement. Meanwhile, it will gather and distribute correct information and sound views. The manifesto affirms that "as the war was begun amid misunderstandings on both sides, a pacific settlement There is no indication that such an ar-

There is no indication that such an arrangement would be tolerated by any considerable portion of the public. National emotion is now in a state of disquietude over the reverses to British arms; dissatisfaction with the conduct of military business is intense, and there is an almost universal determination to see the thing through.

The war office has issued orders for the interest of the conduct of the cond

ormation of five new batteries. Some from the fact, according to the statement of a military expert this morning, that an old practice howitzer at Lydd, in Kent, with which it is impossible to do accurate with which it is impossible to do accurate.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 16.—There was a brisk exchange of shells this morning, the Boers returning our fire for the first time in several days.

The Deltish extranelyments are being over and showed life extinct.

The battle was terrific, and bullets fairly rained through the lobby of the hotel, several of which went wild, piercing window glass or embedding themselves in o be drawn upon may be gained shooting, but which for some time has been solely used to test shells, has been laid under requisition for the front. Or-ders have been received at Lydd to pack this venerable relic with as much dispatch as possible for embarkation.

Seventeen more militia battalions will be embodied in the course of a fortnight. All the regulars are now out of the country, except 14 infantry battalions and 11 cavalry battalions.

The war office has placed an order for 32,000,000 cartridges in cases.

The yeomanry committee announces that it has accepted 5000 out of the 10,000 which it wishes to raise, and still has 20,000 applicants to be examined. The Daily Chronicle asserts that the committee was goaded into this statement by the reports that there was no hope of

getting the full number.
The war office has wired to countermand the departure from Egypt of a number of officers who were previously ordered to South Africa, The Daily Chronicle, commenting upon this, and upon other news related to it, says:

"There are some curious reports in cir-culation—apparently with some authority behind them—which point to the stoppage of the dispatch of further reinforcements when the troops now mobilized shall have embarked. The new cavalry brigade is not to leave England at present.

Sterkstrom says on this point: "Keokomons and Nel, two Dutchmen who were tried by court-martial Christ-

mas week, with General Buller's sanction, were committed January 12 for civit trial, the court-martial proceedings hav-

ON FREE STATE BORDER. Fragments of News From Forces of

Methuen, Gatacre and French, LONDON, Jan. 16.—Modder River ad-vices of yesterday's date only report the daily long-range shelling, from which the Boers are supposed to have suffered se-

A dispatch from Sterkstrom, dated January 15, reports that Gatacre's troops had made a demonstration beyond Molteno in the direction of Stormberg in the belief that the Boers intended to seize Molteno. The burghers were not sighted, and the British remained at Molteno.

Arrivals from Stormberg estimate that there are 4500 Boers at that place, mostly revolted colonists and Free Staters, President Steyn's brother is the landrost. General French continues to shell the Boer position, but nothing decisive has

taken place. The Associated Press has learned that, while it is still uncertain that the entire special service squadron is going to South Africa when relieved at Gibraltar by the Channel squadron, a portion of it will be detailed to convoy the new naval brigade, being formed for service at the front in Cape Colony. This brigade, consisting of 120 men, eight four-inch guns, 24 Maxims and eight 10-pounders, will be taken to Gibraltar by the Channel squadron when it sails January 30.

LADYSMITH BATTLEFIELD. Strewn With Dead Boers-Havor

Wronght by British Guns.

havoc. One Boer was completely disemboweled, another had his head clean shot off and a couple of others were killed by the same shell, evidently, while eating their luncheon, as hard-boiled eggs lay beside them. Natal Dutchmen were recognized among the dead. A number of Boer bodies and carcasses of horses have teen washed down Intombispruit, which became a raging torront during a heavy thunder storm. The British, while digging graves, were fired on by the Boer artillery, and several of them were lift. Soft-nosed bullets and dumdum cartridges have been found on wounded prisoners. Volunteers carried the Boer dead from the hill and handed the bodies over to their comrades at the bottom. Over 96 were thus carried off Wagonhill alone.

BOERS SECURE MORE GUNS.

Swarl Queen Mother Plotting With the Dutch.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The correspondent of the Times at Platermaritaburg, telegraphing Tuesday, January 18, says:
"The Delagoa bay correspondent of the Natal Times asserts that six big Creusot guns and 50 tons of shells were landed from the French steamer Gronde about the middle of last month, under the noses of two Peritable wavelings and were die-There is no news from the front, but of two Brilish warships, and were diseavy firing was heard today in the difor at the ease with which contraband of

war can run the blockade,
"The Swazi queen mother, since the
death of King Bunu, has killed all the
chiefs who were ever in England, or Cape
Town, and is now plotting with the Boers. "There was very heavy firing to the grave, and it would be well to send regiments of Guerhas to Swaziland imme-

> (Refugees from Swaziland, living in the Lebombo district, recently brought news to Leurence Marques that the queen of Swazlland was dead. Her death, follow-ing so soon upon that of King Bunu, was looked upon with suspicion. According to their story, however, not the queen mother, but Necco Bunu's brother, was acting as head of the Swazi nation, and he, in con-junction with Tecuba, Umandine's old prime minister, was carrying on a reign of terror, killing off whole kraals all over the country.)

A BAYONET CHARGE.

Boers Tried to Selze the Heights Near Rensburg, but Were Repulsed. RENSBERG, Cape Colony, Jan. 15.—The Boers this morning attempted to such the hill held by a company of Yorkshires and New Zealanders, but they were re-pulsed at the point of the bayonet. The Boers had 2i killed and about 50 wounded. The hill commands a tract of country east of the main position of the Boers, and they had determined to make an attempt to seize the heights. They advanced cautiously, directing their fire at a small wall held by the Yorkshires, and compelled the latter to keep close under cover. When the Boers rushed the wall the Yorkshires fixed bayonets and charged. Just at that moment, Captain Maddocks, with a small party of New Zealanders, came up, and the combined force leaped over the wall and charged straight for the enemy, who fled, followed by a withering

fire at close range.

The Boers literally tumbled over each other in their hurry to escape, but the per-sistent fire of the British inflicted a heavy kes. Debulcory firing continued for some time, but the attack was an utter failure, and the Boers retreated to the shelter of the small kopjes at the base of the hill.

SITUATION AT MODDER RIVER. Brisk Exchange of Shells-British

Entrenchments Strengthened,

The British entrenchments are being continually strengthened and extended. The permanent railway bridge is almost completed.

Storles still reach camp that the Free Staters desire to end the war. The latest report is that a council was held recently at Bloemfontein, at which Pres-ident Steyn and General Cronje were present. It was then stated that unless the British began the attack by January 17, the Free Staters would return home.

FREE STATERS SICK OF IT.

Kruger's Plans for Escape in the

Event of Pretoria's Fall. the numerous reports that the Free Staters have tired of the war and will abandon the struggle as soon as the British cross the border. He mentions an extraordinary story with reference to a journey of Pres-ident Kruger's son-in-law, Eloff, to Delagoa bay, in a German warship. According to this, Eloff has been making arrangements for President Kruger's escape through German Damaraland, in the event of the capture of Pretoria.

Mafeking Well Supplied. The military and civil authorities at the Cape are in conflict over the treason cases. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Sterkstrom says on this point:

"Keokomons and Nel, two Dutchmen that six days ago Mafeking was holding to the conflict over the treason that six days ago Mafeking was holding was holding that six days ago Mafeking was holding was holding that six days ago Mafeking was holding out as pluckily as eyer. There was then no likelihood of capitulation. The garrison had plenty of cattle and tinned meats.

ing been stopped by the intervention of the attorney-general of Cape Colony."

"It is openly stated at Johannesburg that 20 field gurs were recently smuggled through Delagon bay." Mafeking Was Bombarded.

PRETORIA, Jan. 13.-As a result of the bombardment of Mafeking yesterday, the British fort at the east was demolished and the British retired. One Boer was

Advices from the head laager at Lady-smith report that the attack on that place January 6 was disastrous to the British, and Ladysmith appears to be in sore straits. ALASKA CANNERS SUED.

Pacific Whaling Company Wants \$100,000 Damages.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Suit for \$100,000 has been begun by the Pacific Steam Whaling Company against the Alaska Packers' Association, of Francisco. It is charged by the plaintiffs that the defendants seek to monopolize the salmon fisheries adjacent to Kodiak island, Karluk beach and Tanglefoot bay, in Alaska. These figheries, the plaintiff says, are along the line of the open sea, and may not legally be treated as private property, yet the defendants assume to exercise the control of absolute owner ship over them. It is charged that, July 24 and September 6, 1899, employes of the Packers' Association destroyed the nets and boats of the Whaling Company, and by force prevented the latter from taking LADYSMITH, Monday, Jan. 8.—By messenger to Weenen, Jan. 16.—A representative of the Associated Press visited Saturday's battle-field this morning and saw large numbers of Boers dead. The British guns seem to have worked great the open sea.

Three Prominent Kentuckians Slain and Three Wounded.

OCCURRED IN FRANKFORT HOTEL

Ex-Congressman Colson and Lieutenant Scott the Central Figures-The Latter Was Killed.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 16.—A shock-ng tragedy, in which the lives of three prominent men were sacrificed and that of a fourth hangs by a siender thread, while two others miraculously escaped with painful injuries, occurred here at 1 o'clock today. The principals in the tragedy were ex-Congressman David G. Colson, of Mid-dlesboro, and Lieutenant Ethelbert Scott,

Scott was shot six times by Colson, and almost instantly killed. Luther W. De-maree, assistant postmaster at Shelbyville, an innocent bystander, was shot three limes and died instantly. Charles Julian, another bystander, was shot and died half an hour later. Captain B. B. Golden, of Barboursville, commonwealth attorney of the 27th judicial district, was shot in the back and is not expected to survive the night. Colonel Colson himself was shot twice in the arm. Harry McEwing, of Louisville, was shot in the foot, and W. O. Ridpath, of Chicago, sustained a broken leg by the lifeless form of Scott falling against him as it rolled down the stair

The tragedy is one of the most sensa tional in the history of the "dark and bloody ground." The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capitol hetel, the principal hostelery of the state capital, the room being well filled at the time with politicians and others, who are here at-tending the contests for state offices before the legislature. Colonel Colson is in jail tonight, charged with murder, but he

Stories of the Affair.

The witnesses to the affair were taken so much by surprise when the shooting began that most of them were almost panic stricken, and there are many conflicting stories as to how the fight commenced. Colonel Colson and a party of friends, among whom was Demarce, were sitting in the lobby, engaged in conversation as Scott and Captain Golden came up the stairs from the barroom, walking in the direction of Coison. The latter, it is said, half rising from his chair, fired at Scott, who instantly returned the fire. The shooting then became general, and bystanders are at variance as to the number engaged in it. Demaree was standing slightly in front of Colson, and young Scott is said to have crouched behind him to ward off bullets from Colson's revolver. an instant Demaree fell dead, pierced three bullets. Captain Golden, 19ho mpanied Scott, reeled to one side falling into the arms of ex-Governor James E. MacCreary, exclaiming, "I am shot."

The smoke in the locality of the antagonists became dense, but Coison continued to press Scott, who retreated back-

ward, shooting as he moved. Colson emptled the chambers of a 22-caliber revolver and quickly brought a 41 into action. Scott, by this time had been shot several times, and as he staggered back and fell down the stairway, Colson, who was within a tem feet of him continued was within a tem feet of him continued. was within a few feet of him, continued the fire until the form of Scott rolled over and showed life extinct. several of which went wild, piercing win- to continue the rebate system until the Red Lodge; J. C. Richer, Havre, Idah

dow glass or embedding themselves in the walls and furniture of the hotel. It was not discovered for several minutes that Julian, who died later, had been sho and at first his wound was thought to be only triffing.

After the killing, Colonel Colson ran out of the hotel and hurried to the residence of Chief of Police Williams, where he sur-rendered. He was almost exhausted, and as he entered the house he gasped: "I am sorry he would not let me alone. There were three of them shooting at

Meantime the wildest excitement pre-valled in the hotel lobby where the killing occurred, and in the din'ng-room near by, where about 300 guests had been seated at dinner when the fusillade began. Men LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Durban corre-spondent of the Standard deals today with fell over each other in frantic efforts to get to places of safety; women fainted, and it was several minutes before the awful scope of the tragedy was fully known. The dead were left lying in pools of blood, and messengers were dispatched in every direction for physicians and nurses to care for the wounded.

Charles H. Julian, who was shot in the leg, died shortly after reaching a room. death being due to loss of blood and the shock to his nervous system. Captain Golden was removed to a room, and made a statement that Colson was the ag-

Cause of the Tragedy.

Colonel Colson has long been a promi-nent figure in Kentucky politics. He served two terms in congress and declined a renomination at the hands of the re-publican party of the 11th district in 1895 in order to accept the colonelcy of the Fourth Kentucky regiment in the Spanish war. Scott was a lieutenant and Golden was captain of a company in Colson's regiment, and the trouble which led to the tragedy today began then. A fued aprang up between Colson and Scott while the troops were in camp at Anniston, Ala., and in this, it is said by Colson's friends, Captain Golden was a warm par-tsan of Scott. The trouble between them at that time culminated in a meeting between them in a restaurant, which re-sulted in Colson being shot by Scott.

The regiment was shortly afterwards mustered out of the service as a result of the fued between the officers, and the serious charges and counter-charges which they had made at Washington against each other as officers. Since then the men had not met until today, and it was gen-erally believed that blood would be spilled should they meet, as both were under-stood to be looking for each other. Colonel Colson remained at the rest-

dence of Chief Williams while the surgeons dressed his shattered arm, and he taken to jall until 5 o'clock. He begged to be allowed ball. The grand jury is in session, and an indictment will probably

Colson tonight still declined to talk. He is in a highly nervous state, and appeared to have been weeping when a reporter called. He suffered a partial stroke of paralysis after he was shot by Scott anniston, and here. Anniston, and had never fully recovered from it.

Participants Were Prominent. That death seeks a shining mark was ilfish from the waters of that region. The lustrated in the tragedy. Colson was the Packers' Association had possession of the land and fishing privileges in that neighborhood before the Whaling Company entered those waters, but the plaintiff says that priority of occupation of land county, and was active in local politics, \$90,000.

the best-known people in Kentucky. One brother, Henry S., is a lawyer at Kanssa City, Mo.; another, Alexander, is a wealthy shoe man of Cincinnati, and a wearing snoe man of Chamball, and a cousin, Judge fra Julian, of this city, is now a cardidate for the democratic nomination for congress in this district. Demartee was about 22 years of age, and, in addition to being assistant postmaster at Shelbyville, was a large real estate owner. Captain Golden is one of the best-known lawyers in the southeastern part of the state, and has long been a leading republican politician of his section. Both Colson and Scott were regarded as dead game, and both had figured in shooting affrays before.

Fifteen shots went home in the tragedy today. When it is remembered that, so far as known, only three revolvers played a part in the duel, it can be seen that the aim was for the most part accurate. Colson's shots were true, but this detracts nothing from the noted skill of Scott, because he amandally. cause he emptied his revolver after several bullets had lodged in him.

Following is the record of the marks-men: Scott, builet in the temple, one in the throat, two in the lungs, two in the back; Demaree, two in the heart; Julian. bullet in the calf of the right leg; Cap-tain Golden, two bullets in the spine; Coi-son, bullet splintered the left wrist to the elbow and tore his cuffs and sleeves to shreds. Nobody not in line of fire was

The death of Julian is the most remarkable. He waiked to his room unaided. His cousin, Judge Ira Julian, examined the wound and congratulated him upon his escape. Doctors were busy with the dying, and Julian waited. He was bleed-ing to death, however, and when the doctors turned their attention to him he was past recovery.

Captain Golden was alive at a late hour.

CALLS IT NONSENSE.

Union Trust Company Attorney on the Lake Shore & Eastern Suit.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.-W. H. Peckham, NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—W. H. Peckham, counsel for the Union Trust Company, stated today that the charges in the bill of equity filed in the United States circuit court at Seattle on behalf of the New York and Canadian stockholders of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad against the Seattle & International Railway and the Union Trust Company, asking for a receiver for the road, were "perfect nonsense." Said Mr. Peckham; "The Union Trust Company had ausolutely nothing to do with the reorganization of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Easttion of the Seattle, Lake Shope & East-ern, except that the mortgage was de-posited temporarily with it. In no way has this company had any relations with the property in question, which could furnish any relevant pretext for such a bill. The Northern Pacific is now in wasbill. The Northern Pacific is now in practical ownership of the property reorgan-

THE REBATE PROBLEM. Proposition for Its Settlement Sub-

mitted to Chicago Meeting. CHICAGO, Jan. 16 .- At an adjourned meeting of Chicago, St. Louis and Miscouri river lines today, a proposition was sub-mitted, which, if adopted, will, it is be-lieved, result in a settlement of the rebate problem in connection with the Northern George M. French, of Hot Springs, to Pacific husiness. It is proposed to exempt the Missouri-river gateway from the relate system, applying it only to the Ogden gateway. This plan, is is believed, will be sufficient to protect Colorado and Utah commanders—William M. Kimbali, William P. Day, John C. Wilson. To be second.

Arrangements have already been made Great Northern consents to cancel its colonist rates from St. Paul.

Texas Line May Change Hands, NEW YORK, Jan. 16.-It was reported in Wall street that the Galveston, Houston & Northern will shortly become Hunt-ington property, connecting the Southern Pacific system with Galveston. At the offices of the Southern Pacific here last night, it was said nothing was known of the matter, nor had there been any inspection of the Galveston line Friday, as had been stated.

ST. MARY'S BAY WRECK.

Ill-Fated Steamer Believed to Be the Tank Liner Helgoland.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 16 .- Everything goes to show that the wrecked steamer in St. Mary's bay is the Helgo-land, the property of the Dutch-American Petroleum Company. Among a number of flags picked up this evening near Holly Rood was one with the colors—blue, white and red—with the letter "R" in the center. This is the house flag of the company. Taken with the finding of the boat off Cape Pine, it seems to leave no doubt as to the identity of the vensel. A life-buoy was also picked up with the name of the steamer painted on it, but the lettering was partly illegible from fire and water. In other respects, however, the day's oper-ations by the steamers and fishermen were disappointing. The former had to aban-don work owing to the heavy sea, as they could not approach the wreck, and the

boats found the task equally difficult, and were obliged to abandon it early. Landsmen were unable to get down to the beach, and, therefore, were unable to practically shut out of our markets, with recover the bodies which have been lying the result that business of all kinds is there exposed five nights and days. Four when the sea becomes smooth. There are five others in the wreckage near the ship. Others still were seen drifting south today. The colonial steamer Flona and the tug Ingraham started at daylight for the scene of the disaster. Wreck Commissioner Lundrigan says there was no funnel in the vessel when he reached the scene. He adds that her ventilators were situated far aft, like those of a tank steamer, and that she was a two-masted ship.

The steamer has now completely disap-

peared from view, but a large quantity of wreckage is visible along the beaches.

The Only Case of the Kind. NEW YORK, Jan. 16,-William A. English, a son of the ex-democratic vice-presidential candidate from Indiana, and a captain of volunteers in the war with Spain, has returned to the treasury a check for \$1173 sent him for his services.

committee on interoceanic canals today agreed unanimously to report favorably on the bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The bill is the same as that reported favorably in the house by the committee of interstate and foreign

commerce, with a few verbal amend The Lawton Fund. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.-The total of the Lawton fund now amounts to over

Ratified by the Senate Without Division.

DEBATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bacon's Speech in Opposition-Arguments of the Friends of the Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-The senate today ratified the Samoan treaty without di-vision. The ratification occurred in the executive session, after two hours of debate, which was participated in by a num-ber of senators. Davis, Foraker and oner advocated and Bacon, Money and

Tiliman opposed ratification. Money and Tiliman opposed ratification.

Bacon made the leading speech in opposition. He based his objection upon the general ground that it is contrary to the spirit of our institutions to attempt to govern any people in opposition to their wishes. Bacon said the friends of the treaty supported it upon two grounds, that it simply divides authority heretofore exercised jointly, and that the Samoan peo-ple, being "only savages," there is no reason why they should not be despoiled of their country. He contended that it is not true that the old arrangement is sim-ply to be continued under a division of authority, and asserted that the declaration that the Samoan people are savages in untenable. In conclusion, Bacon said he is willing that the United States should acquire the island of Tutuila with its Pango Pango harbor if that could be done in the proper manner and without violat-

trol of it. Money and Tillman spoke on practically the same lines.

The friends of the treaty repudiated the assertion that the old treaty provisions were annulled. They asserted that this country, by the new arrangement, retains all the old advantages and avoids the complications liable to grow out of the tripartite agreement. They urged that the opportunity should not be lost both to get out of an awkward predicament and to control in our own right the harbor of Pango-Pango.

NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Robert M. McWade to Succeed Dr. Bedloe as Consul at Cauton.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The president ent to the senate the name of Robert M. sent to the senate the name of Robert M. McWade, of Pennsylvania, to be consult of the United States at Canton, to succeed Edwin S, Bedloe. This nomination closes the incident in Dr. Bedloe's case. So far as can be learned, Dr. Bedloe left the department of state by resignation, and bears its good will. Mr. McWade is a resident of Philadelphia, and a member of the Manufacturers' Club. He is a well-known newspaper man, having been well-known newspaper man, having been connected with the Ledger. The presi-dent also sent these nominations to the

rates, while it will not subject the Oregon ond Heutenant, marine corps—H. J. Short Line and the Oregon Railroad & Hirschinger, of North Carolina. To be Navigation Company to the inequality assistant paymasters in the navy—John D. which the rebate plan inflicts upon them as compared with the North Pacific coast lines.

Robnett, of Texas: Stewart Rhodes, California; George W. Pigman, Jr., Indiana: P. J. Kennard, of Illinois. Postmasters-Colorado-John C. Twombby a majority of the Missouri-river lines ley, Denver. Montana-Walter Anderson,

Francis Ball, Pocatello, Oregon-H. H. Riddel, The Dalles; J. P. Smith, Lebanon; E. H. Woodward, Newberg.

Bynum's Nomination, WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.-The Senate committee on finance today again had un-der consideration the nomination of Hon. W. D. Bynum to be general appraiser of merchandise at New York. The demo-cratic members continued their opposition. to the nomination, contending that By-num is not a democrat, and his nomina-tion as such is an evasion of the law. Senators Burrows and Spooner and other republican members of the committee de-fended the selection as entirely proper. After a general exchange of opinion, it was decided that the democrats should have time to adduce proof of Mr. Bynum's republicanism. The matter is in the hands of Scuators Aldrich and Jones (Ark.), as

RELIEF FOR PUERTO RICANS President Is Anxious That Congress

Should Do Something for Them. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.-The principal subject of discussion today at the cabinet meeting was the unsatisfac-tory status of Puerto Rico. The president and the members of the cabinet are very much in earnest in their advocacy of action by congress, and particularly desire a material reduction in the present tariff duties on imports from Puerto Rico to the United States. In fact It was stated today that an entire removal of the duties would be -minerally satisfactory, should congress st decide. As it stagment, and a depression in all branches of industry prevails throughout the islands. Although the president has no thought of urging his views upon the attention of congress, he feels very strongly the necessity for some action which shall define their political status and relieve the islanders from the present depressing con-

Delegation From Puerto Rico. NEW YORK, Jan. 16,-Among the pasengers who arrived today by the steamer Philadelphia from Ponce and San Juan, Puerto Rico, was a delegation of Puerto Rican merchants and citizens en route for Washington to consult with President McKiniey and present to congress the needs of the island of Puerto Rico. The delegates are in favor of the island be-ing made a territory of the United States. They also favor a modification of tariff

laws and other reforms.

Boston Bankers Fall. BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 16.-H. C. Wainwright & Co., bankers and brokers of this city, have made an assignment. No state-ment of assets and Habilities is available. The firm has been carrying heavy loads of United States mining stock, on which it was unable to realize. The firm has been in business for many years, and is a member of the New York and Boston stock

United Mine Workers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 16.-The secand day's session of the United Mine Workers' convention came to an unexcommittee not being ready to report. The ommittee was given until tomorrow morning to report