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#### IMPROVING OF HAVANA.

Dady's Contract for Paving and Sew. Plans for the Reorganization of the ering Suspended.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.-Mayor Rodrigues has suspended the Ayuntamientos action in connection with the contract of Michael J. Dady for paying and sewering. He

on five reasons for his course; First-That the Ayuntamientos allowed Mr. Dady to bid without a guarantee. Second-That Mr. Dady is not the au-

ther of the present plans.
Third—That the price was estimated on
the original project, whereas the proposal
of the engineering department was differ-

ent and cheaper.

Pourth—That public competition has been virtually forbidden, to the disadvant-

Fifth-That the project was voted down by the Ayuntamiento a year ago by a resolution, not rescinded, to consider Mr. Dady simply the owner of the project

ut a concession. The Mayor also points out that the dis-ussion of the Spanish Ayuntamiento of becomber 19, 1888, did not even give Mr. Dady a right, that nothing is now due him from the city, that the present plans of the engineering department are not medifications of Mr. Dady's in any way.

and that Mr. Dady is entitled to no right whatever in the premises. Mr. Dady's plans call for \$10,600,000 and Colonel Back's for \$1,155,000, the latter covering the con-tractor's profit. The difference in favor of the city is \$1,00,000. The matter will now go to Civil Governor Nunez for lo days. In Government circles it is consid-ered that Mr. Dudy is completely beaten. Some suffering is reported in districts back of Trinidad, owing to lack of mest and of cattle to work the fields and get produce to market and General Wood has ordered that cattle be sent there, together

with agricultural implements.

For the Province of Havana, the public school allowance is \$70,000, or an increase of \$0000. The university allowance is \$7000, ools are overflowing and the teachers' salaries and other expenses are now being paid promptly under the sys-tem instituted by Lleutenant Hanna, representing the Military Governor.

#### MARQUETTE'S REMAINS.

Said to Bave Been Found Near

Frankfort, Mich. TOLEDO, O., Dec. M.-Announcement made by Ann Arbor rallway officials that what are supposed to be the remains of Father Marquette, the intrepid mis-sionary and explorer, have been exhumed by workmen near Frankfort, Mich. Only the skull and some imperfect bones re-mained, and experts declare them to be those of a white man. A streak of rust was found near the head and is supposed to have been the father's beads. The Michigan Historical Society claims to possess the proof that Father Marquette possess the proof that Father Marquette was burled at this point in the year 1875 in the bed of a small stream. It was in changing the course of a stream that the remains were found. Great interest is being taken in the find. A thorough investigation is being made.

The French Shore Question. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.-The Colo stal Cabinet has decided to await action by the imperial government before de-termining upon a policy with respect to the removal of the French shere modus vivendi, which expires next Monday. The initiative will lie with Joseph Chamber-lain, who must either make another with France or call upon the to renew the modus vivendi.

### NEW STEEL COMPANY.

Pennsylvania Concern Concluded. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.-The Press

tomorrow will say:
"It is understood that the long-pending negotiations for the reorganization of the Pennsylvania Steel Company have been concluded. According to good authority, there will be a new company formed with a capital of \$50,000,000 to take over the old property and conduct its business in the future. The charter, which was is-sued by the State of New Jorsey, is said to be liberal, and will afford an oppor-tunity to take up all the lines of business in which it is necessary for a modern iron and steel plant to engage. The capital stock will consist of \$25,000,000 common and \$25,000,000 preferred stock, for which the present holders of Penn-sylvania Steel shares will have an opportunity to subscribe on a basis which it is expected will yield a profit. There will be a large amount of this stock retained in the treasury of the capital for the various purposes. The stock will be fully paid up, and will not be assess-

### EARTHQUAKE IN CUBA.

Severe Shock Frightened the People of Santingo.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 24. - The second sarthquake experienced by this district within a month occurred at noon today. The shocks were at first scarcely perceptible, but they increased steadily, and the last was the most severe known for many years in this region. It would be almost impossible to injure the massive masonry of the buildings constituting the principal portion of the city, but some damage was done in the poor quarters, and one child was badly injured by a falling tile. The people of the city have a deadly fear of seismic disturbances, owing to the destruction of a cathedral long ago. Many of them now predict an early disaster because of the two earthquakes that have visited Santiago within 30 days.

#### THE DEATH ROLL.

William Francis Sage

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William Francis Sage, a playwright and a dramatic critic, died at his home in this city today. was a prother of Mrs. Abble Sage Richardson, who died in Italy about a fortnight ago. Since receiving the news of his sister's death, Mr. Sage had been very despondent, and it is believed that the shock of her death brought on an attack of paralysis. Mr. Sage had suffered from attacks of the same malady.

### "Dynamite" Driscoll.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—John D. Driscoll better known as "Dynamite" Driscoll died today of cancer of the tongue, aged 70 years. He was a friend of John Mitch-ell, O'Donovan Roesa, Charles S. Parnell, Michael Davitt and all the prominent Irish patriots. During the Civil War he erved in the Ninth Massachusetts Vol-

Frank B. Kennard.

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. M.—Frank B. Kennard, a pioneer of the Yellowstone Valley, was found dead in his room at a hotel this morning. He had come from his ranch for medical treatment. He was formerly a contractor, and built large sections of the Northern Pacific.

### THE TIME FOR PEACE

Leading Filipinos Are Weary of the War.

FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY

Federalists Aspire to Bring the Islands Into the Union of States-Campaigning Down in Leyte and Samar.

MANILA, Dec. N .- Advices to the Asoctated Press from the Island of Leyte on the west coast, but that the east coast is quiet, the leaders having retired to the mountains. Lieutenant Frank E. Lynch and three men of the Forty-fourth Infantry were wounded near llongas, on the west coast. Two men of Company L. Forty-third Infantry, were killed, and three of Companies L and F, together with Lieutenant Lewis H. Leaf, were wounded December 13, near San Miguel,

Northwestern Leyte.

No decided results have yet been secured by the 2000 United States troops distributed among the count towns of Samar. The Federal party has decided upon a new organization, and today published in the Spanish and Filipino evening papers an address to the Filipines.

an address to the Filipinos.

"The number of Filipinos who are convinced that the time for peace has come increases daily," says the address. "The object of the Federal party is the reunion of all Filipinos who truly wish for peace and who are disposed to work for it."

It appeals to those who will attempt to attain for the Philippines the greatest number of liberties under the application

of the American Constitution.
"We call ourselves the Federal party because, under American sovereignty, the righteous aspirations of the Philippines will be to form a part of the American federation as states of the Union." The executive committee has cabled The executive committee has canled President McKinley, announcing that the organization has been perfected, and tendering an expression of good-will. Copies of the address have been sent into the provinces. A paragraph declaring for American recognition of the legality of some of the acts of the authorities of the insurgent government is in conformation.

insurgent government is in conformation with precedents established during the rewith precedents established during the re-construction period following the Civil War in the United States. Officers of the United States cruiser Newark, which has returned from the in-vestigation into the circumstances of the disaster that befell the cruiser Yosemite

off Guam, says there were supplies enough available when the Newark left to last three weeks, and that the inhabitants would then be dependent upon supplies sent from Cavite. They also report that the soil will produce rice and corn by

April, aithough at present everything presents a foriorn aspect.

The cruiser Albany, Captain J. E. Craig, has salled for Hong Kong, to repair the damage she sustained through grounding on a reef in Subig Bay.

#### VOLUNTEERS' HOMECOMING. Will Be Postponed Until Congress

Provides Substitutes. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-As a result of a conference between the Secretary of War and Quartermaster-General Luding-ton, it has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philipwhites until Congress shall make provision for their replacement. The War Depart-ment is considerably embarrassed by the failure of Congress to make provision before the recess for the relief of the mil-itary situation in the Philippines. Acting upon representations made by General MacArthur, the department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 9,000 mea in the Philippine Islands until the current polley of establishing municipal governm throughout the archipelago has been executed. It is stated at the department that, with any reduction of the military strength below that figure, existing con ditions would doubtless prove most dis-astrous to the interests of the United

There are now about 60,000 troops, regulars and volunteers, in the Philippines, and arrangements have been made al-ready for bringing home 9000 of that num-No further reduction will be made until the War Department is advised fully of the purpose of Congress with regard to Army legislation. When the necessary authority has been given, it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as posible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of enlistment expire June 30 next, but not before it is possible to replace them, man for man, with new recruits enlisted under the terms of the new Army bill.

It is expected that Congress will act promptly on the Army bill soon after the reassembling of Congress in January. However, it will not be possible to get the fresh troops, so it is said at the War Department, in the Philippines inside of two months' time. The general home-coming movement of the mass of Volunteers, therefore, will have to be postponed until about February 15. That will give the Quartermaster's Department but ave months' time to bring home the remainder of the volunteers and the regular troops whose terms will expire at the same time, aggregating about 40,000 men, before July 1. This undertaking is believed to be beyond the capacity of the transport system as at present organized, and may ne the chartering of addition

Recent cable advices from General Mac-Arthur indicate a strong desire on the part of the volunteers generally to re-turn to the United States, and that com-paratively few of them are likely to reenlist unless the most liberal inducements are offered. It is understood that General MacArthur has recommended that a boun-ty of \$250 be allowed to each soldier in the Philippines who re-enlists for anothe term, and the plan is said to meet with the favor of the officials of the War De-

#### ACCUSATION AGAINST WILLIAMS. Irregularity in the Filing of Philip-

pine Mining Claims. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Inquiry at the WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Inquiry at the State Department discloses the fact that no official notice was ever taken by the department of a statement affecting in some measure Oscar F. Williams, who had been Consul to Mandla before the Spanish-American War. Captain Burritt was the author of this statement, and, being in charge of the mining bureau in the Philippines, in the course of his an-nual report to General MacArthur, com-menting upon the filing in an irregular fashion of an enormous number of min-ing claims, said: "The record discloses

# an undefined but apparently close rela-tion of Hon, Oscar F. Williams, as United States Consul, with the inspectorate of mines that is of such a nature as to seem to require a statement of the facts appearing in the records of this bureau." Captain Burritt then recites some cases where the Consul had certified to certain claims some time after the claims had already been allowed by the Spanish min already been allowed by the Spanish min-ing officials. The general statement of the report is that certain mining men, fore-seeing the overthrow of Spanish sover-eignty in the Philippines, had flied claims upon everything in sight in a mining way. But Consul Williams is no longer United States Consul, nor is he an official of the United States Government, so that it no

longer has any authority to call upon him in this matter. The mining claims filed in the irregular fashion referred to are, however, yet within reach, and it is said at the War Department that the Philippine Commission is about to take them up, with a view to passing upon their validity. Mr. Williams is now at his home in Syracuse, N. Y.

An Atrocious Murder. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Word has seen received here of an atrocious murbeen received here of an atroclous mur-der in the Philippines at the town of Caplazi. It appears from the testimony that two natives were responsible for the death-of the wife of a neighbor. They went to the house of a native named Victor Pere, and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay River, where they bound their hands behind them and told them that that "last day had cover" bound their hands behind them and told them that their "last day had come." The woman was struck by a bolo, and her dead body thrown into the river. Her husband witnessed her murder, and, anticipating similar treatment, sprang into the river, and, notwithstanding his arms were pinioned, managed to reach the opposite side. According to witnesses, the motive for the crime was a superstitious belief that the murdered woman was possessed of occult powers, whereby she in some mysterious way had brought she in some mysterious way had brought about the death of a neighbor's child. The two men were sentenced to be hanged, but General MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement

at hard labor for 20 years, out of con-sideration for the exceedingly low intelli-gence and belief in superstition. Philippine Currency System. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Taft, of the Philippine Commission, has come forward with another suggestion for the settlement of the Philippine currency question, which is now pressing urgently for adjustment. He discards the two for-mer plans of coining something like a trade dollar and of maintaining, by the credit of the United States, a fixed ratio between the Mexican dollar and American gold, and proposes to adopt United States money, pure and simple, as the money of the Philippines. He points out that radical as is this move, it must be made sooner or later if the islands are to remain under the control of the United States, and delay seems to aggravate the ills of the present confusion of the systems.

#### DECORATION OF VON BULOW Signifies Emperor's Appreciation of His Recent Speeches-The Treaty.

BERLIN, Dec. 34—Emperor William's bestowal upon Count von Bulow, Imperial Chancellor, of the decoration, the Order of the Black Eagle, is interpreted to signify imperial approval of his recent utterances in the Reichstag, particularly of his successful management of the China debate, as well as the Kruger incident, as against the pan-German agitation. It is understood that His Majesty regards the Chancellor's present tour in South Germany as a great success in cementing the adherents of other German Cabinets to the Emperor's foreign policy. The National Zeitung, a journal usual-ly friendly to the United States, discuss-

ing the rejection of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in its original form by the Senate,

"The incident means such a slap at the Executive as can scarcely be found, no only in the history of the United States but in the parliamentary history of the world. Presumably, the treaty is not now

acceptable to Great Britain."

The Chamber of Commerce of Berlin has presented a petition to Count von Bulow asking for the maintenance of the present tariff policy of the empire protesting particularly against maxima and minimal duties, abandonment of the most-favored-nation clause and extension

of the ad valorem system.

The Christmas weather in Berlin is mild, cloudy and dry. Today there were the usual street scenes. Emperor William, at P. M., attended the distribution at Pots dam of presents to the troops of Garde du Corps. He dined at the pa an hour later, and then joined in the family festivities, which included the usual array of tables covered with white cloths and the Christmas trees for the Princes one for each.

An appeal has been taken in the case of the Berlin banker, Sternberg, recently convicted of an offense against morality, to the Reichs-Gereicht, or Supreme Court of the Empire. The Berliner Tageblatt says that the executive committee of the Berii'n Bar Association has lodged a pro-test with Dr. Schoenstedt, Prussian Minlater of Justice, against the treatment to Sternberg's lawyers have been sub-

#### NEW YEAR WELCOME. Trouble in Arranging the New York Celebration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-The joint com mittee of the municipal authorities ap-pointed to arrange the celebration of the poening of the new century on New year's eve met today and refused to grant the request of the Red Cross, made through Frank D. Higbes, that the com-mittee take up the proposed celebration to be held under the auspices of the society in Madison-Square Garden on New Year's eve. Mr. Higbee asked at the hearing that the committee take the lease of Madison-Square Garden off the hands of the society for that night and use Sousa's band, which it had engaged. He further asked that the committee purchase a batch of greetings of rulers and personages of note all over the world, the gathering of which cost the society \$11,000, Mr. Higbee said. Chairman Suiser Fig. 90, Mr. Highee said. Chairman Suizer pointed out that this one item would prevent the acceptance of the proposition. The municipal assembly appropriated only \$500 for the celebration. Mr. Highes announced after this refusal that there would be no Red Cross celebration on New Year's eve. The society would postpone the affair until March I, the anniversary of the acceptance of the Red Cross treaty by the United States. Red Cross treaty by the United States.

Ben Johnson Declines. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—"I cannot get as president of the American League, No. 2," said Ben Johnson tonight, when dis-2." said Ben Johnson tonight, when discussing the policy to be pursued toward the new organization. "I will assist in the new organization in every way possible, for I think it will be a success, and it has good cities to draw from." President Johnson does not expect any agreement to be reached with the National League, citing the case of Mr. McGraw and Mr. Robinson as an almost insurmountable barrier, but he thinks there will be only individual attempts to steal players.

Finding of Lantern Used to Flag Cudahy.

CONFIRMS STORY OF THE DRIVE

Old Clothes Used by the Abductors for Money Bags Were Discovered -Pat Crowe, One of Suspects, Identified.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—The only development in the Cudahy kidnaping case was the finding of the lantern with which Mr. Cudahy was flagged on his drive into the country last Wednesday night, carrying the \$25,000 with which to secure the return of his son, and other paraphernalia left by the robbers in their hurried departure. This confirms again the story of the drive, and assists the police in nave were dranged with gold embroldered. of the drive, and assists the police in nave were draped with gold embroidered

CLEW TO KIDNAPERS

city last night by two men. The boy was blindfolded and compelled to walk to Mattewan, a distance of 11 miles. It became so stormy that the kidnapers released young Clayberg at Mattewan, after robbing him of a small sum of money. The boy telegraphed here for help, and was brought home during the night.

CLOSED THE HOLY DOOR.

Impressive Ceremony Performed by Pope Leo at St. Peter's,

ROME, Dec. M .- The pope today performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of St. Peter's Cathedral with the gorgeous form usual to great functions of this kind. It was a magnificent spec-tacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the church, who partici-pated in the ceremony, which was witnessed by enormous crowds. The cere monies lasted until 1 P. M. The pop-then returned to his apartments, appar-ently not fatigued. He intoned the "T-Deum" in a resonant voice and throughou

EDWARD CUDAHY, JR.



SON OF THE OMAHA MILLIONAIRE, WHO WAS KIDNAPED AND HELD FOR \$25,000 RANSOM, WHICH HIS FATHER PAID.

The lantern was found 74 miles west of Omaha, on Center street, about a quarter of a mile west of Craddock Grove, on the south side of the road, Thursday morning. It was found by two ions of a farmer on their way to school They picked up the lantern, supposing it was left by "movers" who might have camped at that point overnight. The lantern was placed in possession of a Con stable, who brought it to Omaha this afternoon. This afternoon two trousers legs and an undershirt sleeve were found buried beneath the snow near the fence adjoining the road. The finding of the lantern settles beyond all question of doubt the exact location as to the point where the kidnapers received their ransom. It also gives the authorities an mportant clew. The trouser legs were ntended for treasure bags, and are of slack clay worsted. They were cut off nidway between the knee and the hips When the lantern was picked up it was filled with oil, and the wick showed that it had recently been used. Near where the lantern was found were a number of ears of corn, a part of the kernels yet remaining on the cobs, indicating that a horse had been fed there very recently. Tracks were observable in the soft earth, showing that a horse had been tied near where the lantern was found. On the wire fence was a piece of common white wrapping twine, which had evidently held the lantern in place while being used

as a signal to Mr. Cudshy.

A man, the name of whom the police refuse to reveal, has identified Pat Crowe as the light-complexioned individual who in company with a woman accosted him in the vicinity of the robbers' rendezvous relative to the ownership of the house to which young Edward Cudahy was carried. When shown a picture taken from the rogues' gallery of Crowe, this man positively stated that it was a perfect likeness of the man he saw at Thirtysixth and Grover streets. Questioned closely as to the man's conduct, dress, manner and general description, he gave a detailed statement which convinces the authorities that they are on the right

Colorado Girl Abducted. PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 24.—All-day work of the police falls to throw any light upon the mysterious disappearance of Maggie Hoel, who yesterday left or was taken from the home of her uncle, Charles Beaty, a short distance west of this city. It has, however, been learned that some time yesterday morning a car-riage drawn by white horses was in the vicinity, and a richly dressed lady got out of it and seemed to be searching for something. It has been impossible thus far to find such a carriage. The girl, who is 18 years of age, had a guardian in Missouri, and a young man here was her lover. The latter is griefstyicken and does all he can to aid in solving the mys-tery. The simple and innocent character of the girl seems to preclude theories of nt, and all the circumstan seem to indicate kidnaping, but for what motive cannot yet be learned.

A Michigan Kidnapine

finding the methods employed by the scarlet cloth and the porch, under which the function took place, was transformed into a magnificently decorated hall. On the left of the holy door was erected the pontifical throne, covered with red and gold. On the right hand of the door stood tribunes for royal personages, Princes, Knights of Malta, prelates, rep-resentatives of the Roman nobility and other distinguished persons. Inside the church every inch of space was occupied by the throng which gathered early in the morning. A strong detachment of troops, stationed in the square in front of the cathedral, controlled the incoming

crowds, who literally raced to secure the

best positions.

The pope left his apartments at 11:45 A. M., borne in the sacred chair, and preceded by elergy with lighted candles, archbishops, bishops and cardinals, and escorted by the pontifical noble guards. On his arrival at the portal of St. Peters, he alighted and entered the church through the hely door. As he appeared on the threshold the solemn and slivery on the inressord the solemn and another tones of the trumpet echoed through the edifice. The chapter of the vatican met him and presented to him holy water, which he sprinkled upon the congregation. Applicate being forbidden, a religious silence was observed which height-ened the grandeur and impressiveness of the moment. Borne now on the sedilla gestatoria to the high altar, he stepped to the ground and knelt before the me precious relics of the Catholic Church, which were displayed on the altar. Then the procession reformed and proceeded to the chapel of the sacrament, where the the chapes of the sacrament, where the pontiff again knelt for some time, while the choir of the Sistine chapel chanted psalms. The pope was then borne to the holy door, where he alighted from the sedilia gastatoria and waited until the entire procession had passed out through the door, he leaving the church last and walking to the throne, where he scated himself. A number of sacred songs were sung by the papel choir, after which Leo rose and blessed all the material em-ployed in closing the door. Then he de-scended from the throne, knelt before the lome, and laid with the golden trowel a layer of cement, on which he placed three gilt bricks, bearing commemorative in-scriptions. Beside the bricks he placed casket containing gold, a casket containing gold, sliver and bronze medals and bearing the head of

Leo and inscriptions recording the open-ing and closing of the holy door. The pope having ascended the throne, Cardinal Bishop Seraine Vannutelli, grand penitentiary, and four other cardi-nals, performed a similar ceremony of laying cement and three bricks, after which the masons employed by the vatican closed the doorway with a canvas can closed the doorway with a canvas screen, painted to represent marble, with a cross in the center. The candiss borne by the clergy were extinguished, the "Te Deum" was sung, and the pontiff, having given solemn benediction, was immediately carried back to his spartments. It is estimated that \$6,000 persons were spectators of the ceremony.

Loyalist Faction Upheld.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The National Judiciary of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, which heard evidence to determine which of the two fac-KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 24.—Herbert Clayberg, a 17-year-old boy, whose father, J. B. Clayberg, is a prominent citizen of Helens, Mont., was kidnaped in this termed the "loyalist" faction is upheld.

## CAPE DUTCH ASSIST

Invading Boers Aided by Residents of the Colony.

THE SITUATION IS NO BETTER

Railway Communication Is Almost Entirely Severed-Kitchener Arrives at De Aar- Takes Measures to Crush Invasion.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 4:30 A. M.—There is no sign of the despondency which char-acterized "Black December" last year. At the same time, the Christmas editorials find little cause for extreme satisfaction All express regret that the nation is still at war. Some take the trouble to remind their readers that there are four times as many troops in South Africa as there were 12 months ago, and all engaged in the monotonous and wearlsome duties against an ever evasive foe and needing the friends at home at this festive

messon.

The Standard, which says that Christmas finds the British people in a chastened mood, moralizes upon the strange lack of political foresight regarding the character and the wisdom of the operations against the Boers. It confesses that "everything has long since been done that would have been consider to send the would have been possible to end the war if we had been contending against a European power." It is confident, how-ever, that the settlement is only a ques-

Lord Kitchener's departure for De Aar would be sufficient to explain the ab-sence of official news.

sence of official news.

Elaborate preparations are being made
to give Lord Roberts a popular welcome
January 2. Ten thousand troops will be
gathered in London to line the route to Buckingham Palace.

Buckingham Palace.

"We learn," says the Daily Mail, "that
the reports of the serious situation in
Cape Colony are fully confirmed. The invading Hoers are receiving much assistance from the Cape Dutch. Railway communication between Cape Town and the
north is almost entirely severed, partly
by Hoer operations and partly by rains. by Boer operations and partly by rains. "Since the Nositgedacht affair," says the correspondent of the Daily Mail at The Hague, "Mr. Kruger has become stiff-necked. He now scornfully rejects all private suggestions in the nature of

peace overtures."

General Reginald Pole-Carew, who has returned from South Africa, will marry Lady Beatrice Frances Elizabeth, eidest daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde. He is al years of age and she is under z.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 24.-Lord Kitchener has arrived at De Aar, Cape Colony, and is taking measures to crush the Boer In-

Kitchener at De Aar.

MEIKLEJOHN'S CANVASS. The Assistant Secretary Opened

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Melklejohn arrived here today and opened headquarters for an indefinite stay. This evening he was in conference with Republican leaders, an initial step in his canvass for one of Nebraska's seats in the United States Senate. Mr. Meiklejohn has been granted a 3 days leave of absence, but says he will remain here until after the Senatorial contest is over. He said he had received proffers of support, but was not rendy to announce

Headquarters at Lincoln.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 24-A suit for \$1,075,000 has been brought in the United States Court in Butte by the Anaconda Mining Company against W. A. Clark and the Colusa-Parrot Mining & Smelting Company. The suit is based on dam-ages alleged to have been sustained by the Anaconda company by reason of tres-passing by the defendant company on ore which was involved in the noted case tried in the United States Court a year ago, and which was decided in favor of Anaconda company by Judge

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

Philippines. he Federal party has been formed by Fili-pinos to aid in bringing peace. Page I. here is turmed on the west coast of Leyta

Page 1. China. Minister Conger has signed the joint note, The Russian press is not satisfied with the Pekin agreement, Page 5.

The home-coming of volunteers is postponed

Foreign. The situation in Northern Cape Colony is se-rious. Page 1.

Kitchener has arrived at De Aar. Page L. English papers talk of war over the canal trenty. Page 2. The Pope closed the holy door at St. Peter's.

A French railroad company lays an embarge on American exhibits. Page 5. Federal Government. The Cape Nome suit of Chipps vs. Linderberg will be tried in the Circuit Court. Page 3.

Elaborate preparations are being made for Mo-Kinley's second inauguration. The lantern used to fing Cudahy was discor-

ered. Page 1. The Tammany Committee of Five blames Devery for vice in New York. Page 2. The Scranton strike is not marked by disorder,

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report of the condition of the wrecked Alpha is received at Victoria. Page 4.

The Superintendent of the Washington Forest Reserves favors grazing. Page 4. movement for the formation of a new ty is in progress in Eastern Oregon. Page 4. Marine. Iwenty-six grain ships now in the river

oming ship loses her master at sea. Page 11. Big fleet of coasting vessels overdue. Page 11. Transport Saint Bede arrives in port. Page 11. Portland and Vicinity. cott, the "gentlemanly" burglar, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. Page 10.

Pertiand Hotel writing-room decorated with bronze reliefs showing Oregon's progress. Page 8. Delivery wagon held up on the East Side

coony of 20 Roumanian artisans settle to