PROSPEROUS PORTO RICO

GOVERNOR HUNT'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Insular Revenues Increased-Necessity for a Change in the Conspiracy Law.

SAN JUAN Porto Rico Jan 2-Govrnor Hunt's message to the Legislature f Porto Rico was delivered at 11 o'clock this morning before a joint session of that body held in the Theater San Juan. The building was crowded. The message says: Tranquillity and contentment prevail in Porto Rico; schools have multiplied; rail-roads are being constructed; the com-merce of the island has been developed exports have increased, agriculture become more profitable, roads are being built and debts are being paid. Toler ance of opinion has become more common, former antagonism being forgotten."

Governor Hunt's report said further that 855 schools are open throughout the island, 924 teachers are employed in them, and 15,000 public stand them. 15,000 pupils attend them. The insular revenues have increased the available bal-ance by \$128,000 over the balance of July, 1901, and the total balance today, includtariff rebates, etc., amounts to \$2,000,-Governor Hunt recommends the revision of the municipal laws and the

adoption of modern city charters.

Concerning the case of Santiago Iglesias (the representative of the American Federation of Labor, who was sentenced here December 11 to three years and four months' imprisonment on a charge of conspiracy), the Governor referred to the ambiguities of existing law, and said that the remedy therefor is in the hands of the

"There is no room for lawlessness in Porto Rico," said Governor Hunt, "but it is perfectly lawful to organize to secure better wages by peaceable measures. The ambition to better one's condition is intensely American, and where the purpose of organization is merely to increase the profits of labor or to dignify its worth through peaceable means, a law susceptible to a construction forbidding the execution of such a purpose is unworthy the American Government, and should be

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

Decrease of Eight Millions for the Month of December.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.-The monthly statement of the public debt, issued today, shows that at the close of business December 31, 1901, the National debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted to \$1,017,-52,958 628.256, a decrease for the month of \$8,643,-The debt is recapitulated as fol 1,339,790 Debi bearing no interest ...

....\$1,333,231,564 This amount, however, does not include \$811,468,689 in teertificates and Treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in hand which is hold for their redemption. The cash in the Treasury is classified as follows:\$ 150,000,600 Gold reserve ... Trust fund 811,468,060 145,510,098 112,653,534

In National bank depositories\$1,219,631,721 Against this amount are demand liabili. ties outstanding amounting to \$898,625,442, which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$321,603,728. There was an increase for the month of \$4,592,613 in the amount of cash on hand.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The monthly comparative statement of the Government receipts and expenditures shows that for the month of December, 1961, the total receipts were \$47,001,864, which is an increase, as compared with December, 1900, of \$205,656. The expenditures for the month amounted to \$37.518,888, which leaves a surplus for the month of \$9,742,866. The expenditures for the month were nearly \$3,000,000 less than for December, 1900. The present fiscal year is approximately \$18,000,000. The receipts during the last month, compared with December, 1900. lest

2101. 1900. 1900. 21 039.827 \$15,496.634 1900. 22 194.575 25.250.633 1900. 22 194.575 25.250.633 1900. 22 194.575 25.250.633 1900. 22 194.575 25.250.633 1900. 22 194.575 25.250.633 1900. 22 194.575 25.250.633 1900. 22 1 Internal revenue The expenditures charged to the War the following dispatch: Department last month show a decrease of \$2,200,000; in the amount charged to the Navy an increase of \$797,000 is shown. An increase of \$15,000 is shown in the amount of pensions paid.

Coinnge in December, The monthly statement of the Director of the Mint shows the coinage executed at the mints of the United States during the month of December, 1901, to have been \$14,644,321, as follows:

372,400 The total coinage for the calendar year nded December 31, 1901, was \$134,693,770, of which \$101,735,187 was gold, \$30,738,460 was sliver, and \$2,120,122 was in minor coin. Of the year's coinage, \$64,150,220 was in double engles, \$45,036,160 in eagles, \$21,320,260 in half cagles, and \$228,307 in quarter eagles. Of the silver coined, \$22,566,813 was in stand.

ard dollars, \$3,119.225 in half dollars, \$2,566,306 in quarters, and \$2,507,306 in dimes. There were also coined \$1,324,010 in nickels and \$756,111 in pennics. Circulation Statement.

The monthly circulation statement of the Controller of the Currency shows that at the close of the year 1901 the circulation of National bank notes was \$380,235,-726, an increase, as compared with December \$1, 1990, of \$20,148,551, and an increase for the month of \$569,015. The circulation hased on United States bonds amounted to \$325,009,306, an increase for the year of \$16,-714,822, and a decrease for the month of \$1,202,880. The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$35,280,420, an increase for the year of \$3,432.919, and an in-crease for the month of \$1,771.895. The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was \$356,280,280, and to secure public deposits

DINNER TO THE CABINET. First of the Formal Functions of the

Year at the White House. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-The dinner to the Cabinet the first of the large formal functions of the year at the White House, was given by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt tonight. A large number of persons were invited to meet the members of the Cabinet, the guests including Senators and Representatives in Congress and some friends of the President. The Marine Band furnished the music. Those present, in addition to the President and

Mrs. Roosevelt, were: The Secretary of War and Mrs. Root; the Attorney-General and Mrs. Knox; the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Smith; the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitch. cock; the Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Wilson: Senator McEnery, Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Senator and Mrs. Boott, Senator and Mrs. Dolliver, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Representative and Mrs. Payne, Representative and Mrs. Cons. Representative and Mrs. Gros venor, Representative and Mrs. Gros-venor, Representative and Mrs. Hopkins, Representative and Mrs. Daizell; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild, John A. Kas-son, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Philbin, General Bradley T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cassett, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rob-inson, Ir. Mr. and Mrs. General Blebaset. inson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Richard-son, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Laffan, Mr. and Mrs. Leiter, James K. Gracie, Mrs. H. S. Beale, Miss Carew, Miss Roose-

Pearl Harbor Naval Station

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—Admiral Brad-ford, chief of the Naval Bureau of Equip-ment, has received official confirmation of the acquisition, under condemnation pro-ceedings, of 69 acres of land at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, for use as a United States naval station there. The

price awarded is \$75 per sere, which, with the cost of improvements, makes an aggregate of \$52,787. There is a leasehold on part of the land, and some fishery right, which must be extinguished, after which the Government title will be com-plete. The usual formalities are expected to pass at an early day, and then plans will be prepared for the establishment of a naval station, its defenses, fortifications and guns. An extensive dock is one of the features contemplated for the station

Collector Nunn Resigned. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2-David A. Nunn whose resignation as Collector of Internal Revenue of the Fifth Tennessee District was called for by the President a few days ago, today handed his resignation to the President in person. Mr. Nunn was appointed Collector at the beginning of the McKinley Administration. Soon after he was installed the removal of some Democratic employes led to charges of violation of the civil service law. These charges, which remained dormant for sev-eral years, were recently revived, and precipitated the call for his resignation. understood that ex-Representative McCall will be appointed to succeed

Mr. Nunn. Reduction in the Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1-A comparative statement of the receipts from the war statement of the receipts from the war revenue act of June 13, 1898, and the war revenue reduction act of March 2, 1901, shows that the former act produced be-tween July 1, 1900, and November 30, 1800, \$46,623,366. The revenue reduction act of the latter date produced in the corre-sponding period in 1901 \$29,429,642, a de-crease of \$17,189,666.

No Hope for Admiral Sampson WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Admiral Samp-son's malady progresses slowly, but very steadily toward the end. Medical science cannot check it. Symptoms of arterial de-generation have appeared, such as are incident to his maindy, injecting great un-certainty into the case. Moreover, the pa-tient is becoming less tractable and responsive to treatment

Chief of Appointment Division. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 - W. R. Sottl. man, of Manhattan, Kan., formerly pri-vate secretary to Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, has been appointed chief of the Appointment Division of the latter's office. This division has charge of the appointments of all the post-masters in the United States.

Deportation of Chinese. OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Com-missioner Gray today ordered the deportation of 2i Chinese for having unlawfully entered the country. Appeals are being filed in each case. Forty-five Chinamen are now in the County Jail awaiting the action of the higher court.

Agricultural Department Statistician WASHINGTON, Jan. 2-Stephen D. Fessenden, of Mississippi, has been appointed as statistician of the Department of Agriculture.

ELECTION OF PALMA

Nationalist Candidate Has Fifty-five Electors to Masso's Eight.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.-The Central Board of Scrutiny has made public the following returns of the election held December 31, Tomas Estrada Palma, the Nationalist candidate for the Presidency of Cuba, has 56 electors, while General Bartolome Masso the Democratic candidate, who withdrew from the campaign, has eight elec-

PALMA CONGRATULATED. He Says He Did Not Seek the Office

of President of Cuba. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—General Tomas Estrada Palma, the newly elected Posi-dent of Cuba, has received many dis-patches and telegrams of felicitation from various parts of Cuba and this country. Senor Emilio Bacardi, Mayor of Santiago, cabled in the name of the municipal

'I, with the President, wish you a happy New Year and am pleased to greet you as the future first magistrate of the Cuban Havana, a veteran of the 10-year war in

Cuba, sent a message of congratulation. From Neuvitas, Puerto Principe, came "Happy New Year, triumph in Neuvi-

tas; hundred congratulations.
"MIGUEL ROURA." Senor Joaquin Fortun, brother-in-law of the late Jose Marti, said in a message

from Mexico City: "I am particularly delighted at you success, as I was one of the first to ad vise your candidacy. I am pleased, too, because you have been an immaculate patriot all your life."

General Palma was particularly pleased with a cable message from Gibars, Santlago Province, which is his native state. The dispatch read: "Oriental patriots salute you as the first President of Cuba."

Amelio Agramont telegraphed this from

"Hurrah for the honorable President of our country, in whose hands its prosperity and happiness will be safe." The Cuban President-elect was as reti-

cent as ever regarding the policy of his administration. He said in an interview: "I have not had the least ambition to fill any public office; in fact, I all along refused to allow my name to be put for ward as a Presidential candidate. I am disappointed that there should have been any disastisfaction over the election. I consented to the use of my name only at the last minute when it was too late to withdraw it, but I thought that absolute harmony prevailed and that General Masso had consented to accept the Vice-Presidency. I really would have pre-ferred to have been allowed to stay out of politics and attend to my private af-

Elections Passed Off Smoothly. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-The Secretary of War today received a brief telegram from General Wood in Havana saying that the elections had passed off smoothly. but giving no details.

Telegraphic Brevities Senator and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew left. Nice for the United States. William C. Green, an old resident of Salt

Lake City, was found at Cottonwood, frozen to The Albany City National Bank was sold tothe National Commercial Bank at Albany

W. K. Vanderbilt expects the Duchess of Marlborough to pay a visit to Idie Hour at Oakdale, L. L., after the coronation. Sir Edward Watson, cousin of Designer Wat-son, of the Shamrock, attempted to end his life with sold in a Brighton Beach car.

Lord Marcus Beresford will have the man-agement of the Wolferton stud farm as well as the Newmarket training stables of King Ed

Rev. John Wesley Beach, L.L. D., formerly president of the Wesleyan University, is dead at Middletown, Conn., after a long sickness, due partly to old age.

The Carter Case.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 2-In the United States Court today Marion Erwin, spe-cial assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States, filed a new bill in the case of the Government vs. Oberlin M. Carter. The bill seeks to prevent the Savannah Brewing Company, the Savannah Lighterage & Transfer Company, and the Propeller Towboat Company, in which Carter beid large blocks of stock, from paving the interest according to obline paying the interest accruing, to either the agent or the receiver for Captain Car-

AFTER CASTRO'S SCALP

REVOLUTIONIST MATOS HEADS AN EXPEDITION.

Armed Force on the Converted Steamer Ban Righ Bound for the Venezuelau Const.

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Mar inique, Jan. 2.—The British steamer Ban-kigh, recently renamed the Libertador, as left this port for the Venezuelan She carries among her passengers Senor Matos, who is now referred to as General Matos, and several Generals and other important personages of Venezuela, who joined General Matos here. Among these notables are Nicolas Rolando, Domingo Monagas, Peneloza Ducharte, Eduardo Ortega Cordova, Carlos Azugary Egeamier, Tomae Garcia, Mervez Marro, ing on the coast of Venezuela is planned Christiani Aptoiles Bartazal, Antoine Es-

good name, win back your beloved country and the great Liberal cause will one again become invested with its merite

prestige.

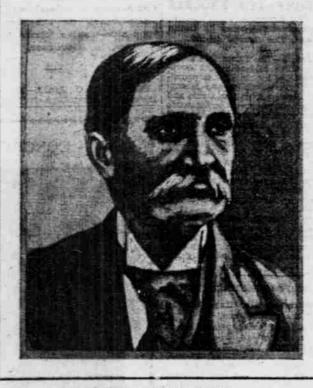
"God, all powerful, inspires us, and with his help we will save Venezuela. Your countryman, M. A. MATOS.

"On the Steamer Libertador, December 31, 1901."

Details of the conversion of the steame Ban Righ into a war vessel shows that her vital parts (engines, etc.) have been protected by thick plates of steel. This work was done here at the works of the General Transatiantic Company. The Ban Righ's armament consists of several guns capable of firing 30 shots per minute and four 10-centimetre rapid-fire guns. The officer in charge of the Ban Righ's guns is a European. The vessel's crew is com-posed of Englishmen and natives of the Island of Martinique.

The reinforcements for 200 volunteers now on board the Ban Righ will reach the war steamer in sloops and steamers which are to be met at various points, if the plans of the revolutionists are carried out. The volunteers said that their land-

FIRST PRESIDENT OF CUBAN REPUBLIC



TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.

Tomas Estrada Palma, who has been unanimously elected the first President of the Cuban Republic, has been prominently identified with all the movem to aid the struggling republic. During the Spanish-American War he was the recognized head of the Cuban cause in the United States. He was born in Bayamo, Cuba, July 9, 1835. After completing his studies in Havana he went to Saville, Spain, to read law. He became interested in the cause of the Cuban insurgents, and soon rose to a commanding position in the small but rapidly in creasing band of patriots. In the Revolution of 1868-78 Senor Paima was one of the first to take the field. He established a high reputation for bravery and was elected a member of the Cuban Republic. Later he succeeded Cespedes to the Presidency, and later was sent as a delegate to the United States from Cuba. Sixteen years ago he established a college in Central Valley, New York. To this institution he has given as much time and money as he could spare from his devotion to Coban affairs.

pinosa and Morendi Sambrano Rendon.

Besides the leaders of the expedition, the
Libertador has on board 350 volunteers,
and it is understood that she will embark
a number of other volunteers while on her
way to the coast of Venesuela.

The behavior of General Matos and
his adherents, while they were at this

port, was most correct, and when they left here they had the sympathy of the whole population. General Matos is well known at Fort de France, where he has many friends. The local newspapers have published articles expressing hopes for the prompt success of the expedition and attitude, the papers add, has earned for him the enmity of the whole world.

Previous to his departure from Fort de
France, General Matos issued a manifesto. calling on all his fellow-countrymen to take up arms. The text of General Ma-

tos' manifesto follows:
"To My Venezuelan Countrymen: Our country is moaning, she is perishing. The pride and folly of a perjured Magistrate have brought our country to the edge of an abyss. Let us unite and save our native land. Heedful of public opinion and mindful of the honor with which a large number of my distinguished compatriots invested me when they generously selected me to become the chief of this crusade of redemption. I come to my country's all quickly and with diligence. I bring with me all the necessary munitions of war to strengthen our will and render it irresistible. At the same time, I hope to serve as a bond of union between all Venezuelans who desire to save our beloved coun-

"Countrymen, the sole use of our arm shall be for the firing of joyful salutes, bearing tidings of contentment and hap-piness to our homes. Let each of you fulfill his supreme duty toward his deso-late native country. Do this and each one of you will have the great satisfaction of knowing that he has saved Venezuela from material injury and his family from

the shedding of bitter tears.
"Our work is the work of the nation. ********************

Postoffice, Custom House and Internal Revenue Receipts.

The receipts of the Portland

postoffice for the month of December, 1901, from the sale of stamps, postal cards stamped envelopes amounted to 824,426 21 Receipts for December, 1900,. 21,606 98 Increase for the month \$ 2.810 21 The receipts for the quarter

ending Dec. 31, 1901, were .. \$66,532 20 Receipts for quarter ending Dec. 21, 1900..... 00,745 00 Increase for the quarter \$ 5,848 22

The receipts of the Custom House of the Port of Portland for Dec., 1901, were\$38,106 98 Value of exports for December, 1901, \$1,741,206 00. This is more than for any other month during 1901.

Receipts of the Internal Revenue office in Portland for December, 1901, were \$67,007 60.

........ The primary object of our endeavor is to remove one man from his public posi-tion, a position in which he has committed every error and every excess, and who has compromised not only Venezue-la's good name but even her national integrity. Traitor to all his duties, this unfortunate min has allenated from Vene-zuela the good will of the countries of the world, and his diseased brain has

led him to bring about a misunderstand-ing with Colombia.
"My countrymen all, let us remove this faithless Magistrate who alone is responsible for the misfortunes of Venezuela, and unite in the bonds of sincere brotherpaying the interest accruing, to either the agent or the receiver for Capitain Carter's property.

In our country, harmonious relations between Venezuela and foreign powers, and let us bring about the respectable observance in our land of every man's rights versification. The course is unique, being the only one of its kind in the United States.

In dintic in the bonds of sincere brother-hood. Let us at once re-establish peace in our country, harmonious relations between Venezuela and foreign powers, and let us bring about the respectable observance in our land of every man's rights and the strict accomplishment of every man's duties. Thus you will regain your master of the Liangibby hounds.

Arraignment of the Ringleaders in

the Leavenworth Mutiny, LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 2-The most novel court which ever sat in Kansas convened in the library of the United arraignment of the ringleaders of mutiny of November 7, and who are implicated in the killing of Guard J. B. Waldrupe. Every person in the court, with but one exception, was either United States official or a prisoner wear ing the stripes denoting desperate characters. The court convened at 3 P. M. with United States Commissioner Bond on the bench, E. D. McKeever, assistant attorney, representing the Government with E. A. Prescott, Deputy Marshal. The mutineers, 17 in number, were brought in, each wearing the ball and chain, and after a consultation of the officers, the following men were arraigned on the charge of mu Turner Barnes, Bob Clark, Frank Thompson, Gilbert Mullin and Fred Robinson. Four others, who have not yet been captured, are included in the charges. The warants were served by Deputy Marshal Prescott, and upon being arraigned each of the prisoners entered ples of not guilty. The trial will be hele in the prison library at 3 o'clock tomorrow on. Warden McClaughey request the Associated Press to deny the reports sent out that guards are resigning for fear of their lives.

SPORTING NEWS.

Races at Oakland.

OAKLAND, Jan. 2.—Results: Six furlongs, selling—Torila won, Sir Clause second, King Herald third; time,

Futurity course, selling-Parsifal won. Marineuse second, Katherine Ennis third time, 1:11%. Three furlongs, purse-Montezuma won, Jennie McGowan second, Honiton third;

time, 0:36%. Six and a half furlougs-The Giver wor Hainault second, Lapidus third; time, 1:21 Mile and a sixteenth, selling-Cromwell won, Colonel Ballantyne second, Castake won, Colonel Hal third; time, 1:49.

Six-Day Bicycle Race.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—In the six-day bi-cycle race the evening hours witnessed ome of the best racing of the week, each of the six leading teams contributing somewhat to the excitement. The pace was flerce, but not one of the leaders to score on any other than the tallhour was:

McFariand and Maya ... McLean and Butler ... Munro and Freeman ... Gougoits and Simar ... Leander and Ruis ... King and Samueison ... Fischer and Chevaller Krebs and Keegan ... Muller and Jaak ... Muller and Jaak ...

Tommy Ryan Has Not Retired. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 2.-Tommy Ryan, who claims the middleweight cham-pionship of the world, tonight denied the story recently circulated that he had permanently retired from the ring, and said that he is ready to make a match at once with any of the middleweight stars

Walking Record Lowered, ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.-Shelton, Cartwrigh and Fahey lowered the world's 24-hour go-as-you-please record for a 16-lap track here tonight. They have been on the track 24 hours straight. Shelton also lowered the 30-mile record to seven hours and one minute. Shelton is leading with a score of 132 miles.

who are willing to make reasonable terms,

WHITE MEN'S ATROCITIES

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS PREVAIL ING IN THE CONGO PREE STATE.

Seigians Handed Rebellious Native Over to Cannibal Tribes-Forced Labor Everywhere.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Captain Guy Bur-rows, who has just retired from the em-ploy of the Congo Free State Government, after six years' service, declares in an interview today with a representa-tive of the Associated Press that the conditions prevailing in the Congo Free State are a disgrace to civilization, and far worse than ever before. He pictured atrocftles of the most horrible character perpetrated on the natives by officials and whites who had concessions of rubber land. As a typical instance of the means employed by the Free State Gov-ernment, Captain Burrows corroborated the statement of American missionaries to the effect that the officials employed 500 cannibals to whom they issued rifles to "massacre and capture unarmed na-tives who had rebelled against their bru-

purpose of being eaten. Forced labo prevails everywhere, and 'shotgun rule is the truest description of the present administration. The companies deriving wealth from the collection of rubber are all more or less state enterprises, as a third or half the shares in them are invariably held by the government. Latterly, King Leopold and the government have made some show of action against the agents of some of the Upper Congo are merely intended to throw dust in the eyes of the public, whose indignation has been aroused by the stories of this reign of terror. While the present systems for the collection of rubber and the recruitment of natives continue the Congr Free State will remain a diagrace to the white man's work in Africa

"I have sworn testimony," said Burrows, "of the Belgians handing over natives to cannibal tribes for the express

tal methods."

SANITARIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES A Million Placed at King Edward's

Disposal for Charitable Purposes. LONDON, Jan. 3.-Two hundred thou sand pounds have been placed at King Edward's disposal for charitable or utili tarian purposes, according to the Daily Mail, by Sir Ernest Cassol, a merchant and financier who was prominent in Egyptian finances, and who was made a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George for his services in that field. King Edward has decided to devote this

gift to a sanitarium which will accommo date 160 consumptive patients. Twelve o the beds are to be reserved for wealthy sufferers, and the remainder will be for those who are able to afford only a small fee. King Edward has appointed an advisory committee in this matter, composed of leading physicians, including Sir William Henry Broadbent, Sir Richard Powell, Sir Francia Henry Lack ing, Sir Felix Semon and others. Three prizes of £500, £200 and £100 respectively have been offered in connection with this scheme for the best estimates on and the plans for the sanitarium, and the advisor; committee will be guided by the result of this competition in the execution of Hi Majesty's wishes. The competition will be open to medical men of all nationalities. Sir William Henry Broadbent, when interviewed on this subject, explained that it was intended to employ the open-air treatment for consumptives, the suggest of which he said was now absolutely twinch he said was now ansolutely established. Sir William was unable to give details, but he said that he believed the sanitarium would be within easy distance of London, for it had been shown that the open-air treatment could be conducted almost as successfully in England as in Swirzeriant.

The papers this morning all published editorials applauding King Edward's pur pose and the noble gift which has en His Majesty to carry out the idea which he has so much at heart.

KING EDWARD'S PORTRAITS. Londoners Pleased to Find It or

New Stamps. NEW YORK, Jan. 2-A dispatch to the iferald from London gives the following account of the manner in which London received the new King Edward stamps there was an enthusiastic demand and a ready supply, but King Edward coins were missing. Many people got up early and went considerably out of their way to make purchases of the pretty new penny and half-penny stamps. Quite a num-ber of ardent philatellate waited until midnight or Tuesday at the general Post stamps, which were on sale immediately after it o'clock struck for New Year' day. In the majority of cases the stamps were promptly affixed to letters and post cards, which were forthwith posted at the nearest available letter box.

In many London branch Postoffices, the scene early in the morning was a busy one and quite unusual. Small, ragged urchins went up to the counters and asked for the new stamps. Well-dressed young men called for a shilling's worth of penny stamps, but refused to complete the transaction when old ones were offered. Every quently the supplies were exhausted There is no doubt whatever from the gos sip heard at the Postoffices that the publi a highly pleased with the new King Edward stamps, especially the ponny red

For weeks past millions of the stamps have been stowed away in the strong rooms at Somerset House, and over them the closest supervision has been exercised by officers of the Inland Revenue Commis-

Prosperity of Canada.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-Canada is being congratulated on the progress made last year, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The fact that public depos-its in Canadian banks amount to \$400,000,-000 is considered remarkable, and the Morning Post looks to the time when the fertile acres of the Dominion will solve the whole question of the British food supply, which is the nightmare of so many zealous politicians in England. "Here, surely," says the Post, "is room for British capital and energy to solve a problem, not merely of the greatest im-portance to the internal development of the Dominion, but also to the welfare of the empire. As a whole, its solution would be facilitated by the conspicuous loyalty of Canada, whereof so many examples have recently been afforded.

O'Connor an Admirer of America LONDON, Jan. 2.—T. P. O'Connor, M. P., in a letter to the Association of Amer-ican Publishers of New York, declining an

invitation to dinner, says:

"As a public man I would have rejoiced at witnessing the tremendous advance of the United States in the last 10 years that excites so much admiration and some envy and apprehension in other lands. As a courselled I must admir that the greater. journalist I must admit that the greater truth of life, the greater extension of the sphere of subjects demanding attention and the increasing human interest that modern journalism displays all had their impulse from American joi Victoria Memorial Fund Is Short.

LONDON, Jan. 2 .- It is understood tha

much against his will, King Edward will be compelled to ask Parliament for a

grant toward the Queen Victoria memor-lal. Only £185,400 has thus far been sub-scribed and this sum will not nearly New British Battle-Ships. GLASGOW, Jan. 2.—The British Admir-alty has invited the Clyde ship yards to

tender bids for the construction of two battle-ships, each of 18,500 tons, five ar-mored first-class cruisers and two protect-ed cruisers. The officials asked for prompt contract. Work on 20 warships now in course of construction may be expedited. The new battle-ships will have greater gun power than any vessels now in the

Portuguese Cortes Opened. LISBON, Jan. 2.-King Carlos, accom-LISBON, Jan. 2.—King Carlos, accompanied by the Queen of Portugal, opened the Cortes here today. The King read his speech personally. He said that Portugal's foreign relations were all friendly and referred with regret to the death of Plestdent McKinley. He confirmed the statement that a modus vivendi has been reached between Great Britain and Portugal concerning the Louisepan and Portugal concerning the Lourence

Naturalized American Molested. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 1.- The recent arrest of two naturalized Americans at Tripoil, Syria, for refusing to pay the tax providing for exemption from military service has led to sharp representations on the part of the United States Minister Leishman, to the Porte, The latter promptly ordered the release of the men arrested, and instructed the authorities

Morgan Bought a Madonne. NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- J. P. Morgan, according to the Journal and American, ad-London that he has bought "Madonna of St. Anthony of Pagua," He will not talk about the price. It is said that the picture will not be imported at once, inasmuch as the tariff charges, if the picture cost \$500,000, as reported, would

Serious Riots in Wales. LONDON, Jan. 2.-Bangor, North Wales, and its district are again under control of the military, owing to the further serious riots between strikers and workers at Benryn and Bethseda quarries. There was so much wrecking of houses last night that a detachment of civalry was hastily summoned from Aldershot at mid-night and the militia was drafted in from Lichfield.

Catholic Biblical Commission. LONDON, Jan. 1 .- The Tablet announces that the pope has appointed a special commission for the consideration special commission for the consideration of all questions connected with biclical to which Catholic scholars world over may apply in cases of difficulty.

There Was No Bomb Exposion. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.-The report about the explosion of a bomb last night under the balcony of the palace of Grand Duke Constantine, at Klev, European Russia, proves upon investigation to be enwithout foundation.

BANKRUPT LAW AMENDMENTS referred Creditors Not Gaining

Much Headway. New York Journal of Commerce The referees in bankruptcy have made canvass of the mercantile community the United States in regard to changes desired in the bankruptcy act, and the tabulation of the replies shows 766 ex-pressions in support of the Ray bill, 73 favoring section 57g as it stands, and 25 suggesting various changes. But a statement of the result of the canvass would be entirely misleading if it were not ac-companied by the explanation of the committee that the circular of inquiry bore this paragraph: "In case you do not return this paper as requested, it will be assumed that you are satisfied with the

assumed that you are satisfied with the existing conditions under the present National bankruptcy law."

We should have been justified in drawing this inference even if the circular had not borne this notice. A circular asking opinions as to changes m a law would naturally be answered by most of the recipients who wished changes made, and by very few who carest for none. The most natural course for a person who did most natural course for a person who did most natural course for a person who did not care for any change would be to make no reply. If the referees had sent out 13,000 circulars asking for suggestions regarding the amendment of the law, and had got less than 900 replies of all sorts, that an overwhelming majority of the recipients were opposed to, or wholly in-different to, changes; that there was general satisfaction with the law as it

The inference, however, is stronger in view of the fact that every recipient was notified that if he was no heard from he would be counted on the side of the law as it stands. Under such circumstances the only wonder is that 73 merchants should have taken the trouble to reply that they preferred to have section 57g left as it stands. The result of the plebiscite was that 13,000 business men were asked if they wished the bankrupt act changed, and only 791 replied in the affirmative. This is the total result of the efforts of the Credit Men's Association during a couple of years to work up a sentiment against the most effective provision of the law for the prevention of

preference.
But, in addition to this menger return,

there are two highly significant recom-mendations. One is that the executive committee of the National Association of Referees in Bankruptcy makes a recom-mendation adverse to the change in 57g proposed by the Ray bill, which is the change asked for by the Credit Men's As-sociation. The committee makes no recommendation regarding Mg except to oppose the amendment sought by the credit men. There is only one explanation of this, and that is that the referees understand perfectly well the importance of preventing preferences, and the fa-cility that would be afforded to preferences if section 5ig were amended in ac-cordance with the Ray bill. The other recommendation is that of the American Bar Association that "Creditors who have received preferences shall not participate in dividends so as to receive, by taking such preferences into consideration a greater percentage of their claims than other creditors of the same class." This is a declaration in favor of treating all creditors alike; the contention of Credit Men's Association is that amartest or lucklest or nearest creditor should get the most. The recommends should get the most. The recommenda-tion of the bar association does not de-fine preferences; it is to be presumed, therefore, that they are to be defined as at present. In the case of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. against the decision of which the Credit Men's Association has been fighting, the firm named got 30 per cent of their claim in partial payments during four months immediately preceding the bankruptcy, which are preferences as now defined, but innocent preferences, which they were at liberty to retain. They were not allowed to participate in the final dis-tribution, and as the dividend was only 15 per cent, they had already received very much more than other creditors. The contention of the Credit Men's Association is that they should have shared equally with the other creditors in the final dis-tribution. That is opposed by the Nar association, it is opposed by the exec-utive committee of the National Association of Referees in Bankruptcy, and only

country have expressed themselves favor of it. Smelters Will Resume.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 1.-Word from Great Falls says the Boston & Montans smelters will commence operations about January 15. This will mean a resumption in the Amalgamated mines here, a number of which were recently closed. The big smelters at Great Falls run on the or-mined in Amalgamated Company's proper tles at this place.

Jerome Took the Oath of Office. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—William T. Jerome took the oath of office as District Attorney of New York today.

FREIGHT ENGINE BLEW UF

THREE MEN KILLED IN A GEORGIA ROUNDHOUSE.

Entire City of Macon Was Shaken and the Report Was Heard Seven Miles Away.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 2.—A freight engine just out of the shop and fired up in the roundhouse of the Central Railroad of Georgia exploded without warning to-day, killing three men, injuring a num-ber of others and shaking the entire city. The report was heard seven miles away and houses four miles distant felt the shock. The dead are: E. W. HODGES, machinist. J. M. McDONALD, machinist.

J. M. McDONALD, machinist, URIAH CORNELIUS, colored helper. The injured are: J. J. O'Neal, ma-chinist, fracture, will die; Henry Fox, machinist, fracture, will die; R. L. Willis, blacksmith, severely scalded; F. D. Ham-brick, carpenter, head lacerated; William Wilson, carpenter, fractured ribs; J. M. Meadows, carpenter, general bruises, Peter Hammond, colored, scalp wound Wesley Johnson, colored, face cut; Peter

Adams, colored, contused shoulder.

The negro, Cornelius, was in the cab assisting the inspector, John McDonald, who was on top of the ergine. They were blown to stems. The others were at some distance from the engine. it suppored that the negro had found the dealy injected a stream of cold water on the red-hot crown sheet. The engine was reduced to fragments, parts being hurled through the building 200 or 300 yards. One piece weighing 2000 pounds was blown 120 yards.

Took the Wrong Bottle. DETROIT, Jan. 2.-M'ss Benla'i Wheeler, a beautiful young society woman, died early today at her home on Second avione from arsenical polyoning. Last ever ing she retired to her room to rest befor starting for the theater. Soon afterwarshe called to her mother for aid, and said she had taken the wrong med.cine. Who the young woman had taken for antiporine proved to be argenic. Mira Wheeler, who was 22 years of age, was born in Rome, N. Y.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE DEAL

Interstate Commerce Commission to Take Up Merger.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 .- At its meeting hera next Wednesday, the Interstate Commerce Comptesion will move against the Northern Securities Company, and investigate the combine of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington Railways, The commission will probe the entire

matter of "community of interests" between great railway systems, but the specific investigation will be aimed at the Northwestern railways. Hundreds of witneeses, among them many of the leading rallway promoters and owners in the country, have been summoned to appear in Chicago next Wednesday to testify before the commission, - All the Western railway magnates have been summoned to appear, and after the investigation in Chicago, which may last weeks, has been concluded, the commission will resume its hearings in New York and call before it the great promoters and financiers of

Wall street. It is understood that there is to be a general and determined fight all along the tine. The commission has announced its on of examining every phase of raffroad combination, including the purchase of the Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific, the Union Pacific's control over the Burlington, and every specific instance of what they regard as violation of the interstate commerce laws.

Escaped Convict Recaptured. GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 2-L. V. Reed, who was among the prisoners that escaped from the Federal jail, July 5 last was recaptured New Year's day by Deputy Marshal Fossett and returned to iall today. He was charged with horse-stealing before he escaped, but he returns charged with murder having been identified as one of the highwaymen that killed a doctor's 14-year-old son near Rush

Springs last August. Schooner Fearless Wrecked. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 3 .- The steamer Bertha arrived this morning from Valdes with news that the steam schooner Fearless, bound for San Francisco, was wrecked in a severe gale November 30 at Dutch Harbor. No lives were lost, Twenty of the crew returned to Seattle on the Bertha. Captain James McKenna and

Mate Peterson remained with the wrecked

Custro Says It Is Crushed. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-The Venezuelan Consul in this city today received the foi lowing cablegram from President Castro

Pletri prisoner. Revolution crushed. Bliggard in Michigan. CALUMET, Mich., Jan. 2.-The Mackinaw Peninsula is storm swept, and a vio-lent blizzard is raging in this city. Many

roads are impassable because of drifts and transport service is poor. General Seamans Is Weak. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Adjutant-General Seamans, of California, is very weak

tonight. The physicians hold out no hop Exceptional measures are to be taken in co nection with the restoration of Leohardo dis Vinci's "Last Supper," which the Italian Gov-ernment has at last decided to carry out. The picture is in such a had condition that the work will have to be done in the most careful

and scientific manner. A celebrated expert has

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been engaged to give his services.

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