EUGENE CITY.....OREGON

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented . In a Condensed Form.

Admiral Sampson's daughter is to

wed a Californian. "Bab." the well-known syndicate

writer is critically ill at her home in New York. The O. R. & N. C.'s steamship Co-

hours and, 55 minutes, The American National bank, of Lima, O., was robbed of \$18,162. The money was taken from the big vault. The robbery was perpetrated in a skilful manner, no damage being done to the vault.

An express train and freight train met on the same track near Vincennes, Ind., and three trainmen were seriously hurt and a score or more passengers bruised and scratened.

Captain R. D. Evans' name is promnavy-yard, now that it seems to be decided that Rear-Admiral Sampson will remain commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station, and Rear-Admiral Schley will be assigned to sea duty in compliance with his request.

The conference based upon the disarmament proposal of Emperor Nicholas has been fixed for St. Petersburg about the beginning of May next, prior to which the Rossian government will submit officially to the powers a defienable them to formulate modifications or counter-suggestions.

A special from Dawson dated November 19 says: Reports from all creeks in the vicinity of Dawson indicate that the winter's product of gold will exceed that of last year by more than 100 per cent. Several persons are reported to have been frozen to death. One of these was found in a kneeling posture beside his sled and dogs, between Hunker and Dominion, at the eammit.

The navy department is going to be prepared for any emergency that may hereafter arise in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by carrying on hand the enormous stock of nearly half a million tons of the best steaming coal for warships that can be procured. This supply of the most important of all sinews of modern war is to be systematically distributed in American ports most conveniently locate I for the coaling of ships tor any operations the navy may conceivably be called upon to under-

Judge Day, president of the Paris peace commission, has arrived home. A loaded lumber schooner is ashore at Cannon beach, near Elk creek, Or.

The recently appointed register of missing.

nine trainmen were injured, two prob ably fatally.

Importations of manufactures from Great Britain into the United States provides for the construction of a stone seem likely to show an unusually small drydock on the Columbia river and total in the year 1898.

Public men in office, especially those in congress, newspaper correspondents | One-half the largest foreign order for and everybody who is supposed to have finished steel ever sent to this country influence in shaping legislation or with has been offered the Illinois Steel Comthe administration are being flooded pany, of Chicago. The order amounts in relation to our changed condition of to be used by the Australian governaffairs as a result of the American- ment. The Carnegie Company will

Fire destroyed the house occupied by necticut avenue and N street, Wash- the use of the customs officials at Aswater, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The service at Astoria, and Senator Mc minister and his family barely es- Bride's bill is intended to supply the caped.

The cotton receipts at Houston, Tex., since the beginning of the present season have been 2,000,000 bales, a record after an extended absence, during which never equaled by an interior town or he held several impertant conferences port of the United States, and which with the authorities at Berlin relative will be celebrated by a banquet to to American affairs. It is expected which all the the prominent civic offi- that his return will soon bring about cials and cotton men will be invited. exchanges with the state department, It is estimated by Secretary Warner, of and perhaps directly with the presithe cotton exchange, that 500,000 dent, relative to a number of current bales will yet be received during the questions in which both countries are remainder of the season.

The table of proposed stations of United States troops, submitted by robbing Martin Mahon, a hotel-keeper General Wade, shows a total of 50,000 of New York, by the "badger game, troops, distributed as follows: Province of Pinar del Rio, 3,000; province of Havana, 24,000; province of Matangas, 10,000; province of Santa Clara, 10,000; province of Puerto Principe, 2,000; province of Santiago, 1,000. The recommendations of the commission, if carried out, would require 45 regiments of infantry and five of cavalry, with six batteries of light artillery, four for Havana and two for Matangas.

Prof. Kitridge, of Harvard, is said to Eliot's Indian Bible.

The French vintage of 1898 is officially estimated at 32,282,000 hectoliters, which is 68,000 bectoliters be-

low the vintage of last year. James H. Southall, convicted of dealings in fraudulent government time

state's prison for 10 years at hard la- man who has ever lived. He is per-The mystery surrounding the gift of \$250,000 to the university of New

York, has been cleared up by the discovery that Helen Gould was the depor.

Benjamin S. Lear is first sergeant of mpany C, First Colorado infantry, ow stationed at Manila. His father, tenjamin E. Lear, is a private in the me company.

President W. H. Newman, of the te Shore & Michigan Southern Rail-! Company, has placed an order Brooks locomotive works, of

LATER NEWS.

William K. Vanderbilt, jr., is to wed Miss Virginia Fair, of San Francisco. Only about \$400 worth of property ww recovered from the wreck of the

Maria Teresa. Gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 amounted £12,826,000. Shipments to America Increased by

The war department's summary of army stations just issued for the first time include Havana as a regular post, showing about 12,000 troops there.

A deficit in the German beet sugar crop of at least 350,000 tons is figured upon by United States Consul Diedrich, at Madgeburg. He says that the back ward season resulted in a deficiency.

The secretary of war has received a recommendation from Surgeon-General Sternberg for the establishment of any lumbia on her last trip made the run army sanitarium at Nagasaki, Japan, for the use of the United States troops from San Francisco to Portland in 47 at Manila.

Negotiations are progressing in the matter of the payment of the Cuban troops, so that on laying down their arms they may be enabled to enteupon civil pursuits and earn their living. Probably no further appropria tion by congress will be necessary to enable the president to carry out the plan, if it should be decided, as the money will eventually come out of the revenues of the island.

Immediately upon the ratification of inently mentioned as Rear-Admiral the peace treaty by the senate, the Bunce's successor in the Brooklyn president will recommend to congress the enactment of legislation looking to the settlement of the claims of American citizens for damages sustained in Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish possessions which formed the seat of war. Claims to the amount of \$26,-000,000 on this score have already been lodged with the state department.

Near Austin, Tex., a passenger train escaped a serious wreck through the intervention of a bird. Some one had tied a rail securely across the track. A nite plan of disarmament in order to few miles before reaching the spot a bird, blinded by the headlight, flew against the glass, breaking and extinguishing the light, which necessitated running slowly to the next station. The train, at reduced speed, struck the obstruction, tearing up the track and damaging the front of the engine, but no one was injured.

Part of Red Rock mountain, accord ing to a dispatch from Airolo, a village of Switzerland, canton of Ticino, has fallen into Airole, destroying a hotel and several houses. The scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the avalanche covering a square mile. The hotel, with eight houses and 12 other buildings, were swept into a great heap of matchwood A new terror was added by the outbreak of fire amid the rains. Three dead bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that the damage will reach £40,000.

Miss Mercedes Garcia, daughter of the late Calixto Garcia, the Cuban leader, died at the Masury hotel, Thomasville, Ga., of consumption,

Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American navv, having reached that position without congressional action through the retirement of Admiral Bunce.

The American Newspaper Publishthe Nulato land office in Alaska is ers' Association has presented to the Anglo-American joint high commission a carefully prepared argument in favo of free paper and free pulp.

Senator McBride has offered an amendment to the naval bill, which appropriates \$200,000 for immediate use in beginning the work.

with literatione from foreign countries to \$2,000,000, and is for water pipes supply half the amount.

Senator McBride has introduced Senor Don Carlos Morla Vicuna, the bill appropriating \$4,000 for the pur-Chilean minister, at the corner of Con- chase or construction of a launch for ington. The roof and top story were toria. A craft capable of giving a good destroyed and the furniture of the speed and one that will stand knocking whole house was ruined by smoke and about is badly needed in the customs deficiency.

The German ambassador, Dr. Von Hollebook has returned to Washington interested.

William F. Moore, convicted of was sentenced to 19 years in the state prison. The charge against Moore was that he conspired with his wife, Fayne Moore, to tob Mahon, and that Mahon was enticed by the woman to apart ments occupied by the Moores and there compelled by the husband to pay blackmail. Moore was convicted his second trial, the jury in the first instance having disagreed. Fayne Moore formerly resided in Portland, Or.

The will of the late Charles P. Wilder, of Wellsley Hills, Mass., bebe the only man living who can read queaths \$102,000 to Mount Holyoke college.

> The shortage in the California wins crop of 1898 and the fairly good demand that has existed during the past year have resulted in advancing prices.

M. Constantin, a young Frenchman of 19, who lives in Paris, is eight feet seks, was sentenced in St. Paul to tall and probably bigger than other feetly proportioned,

> A pkase has been issued by the Russian minister of education, Mr. Bogolerow, forbidding the wearing of corsets in any educational institution.

> The government of Nicaragua, as a result of the collapse of the republic of Central America, has established a decree declaring Nicaragua to be an independent sovereign state.

Howard Gould will not be called upon to sacrifice any part of his fortune as a result of his recent marriage to Miss Katherine Clemmons. The other for to locomotives. Gould heirs decline to profit by his

WANTS NO NICARAGUA CANAL.

Eussia Launches a Campaign Against

New York, Jan. 2 .- A dispatch from Paris says: The Herald's European edition prints the following:

Russia is evidently beginning a campaign against the Nicaragua canal. The Novoe Vremya publishes an article not only warmly advocating the Panama scheme, but filled with bitter dislike of the United States.

The writer says the predominance of the United States would have been desirable for Russia a few years ago, but all this has changed since the last war. He goes on to say that, having despoiled poor Spain, the United States has become a colonial party and an Asiatic power.

"Forgetting the Monroe doctrine of America for Americans, which implies the other doctrine that American dominion must be confined to America, the Yankees," he says, "are now entering into open competition with us in China and Corea. They have no scruples over an alliance with their traditional enemy, England, and with Japan for this purpose.

"For this reason Russian financiers and diplomats ought to give their support to the French undertaking when it comes to seriously discarding the neutralization of the Panama canal and placing it under the general control or guarantee of the European powers."

The writer declares the Panama route would be more beneficial to Russia than the Nicaragua route.

"This latter canal," he adds, "even supposing its completion possible, would be a purely American undertaking, whereas the Panama canal remains in the hands of our allies, the French, or it may become an international enterprise with the addition of a strong American element to its shareholders. The Novoe Vremya says:

'Russia must therefore, be on her goard against the United States, especially in view of the enormous wealth of its Pacific shores and strategical position occupied by Americans in the Sandwich, the Philippines, the Samoan and the Mariana islands."

WILL NOT RETURN.

General Merritt's Official Connection

With the Philippines Has Ceased. Chicago, Jan. 2. - Major-General Wesley A. Merritt and bride are in Chicago. They will spend the holidays here and then go to New York, where the general will assume his position as commander of the department

The general says that his official connection with the Philippines has ceased. He thinks this government should ignore Agencillo, the Filipino representative. According to the general's belief Agoncillo is trying to hold up the United States.

General Merritt smiled when the question of "embalmed" beef was

"What fresh beef was furnished us at Manila came from Australia," General Merritt says, "but most of the meat furnished the army was canned, and a good share of it was taken with We did not experience the least trouble with it. Myself and my staff lived on cannel meat part of the time, and we were in the best of health."

MRS. BOTKIN GUILTY.

Convicted of Murder in First Degree-

Life Imprisonment the Penalty. San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Rather the general surprise of those who have followed the Botkin trial, and to the entire dismay of the defendant and her attorneys, Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was tonight found guilty of murder in the first degree for causing the death of Mrs. John P. Dunning, by sending a box of poisoned candy to her in Dover, Del. The condemned murderess will be spared an ignominious death on the gallows, however, the jury that found her guilty imposing also the penalty of life imprisonment. The verdict was unexpected. An acquittal was coafidently awaited by the defense, while the prosecution feared a disagreement.

Hig Gold Strike. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 2.-Considerable excitement was caused in mining and smelting circles here today by the arrival of authentic information of one of the biggest gold strikes yet made in Northern Mexico. E. U. Beauchamp, who arrived today from Bacereac, Sonoro, by way of Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, reports the discovery of an immense fissure vein of free milling gold ore 20 miles south of Bacereac. The ore is reported to contain 18 onnees of gold to the ton, and the vein has been traced for several miles. American prospectors in Casas Grandes and surrounding districts are arriving on the

scene in large numbers.

Fastest Train in the World. Cleveland, O., Jan. 1.-As a result of a meeting of division superintendents of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, just held here to rearrange time-tables, it is announced that the new fast mail, which is to be started next Sunday between New York and San Francisco, will be the fastest regular train in the world. That is to say, there is no other train which goes so great a distance in as short a time every day in the year. The total reduction in time between New York and San Francisco over the present schedule is a little over 13

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2 .- The memorable sentiment regarding the nation's care of Confederate dead expressed in President McKinley's now famous fraternizing speech before the Georgia legislature has crystallized into an order to ascertain the location of all the Confederate burying grounds in the South,

and this work has already begun. Georgia has been called on for a list of these places, the adjutant-general of the state having received an official letter from Washington requesting a full list of the Confederate cemeteries.

Brenham, Tex. Jan. 2. - A wholseale poisoning is reported by telephone from Shelby, Austin county. Frank Lomack, his wife and five children, were the victims. Two are dead, and it is thought that none of the others can recover. Arsenic was placed in their coffee by unknown persons,

Manila, Jan. 2 .- The schooner Albi reports the massacre of the Spanish garrison by the combined natives forces at Panopi, Caroline islands. Henry Naoti, an educated chief, has been elected to be the ruler. He is said to be favorable to the Americans.

TRAGEDY AT SEASIDE

Three Men Killed in a Des perate Fight.

THE WORK OF A DESPERADO

Charles Willard Murdered Sheriff Williams and Deputy Lamers, and Was Shot by Deputy Miller.

Seaside, Or., Jan. 2.-The burning of the Fulton cottage, at this place, last Wednesday morning, culminated this afternoon in the bloodiest tragedy In the history of this county, as a result of which three men are cold in death and one other is badly wounded. The dead are:

Sheriff J. W. Williams, Deputy Sheriff James Lamers and Charles Wil-Deputy Sheriff A. E. Miller was

shot in the leg.
It was considered certain by every one that the burning of the cottage was for the purpose of concealing a robbery, and suspicion pointed to Charles Willard as the guilty person, particularly as he was seen a short time after the fire coming from the locality with a wheelbarrow load of goods.

a search warrant, and in company with Senator C. W. Fulton and others, went to Seaside to search Willard's premises, and also all the cottages of which he had charge during the winter season. About 8 o'clock this afternoon, Sheriff Williams, Senator Fulton and Deputies A. E. Miller and James Lamers, the two latter being residents of Sea-

side, went to the cottage of Mrs. Susie

Lewiston, where Willard was living, to search it. On rapping at the door they were answered immediately by Willard, who told them to wait until he dressed, but from subsequent events it is certain he wanted time to get his guns ready for action. After a few moments he opened the door, and on being told what was wanted, told the sheriff, in a polite manner, that he was welcome to search any of the residences in his

charge. Leaving Fulton, Lamers and the sheriff in the house, he picked up his riffe, and telling Miller to follow him, he started for John L. Carlson's cottage which he had in charge, and which he said some one had endeavored to break into. There they were soon afterwards joined by Williams and Fulton. The latter asked Willard to come back to the Lewiston cottage. He made no

objection. It was on nearing the cottage the second time that the tragedy occurred, Senator Fulton had identified some shotgun cartridges in the house as belonging to him, and began questioning Willard as to where he got possession of them. This nettled Willard, although he answered that a friend had given them to him, and he began to get

Fulton and Miller went inside the cottage, leaving Willard, Sheriff Williams and Lamers standing out-ide. They had just proceeded to the rear room when two shots were heard in quick succession, and on running to he door, Sheriff Williams was seen to over the bank. In front of the house were Willard and Lamers, in a desperate hand-to hand struggle, although the latter had been shot through the right groin and was fast growing faint, and his assailant was fighting with the desperation of a demon. Fulton sprang at Willard's head, and pulling him to the ground jumped on his face, Miller wrenched the rifle from his hand threw it on the ground, and taking out his revolver beat the desperado over the

Senator Fulton, in the meantime, picked up the rifle and told Willard to remain quiet, or he would kill him. The latter, however, watched his opportunity, and jumping to his feet started to run away, when Fulton fired, missing him the first time, but striking him in the face the second time, carrying away the greater portion of his mouth and nose. Willard fell, apparently dead, and Fulton started to obtain help to care for the injured men, leaving Miller on guard with the rifle in hand. Miller stepped back to aid Lamers, who was lying on the ground desperately wounded, when Willard was noticed to be fumbling with his in unmeasured terms the efforts of Senbelt. Quicker than a flash he drew a ator Butler, of North Carolina, who is revolver and fired three bullets, the not a Confederate veteran, to debauch first one hitting Miller in the left leg, just below the hip. Miller returned to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate the fire with the rifle, the first bullet soldiers from the United States, and inflicting a flesh wound in Willard's that any similar effort by Southern shoulder, and the second bitting him | members of congress will be abhorrent

him instantly. By this time help had arrived, and an examination was made of the injured men. Sheriff Williams was found to have been shot through the right breast, and although his pulse was beating feebly when examined, he showed no further signs of life. Lamers was shot in the right groin, and he lived about 30 minutes after being removed to Grimes' botel. Miller, the

Discarded Woman's Deed. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 2.-George P.King, chief deputy in the office of and probably fatally wounded this evening by Theresa Kerr, whom he had cast off.

Extradition Treaty With Brazil. New York, Jan. 2 .-- A dispatch to the Herald from Rio de Janeiro states that the Brazilian congress has approved a treaty of extradition with the United States.

Discouraging Outlook. Madrid, Jan. 2 .- The cabinet has agreed to send additional funds to Cuba for repatriation of the Spanish troops remaining there. The government considers the prospects for release of Spanish prisoners in the Philippines rery discouraging.

New York, Jan. 2 .- Ninety mer were taken from the receiving ship Vermont at the navy-yard by steamer to Norfolk, Va., from which place they will go overland to San Francis-

HEIRS OF CHARLES DURKEE.

Their Claims May Cost Uncle Sam a

Chicago, Dec 31 .- A special to the Tribune from New York says: If the assertions of the heirs of Charles Durkee, formerly mayor of Buffalo, are well founded, the national government may be compelled to pay them more than \$100,000,000 on account of some Pacific railroad bonds which, it is alleged, the former mayor on his deathbed said belonged to him.

According to the attorneys of the estate, Mr. Durkee told his wife he had caused to be forwarded to the Metropolitan National bank of this city a tin box containing an assignment of the railroad bonds in question, amounting to more than \$64,644,000, but from that time until this, it is alleged by the attorneys, they have been unable to get any trace of the box.

There was a rumor affoat in 1894, it is said, that some of the bonds had passed through the hands of Grant & Ward, and the matter was called to the attention of the secretary of the treasury. The heirs are said to have obtained information later that some, if not all of the bonds in question were recovered and lodged in the vaults of the treasury in Washington.

It is said the court of claims is again to be called upon to make an investigation. These bonds are said to have been issued on account of the Union Pacific, Western Pacific, Central Pa-Acting on the suspicion then aroused cific, Kansas Pacific, central branch, and the Sionx City & Pacific railroads. Sheriff Williams this morning secured They bore 6 per cent interest. The accrued interest, it is alleged now amounts to twice the principal.

Charles Durkee, it is alleged, was the assignee of all the construction bonds and of all the original bonds is sued by the Pacific corporations. It is alleged that Charles F. Folger years ago recognized the validity of these bonds.

CABLES IN PHILIPPINES.

War Department Takes Steps to Con

nect the Islands. New York, Dec. 31.-Colonel Kimoall, of the quartermaster's department in the army building here, received orders from the war department to secure at once an iron ship from 1,000 to 1,200 tons, for use as a cable ship to lay cables to connect the islands of the Philippines. The department has already ordered for this purpose 166 miles of marine cable, weighing 525 tons. The cable will take about 6,500 cubic feet for coiling.

The cable is to be coiled in skeleton tanks in different holds in the vessel. The cable ship must accommodate on the forward deck the "playing-out" machinery, which will weigh from 15 to 20 tons, and the accessories, weighing from 5 to 10 tons. In the afterhold will be fitted out the quarters for the crew of 20 men. This space will be used for coal on the way out. The ship will be kept on station as a cable ship, or can be used as a transport. She is to be secured at once.

BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY.

A Well-Fargo Employe and \$60,000

Missing.
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 31.—The local office of the Wells-Fargo Express Company is out a money package containing \$60,000. The money was sent here from Houston for the Southern Pacific to meet its payroll west from of construction. that city to El Paso. It arrived Wed-Beeler, the Wells-Fargo money delivery clerk, to hand over. Beeler started for the depot and was seen en route. Four hours after his departure his wagon was found five miles west of the city in a thicket, the horse almost dead from the effects of hard driving. Inquiry developed the fact that no de livery had been made. There was no evidence of a struggle in the vicinity where the vehicle was found. Beeler had been in the employ of the company for nine years, and enjoyed the contidence of all. He spent several years on the frontier as a cowboy. His friends stoutly assert that he is the victim of foul play, and his wife also in-

clines to this belief, WANT NO PENSIONS.

Bitterness of Ex-Confederate Veteran

Not All Worn Away. New York, Dec. 31,-The following resolution, offered by Comrade Beasley, formerly of North Carolina, was unani mously passed at a meeting of the Confederate veteran camp, of New York:

"Resolved, That the Confederate veteran camp of New York condemns the manhood of the South by seeking in the left side, near the grain, killing | to this camp and meet with unqualified condemnation."

May Cross the Line. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 31,-Salmon canners are alarmed at the Dominion government regulations. They say if the fisheries department remains obdurate and refuse to agree to the canners' suggested amendments, all the canneries on Fraser river must close down, or rather go over to the American side. This means that a British bodily transferred to the United States.

Germany and Samoa. Berlin, Dec. 31.-There is much comment here at the reported arrival of Engineer Dockweiler, was shot an American warship at Apia, Samoa, the newspapers regarding it as a sign that President McKinley means to carry out the programme outlined in his recent message to congress. The Vossischhe Zeitung says:

"No doubt Great Britain will support America and thus paralyze the slowly acquired German preponderance. There is no longer chance of Germany securing exclusive control."

Fing Raised at Mariel.

Havana, Dec. 31 .- Two companies of Pennsylvania, under Major Meyer, went to Mariel yesterday. Colonel Seyburn, of the Two Hundred and Secand New York, raised the American flag yesterday over the municipal buildings at Mariel.

How White Will Vote. Los Angeles, Dec. 31. - Senator Stephen M. White left today for Wash ington. In an interview regarance the Philippine question he said:

IN FILIPINO HANDS.

City of Hoilo Captured by Aguinaldo's

Washington, Dec. 30 - Hoilo has fallen into the hands of the Filipines. Just before noon a cablegram was received from General Otis, which stated that the American expedition reached that place too late, the insurgents having taken possession of the city on the 26th, 39 hours prior to Captain Petter's arrival. Aguinaldo's flag floats

ver the city. General Otis says the Spanlards have evacuated all the stations in the southern islands except Zamboanga, Mindanao, by orders, they say, from Madrid. General Otis expects no further word from Rollo for four days, owing to lack of cable communication. It is presumed General Otis will demand the surrender of Hoilo into his hands and this demand may at once raise the issue between the insurgents and our own government of the possession of

the islands. The province of Iloilo is set down in official directories as having a population of 472,000, and the city is the second scaport in importance in the Philppine group.

The Spanish have chosen a strong place for the concentration of their roops in the town of Zamboanaga, which is strongly fortified and possessed of considerable natural strength from a defensive point of view. It is not doubted they will be able to maintain themselves for an indefinite time against the insurgents, presuming they

are not cut off from obtaining supplies from the sea. The town itself has a population of

21,000. The state department today received cablegram from United States Consul Pratt, at Singapore, confirming General Otis' report, except that he stated that the Spanish had fled to Borneo.

Officials at the war department still fecine to make public General Otis' telegram of yesterday, but there is no loubt he is meeting with great difficulty in his effort to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Filipinos. It begins to appear clearly that a considerable element among Filipino leaders, probably the majority, are disposed to use these unfortunate prigoners as a basis for negotiations with the United States government, making their release conditional upon certain more or less important concessions demanded by them.

THREE CANAL ROUTES. Preliminary Report of the Nicaragua

Commission. Washington, Dec. 30.-Copies of the canal commission, of which Admiral Walker is chairman, have been furnished to Senator Morgan and others interested in the bill now pending in congress on that subject. The commission has not fully worked out all the details of construction of the proposed canal, but the report simply presents Commissis. briefly the views of the commissioners as to feasibility of the work and the maximum cost at which it is believed the waterway can be constructed.

Menocal route, and an intermediate route, and all of these, Senator Morgan says, the commission considers feasible For the purpose of arriving at an estithrow up his Lands and fall backwards needay morning and was given to C. A. mate of probable maximum cost, the commission submitted figures on the low level route, which the senator says is considered the longest and most ex-For this route, Admiral Walker estimated the cost would be \$124,000,000, and Professor Haupt \$123,000,000, while General Haines added 20 per cent to the figures because

Three routes are spoken of, namely:

The old low level, the high level, or

absolute definiteness. The report, says the senator, shows onclusively that the project is an en- further tates that the United States tirely feasible one, and that in its construction the government has the choice of any of these routes. It shows further, Senator Morgan stated, the absolute accuracy of the survey made by

tion of the cost of labor, which it was,

Engineer Menocal some years ago. The senator believes, however, that all these figures are too high, and expresses the opinion that \$100,000,000 vill cover the entire cost of construction, basing the belief on what has been done in the case of the Manchester, the Kiel, and the Chicago drainage canals, and on the reduced cost of material and labor today.

Bonapartists Plotting. London, Dec. 30. - Special dispatches from Brussels report that an important conference of Bonapartists has just been held there under the presidency of Prince Victor Napoleon. Baron Legoux was re-elected president of the party. In thanking his supporters, he

"The time of watching is ended, and gasima. Republican troops have been the hour for combat is sounding."

Torturing Carlists.

London, Dec. 30 .- A Seville correspondent of the Morning Post says: Some of the recently arrested Carlists, ton oday shot and killed two men it is rumored, are being tortured to in- name Cobb. Sheriff Luna quickly duce them to swear allegiance to King organized a posse at Gainesville and Alfonso, and to reveal details regarding starte out to capture the murderer. the Carlist organizations. Such reports He as found near the scene of the other deputy, was wounded in the leg. Columbia industry, in which about are, of course, denied officially, but trager, and before being arrested be but his wound is not of a serious na- \$3,000,000 is annually spent, will be they are believed throughout the shot nd killed Henry Winge, a memcountry.

Hounded to Death.

St. Louis, Dec. 30 .- David Shea, at. ex-convict, fatally shot himself in the jami R. Willetts, aged 23, was hanged head. In a pathetic letter left by Shea at to state prison, Wethersfield, at and addressed to the editor of the Post- 12:8 this morning for the murder of Dispatch, he says he was driven to D. F Lambert, of Wilter, his former death by a private detective agency, tearer, December 17, 1897. Willetts Shea declares he was unable to obtain washe youngest per on ever hanged work to sustain himself honestly, and in to prison. he decided to die.

The dew that is annually deposited on the surface of England is equal to tode by the caving in of a sewer five inches of rain,

double tragedy occurred in the terri-

A Double Tragedy. Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 30 .- A

tory, near Vian, last night. A young man named Burns was going to a dance. He was drunk, and went by mistake to the home of W. H. Miller, a highly respected citizen. When informed of mis to be erected at Mariopol, on the his mistake, Burns insisted upon hav | and Azof. ing a dance there, anyway. Miller finally tried to eject Burns from his house. The latter then drew his gun and began to shoot. Miller also pulled co, where they will embark for Manila utterly opposed to the acquisition of a reinforcements for Admiral Dewey.

distant and barbarian lands."

Miller was killed and Burns fatally distant. An operation for appendiction of wounded, dying in a few hours. a weapon, and a battle ensued, in which | ns will be taken to Mexico for in

LULL BOUTE FAVORED

Report of Nicaragua Canal Commission.

PRESENTS NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS

Increased Dimensions Are Made Nonessary by the Demands of Modern Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 81 .- The full text of the preliminary report of the Nicaragua canal commission was today made public. It says:

"The commission visited Nicaragua, personally examined the entire canal region from ocean to ocean, and employed ome 70 engineers, with their laborer and helpers, for 10 months, in makingcareful surveys and examinations of the canal region. The commission elieves that the construction of a cand across Nicaragua is entirely feasible. The estimates of the bestknown rutes have been nearly completed. These routes are known as the MaritimeCanal Company's route and the Lull pute. Their estimated cost is appreximately \$124,000,00 and

\$125,000,00 respectively. "The asumed dimensions are considerably reater than ever before proposed, boh in length of locks and in width, deph and radius of curvature of canal. Bese increased dimensions have been made necessary by the demands of modern commerce, size and draught a modern ships, etc. This has necessrily made a corresponding increase if the estimated cost, and is in no wayinconsistent with the estimates mad from former surveys, which contemplated a much smaller and

cheaper caal. "It is to opinion of this commission that o the two routes herewith estimated it, the one called the Lull route is themore desirable, because it is easier construction, presents no problems of well within good engineering predents, and will be a safer and more reliable canal when completed. Italso believes that the dimensions ad form of construction preferred by ie commission are better than the ceaper form, as the smaller dimensions vould undoubtedly call for exepnsive approvements within a short time after its completion. Both of the rontespeferred to above admit of variations bich may reduce the cost. These are nw being considered by the commission The work necessary for an exhaustic discussion of and report preliminary report of the Nicaragua upon the eare canal problem is being pushed as apidly as its great magnitude permit and when completed the report will a submitted without delay. We are, sixwith great respect, your

obedient seants, J. E. WALKER, "Rear-Adural, U. S. N., President of

'Cril Eengineer, Member. "I conce with the other membess. of the compasion with respect to the constructionwork and feasibility of the canal, but I think, in view of the increased size f the canal estimated for, and the diffulty incident to work in tropical coatries, that the estimate is

per cent. PETER HAINES,

SUGGES INVESTIGATION.

New York Dec. 31 .- A dispatch to the Herald om Manila says Admiral of various conditions, chiefly the ques- Dewey cors lers it absolutely necessary that a firt-lass statesman be sent to he thought, impossible to figure with Manila & foroughly investigate the situationthere and ascertain the aspirations of he Filipino republicans. He must eept their responsibilities in the Phippines which have been acquired y conquest. If they should shirk tis duty they would put them-

serves ick 200 years in the world's history. The 1st republican government has resigne over the question of American intervetion in the government of the

Philipines. Owners of property desire America co-operation. The present temporary cabinet, which ill exercise power pending the electios, is very anti-American. It allows o American co-operation whatever, ad wants to declare a free republie ancto consider Americans as allies. It is wiling to grant liberal commercial traties, with a monopoly of the mines and railways, and to repay the

expens of the American occupation of Marla. Troules due to malcontents continue in the provinces of Tarlac and Pana-

sent tere to quell the disturbance.

Killed Three Men. We Plains, Mo., Dec. 31 .- At Ambrosean Ozark county, William Barber the posse, and then surrendered.

Young Man Hanged. Hitford, Coun., Dec. 31.-Ben-

Sa Francisco, Dec. 31.-John Riley and ohn Nealon, laborers, were killed treth which they were digging.

merican Machinery for Russia. Itsburg, Dec. 29 .- Robert G. Wes, connected with the Nicopol-Maopol Mining & Metallurgical Compac, of Mariopol, Russia, is in Pitts-

Washington, Dec. 31.-Ambasasdor Buero, of Mexico, died this morning at o'clock, aged 62 years. The re-

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lower than t should be by about 20 "Colonel Cos of Engineers, Member."

Dewey Wants First-Class Statesman