EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

Senator McBride of Oregon, has introduced a bill making Astoria the terminus of the trans-Pacific cable.

Congress has adjourned until January 4. After the holiday recess the rights of General Wheeler and others to

hold their seats will be inquired into. Among a network of wires 20 feet a Chicago electrician, was slowly burned to death in sight of several hundred spectators.

Colonel E. S. Barrett, national president of the Sons of the American Revolution, was killed by falling from a window of his home at Concord, Mass. Bunce's successor in the Brooklyn and the United Sttes are waving with-He was 60 years of age.

In Louisville, Ky., it is estimated by the health department that there are semain commander-in-chief of the ter of Havana. 10,000 cases of grip. The ravages of North Atlantic station, and Rear-Adthe disease have been so widespread miral Schley will be assigned to sea that in some cases business has been luty in compliance with his request.

Hereafter brooms will cost 2 cents more apiece. Members of the Broom las has been fixed for St. Petersburg cents a dozen.

A rear-end collision occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad three miles from Rahway, N. J., which resulted in the loss of two lives and injury to many persons. The killed are William C. a colored porter of the sleeping-car.

While examining state documents of the 16th century in the Vatican library recently, Abbe Cozzaluzzi, assistant librarian, found the original manuscript of a treatise by Galileo on the tides. The manuscript is all in Galileo's handwriting, and ends with the words written at Rome in the Medici Gardens on January 8, 1616.

The president has nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, to be secretary of the interior. Mr. Hitchcock is ships that can be procured. This supat present ambassador to Russia. He was appointed minister more than a year ago, and when the rank was raised to an embassy, he was re-appointed. He is a wealthy lawyer and business man of St. Louis, and was for some time an extensive plate-glass manufacturer. He is a great-grandson of Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame.

The table of proposed stations of United States troops, submitted by General Wade, shows a total of 50,000 troops, distributed as follows: Province the Nulato land office in Alaska is States Club at midnight. Several of the of Pinar del Rio, 8,000; province of Havana, 24,000; province of Matanzas, 10,000; province of Santa Clara, 10,000; province of Puerto Principe, 2,000; province of Santiago, 1,000. The ably fatally, recommendations of the commission, if Importations of manufactures from Havana, and in future none will be carried out, would require 45 regiments Great Britain into the United States permitted except on strictly military of infantry and five of cavalry, with six seem likely to show an unusually small business. batteries of light artillery, four for total in the year 1898. Havana and two for Matanzas.

Secretary Long will soon issue advertisements calling for proposals for Colon, in accordance with the decision of the board of construction to which the matter had been referred.

A financial statement just issued by \$1,125,791 over the same month of last

Corliss, of Michigan, has introduced a bill in the house to facilitate the construction and maintenance of telegraph cables in the Pacific ocean be-

tory clause authorizing the secretary of caped. agriculture to inspect imported articles dangerous to health, and also authorizing the secretary of the treasury to exclude such articles. The restriction is designed to apply to a large number of articles imported from foreign coun-

brighter industrial prospects, owing to Miller, 14 years old, the successful launching of the West Indian Co-Operative Union, organized ganization, which achieved wonderfully never equaled by an interior town or tion of the United States evacuating commanding the naval forces there, sapid success.

sovereignty of the United States over remainder of the season. the Philippines. A filibustering expedition organized to go to the support Hong Kong by order of the British au- ary 1, the transcontinental schedule tillery, will supervise the work. Forty nent. The air was filled with knives

Minor News Items.

Princess Victoria of Wales.

It is reported in court circles that Prince George of Greece is engaged to

Mrs. Abbie L. Marble, sister-in-law of the late James G. Blaine, was killed in a runway at San Leandro, Cal.

Gen. John J. Dupuy, a prominent ex-Confederate soldier, died in Mem- have been defeated by troops sent to treasury department, whether duty

The trustees of Wellesley (Mass.) college announce a gift of \$50,000 from charge has decided upon a celebration the late Charles T. Wilder, of Wel-

At a meeting of the board of managers of the American Bible Society in New York Rev. William Ingraham Haven, of Grookline, Mass., was elected secretary of the board.

Commodore Philip, at present commanding the North Atlantic station in the absence of Admiral Sampson at Havana, has applied for assignment as commandant of the Boston navyLATER NEWS.

Admiral Sampson's daughter is

"Bab," the well-known syndicate writer is critically ill at her home in New York. The O. R. & N. C.'s steamship Co-

lumbia on her last trip made the run from San Francisco to Portland in 47 ours and 55 minutes. An express train and freight train net on the same track near Vincennes. Ind., and three trainmen were serious-

ly hurt and a score or more passengers pruised and scratched. 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

Malone, and Mrs. Malone's infant were tween Cuban and Spanish territory. burned to death in their home near above the ground, Roderick Chisholm, Hillsboro, Tex. The women could be which occurred before the troops arple to rescue them, though every ef- killed by a stray bullet. fort was made. The fire started by the use of kerosene to kindle a fire.

sided that Rear-Admiral Sampson will

The conference based upon the disarmament proposal of Emperor Nicho-Manufacturers' Association of the about the beginning of May next, prior United States met in Chicago and de- to which the Russian government will cided to advance the price of brooms 25 submit officially to the powers a definite plan of disarmament in order to ish side. enable them to formulate modifications or counter-suggestions.

Dewolf, a railway clerk; and F. Knight, cate that the winter's product of gold streets shouting and singing. Many than 100 per cent. Several persons are stration. They did not remain long. posture beside his sled and dogs, be- Americanos," whether they wanted to tween Hunker and Dominion, at the be kissed or not.

The navy department is going to be anormous stock of nearly half a million tors of the best steaming coal for warof modern war is to be systematically distributed in American ports most conveniently located for the coaling of ships for 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 ashoreat Cannon beach, near Elk creek, Or. missing.

In a trainwreck near Lexington, Ky.,

The United States troops have begun

a regular patrol of the city of Havana, in order to guard against possible disraising the Maine and the Cristobal orders. General Lee is arranging for the evacuation day parade.

and everybody who is supposed to have the Southern Pacific Company shows influence in shaping legislation or with that for the month of October the gross the administration are being flooded a state of unrest. Three more wards earnings of the company reached with literative from foreign countries of Havana were evacuated today. \$5,558,725. This is an increase of in relation to our changed condition of The as a result of the American-Sprnish war.

Senor Don Carlos Morla Vicuna, the Chilean minister, at the corner of Connecticut avenue and N street, Washtween the United States and Hawaii, ington. The roof and top story were the Philippine islands, Japan and other destroyed and the furniture of the whole house was ruined by smoke and The agricultural appropriation bill water, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The fortnight, going thence to Cienfueges. passed by congress contains a retaila- minister and his family barely es-

and the police worked had to rescue head badly with a machete. the children, three were drowned before London advices just received bring help could reach them. They were J. attack the residence of Marquis de on the island of Panay, one of the Philpromise that the West Indian colonies W. Clattenburg, jr., 10 years old; Ar- Montero, secretary of the treasury in ippine archipelago, and a military and will enter upon the new year with thur Collins, 12 years old, and Emma the autonomist cabinet, and a member naval expedition is now on its way

The cotton receipts at Houston, Tex., on the lines of the California Fruit since the beginning of the present sea-Union, and the Irish Agricultural or- son have been 2,000,000 bales, a record port of the United States, and which commissioners, a guard was sent to showing they are acting in concert in the will be celebrated by a banquet to guard the residence until further or- matter. Great Britain has given another which all the the prominent civic offistriking example of friendship for the cials and cotton men will be invited. United States, and at the same time It is estimated by Secretary Warner, of has taken action which is looked upon the cotton exchange, that 500,000 were completed today for disinterring in the light of a recognition of the bales will yet be received during the the bodies of the soldiers who were White, was killed, and another, Frank

According to a new time card of the of Aguinaldo has been suppressed at Great Northern to go into effect Janu- ant William F. Chase, of the Sixth ar- and for a time a race war was immiwill be reduced 12 hours.

> The British government has decided to complete the Soudan railroad to Khartoum, the distance yet to be covered being 180 miles.

ployed at the Planters' hotel in St. Minnesots volunteers sent probably as Louis, is heir to \$25,000, left him by James T. Spaulding, of Chicago. The movements of rebels from Brazil local postoffice for a ruling by the

phis. He was in all the battles of the the frontier, and there seems to be no must be collected. The packages just army of the Tennessee, and was further danger to the peace of the coun- arrievd, and are held at the request of The committee having the matter in

> in 1903 of the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Louisiana from the French being pushed by the navy department government. Col. Thomas H. Sherley, one of the be used for patrol service in Cuban

distillers in Kentucky, died suddenly

The Association of American Directory Publishers was formed in Cleveland by publishers of city directories from 120 cities. The object is were leveled the average height of the coat revenue stamp, two one-cent mutual protection.

TROUBLE IN HAVANA

Disorder Marks the Closing of Spanish Rule.

MUCH VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED

Cubans Heap Indignities on the Vanquished Foe-Several Fatal Mix-Ups-Americans Welcomed.

Chicago, Dec. 28 .- A censored special cable to the Tribune from Havana Rioting began at Montserrat tonight.

A battalion of Spanish troops hurried from the barracks on the Prado to Mrs. Izbel, her daughter, Mrs. Ossie Galiano street, the dividing line be-Order was restored, but in the firing seen in the house, but it was impossi- rived, an 8-year-old Cuban child was

Spanish territory in the New World nently mentioned as Rear-Admiral ani street. The flags of Cuba libre gress. navy-yard, now that it seems to be de- in two blocks of the Prado, a great boulevard which runs through the cen-

the place was alive today with Cubans and people from the United States. The scene enacted at Cerro and Vedado Some of the flags leaped across the up and saved. dividing line and waved on the Span-

The celebration which was begun on Christmas night today reached its A special from Dawson dated No- height. Crowds of men and women vember 19 says: Reports from all waving Cuban and American flags and creeks in the vicinity of Dawson indi- carrying branches of trees, paraded the will exceed that of last year by more Americans went over to see the demonreported to have been frozen to death. Owing to the intense enthusiasm, the One of these was found in a knceling populace insisted on kissing the "brave

Several affrays took place between the Spanish residents and the Cubans. prepared for any emergency that may A grocery keeper on Oquendo street rehateafter arise in the Atlantic and Pa- fused to put out the Cuban colors, and sific oceans by carrying on hand the was almost beaten to death with sticks. As evening came on, the demonstration became noisier than ever, as many of the negroes parading were drunk and ply of the most important of all sinews greatly excited. The Americans became fearful of another clash with the Spanish troops like that which ushered in Christmas day. Francisco Luinteso, a Spanish volunteer patrolling the street near the Prado, was fired at from a housetop and killed. A Cuban was killed in another part of the city. Half a dozen Cubans and Spaniards were shot or stabbed in affrays about

the city. There was a fight between Cubans The recently appointed register of and Spaniards in front of the United participants were badly cut with machetes. Many American soldiers who were in town behaved so boisterously that General Ludlow says he is sorry that they were permitted to come into

Havana in a State of Unrest. Havana, Dec. 28,-Francisco Quintero, a Spanish guerrila, while walking plong Genois street today, was fired at from the roof of a house and seriously wounded. During the last 24 hours Public men in office, especially those one man has been killed and 12 have Aguinaldo. in congress, newspaper correspondents been wounded in affrays in different parts of the city, and 11 burglaries

La Lucha says it can see no disin Cuba if they choose to hoist Ameri-Fire destroyed the house occupied by can and Cuban flags, because Spain renounced the island without consulting the Spanjards.

Captain-General Castellanos, after formally turning over the island to the Americans on January 1, will leave for Matanzas, where he will remain a A party of colored Cubans this morning entered the wholesale grocery establishment at 113 San Jose street, At Brookline, Mass., by the sudden owned by the Spanish firm of Mestro breaking of the ice on Loverett pond, in & Mata, and ordered Senor Mestre to the park system, 80 young girls and kiss the Cuban flag and to cry "Viva boys were thrown into eight feet of wa- Cuba libre." He refused to obey, ter, and though numerous spectators where upon one of the Cubans cut his

the matter being brought to the atten- in the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey,

Held for Duty.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28. -- Something over 100 packages of mail from Manila, supposed to contain souvenirs Forest Salee, a tellboy formerly em- of the Philippines from the Thirteenth Christmas presents for friends and relatives in this city are being held at the Collector of Customs Peterson.

Preparing for Duty. New York, Dec. 28 .- A Herald special from Washington says: Work is on the small cruisers and gunboats to most representative whisky men and waters. It is appreciated that in six days this government will assume conat his home in Louisville of paralysis of trol in Cuba and it is desired that the navy shall be prepared to do its fair service in preserving peace and order in the seaports of the island,

If all the mountains of the world land would rise nearly 220 feet.

LATE NEWS FROM DAWSON.

Surveyor Frozen to Death On the Klondike River.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28. - The steamer Farallon arrived today from Alaska with a number of passengers from Dawson direct, who came out over the ice. The trail is good, and a large number of people are on the way out.

Among the passengers is Jack Carr, the Yukon mail carrier, who left Daw-AFTER THE WORLD'S MARKETS son November 21. He says the population of Dawson City has materially decreased, it now being estimated at 16,-000. Cost of living has also decreased, good meals costing but \$1. There will be no food shortage this winter. There is little hope of the mail service being kept up between Dawson and the out- tion to assert that the foremost topic side world this winter.

is attracting considerable attention.

Pans averaging \$25 are reported.

The body of J. H. Cadenhead, a Do-

FILIPINO CONGRESS.

Difficulty of Forming a Constitution

Manila, Dec. 28 .- The so-called congress of the revolutionary government of the Filipinos, which has been in session for some time, at Malo Los, has been unexpectedly adjourned, owing to the difficulty of forming a constitution.

A cabinet by President Aguinaldo, appointed at Bacoor on July 15 last, and named in the Baroor proclamation issued on that date, has resigned.

General Aguinaldo, who had been at Malo Los, came from there to Santa Anata, a suburb of Manila. He then visited Paterno, and now it is reported he has gone to Cavite Vejo, the old town of Cavite. Reliable advices say that while he was at Paterno he was indetatigable in his efforts to overcome the policy of the militant factions, which is hostile to the Americans. It is probable that his influence will avail to avert trouble.

a decree issued by the revolutionary tive, has contracted for 80,000 tons of government on June 14, was made up plates for the Coolgardie road, Austraof the conneil of ministers, with the ad dertake the contract for 30,000 tons interim portfolios of foreign affairs, more. Trias.

Aguinaldo's Representative.

New York, Dec. 28 .- Felipe Agoncillo, the special representative of Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippine patriots, left this city tonight for Washington, In Washington, Agoncillo will await the arrival of three eminent Filininos who are en route with additional instructions from

Since his arrival from Paris, on Saturday evening, Agoncillo has been alhave been committed. The city is in most constantly in conference with visitors. Agoncillo said today that there was no change in the situation, and probably would be none until after lovalty on the part of Spanish residents | the arrival of his three fellow-countrymen.

Ordered to Manila.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28 .- Major H. R. Brinkerhoff, U. S. A., chief mustering officer for Missouri, who has been stationed at the Jefferson barracks since last spring, received today a telegram from the secretary of war relieving him from duty to join the Third infantry at Fort Snelling, and to accompany it to Manila. He expects to leave the reservation as soon as he can pack and ship his property. His wife and daughter will accompany him.

Will Guard Iloilo. Washington, Dec. 28 .- The administration has taken steps to safeguard Today a Cuban mob threatened to American interests in the city of Iloilo, of the Spanish evacuation commission, there from Manila. Cable advices The house is 193 Neptune street, in a were received here today from General part of the city already evacuated. On Otis, commanding the military forces

Race Trouble at Dallas. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 27 .- In an en-New York, Dec. 28 .- Arrangements counter between three white men and some negroes, one of the latter, Oscar buried in the improvised cemetery at Holland, seriously wounded. Hun-Camp Wikoff, Long Island. Lienten- dreds of whites and negroes assembled, coffins were shipped today to Montauk. and pistols. A squad of police dispersed the mob.

Drowned While Skating. Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 28.-Merman Kiso, 12 years old, and Arthur Leedham, 9 years of age, were drowned while skating on thin ice at Harris pond today.

Director of Agriculture. Chicago, Dec. 28 .- Commissioner-General Peck has appointed Charles Richards Dodge, of New York, director of agriculture for the American exhibit at the Paris exposition.

Apple Shipments. J. A. Whitman, the Medford fruitbuyer, has shipped this fall 42 carloads of apples, which have been bought outright from the growers and sold in Eastern cities at fairly good prices. Several carloads of apples are now being packed for shipment at Myrtle Point. They will be sent by water to San Francisco, and from there by rail to Eastern points.

A check received by a Boston bank had on it, instead of the regular two-"postage due" stamps.

NEW WORLD ENERGY

The Nation of Shopkeepers All danger of further friction between

Astonishes Europe.

England Awakes to the Aggressive Commercial Prosperity of the United States.

London, Dec. 27 .- It is no exaggerscompelling attention in Europe is gen-Thistle creek, on the American side, eral and in Great Britain in particular, overshadowing the dreary broils of do-The execution of the four Dawson gressive commercial prosperity which | Lord Salisbury by Mr. Henry White, | ceed at once to take possession, in the murderers-Ed Henderson and the In- the United States is manifesting. dians White, Dawson Jim and Joe Nan- Hardly a newspaper review or a public tuck-has been postponed until March. speaker during the past month has November 1 was set as the day of exe- failed to notice with what giant strides the attitude of the British government about 2,000 miles from Nihau, the America is coming into the first place It is said that Indians of Alaska have in the alignment of the powers. It is through Sir Julian the advisability of and 1,300 miles east of Guam. It is he use of kerosene to kindle a fire.

Captain R. D. Evans' name is prom
is now limited to a narrow strip of land between Havana barbor and Cali
Washington to represent them in contion on Lombard street and on the sions to his government in return for possessions of the United States, and Continental bourses.

minion land surveyor, was found frozen | London banks recently drew an Ameri- matter of a canal across the isthmus, | Philippines with Hawati and the Unitin the ice in the Klondike river, near can business man into his private which for nearly 50 years have been ed States. It is about three miles in Dawson, October 27. He had left office, and said, in an awe-struck tone: recognized by this government in the length, and incloses a lagoon of salt Montserrat having been evacuated. Sulphur creek the day previous, and in "This is the first time in the history treaty negotiated by John M. Clayton, water. The average height of the the night had broken through the ice. of finance that New York has been in on the part of the United States, and island is eight feet above high tide. It Unable to pull himself out, he slowly a position to dictate money rates to froze to death, with his hands spread London, Berlin and Paris." The Lord Henry Lytton-Bulwer, on the part is scarcely capable, in itself, of sustaining life, but it is expected that a cable last week and Jesus del Monte vester- out on the ice. Before losing con- bank manager added that London's day, was repeated at Montserrat. There sciousness he took his field notes and purchases of American securities were known, nor will they be until fuller by the erection of a condenser to supwas even a greater demonstration, for papers from his pockets and threw them a feather's weight compared with the and final instructions have been re- ly fresh water. Some station in that Montserrat comes almost to the city. from him, so that they might be picked | balance of trade in New York's lavor. | ceived by Sir Julian and communicated | locality is deemed to be absolutely nec-

James Brice, in a speech before the Liecester chamber of commerce, sounded a warning to British manufacturers. He emphasized the fact that the exports of the United States and Germany had increased £34,000,000 and £21,000,000 respectively between 1891 and 1897, while Great Britain's decreased £15,000,000. He further pointed out that the business of the United States was developing along many important lines which Great Britain, he added, should have held against all competitors. Mr. Brice unhesitatingly asserted that the United States could produce rails cheaper than Great Britain, and he said he saw no possibility of opening new markets except in China.

Great Britain seems to have become econciled to the capture of the iron markets by the United States. American firms are uniformly successful in bidding against British firms. The Carnegie company and the Illinois Steel Company have opened extensive offices in London and are making inroads The Filipinos cabinet, proclaimed at .upon the British reserve. Colonel Bacoor on July 15, in conformity with | Hunsaker, the Carnegie representaof the following personnel: President | lia, and the company was unable to un-

marine and commerce, General Emilio A dispatch from Berlin says it is a Aguinaldo y Famy; secretary of war fact that the Russian government has culean task to the engineer officer preand of public works, Senor Don Bald- ordered 80,000 tons of American rails, paring to clean the city, making the ing. The steamer St. Paul has arrived anoro Aguinaldo, nephew of General and the prespect of American competi- American here despair of any imme- here with Christmas mail. Aguinaldo; secretary of the interior, tion for the contracts in connection diate lowering of the frightful death over Malate school yesterday. It was of agriculture, Sanor Don Mariano alarms manufacturers here and elsewhere. Consuls assert that all Europe is swarming, as never before, with agents of American manufacturers of steel, street railroads, electrical apparatus and all kinds of machinery, who are leading the commercial invasion.

The attempts to float a Russian loan Russia tried to raise money in London, Paris, Berlin and Amsterdam, and that she seems to have turned to the United States as a forlorn hope, possibly with the view of reaping incidental political advantages. But, it is admitted that it is a question of a short time when points, or about double that obtained capitalists will have to reckon with New York as a competitor in high This is not surprising, for the fracfinance. The Daily Chronicle com- tional resistance of the trail rope in ments upon the fact that American water was immense. Another test gave capitalsts "have the courage of their the same results, but this time the balfinancial opinions if they think they know the European situation better

than the capitalists of the Old World." There is much interest here regarding the choice of a successor of Ethan Allen Hitchcock as ambassador at St. Petersburg. It is considered that the post demands the presence of the strongest diplomat, in view of the entrance of the United States into the East. Russia has sent one of her ablest men to Washington, though a transfer from Washington to Constantinople or Madrid has hitherto been considered in the service as being a promotion. Russia expects President McKinley to reciprocate. Mr. Hitchcock carries home with him the conviction that Russia is still a stanch friend by threw out ballast and saved himself of America, which he has endeavored to impress upon the state department at Washington and on all influential

Americans he has met abroad. Scooba, Miss., Dec. 27.-Thomas and William Brantley, brothers, were shot and instantly killed last night, at Enondale, by Eugene Dennis, an 18year-old boy. The brothers, accompanied by their father, attempted to enter the store of Dennis, it is said, intending violence, whereupon young Dennis opened fire on the Brantleys with the above result. The trouble

was caused by liquor. Arsenic in the Milk. New York, Dec. 27 .- Adolph Neaf, bartender employed by Mrs. Marie Zischer, who keeps a small hotel at Paterson, N. J., died today after sufering great agony. It is thought his death was caused by arsenical poisoning, and that the poison was placed in the milk used in the household of Mrs. Zischer, Mrs. Zischer, Mary Doly, a servant, Fritz Hagerman, an employe, and Fritz Zeffen, were also poisoned, but will probably recover. The milk

will be analyzed. Agonellio Still in New York. New York, Dec. 27 .- Agoncillo and his English-speaking secretary and interpreter, S. Lopez, who represents the Philippine revolutionists' leader, Aguinaldo, are still in New York. They tonight said they would start for Washington tomorrow. They will be joined there by the Philippine envoys.

New York, Dec. 27 .- Mattie Remly, a 17-year old girl, was shot in the heart avenue by Frank Nulty, a potsoffice duits and heavy wire to distant points. ratify it today or tomorrow.

NEGOTIATIONS AS TO TERMS.

England Agrees to Abrogation of the

New York, Dec. 26 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: the United States and Great Britain over the construction of the Nicaragua canal will shortly be removed by the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, has received or will receive within the next few days positive instructions to enter upon negotiations with Secretary Hay for the abrogation of the convention referred to, and the preparation of a new treaty guaranteeng the neutrality of the canal.

The change in the attitude of the British government from its old posi- over an island far out in the Pacific tion of insisting upon having a voice in ocean, and orders were sent out late the construction of the proposed canal this afternoon to the commander of the mestic politics, is the remarkable ag- is the result of representations made to Bennington, Captain Taussig, to procharge d'affaires of this government in name of the United States government, London. It is the understanding of of Wake island, lying in latitutee 19 those who are aware of the change in north, longitude 166 east. It is distant that Lord Salisbury will suggest westernmost of the Hawatian islands, the relinquishment of the important is admirably adapted for use as a sta-The manager of one of the greatest lights possessed by Great Britain in the tion for a Pacific cable to connect the concessions will be asked are not can be maintained without difficulty to Secretary Hay.

HAVANA'S DEATH RATE.

Between Fifty-five and Seventy-five Die without success.

Daily From Starvation and Disease.

Wake island. New York, Dec. 26,-A dispatch to the World from Havana says: Ha- Admiral Wilkes surveyed the place and vana's death rate is astounding. There asserted title. It is not inhabited, so are between 55 and 75 deaths here each far as known, at the present time, day, the majority from malarial fever, though in the past some guano gathertyphoid claiming the next largest num- ers have temporarily lived on the ber of victims and pernicious fever island.

about the same. The civil register today shows a total and the orders to her will go out by of 49 deaths in this city in the last 24 steamer. After hoisting the flag on hours, and two parishes where the Wake island, she will proceed to Guam death rate was usually high made no and make a survey of the island, which report. The mortality last week was was ordered some time ago. She has at the rate of 106 in every 1 000 of the already completed a survey of Pearl population. This week it will be high- harbor, seven miles from Honolulu, er. In New York the death rate is which will form the foundation of the only 22 deaths per annum for every government's plans for the enlarge-

thousand population. All the hospitals are overcrowded and no more patients can be received. The municipal hospital, organized as an emergency hospital to care for sick reconcentrados, is taking care of 805 patients with space for only 160. A surgeon in one hospital said today that he had to leave sufferers lying in the streets because there is no place to

care for them. Vile stenches from the indescribable dirtiness of some sections offer a her-

A PERFECT SUCCESS.

More About the Balloon Trip Across New York, Dec. 24.-A dispatch to the Times from London says: The Chronicle publishes an account from its attitude of the insurgent detachment at in New York have been received skep- correspondent sent from a balloon trip Panduchan bridge on Wednesday was tically here. Several financiers have across the channel, showing that the such that the California, Idaho and told representatives of the press that Andree steering-gear was tested with Washington regiments were concentrat-

> feet square instead of 12 feet, the one but trouble was averted. used in the land experiment. The aeronauts took their course when the 200-foot trail rope was in water and found they had deflected three on land in Essex several weeks ago. loon descended within two feet of the

WRVCH. To keep the balloon at an even altitude was a task of the greatest difficulty, and owing to cold air on the water the sun-heated gas cooled with lightning rapidity, demanding constant

expelling of ballast to prevent falling The balloon again rose 2,300 feet, but dropped behind a thick cloud. The sudden eclipse caused a rapid descent, and in a few minutes the baltoon touched the ocean. A wave struck the car. It was an exciting moment for the aeronauts, their gum boots being filled with water. Percival Spencer, the famous aeronaut, in charge, prompt-

from sinking. The balloon then rose 700 feet after clearing the French cliffs, and landed safely amid Norman peasants four miles east of Havre, having in five hours covered 150 miles, of which 75 miles were

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24. - The Rosalie, which has arrived here from ous owing to his lawless proceedings Skagway, reports the wreck of a sloop in Epiritus. He also inspired terror which left Wrangel two weeks ago for here by extorting money under threats Skagway with a party of 12, bound for of death. Officials of the foreign em-Atlin. The sloop was found bottom bassics have frequently demanded the side up by Indians, and it is feared

that all hands were lost. News is also brought of the wreck of the schooner Ohio, of Victoria. No lives were lost.

Texans Go to Cuba.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 26. - The headquarters and first battalion of the Texas regiment, together with Colonel Wheaton's headquarters, sailed for Cuba this afternoon, in the transport Michigan. The other two battalions of the First Teaxs and the Second Louisiana regiment will leave tomorrow on the Mobile.

Utilize Power of Niagara.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26 .- The Miller Electile Construction Company, of Pittsburg, has invented a new plan to utilize the power of Niagara falls, and it is expected work will begin the first of spent their time in seeing the city and the year, necessitating the expenditure of about \$500,000. It is proposed to erect a large building close to the falls. being kept in place by anchors and heavy iron cables. With a series of

ANOTHER ISLE OURS

Speck in Mid-Pacific Will Be Used for Cable Station.

OLD GLORY OVER WAKE ISLAND

Commander of the Bennington Will Receive Orders to Hoist the Flag There.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- This government has determined to hoist the flag essary to the maintenance of a cable, and for that reason the American peace commissioners at Paris endeavored to secure one of the Caroline islands, but

Wake island is said to be by right already American territory, for in 1851

The Bennington is now at Honolulu, ment of the harbor there and the straightening of the channel connecting the inner harbor with the ocean.

DISORDERLY INSURGENTS.

Americans Anxiety.

Manila, Dec. 26 .- The United States cruiser Boston and the gunboat Petrel have arrived from Chinese ports. The steamer Uinon, which has returned here from Hoilo with native and Spanish soldiers, has been refused a land-

sent by the university of Pennsylvania. The honor of raising the flag was accorded to Father McKinnon, of California, in recognition of his services in

reopening the schools. Native troops encamped in the suburbs are again causing anxiety. The perfect success. The sail used was 18 ed in light marching order at Paco,

> Largest Volume of Business on Record. New York, Dec. 26.-R. G. Dun &

Co.'s weekly review says: It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. Enormous transactions at the stock exchange, makes some difference, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated, there is still much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country. but this year the three weeks reported show an increase of 25 per cent, against 9 per cent in imports, which would indicate much more than \$70,000,000

excess of exports this month. Cancellation of Revenue Stamps. Washington, Dec. 26 .- In view of the fact that fraud has been discovered in connection with the cancellation of documentary and adhesive internal revenue stamps, by which old stamps were re-used, the internal revenue bureau today issued a regulation which requires all such stamps to be canceled with the initials of the user, together with the month, day and year written or stamped thereon. Hitherto the

month and day of cancellation has not been required. Notorious Turk Killed Constantinople, Dec. 26.-Ghani Bey, the sultan's side-de camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafuz Pacha in a quarrel. Ghani Bey became notori-

unsuccessfully. Will Buy American Rails. London, Dec. 26 .- The government of Victoria, according to a special dispatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania & Maryland Steel Company for 35,000

punishment of Ghani Bey, but always

English tender. France to Tax Foreign Securities. Paris, Dec. 26.-The chamber of deputies today adopted a bill imposing a stamp duty of one cent on foreign se-

tons of steet rails at \$75,000 below the

Soldiers Frozen to Death. London, Dec. 26 .- The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Several hundred Montenegrian soldiers, who were recently overtaken by a snow storm in the Lara Pass, were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snow drifts so heavy that it was impossible to save them.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- Ambassador Draper informs the department of state contrivances, it is expected to utilize that the Italian chamber of deputies all the force of falling water. Elec- ratified the postal treaty yesterday; and killed today at her home on Eighth trical fluid is to be transported by con- that it is possible that the senate will