m All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Owing to the prevalence of yellow fever in Guayaquil, all steamers from that per will be placed in quarantine for observation.

Pive miners were instantly killed in Alderson, L. T. The explosion is sup-posed to have been caused by the fire ss unscrewing his safety lamp, which ignited the gas.

A big strike of coal miners has occurred on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio road, as the result of the refusal of operators to pay the sixty-cent rate, as promised at the late joint convention of miners and operators. About 1,200 men are out, and nearly every mine is closed.

The report that miners are to be imported from Missouri to operate the Virginius mine and Revenue tunnel near Ouray, Col., is stoutly denied at the office of A. Reynolds, the principal owner. Preparations to resume work are going forward at the Revenue tunnel, and the old miners will be employed.

A band of masked regulators went to the house of C. W. Reddick, a few miles west of Newport, Idaho, and called him to the door. They seized him, dragged him outside, took him a short distance from the house and gave him a terrible beating with horsewhips and switches. His condition is critical. The alleged offense of Reddick was improper attentions to a married woman of the neighborhood.

It is stated that C. P. Huntington has a corps of engineers in the field making a preliminary survey for a railroad from Port Alvarado, south of Vera Cruz, to the port of Salina Cruz on the Pacific, and that, if he can secure advantageous routes, he will ask the government for a concession for the purpose of operating the line in connection with Pacific Mail steamers, doing away with the Panama route.

The steamer Caranza, from Rotterdam, is reported lost off Cape Abjoa. Six members of the crew were saved and fifteen are missing.

Police Officer Bratton was badly shot while trying to capture two burglars in store in Tacoma. He fierd at one burglar, when another, who was watchng, opened fire and shot Bratton twice the back of the head. He will probdie ..

> ie Chandler, about 11 years old, wned in Portneuf river, in Po-Idaho. He threw his hat on and tried to get the dog to get ad, failing in this, he went on the nd broke through into deep water. river was dragged and the body in about an hour.

e of the last official acts of Mayor of Los Angeles, Cal., will be to his signature to an ordinance ng expectortations upon the sideof public streets, entrances to lie buildings or the floors of street a misdemeanor, punishable by er the or imprisonment, or both.

nief Hazen of the secret service at nington, has issued a circular warnagninst a new counterfeit \$10 banknote on the Union Naank of Detroit. The note is the of the same hand which prothe recent counterfeit on the nal Bank of Commerce of New One distinguishable feature is the back of the note is upside

Miss Celia Strahm was killed by her other-in-law, Elden Buroker, at Dixie, eighteen miles west of Walla Miss Strahm was visiting the family, and after the family had reshe went out of the door, and apon returning the noise awakened Buroker, who drew a pistol from under his pillow and shot Miss Strahm. He ok her for an enemy, whom he had heard was intent on doing him

Japan has a larger carrying trade on the Pacific than the United States, and Americans who are near enough to watch the shifting scenes in this new and rapidly developing contest for commercial supremacy find little matter is the statement of United States Consul Bell, of Sydney, contained in his report to the state department upon the ning of the new Japanese steamship line between Yok hama and Australia.

The president has extended the civil service rules so as to include all officers ad employes in the federal peniten-Fort Leavenworth, Kan though it is to apply to all such govcroment institutions and to all peni-tentiaries creater created immediately upon their establishment. Attorney-General Harmon is subjecting the recent civil service schedule as affecting the department of justice to a rigid scrutiny. The present amendment is to overcome a defect in the rules prounleated and futher amendments on similar lines may be expected.

The New York Herald's correspondent in Managua, Nicaragua, sends rd that the government is about to effect a forced loan of \$500,000 to pay Africa, announces that the British debts contracted by the present admin-

The authorities in Jamaica have prohibited the importation of cattle from By way of retaliation it is gested that the government should e a decree against the importation laborers from Jamaica, many of are now at work on the Panama

THE RECALL OF WEYLER.

Be Issued

New York, Jan. 6 .- News has been received by the Cuban junta from Pacific Coast Lumber Trust Washington that the Spanish government has positively determined to recall Captain-General Weyler.

General Primo de Rivera, it is said, will succeed General Weyler in Cuba. He is captain-general in the Spanish army, and in favor with the Canovas government.

Minister Taylor, it is said, informed Secretary Olney several days ago that the authorities at Madrid were on the point of relieving General Weyler of his ommand in Cuba and of appointing as gencer says: his successor Captain-General Rivera. Reasons were given in brief why a change was deemed advisable and a statement was made 23 to the probable time when the orders would be promulgated.

It is learned the Madrid government is displeased at the fact that General Weyler, with about 200,000 troops, has not put down the Cuban revolt. He has expended large sums of money, but so far has made no decided headway in accomplishing his main object, that of quelling the insurrection and trust. restoring peace and good order in Cuba. His troops have been victorious on occasions, but they also have met defeat and the total result, considering Spain's outlay in life and treasure, is far from satisfactory.

Too much may have been expected of Weyler; just as the exaction was too and demand, keeness of competition, great in the case of Campos. Still, the one great requirement, success, has not been fulfilled, and Weyler has consequently fallen in official esteem in Madrid.

A SNOW-BOUND TRAIN.

Passengers on the Santa Fe Road Did Not Go Hungry.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 6.-Passengers on the Colorado express, westbound, on the Santa Fe road, had a trying experience in Sunday's blizzard. At 1:30 o'clock in the morning, at a point fend of the company, furthermore caused miles east of Dodge City, Kan., the train stuck fast in a deep cut that had been filled with snow, and until noon following not a wheel was turned.

The passengers were warm and comfortable in the cars, and when, after nearly ten hours' imprisonment, they mills, but everyone scrambled for the began clamoring for something to eat, the trainmen proved equal to the emer-gency. In the express car the conductor found several crates of eggs and several pails of fresh oysters. The expressman had some cornmeal and salt and pepper, which he had been carrying for an emergency. The trainmen then turned in with these articles and prepared a Sunday dinner, that was served to the hungry passengers on pieces of pasteboard, shortly before noon. Six tramps who had been riding on the brakebeams were called in and partook of the express messenger's

was considerably delayed on Sunday, were cutting the price from fifty cents but today reports from throughout the to \$2 per 1.000, and were running overstate indicate that the storm is subsid-

DIED AFTER A BOUT.

An Auburn Man Had Been Boxing When He Fell Over Dead.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.-A dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Auburn, firms were securing all the trade for King county, says that Ernest B. Funk themselves. Finally one mill broke its died suddenly tonight in Goodrich's agreement with the company, and Immediately before his death others followed suit in short order. he had a friendly boxing bout with a friend, lasting about five minutes. Funk had not apparently overexerted himself or received a single blow, and was taking off the gloves when he fellforward on his knees and face. It was thought at first that he had fainted. but physicians were called, and when ey arrived they prnounced him dead. He had suffered for years from inflammatory rheumatism. Physicians said was probably caused from heart trouble. He was a laborer, and drank but little. It is not known that he had any relatives in the state.

Death of C. H. Lewis.

Portland, Or., Jan. 6.-C. H. Lewis, the best-known of Portland's chants, passed peacefully away at 2:47 this morning, after an illness of two which he made a large part of his for days, from paralysis. He was sur-tune, and in which his wife captivated rounded by his family at his death, but the public heart, and showed she was was unconscious to the last. Lewis was stricken with paralysis Sat- the most daring bareback riders that urday afternoon while on his way to ever entered a circus ring. business. He was immediately taken to his home and given all the assistance that medical skill could provide, but gradually sank and lingered until his His wonderful vitality was all lady, will be faithfully represented. death. that held death at bay so long. The paralysis at first extended only over one side, and Dr. Holt C. Wilson, his its haunches over the entrance to the nephew and physician, hoped that the stroke might be only temporary. paralysis at Mr. Lewis' advanced age almost invariably proves fatal, and the case of Portland's greatest merchant proved no exception to the rule.

Awarded the Comet Medal.

Lick Observatory, Jan. 6.-The comet medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Mr. C. D. Perrine; assistant astronomer in Lick Observatory, for his discovery of an unexpected November 2, 1896,

London, Jan. 6 .- Advices from Blantyre, a mission town in British South orce, sent last month against the Angoni Zulus, under Chief Chikusi, who had invaded Southwest Nyassaland and burned the British station besides massacreing the inhabitants of a number of villages, has routed the Angonis with heavy losses, after some sharp fighting. Chief Chikuski was captured and hanged. Five men of the British

a Thing of the Past.

DIFFICULTIES FROM THE START

Increased Supply of Lumber and Inability to Keep Up Prices Were the Rocks on Which It Split.

Seattle, Jan. 6 .- The Post-Intelli-The Central Lumber Company, of California, the most stupendous trust ever organized on the Pa cific coast, is a thing of the past. No such combine was ever before effected for the control of a market in this end of the world, and inability to maintain its organization is what nonsympathizers predicted at the time of its concep-The conditions of its agreement tion were the stiffest ever promulgated, and were a practical mortgage, bill of sale, and all-around cinch on the operations of the mills and the members of the

It had a hard row to hoe from the start, but its plan was the best ever gotten up on the Pacific coast, inasmuch as it controlled every cargo mill on the coast except three, and at one time the outlook was rosy indeed. But, any business proposition, supply man's cupidity, and necessities, and natural opposition had to be considered and the rocks upon which the Central Lumber Company broke were sharp. In the first place, the projectors confidently believed that the demand in 1896 would exceed that of 1895.

That being the belief, they were confident that price-cutting would be impossible. But the demand did not come up to expectations, the proportion of supply and demand being 4 to 1, instead of 3 to 1, as compared with eighteen months ago. The anticipation of enhanced values prior to the formation the piling up of great stocks of lumber in San Francisco, and other California distributing points, at lower prices, so that when the new list became operative the inevitable resulted.

No one purchased lumber from the small trade in sight in the endeavor to get rid of the stock in the yards. Then Negrees Coufess to an Attempt to came a clash between the retailers and the members of the Central Lumber Company came out second-best. Today lumber is selling at barely cost in

San Francisco However, during this period the millmen in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia were simply spectators. They could not understand why orders were not coming in, and why their dividends were so small. same time, one mill in British Columbia, four in Washington and four in Oregon, not members of the company, Railroad traffic throughout Kansas had started into the cargo trade, and to \$2 per 1,000, and were running overtime, while the Central Lumber Company's mills were idle or running only part of the time. This caused hard feelings toward the company, especially among the smaller millmen, who were compelled to operate their plants in order to meet obligations. On top of this came accusations that the larger

Stetson's Mausoleum New York, Jan. 6 .- "When I die I am going to have one of the finest mausoleums in the country, and will make those now in Woodland cemetery was the re son used to hear from him frequently. The idosyncrasies of the famous the atrical manager and financier were so numerous that this announcement never

occasioned any special comment. His project now seems in a fair way to be carried out, and that very soon, as the plans for the mausoleum are nov being considered by the executors of granite, and will have ponderous bronze doors. On the panels of these doors be scenes from the play from He was sur- tune, and in which his wife captivated a charming actress as well as one of

> All the most effective scenes from "The Crust of Society," in which the late Mrs. Stetson, as Mrs. Eastlake Chapel, took the role of the leading

But the most curious thing of all will be a huge bronze horse sitting on tomb. It will be a reproduction of Mrs. Kate Stokes Stetson's favorice trick horse.

Tacoma Shingle Mill Burned.

Tacoma, Jan. 6.-The big shingle mill of the Puget Sound Shingle Company, at Old Tacoma, burned late tonight, causing loss of over \$10,000, which is partly covered by insurance. The mill has been under repairs for several days, preparatory to its operation by the new lessee. It had a daily capecity of 200,000 shingles. Incen diarism is believed to have been the cause, though no motive is known.

Baltimore, Jan. 6.-Richard Cornelius, cashier, and for forty-two years cted with the National Farmers' and Planters' bank, of which Enoch Pratt was president up to the time of his death, was discovered to be short in his accounts about \$60,000 today. About 10 o'clock Mr. Cornelius was notified of the discovery, and left the bank. At 1:15 this afternoon his dead body was found in the duck pond at Druid Hill Park. He committed suicide by drowning.

THE ARTICLES SIGNED.

Fitzsimmons Has Agreed to Meet Corbett on March 17

New York, Jan. 6 .- The only hitch which now seems possible to prevent Cuban Expedition Came to licemen were pounded half to dear the meeting of Corbett and Fitzsim mons will be the failure of Stuart to secure a place where they may settle the long-talked-of contest. cember 7, James J. Corbett affixed his ELEVEN OF THE CREW MISSING singature to the articles of agreement. This afternoon, Fitzsimmons, panied by his manager, met Dan Stuart Vessel Sprung a Leak Crossing the at Jersey City, and Fitzsimmons signed his name underneath Corbett's on the articles.

As to the side bet, Fitzsmmons said he would put up from \$5,000 to \$10,000. There was very little quibbling and it looked as if all parties concerned were in earnest about wishing to decide who is to be the recognized heavy-weight champion of the world.

The articles call for a purse of \$15,-000 to be given to the winner, and each of the principals to post \$2,500 in the hands of a stakeholder to guarantee an appearance in the ring, the one failing to live up to this agreemet to forfeit to the other and Stuart. As a guarantee good faith, Stuart agrees to post \$5,000 with a stakeholder, to be divided between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, if he (Stuart) fails to carry out the provisions incorporated in the agree ment. Stuart further agrees to post the remainder of the purse, \$10,000, in the hands of a stakeholder, thirty days prior to the date of the contest, and that the said \$10,000 will be forfeited by him to Corebtt and Fitzsimmons, if Stuart fails to bring off the contest on March 17. Five-ounce gloves are to

George Siler, of Chicago, is agreed upon as referee, and Fitzsimmons de-cided that Al Smith of New York, was satisfactory as stakeholder for him. Stuart refused to say where he expected to bring the mill off, but the articles called for him to notify the pugilists of the place one month prior to the date of the contest.

Fitzsimmons' right hand was band aged from the effects of his fight with Sharkey, when he received an injury to one of his knuckles in delivering a blow. Julian, his manager, would not say where or when Fitzsimmons would go into training, as he had not yet made arrangements.

A FIENDISH PLOT.

Wreck an Express Train.

Louis, Jan. 6.-A Republic special from Birmingham, Ala., says: Four of the five trainwreckers in jail here today confessed to the formation of a fiendish plot to wreck and rob the Southern railway's fast express from Washington, at McComb's trestle, twelve miles east of the city, on the night of December 19, and this confession leads to the belief that the same gang removed the rail which wrecked Birmingham mineral train at Cahaba river bridge, causing the death of twenty-six people and injuring eleven others, on December 27, al hough those under arrest are as yet silent as to the wreck.

Last week five negroes, Andrew Feagan, Tom Ingram, Tom Parker, Emanuel Billings and Rome Scales, were arrested by deputy sheriffs and railroad detectives, it is said, on a confession of one of the number. All were miners at the Henry Ellen mine, near McComb's trestle. Today, all but
Feagan confessed. Parker, who did
most of the talking, says Feagan was
the leader of the plot; that he proposed

The Spectator, will support Spain,
"owing to the Italians in the United
States having been treated as if they
were red Indians."

The Spectator adds that the Austrian the wrecking of the trains one night at a dance, as a good scheme by which to get Christmas money, and that the five agreed to engage in the work, with the understanding that those who failed to Austrian archduchess, and her son, stand to the agreement would be killed driven out of Madrid by a popular reby the others

When the time came for action, all weakened but Feagan and Parker. They went to McComb's trestle, ninety feet high, by night, and entered upon the work of drawing spikes and removolts from the rails. The plan was to club to death and shoot those passengers who were not killed by the crash when the train fell to the ravine.

Not until the second night was the death trap ready. They waited by a campfire in the ravine below. The fast express came, but Engineer Hawes saw that a rail was out of place and managed to stop his train, only, however, after every wheel had left the Seeing their plot had failed, Parker says he and Feagan fled, mounted on a mule.

Here the confessions end, but as the Cahaba wreck was like McComb's attempted wreck in every detail, except that it was successful, even to the extent of sacrificing twenty-six lives and the wounded and dead being robbed wreckers, it is regarded as well nigh certain that the same gang committed both deeds, and further de velopments are expected very soon.

Deeds to Settlers.

Tacoma, Jan. 6.-The new Northern Pacific railway management is issuing deeds to settlers for lands purchased of the late Paul Schulze, general land agent, where they can show receipts for money paid, but of which Schulze the company. Sixty cases are involved aggregating \$150,000. The purcashers were afraid their payments would not be recognized. Schulze committed suicide in this city a year and a half ago.

St. Paul, Jan. 6 .- As a direct result of the closing of the Bank of Minnesota two weeks ago, which created new distrust among depositors and started runs on a number of city banks that were reputed not to be as strong as the depositors wished, three St. Paul banks, the Germania, the Allemania and the West Side, none of them national institutions, all closely associated, closed their doors today, one being in the hands of the state bank examiner and the others making assignments.

STEAMER COMMODORE SUNK

Grief Off Florida Coast.

Bar After Leaving Jacksonville-The Pumps Would Not Work. Jacksonville, Jan. 5.-The steamer Commodore, which cleared from this

port for Cienfugos, Cuba, on Thursday, with a cargo of small arms and ammunition, foundered off News Smyrna at an early hour this morning. Twentyeight men were on board the steamer, and so far as known seventeen were saved. One boat was washed ashore empty, and another landed with twelve Another boat landed later with the captain and four others. Another boat is still missing. The steamer is reported to have sunk about twenty miles out to sea.

The Commodore struck twice while crossing the bar at the mouth of the river, and had been leaking almost from the start. Major Ricardo Delgado, one of the crew, arrived here this evening from New Smyrna, accompanied by eleven other survivors, all of the latter being Cubans. Major Delgado was met at the train by J. A. Huay, the Florida representative of the Cuban junta, to whom he told the story of the wreck.

Delgado reported that he was awakened about midnight Friday by the report that the steamer was leak-The pumps would not work, and the men set at work to bail the steamer out. This proved ineffectual, and soon the engineer reported that it was

The Commodore was then twenty miles out to sea and was running toward Mosquito inlet light. The boats were lowered and Delgado and eleven others got into one boat and pulled with the duty of interesting this government. The sea was rough. It was er ment in the enterprise. away. 3:30 A. M., and everything was dark. Delgado was of the impression that the other boats were lowered at the same time, but was not certain. He knew capital have hopes that the great petinothing about the sinking of the steamer, or whether any others were saved.

Attitude of European Powers.

an article on the position of the United States and Europe as affected by the Cuban question, after remarking that the Washington government had an unpleasant experience in the attitude in the upper house. of the European powers, proceeds to explain the reason for the European antagonism to the United States, and points out that the great fluanciers of Paris, who hold Spanish bonds, are ed at the possibility that Spain, after fighting to the bitter end, might be compelled to suspend payment, and consequently they are urging the French government to intervene between Washington and Madrid.

Emperor William, it is said, approves of this, for apart from his dreams of colonial expansion, which could best be gratified in Brazil, he is not fond of American diplomacy.

The Italian government, according to the Spectator, will support Spain.

will support Germany in maintaining the independence of Spain by weighty family reasons, not wishing volt, following the loss of Cubs

The dreibund, therefore, and France, the Spectator says, are ready to counsel President Cleveland to be moderate and tolerate, and which might lead to a widespread maritime war.

The Spectator continues: 'The United States could conquer

any American state, and might, if they exerted themselves, defeat a single European power; but they cannot defeat all Europe combined, even if England, from reasons of kinship, remained neutral. The fact is patent that the United States will not be allowed to order Spain out of her colony without remonstrance from Continental Europe. which might be followed by the action of the combined fleets of the five powers and the landing of armies in Cuba and the French West Indies."

A Passenger Trian Wreck. Des Moines, Jan. 4.-A passenger

train on the Keokuk & Western, southbound, was wrecked this morning two miles south of Norwalk, injuring several pasengers and one perhaps fatally. It was a heavy train, loaded with

teachers going home from the state association. The ground under the track was softened by rain so that the rails spread. One coach and baggage-car were turned upside down, and others tipped over. Several passengers were bruised. Eugene Chapman, a son of Dr. R. U. Chapman, of Des Moines, was seriously cut in the left temple and may die. Conductor Ed Cavanaugh was so severely hurt. A relief train was sent from Des Moines to bring the injured to Des Moines.

They Had Troubles, Too.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Because their parents thought them too young to marry, Nellie Uren, 10 years old, and Obbie Heath, one year younger, decided to commit suicide. The girl killed herself by drinking carbolic acid, but the nerve of the youth failed him at the last minute, and he stood by and watched his sweeheart die.

Trade competition in Chicago has beme so tremendous that coffins are now offered at actual cost.

A SALOON RIOT.

Two Policemen Nearly Killed

Grand Rapids, Jan. 4 .- Two a crowd today, and two of their a ants were shot. The trouble wa result of a crusade, which the p have been waging against salo keepers, who have been violating

Today Patrolmen Viergiver and rington found the saloon of Som & Treadwell doing a thriving back business. As the officers entered air was filled with clubs, bottles glasses. Officer Viergiver was s' on the head and felled with He was drawing his revolver as hY and as he fell he pulled the tri Several shots were fired from crowd and Harrington managed to his revolver out and pulled it un Treadwell, who was pounding the head with a bottle. The next ment Harrington went to the floor. great crowd had gathered in front the saloon, and the excitement was tense. One officer outside guarded door and sent for the patrol wagon. squad of eighteen policemen responded with orders to arrest every one in th place, but most of the crowd had man aged to slip away.

Officer Viergive had an arm broke in two places, a finger broken, his no dislocated and an awful gash across t His injuries are not necessar scalp. Officer Harrington was fatal. Tam

with broken glass. He has a se-scalp wound and serious bodil juries. Treadwell was shot in right lung. An examination lay night showed that he is suffering as hemorrhages. He is not likely cover.

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The Nicaragua Canal.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- One by th main objects of the formation of a new impossible to go further, as the water Greater Republic of Central America had put out the fires under the boilers. is said to be the completion of the Nic is said to be the completion of the Nic-G. aragua canal. Senor Roderiguez, re-2 po cently recognized as the diplomatic representative of the new country in e United States, is said to be charged rmer Mrs.

This aid to the project comes at a time when it is needed. The supporters of the measure on both sides at the enerat icon sent to Speaker Reed, asking that meric time be given for discussion of the bill after the funding measure is disposed of, will be heeded, and at least two London, Jan. 5.-The Spectator, in days so allowed. The hore

There are enough friends of the plan on the senate side to bring it up if there is any hope of getting in a few hours while the funding debate is on

Trains Wrecked by Robbers.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 4 .- An. international & Great Northern freight traffi was wrecked four miles south of here this morning, presumably by trainrobbers lying in wait for the passenger A brakeman, Fred Joynson, train. was killed, and Engineer Smith seriously injured. A switch was left open and rocks piled on the track.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4 .- Fireman John F Alexander Overby and Engineer John lumbus Robertson were seriously injured in a twelve wreck early this morning on the Raleigh & Augusta division of the Seaboard Air Line, just east of here. A rail had been displaced by trainwreckers. Bloodhounds have been put land las upon the trail.

New York Mail Robbery.

New York, Jan. 4.-The postoffice inspectors have arrested William H. Post, aged 22, a mailwagon driver, on to see the queen regent, who is an a charge of mail robbery. A quantity Austrian archduchess, and her son, of incoming mail from the West was Many rifled packages were found on December 22 in the water off Brighton beach. The keys to the mail pouches are said to have been found on Post, and small 'avoid threats which Spain could not articles, probably Christmas presents, in his room. Post denies robbing the mails. It is believed he threw the rifled letters into North river from the ferryboat. He has been held in \$5,000

Got Half of the Interest.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- The Crow-Creek-Sioux delegation of South Dakota Indians have not gained their nounced object, of securing a per capita cash payment of \$187,000 less about \$1,8000 for expenses, now to their credit in the treasury, but they have secured a payment of about \$4 or \$5 per capita, representing half of the accrued interest on the money.

Paid Interest With Coffee.

Hamburg, Jan. 4.—There was an important sale here yesterday of 24,000 bags of Brazilian coffee on board steamers now in this harbor. coffee is believed to be a consignment of the Brazilian government, in lieu of bills to pay interest on the Brazilian debt. The coffee was consigned to the Rothschilds, of London, who sold it

Russia's Gold Standard Scheme St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.-Most authoritative quarters deny that M. De

Witt's gold-standard project has been abandoned, as was reported from here. It will be discussed at the council of the emperor in March, after the statutes of the bank have undergone the necessary revision to bring them into harmony with the statement.

A Cut in Wages.

Waltham, Mass., Jan. 4 .- A general cut in wages in the iron foundry of Davis & Farnum, of this city, went into effect today. The out ranges from 2 to 25 cents and affects over 500 men. The fact that the large foundries in Pennsylvania and the West have commenced to do their own small making it impossible for this firm to compete, is given as the cause.

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