EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented

The transports Sheridan and Grant

are at Scattle. Engineers and firemen of the Union Pacific have asked for more pay.

The Pacific Express office at Omaha was robbed of from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The British ship Glenholm will be fumigated at Astoria for fear of yellow

A prominent Frenchman says that England is ready for war with the

A negro was shot at Lewiston, Id. The bullet flattened on his skull and he was comparatively uninjured.

Washington officials are anxious over the possible fate of the American prisoners in the hands of Aguinaldo. The football team of the University

of California will play the Carlisle Indians on Christmas day, in San Fran-Commander E. P. Wood, U. S. N.,

is dead of typhoid fever at Washington. He commanded the Petrel in the battle of Manila bay. To increase Admiral Dewey's troubles Minnestoa people will present

The supreme court of Oregon has

finally passed upon the case of the suit Uncle Sam. state vs. Magers, the petition for a rehearing being denied.

Wheeler into congress on his return aggravating type. from the Philippines. "Governor of Cuba" will be the offi-

Major-General Leonard Wood will be assigned early in the new year. Colonel James Graham and William

P. Cunneen, prominent politicians of St. Marys, Kan., drank from a disinfectant bottle which they supposed to contain whiskey, and are not expected The president will soon send a spec-

smage to congress regarding rewards for officers and men from the Atlantic squadron who distinguished themselves during the war with Spain, and whose gallantry has not yet been

The controller of the currency has declared the fifth dividend of 10 per cent in favor of the creditors of The Dalles National bank, making 95 per cent paid on the claims proved, amounting to \$26,318.20.

Spain will build a new navy.

Englishmen are depressed by the situation in Africa.

Arizona will apply for statehood to the present congress.

The Americans have occupied Bangued, province of Abra. Steamers will leave Portland every

10 days for Cape Nome. A gas explosion killed many coal

miners at Carbonado, Wash. The Kentucky election commission gives Taylor's plurality as 2,383. The Filipinos' treasury was captured

by the Americans at Mangatarem. The government's herd of reindeer in

Alaska is rapidly increasing and now numbers 2,600. Bishop Henry Potter, of New York,

has arrived in Manila on a brief visit to study the Philippines. The British artillery arm in South

Africa has been materially strengthened by the arrival of six big guns. Commander Charles I. Howell is dead at New York city. He was chief

engineer of the Maine when she was blown up. Lady Francis Cook, formerly Tennie

Clafflin, announces her intention to forsake England and take up her residence in New York.

Two hundred miners are on a strike at the Tesla coal mines, California, because of a dispute with the superintendent over the wage schedule.

The horticultural commissioners of Southern California propose to establish a quarantine against infected nursery stock imported from foreign coun-

killed in a fight with the Thirty-third of Mackinac. infantry, 18 miles northwest of Cervantes. The insurgents lost 70 men in the engagement.

The Vananda group of mines near Baker City was sold for \$1,500,000. The property is to be extensively developed by the new owners, who are British Columbia capitalists.

Genral Grant's expedition in Luzon towns, meeting small bands. He killed several of the rebels and captured a quantity of munitions of war.

The total number of women over 18 years old employed in the factories and workshops of the British islands is independent line to St. Paul. about 500,000.

John J. Smallwood, president of the Claremont, Va., was born a slave and turies and nearly accomplished it. largely educated himself.

Judge Wylie, for years one of the bench, is still living in Washington, and, though over 90 years old, is in of M. D

LATER NEWS.

The province of Cayan, Luzon, has surrendered to Captain McCalla. Commander Tilley may be given charge of our possessions in Samoa.

Americans have destroyed Aguinaldo's body guard and the rebel chief has fled in disguise.

MacArthur has captured Mabini, one of the ablest of insurgents, and founder of their government.

Prominent officials will go to Washington to lobby for the admission of New Mexico to statehood.

Owing to the British reverses in south Africa it is said Russia and France are getting restless. The army and navy are each urging

lifferent routes for the Pacific cable. Private companies are also after it. Alaska is after better government.

Her special envoy is in Washington to present a petition for favors desired. Ladysmith relief force's advance olumn has reached a position within three miles of Colenso without opposi-

General Methuen attacked 12,000 their position too strong for him. He reports great losses.

Major-General Andrew G. Wauchope.

was killed in action at Modder river. He was a veteran of the Ashantee and A recent decision of the customs de partment in regard to the shipment of

oods in bond works a great injury to Pacific coast interests. Secretary Gage declares he has no present intention of further action to night:

relieve the money stringency, but if the situation gets worse he may act. Germany has inquired as to our inhim with a large black bear recently tentions regarding the Danish West Indies. It is believed Germany would like to have them, but this would not

Two Americans were killed, appar-Congressman Bailey will protest Pedro, Spanish Honduras. The kill- pick, and the powder exploded, burn- They reached the crest without being against the entrance of General Joe ing. as reported, was of a particularly

Major-General Edward Ferrero is dead at New York. In 1861 he raised cial designation of the office to which the "Shepard Rifles," of which he was made colonel. He took the first fortified redoubt captured in the war.

Another gigantic corporation is now organizing to oppose the sugar trust in the islands. A former member of the sugar trust is believed to be one of the leading spirits. The capital will be ir., Fred Lerson and a Chinaman. \$100,000,000 and may be known as the Colonial Sugar Refining Company.

A Washington dispatch to the Cleveland Leader says that McKinley and Root will head the Republican ticket. Leading Republicans favor their nomifor the convention.

An anti-British meeting was held in

Gatacre does not blame the guides for his disaster. Otis has been instructed to open

ports in the Philippines.

A colony of 30 Michigan people will ettle near Fairhaven, Wash. Five stores were burned out on Sixth street, near Alder, Portland, Or.; loss,

It is said that South Africa has always been a graveyard for the British

generals' reputations. The British bark Indian Emprie, laden with coal, was burned to the

water's edge near Lima, Peru. Our iron ore supply is short. It will take 200 vessels to handle the cargoes

of iron engaged for importation. Two prominent Portland physicians have been sued by a lady who claims negligence in diagnosing her case.

A report comes from Astoria, Or. that the packers' combine will operate only three of its canneries next season. Britishers acknowledge that they lost over 700 men at Stormberg, and Boer reports apparently agree with

those from British sources. Nearly 2,000,000 bushels of wheat are stored in warehouses of Tacoma and not a ship is loading, the owners

of the wheat holding for better prices. A company has been organized in Eastern Oregon to build a railway line from Hilgard to the John Day country. The O. R. & N. is said to

be in the deal. Jones of Washington has introduced in the house a bill for a cable to the Philippines, to cost not to exceed \$8,-000,000, and the creation of a cable commission.

Terrific gales were reported from ports on the Great Lakes Tuesday, and fears were felt for the safety of a fleet General Gregorio del Pilar was of steamers which had left the Straits

Crocker denies that he has given up his Southern Pacific job. He will continue as a director in the company until the Crocker stock just bought by the Speyer syndicate is paid for.

Otis reports that 2,000 additional Spanish prisoners have been secured in Northern Luzon, making over 3,000 has visited Orani and several western dred are now en route from Vigan, and transports will be sent for the re-

> The Illinois Central railroad has practically secured control of the Minneapolis & St. Louis line, giving it an

Patrick Furey, who died in Philadel-Industrial and Collegiate institute at bition the desire to live in three cen-The queen of Portugal, who is said

most prominent figures on the district came so interested in it that she completed the course and took the degree

Trying to Light His Pipe He Exploded the Mine.

CAUSE OF CARBONADO DISASTER

Another Accident Was Caused by Miner Opening a Powder Keg With a Pick.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 14.-Funmine accident were held today. Coroner Hoska will begin the inquest to-

Development during the day proved that old man Ben Ledler's tobacco pipe seized a kopje near and held on, suphad been responsible for the disaster, ported by mounted infantry and Cape and the 23 fresh graves. Foreman police. The guns under Jeffreys could Robert Cox's gang found Zedler's corncob pipe and a bag containing about gret to say that one gun was overturned two ounces of tobacco early this morn- in a deep mullah, and another sank in ing, near where his corpse was discovered the evening previous by Poreman Boers on the Modder river, but found Lewis' body-searching party. From all appearances the old man had just filled his pipe, preparing for a smoke, and had opened his safety lamp to get force from ridge to ridge about nine a light. He never knew what happened afterward.

Rees Jones' remains were also discovered early this morning by Cox's man's Hock and Cyphergat. I am gang. A right leg is missing, having been blown to atoms, and one side of berlands to Sterkstrom to recuperate. his face and head was frightfully shat-

State Mine Inspector Owens said to-"The indications are that the open

lamp of Ben Zedler, sr., caused the ex-An explosion due to black powder was reported from Burnett to Acting Mine Inspector Little this forenoon by dated yesterday, says: a messenger from Superintendent C. H.

Burnett. John Krook, a miner there, 500 of the Second rifle brigade, sortied ently without provocation, in San tried to open a 25-pound keg with a to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. ing him and a companion. John Monther almost fatally. This occurred then destroyed the howitzer with gunthe tunnels.

Another Gas Explosion. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14.-A gas explosion occurred at one of the Cumberland coal mines last night, killing Zucci and George M. Jones and badly burning P. Fairbairn, Harry Thompson, John Gathrie, sr., John Guthrie,

FILIPINOS' HORRIBLE DEVICE.

for impaling the Unwary.

New York, Dec. 14 .- A special to the Tribune from Washington says: In nation by acclamation. Tuesday, June the hospital reports which reached 12, is suggested as the most likely date | the war department from Manila is chronicled the first casualty due to falling into a Tagal pitfall which contained the horrible device of bamboo posts set firmly in the hole and sharpened at the top for the purpose of impaling the unwary. The American troops have frequently found such traps on the line of march, and especially in front of insurgent trenches. Ordinarily the traps have been simply deep holes in the jungle covered with long grass, and although soldiers have frequently fallen into them, no serious injury has resulted. On October 25, when 45 men of company I, Nineteenth infantry, were engaged in a reconnoisance in chasing a small band of Tagals from some trenches, Private Peter Karl plunged into such a pit with its sharpened bamboos, and had his foot and leg severely lacerated, which put him out of service. Fortunately he did not tumble headlong into the trap, for if he had, in the opinion of the surgeons, his wounds must certainly have

REPORTS FROM OTIS.

No More Organized Resistance Expected in Luzon-Insurgents Routed. Washington, Dec. 14 .- The war de-

partment has received the following from Otis, dated today: "Manila-In Bulucan province, the

insurgents have been scattered and driven east to the mountains. Our casualties in that section in the last few days were 10. The insurgents' casualties, in killed, wounded and prisoners, aggregate 100. Considerable insurgent property, with records, arms and ammunition, has been captured.

"Our troops are now in the mountains in pursuit of the insurgents, who riers in all large cities. have been driven from Subig bay, and marines now occupy the naval station there. Our column moving west from Tarlac is now on the west coast of Luzon, where it has been supplied. It encountered resistance. The column is now moving west and south from Dagupan along the coast. There is no concentrated insurgent force of importance in Luzon north of Manila.

"Southern Luzon will not offer any serious resistance. The troops are cooperating in that section, and organized rebellion no longer exists, and our troops are actively pursuing the robber bands. All important and threatened been captured."

Belle Fleming, aged 17, of Guthrie, the United States court.

Attacked by Yaqui. Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.-Information reaching here today is to the effect that December 3 the Yaqui Indians and the was with the main body of Indians, day and night, when the Indians

GATACRE EXPLAINS.

Cause of British Disaster at Stormberg

London, Dec. 14 .- The war office reselved the following from General Forestier-Walker, dated today: "Cape Town, Dec. 14 .- Gatacre re

ports as follows: "The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and the local guides. Policemen took us round some miles, and consequently we were marching from 9:30 P. M. until 4 A. M., and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional.

"The Boers commenced firing from eral services over 23 victims of the the top of an unscalable hill, and wounded a good many of our men in the open plain. The Second Northumberlands tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish fusiliers not have been better handled, but I requicksand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available.

"Seeing the situation, a dispatch rider was sent to Molteno with the news. I collected and withdrew our miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bushsending the Irish rifles and Northum-The wounded proceeded to Queenstown. The missing Northumberlands number 366, not 306 as previously re-

Sortie From Ladysmith. London, Dec. 14 .- The war office

publishes the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Dispatch from General White, " 'Last night Colonel Metcalf and discovered, drove off the enemy and some time during the night in one of cotton. When returning, Metcalf found his retreat barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet freely. The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were as follows: Lieutenant Ferguson and 11 men killed; Captain Paley, Second Lieutenant Davenport, Second Lieutenant Bond and 41 men wounded; six men captured, who had remained be-

hind in charge of the wounded."

GIVES TIME TO ALL

Hear Financial Speeches. Washington, Dec. 14 .- There is such jacent to the empire. great pressure for time on the part of

the speeches of Grosvenor of Ohio for entrance. It came up 50 feet over the bill, and of Cochran of Missouri the lowlands. At Pauholy and Samas and Newlands of Nevada against it. oerao, on the bay, the waves swept The other speakers were: Parker of over the tops of trees 30 feet high. Out New Jersey, William Allen Smith of of nearly 1,800 inhabitants only 40 es-Michigan, Prince of Illinios, Lawrence | caped. of Massacuhsetts, and Powers of Vermont for the bill, and Shafroth of Colorado and Sims of Tennessee against it. Corpses were everywhere. Broken

Whether Admiral Dewey, acting for the United States government, formally or informally recognized the Philippine had been washed up from the sea, republic at Manila, is a question which changing the entire topography of the Pettigrew of South Dakota desires the navy department to answer. He introduced a resolution in the senate to- the bodies are buried in many cases day directing the secretary of the navy yards under the new ground. At Hato supply the senate with information toesia, out of 500 people, 100 were on the subject, but Chandler of New killed and 40 wounded. The rest es-Hampshire objected to its immediate

consideration. Senator McBride today reintroduced his bill to appropriate \$650,000 to enlarge the Portland public building. He says it will be impracticable now government offices. This bill was favorably reported without amendment by

Senator McBride also reintroduced

Manila, Dec. 14.-Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventh infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerrillas, who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which had assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans. It is expected they themselves on the other side." will be speedily tried, and either shot or hanged an an example, if convicted.

A gang of alleged boy burglars was arrested in Chicago in as lavishly furcenters of population in the north have nished apartments as a millionaire paintings and musical instruments.

> Freight Train Wrecked. Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-A disastrons freight wreck, resulting in the death

had a pitched battle, near Rio Chico, third and the destruction of about 30 on the Yaqui river. The engagement cars, occurred early today on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railthe Mexican forces numbering some road, between Plainsboro and Prince-4,000 men. According to reports the ton, N. J. Engineer Sheigler and lighting was most severe and lasted for Fireman Henicer were killed and Brakeman Zagbaum was dangerously 63, rejected a motion by Senor Rowithdrew, having sustained consider hurt. Three trains were damaged in

A SERIES OF DEFEATS

British Met With Another Disaster at Modder River.

MOWED DOWN BY BOER RIFLES

Failure of an Attempt to Dislodge the Dutch From a Strongly Intrenched Position.

London, Dec. 15 .- The war office reseived the following dispatch from General Methuen, dated Tuesday:

"Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy on a lone high kopje, from 4 until dusk Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak Monday the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed, but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. Cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left, and the guards on the

right, supported by field artillery and howitzer artillery. They shelled the position from daybeak and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to the entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles to Modder river. Today I am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

General Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 3:30 P. M. sends the following dispatch from Lord Methuen, dated Modder river Tuesday at 7:30 P. M.:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I rein security. I have gathered from to the commerce of either of them. some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulances, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely after the exchange of ratifications. In wiped out. The Boers have been most faith whereof, etc., kind to my wounded."

FIVE THOUSAND PERISH.

Particulars of the Disaster That Over took the Island of Ceram. San Francisco, Dec. 14.-The Bulle-

tin says: "The disaster that overtook the island of Ceram, November 2, cost the people Maru, which arrived yesterday, reports been seriously wounded in the foot. that 5,000 people were destroyed on

Japan coast and agitated the lands ad-"The night of November 2 the people the members of both sides who desire of Ceram were awakened by a terrific to participate in the currency debate in shock of earthquake that seemed to the house that three night sessions were | work from north to south. They fled ordered today. Interest in the debate from their houses and took up places in is not keen, judged by the attendance the public square. A few hours later in the galleries, although the members | it was reported the water was rising in themselves are listening attentively to the bay of Ambonia. The sea came forward in the shape of a huge tidal The features of the debate todaywere wave, and forced the water into the bay

> "The whole coast for miles was transformed into a huge mud-puddle. trees and portions of houses were buried in the ooze. Every few rods were great lumps of stones and boulders that contry. The exact number of killed along the coast will never be known, as caped to the hills when the shock of

earthquake was first felt." Cushman Made a Hit.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Representative Cushman, of Washington, created to secure a change in the building ma- the only sensation of the day in a terial, but that another story can be speech he made on the gold standard added to afford the extra room, which in favor of the currency bill. He is needed to accommodate the various placed his people right on the subject, and said that he was obeying the wishes of the Pacific Northwest in supporting Senator Simon last year, and both sen- the gold standard. More than this, ators expect to secure its passage this Mr. Cushman treated the house to some original illustrations and pointed epigrams, creating such an effect as to his bill fixing the salaries of letter car- give him good rank in the house as a new member. He poked a good deal of fun at William Jennings Bryan, whom, he said, he knew "as well as if he had been through him with a lantern." He closed his remarks in a taunts which the Democrats had made of the change of front on the financial question by saying "that the Democrats are so crooked that if they started to go around the block they would meet

First Night Session.

The currency bill in the house lasted from 11 o'clock this morning until 10:30 tonight, with a recess of three hours for dinner. The pressure for would occupy. Five boys composed time to speak continues, as most of the the gang and their ages range from 11 members desire to make contributions to 17 years. The walls were hung to the literature of the occasion, Much O. T., has been admitted to the bar of with costly tapestries, rugs, valuable of it, however, has to be for home consumption.

New York, Dec. 15 .- Directors of the Northern Pacific railway declared Mexican forces, under General Torres, of two men, the serious injury of a a dividend of one per cent and an extra dividend of one per cent on the common stock, making a total of three per cent for the year.

> Spain Wants a Navy. Madrid, Dec. 13 .- The chamber of deputies today, by a vote of 131 against manes, demanding that the government withdraw the navy estimates.

NEW SAMOAN TREATY.

Pull Text of Convention Signed by United States, Germany, England. Washington, Dec. 16.-The full text of the treaty negotiated between the United States, Germany and Great Britain for the adjustment of the questions between the three governments in respect to the Samoan islands was made public today. The treaty bears date at Washington, December 2, 1899, and, after reciting its purpose to be to ad just amicably questions between the three powers in respect to the Samoan group, and to avoid future misunder-

standings, proceeds textually as fol-"Article I-The general act con-

relating to Samoa, are anulled. "Article II-Germany renounces in favor of the United States of America Washington was commemorated at all her rights and claims over and in Mount Vernon. respect to the island of Tutuila and all of longitude 171 degrees west of Greenwich. Great Britain in like manner renounces in favor of the United States of America all her rights and claimover and in respect to the island of and in respect to the islands of Upolu to eternal rest in a mausoleum overand Savali, and all other islands of the looking a broad sweep of the pictures-Samoan group west of longitude 171 que Potomac. degrees west of Greenwich.

agreed that each of the signatory pow- fruition. They were conducted by the ers shall continue to enjoy, in respect Masonic bodies and by the Red Men of to their commerce and commercial ves- the United States. The movement for sels in all the islands of the Samoan the day's observance originated in 1893 group, privileges and conditions equal with the grand lodge of Masons of the to those enjoyed by the sovereign state of Colorado, the proposition betired in perfect order here, where I am power, in all ports which may be open ing made by Most Worshipful Master

> shall be ratified as soon as possible, the carrying into effect of his longand shall come into force immediately cherished idea "JOHN HAY,

"HOLLEBEN, "PAUNCEFOTE." CLEARED OF REBELS.

Bulacan Province. Washington, Dec. 16.—General has cabled the war department that of that district immense loss in lives Lieutenant Batson, who organized and and property. The steamship America commanded the Macabebe scouts, has

Amputation is probable. General Otis' that island alone when the dreadful dispatch follows: 'Manila, Dec. 16.-Lieutenant Batson, Fourth cavalry, organized four large companies of Macabebe scouts, and had the advance of Lawton's troops and attended Young's cavalry in Northwestern Luzon, Batson leading with conspicuous gallantry in several hard-fought engagements. November 29 he was seriously wounded in the foot. Amputation is probably necessary. Can he not receive a place in some staff corps as reward for efficient

service?" General Otis today also cabled the

war department as follows: "Manila, Dec. 16.—General Lawton reports Bulacan province freed of insurgents vesterday. Troops of the Fourth cavalry captured the strong mountain position of Biacnabato, with food supplies, clothing, cartridge factory and

barracks. "MacArthur's troops occupied Iba. a light casualties.

and Davao, and that the condition of affairs is satisfactory."

Will Fight With Boers. Cleveland, Dec. 15.—The Plain-dealer sayas: "A party of 25 young Irish-Americans have left this city to The attendance, both in the galleries join the Boers in their fight against and on the floor, was light, and none Great Britain. At New York the of the speeches made attracted special young men, who are mostly veterans of attention. Sibley, Democrat, of Pennthe Spanish-American war, will join sylvania, who had publicly announced about 500 other Irishmen, and the en- his change of views on the money tire party will sail from New York question, and who, it was thought, Saturday for Paris. In the latter city might vote for the bill, stated that he the men will join an Irish regiment be | would vote against it. Thaver, a Masing formed to go to the assistance of the Boers. Five hundred more Irish- member of the opposition who made a men will follow to Paris in a couple of speech for the bill today. weeks. Plans have already been made for the entire regiment of 1,000 to

reach the scene of the fighting. New York, Dec. 16 .- Gautemalar advices to the Herald are that the government's bulletin, just published, place, demolishing the caboose and sevgives details of a revolutionary attempt storm of applause by replying to the in the eastern departments of Gaute engine quite severely. No person was mala. Troops are now pursuing the revolutionists over the frontier into top of a coal car, and was soon a mass Salvador and Honduras. The govern- of roaring flames. The volunteer fire ment has received from the bank a loan department was called out, and soon of \$500,000 to meet the expenses of the extinguished the fire. Responsibility expedition.

> official notice of the blockade of the port of Maracaibo, recently captured by the revolutionists under Hernandez. The aggregate capital of the companies represented at the Cleveland con-

Washington, Dec. 14.-The cabinet

Word comes from Colon that the

Venezuelan consul there has received

vention of the National Paint and Varnish Association is upward of \$200,.

meeting today was devoted almost wholly to a discussion of the political and financial conditions in Puerto Rico. The matter was brought up by Secretary Root, who stated that a communication had been received from the ing petitions describing the situation, and asking for action by congress which would determine their political status and relation to the United States.

MOUNT VERNON TOMB

Centennial of Death of Washington Commemorated.

AN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

Ceremonies Conducted by the Masons and the Red Men-A Distinguished Gathering.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- With solemn cluded and signed by the aforesaid pomp and circumstance, with cerepowers at Berlin on the 14th day of monies beautiful, impressive and ap-June, A. D. 1899, and all previous propriate, in the presence of a distintreaties, conventions and agreements guished assemblage and in the full splendor of ideal autumn weather, the centennial of the death of George

That Mount Vernon should have other islands of the Samoan group east been selected as the scene of the exercises was peculiarly fitting. There it was that the happiest incidents of Washington's life occurred. In other parts he endured his trials, on other fields he won his triumphs; but there, Tutuila and all other islands of the Sa- surrounded by those whom best he moan group east of longitude 171 de- loved, were spent the restful, quiet, grees west of Greenwich. Reciprocally studious hours of his life. There is the United States renounces in favor of was, too, that he sickened and died, Germany all its rights and claims over and there all that was mortal was laid

The ceremonies were elaborately 'Article III-It is understood and planned and successfully carried to William D. Wright, grand master of "Article IV-The present convention | Colorado, who was present, to witness

> The charge of the ceremonies incident to the commemoration was placed in the hands of the Masons of Virginia, it being in the Old Dominion that Washington was obligated as a master Mason, and there that he participated enthusiastically in Masonic work and observances. The officers of the grand lodge of Virginia and the membership of Fredericksburg lodge, in which Washington was admitted to membership, and of Washington-Alexandria lodge, over which he presided as worshipful master, had the chief part in the duty of seeing that the observances were appropriate. That the duty was ormed was evidence colemnity and beauty of the ceremonies and by the immense concourse present. Thousands were in attendance from all parts of the country, and almost every jurisdiction in the United States and a few foreign countries were represented by some of their grand officers and

members. President McKinley was present and spoke in a touching manner of the Father of His Country. Sevearl members of the cabinet were also present, arriving with the president on a spec-

BY A DECISIVE VOTE.

ial train.

Senate Tabled Pettigrew's Resolution of Inquiry. Washington, Dec. 16 .- The senate today, by a decisive vote, and practically without discussion, laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of intown on the southwestern coast of Lu- quiry as to whether or not the United zon, with slight opposition and a few States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgents' flag, and had turned "The 8th inst. Bates reported from over Spanish soldiers to the insurgents. Zamboanga that he has garrisoned It agreed to the house Christmas re-Bastian; is sending troops to Cottobato | cess resolution, and agreed to meet tomorrow to receive reports on the com-

> position of its committees for this congress. The debate on the currency bill in the house today was tame and prosaic. sachusetts Democrat, was the only

Northern Pacific Freight Wreck. Kalama, Wash., Dec. 16 .- At 6:30 o'clock this morning a south-bound freight train ran into a caboose and coal train standing on the main line, in the Northern Pacific yards at this era cars, and damaging the incoming injured. The caboose was piled up on for the accident has not yet been fixed.

Will Protect Germans. New York, Dec. 16 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Port of Spain, Trinidad, says: The German cruiser Stotsch has left here for Puerto Cabella. Venezuela, upon the urgent request of the German consul in Caracas. The cruiser will protect the interests of German subjects, which, the consul believes, are in danger because of the disturbed state of affairs in Puerto Cabello.

Peruvian Congress. Lima, Peru, Dec. 16.-Congress has losed its session, after sanctioning the budget, which calls for a deficit of \$500,000. Congress failed to provide for covering this deficit. It is generally believed that President Romana, governor-general of the island, enclos- low that he is free from any inconvenient interference on the part of con-gress, will form a capable ministry to carry out the excellent programme he napped out on assuming