******** speaking, and stood before as bare head-The Doctor's Pilemma By Hesba Stretton

inquired.

much ceremony.

"Not one," I replied.

| droll to resist, especially in combination

ty miles from Granville. It was a dis-

"Yes, yes, come in," I said eagerly.

"I do not know what to do," I answer-

"If mademoiselle is not difficult," she

Minima and myself for another night.

Minima's wardrobe was still poorer than

was less than two napoleons; and with

this we had to make our way to Gran-

could not travel luxuriously.

hour brings you nearer to her."

ville, and from thence to Guernsey. We

The next morning we left Noireau on

foot, and strolled on as if we were walk-

Every step which carried us nearer to

Granville brought new hope to me. The

face of Martin's mother came often to

my mind, looking at me, as she had done

in Sark, with a mournful yet tender smile

-a smile behind which lay many tears

"Courage!" I said to myself; "every

I had full directions as to our route

and I carried a letter from Rosalie to a

about twelve miles from Noireau. If we

reached the convent before six o'clock we

should find the doors open, and should

gain admission. But in the afternoon the

sky changed. The wind changed a point

or two from the south, and a breath from

the east blew, with a chilly touch, over

the wide open plain we were now cross-

ing. The road was very desolate. It

brought us after a while to the edge of

and brown, as far as my eye could reach,

common, stretching before us, drear

"Are you very tired, my Minima?" I

"It will be so nice to go to bed, when

we reach the convent," she said, looking up with a smile. "I can't imagine why

"Perhaps he is coming all the time,"

want him worst."
We plodded on after that, looking for

the convent, or for any dwelling where

we could stay till morning. But none

came in sight, or any person from whom

CHAPTER XXVII.

There were unshed tears in my eyes-for I would not let Minima know my

mist, a high cross standing in the midst

to rest there, as if we were companions

It was too dark now to see far along

the road, but as we waited and watched

there came into sight a rude sort of cov-

ered carriage, like a market cart, drawn

by a horse with a blue sheep-skin hang-

he was going was not above a jog-trot,

stretched out my hands to the driver,

"Help us," I cried; "we have lost our

way, and the night is come." I could see

at the grove of dark, solemn trees from

I was growing frightened, dismay-

What would become of us both, if

the prince has not come yet.'

CHAPTER XXVI.

December came in with intense sever with her shrewd, old-womanish knowlfty. Icicles a yard long hung to the edge of many things of which I was igeaves, and the snow lay unmelted for norant. days together on the roofs. More often It was now that across the darkness of than not we were without wood for our my prospects flashed a thought that seem-fire, and when we had it, it was green ed like an angel of light. Why should I and unseasoned, and only smoldered not try to make my way to Mrs. Dobree.

sway with a smoke that stung and irri- Martin's mother, to whom I could tell tated our eyes. Our insufficient and un- my whole history, and on whose friendwholesome food supplied us with no in ship and protection I could rely implicitward warmth. At times the pangs of ly? By this time Kate Daltrey would hunger grew too strong for us both, and have quitted the Channel Islands, satisforced me to spend a little of the money | fied that I had eluded her pursuit. I was nursing so carefully. As soon as

The route was neither long nor difficult;

I could make myself understood, I went

at Granville a vessel salled direct for out occasionally after dark to buy bread Jersey, and we were not more than thir-

I found that I had no duties to perform tance that we could almost walk. If as a teacher, for none of the three French Mrs. Dobree could not help me, Tardif pupils desired to learn English. English would take Minima into his house for a girls, who had been decoyed into the time, and the child could not have a hapand prospectus which had entrapped me, were all of families too poor to be able to forfeit the money which had been paid in advance for their French education. Two of them, however, completed their saw the welcome face of Rosalie, the term at Christmas and returned home milk woman. weak and ill; the third was to leave in the spring.

could not see the child pining with hun-ger, though every sou I spent made our return to England more difficult. Madame Perrier put no hindrance in my way. gone, mademoiselle," she said, in a myster the more food we purchased for our terious whisper. "I have been saying to selves, the less we ate at her table. The myself, 'What will my little English lady bitter cold and the coarse food told upon do? That is why I am here. Behold Minima's delicate little frame. Yet me. what could I do? I dared not write to Mrs. Wilkinson, and I very much doubt- ed. ed if there would be any benefit to be hoped for if I ran the risk. Minima did said, "she and the little one could rest not know the address of any one of the with me for a day or two. My bed is persons who had subscribed for her edu- clean and soft-bah! ten times softer cation and board. She was as friendless than these paillasses. I would ask only a

So far away were Dr. Martin Dobree and Tardif that I dared not count them for light and attendance. Mademoiselle as friends who could have any power to could write to her friends, if she has not help me. Better for Dr. Martin Dobree enough money to carry her and the little if he could sitogether forget me, and one back to their own country."
return to his cousin Julia. Perhapa he "I have no friends," I said despondingreturn to his cousin Julia. Perhaps he had done so already.

Towards the middle of February Madame Perrier's coarse face was always claimed. overcast, and monsieur seemed gloomy, too gloomy to retain even French politeness of manner towards any of us. The household was under a cloud, but I could | Mademoiselle Rosalie explained to me the not discover why. What little discipline | French system of borrowing money upon and work there had been in the school articles. But upon packing up our few was quite at an end. Every one was left possessions, I remembered that only a to do as she chose.

Early one morning, long before the day. borrowed from me my sealskin mastle, a hurried knock at my door. It proved to be Mademoiselle Morel. I opened the myself; and it had never been returned. door for her, and she appeared in her bonnet and walking dress, carrying a my own. All the money we could raise lamp in her hand, which lit up her weary tear-stained face. She took a seat at the foot of my bed and buried her face in her handkerchief.

"Mademoiselle," she said, "here is a grand misfortune, a misfortune without Monsieur and madame are ing on air, and could feel no fatigue.

"Gone," I repeated; "where are they

answered; "I know nothing at all. They are gone away. The poor good people were in debt, and their creditors are as hard as stone. They are gone, and I have no means to carry on the establishment. The school is finished."

"But I am to stay here twelve months," I cried, in dismay, "and Minima was to stay four years. The money has been paid to them for it. What is to become

"I cannot say, mademoiselle; I am deselated myself," she replied, with a fresh burst of tears; "all is finished here. If you have not money enough to take you back to England, you must write to your I am going to return to Bordeaux. I detest Normandy; it is so cold

"But what is to be done with the other pupils?" I inquired.

"The English pupil goes with me to Paris," she auswered; "she has her friends there. The French demoiselles are not far from their own homes, and they return to-day by the omnibus to I answered, "and he'll find us when we Granville. It is a misfortune without parallel, mademoiselle—a misfortune without a parallel."

To crown all, she was going to start immediately by the omnibus to Falaise, and on by rail to Paris, not waiting for the storm to burst. She kissed me on both cheeks, bade me adjeu, and was gone, leaving me in utter darkness, before | we could find no shelter from the cold of fairly comprehended the rapid French a February night? n which she conveyed her intention. had seen my last of Monsieur and Madame Perrier, and of Mademoiselle Morel. All I had to do was to see to myself and Minima. I carried our breakfast

back with me, when I returned to Min- fears-when I saw dimiy, through the "I wish I'd been born a boy," she said of a small grove of yews and cypresses, plaintively; "they can get their own liv- planted formally about it. The rain wa ing sooner than girls, and better. How beating against it, and the wind sobbing soon do you think I could get my own in the trees surrounding it. It seemed living? I could be a little nursemaid so sad, so forsaken, that it drew us to it.

now, you know; and I'd eat very little." Without speaking the child and I crept "What makes you talk about getting to the shelter at its foot, and sat down

"How pale you look!" she answered, to it in its loneliness.

nodding her little head; "why, I heard It was too dark now something of what mademoiselle said. You're very poor, aren't you, Aunt

ing round his neck. The pace at which face on her pillow, whilst hot tears forced themselves through my eyelids.

and he came almost to a standstill oppo "Oh! this will never do," said the childsite the cross, as if it was customary to Ish voice; "we mustn't cry, you know. The boys always said it was like a baby pause there. This was the instant to apto cry; and father used to say, 'Courage, peal for aid. I darted forward and Minima!' Perhaps, when all our money s gone, we shall find a great big purse full of gold; or else a beautiful French prince will see you and fall in love with now that the driver was a burly, redyou, and take us both to his palace, and faced, clean-shaven Norman peasant. He make you his princess; and we shall all crossed himself hurriedly, and glanced

grow up till we die." I laughed at the oddity of this childish which we had come. But by his side sat climax, in spite of the heaviness of my heart and the springing of my tears. Minima's fresh young fancies were too alighted almost before I had finished

and bowing profoundly.

"Madame," he said, in a bland tone, "to

what town are you going?"
"We are going to Granville," I answered; "but I am afraid I have lost the We are very tired, this little child and I. We can walk no more, monsieur, Take care of us, I pray you." I spoke brokenly, for in an extremity

like this it was difficult to put my request into French. The priest appeared perplexed, but he went back and held a short, earnest conversation with the driv-er, in a subdued voice,

"Madame," he said, returning to me, "I am Francis Laurentie, the cure of Villeen-bols. It is quite a small village about a league from here, and we are on the road to it; but the route to Granville is two leagues behind us, and it is still farther to the nearest village. There is not time to return with you this evening Will you, then, go with us to Ville-enbols?-and to-morrow we will send you on to Granville."

He spoke very slowly and distinctly, with a clear, cordial voice, which filled me with confidence. I could hardly distinguish his features, but his hair was silvery white, and shone in the gloom, as he still stood bare-headed before me, though the rain was falling fast.

"Take care of us, monsieur," I replied. putting my hand in his; "we will go with

"Make haste, then, my children," he said cheerfully; "the rain will hurt you. pier home. I could count upon my good Let me lift the mignonne! Bah! How Tardif doing that. These plans were taklittle she is. Now, madame, permit me. There was a sest in the back, which ing shape in my brain, when I heard a roice calling softly under the window. I we reached by climbing over the front beach, assisted by the driver. There we opened the casement, and leaning out, were well sheltered from the driving wind and rain, with our feet resting upon a sack of potatoes, and the two strange "Will you permit me to come in?" she figures of the Norman peasant in his louse and white cotton cap, and the ure in his hat and cassock, filling up the She entered, and saluted us both with front of the car before us.

"They are not Frenchwomen, Monsieur several others. "So my little Emile and his spouse are

e Cure," observed the driver, after a

"No, no, my good Jean," was the cure's answer; "by their tongue I should say they are English. Englishwomen are extremely intrepid, and voyage about all the world quite alone, like this. It is only a marvel to me that we have never encountered one of them before to-day." "Monsieur." I interrupted, feeling al-

most guilty in having listened so far, "I understand French very well, though I speak it badly." franc a night for it. That is much less "Pardon, madame!" he replied, "I hope

than at the hotels, where they charge you will not be grieved by the foolish words we have been speaking one to the Stock Exchange. After that all was still again for some ime, except the tinkling of the bells, and

the pad-pad of the horse's feet upon the ly.
"No friends! no relations!" she exsteep and rugged road. By and by a village clock striking echoed faintly down the valley; and the cure turned round and addressed me again. I was only too glad to get a shelter for "There is my village, madame," he said. stretching forth his hand to point it out; "It is very small, and my parish contains

but four hundred and twenty-two souls,

some of them very little ones. They all know me, and regard me as a father. They love me, though I have some rebel We entered a narrow and roughly paywith a small church at the point farthest trial trip. from the entrance; and the road ended at

its porch, as if there were no other place in the world beyond it. We drove at last into a square court yard, paved with pebbles. Almost be-fore the horse could stop I saw a stream the watchmen. The amount taken of light shining from an open door across a causeway, and the voice of a woman, whom I could not see, spoke eagerly as soon as the horse's hoofs had ceased to scrape upon the pebbles.

(To be continued.)

4 Warning to Preachers. "I thought it would be easy enough to convert the lay people of the town, but realized, of course, that the ministers would be a harder task. I remember cousin of hers, who lived in a convent one of the first sermons I preached with that idea before me. It was a hot summer day, and a gentleman very much under the influence of liquor slid into the rear part of the church and went to sleep. It was somewhat disquieting at first, but I soon warmed up to the subject and forgot him. What happened has always been a warning to me against very loud preaching-I waked him up. My vehemence so disturbed him that he arose, walked unsteadily up the aisle, and stopped in front of the pulpit. I was dreadfully embarrassed, I remember, but I retained sufficient presence of mind to take what I thought was an efficient and brilliant means of bridging over the gap, for, of folio. course. I had stopped preaching when he stood still and looked at me. Leaning over the pulpit I remarked suavely: " I perceive that my good brother is

III. Will some -- ' "Before any one could move, however, he lifted his head, and, fixing his blinking eyes upon me, remarked in perfectly distinct tones heard through-

out the church: "'I sh'd think such preachin' 'ud make everybody ill!" "-Cyrus Townsend Brady, in New Lippincott.

Chance for a Castle.

The following advertisement appears in a London paper: "A rock built crenelated castle, buffeted by the Atlantic surge, at one of the most romantic and dreaded points of our ironbound coast, in full view of the death stone; shipwrecks frequent, corpses common; three reception and seven bedrooms; every modern conven-

lence; 10 gs. a week-Address," etc. Persons in need of a castle and who are fond of shipwrecks and corpses should not overlook this opportunity .-Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

The Chief Cost.

your summer trip to Wetspot-by-the- ported meats, April 1, 1902.

Tellit-Yes. I had to. I had money enough for expenses, but not enough 525 in 1900. The enrollment was for tips.-Baltimore American,

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many

Governor Taft has left Manila for

The insurgent general Sampson has surrendered in Boho

Another corps of burghers will be formed in South Africa

Four persons perished in the burning of a river steamer at Menphis. There is little hope of an irrigation bill being passed by this session of

General Chaffee refused to interfere in the court martial of a Filipino

Chile and Argentina have signed a protocol agreeing to arbitrate their differences.

By a gas explosion at a Kokomo. ind., glass factory, one man was killed and several injured.

clay from the Brooklyn navy yard.

death of one fireman and the injury of The Chinese court will engage an American adviser.

Fire at Springfield, O., destroyed a shurch building which cost \$30,000. been offered the secretaryship of the that despite the pressure of manifold with the congress.

Fire wrecked a five story New York building, doing damage to the extent of \$75,000. Bids of \$77,500 have been made

Fire damaged the Champion coated paper works, at Hamilton, O., to the

extent of nearly \$1,000,000 Two masked men entered the office of the Abernathy furniture factory at morning and four lives were lost. Leavenworth, Kan., and got away with the tri-weekly payroll of \$900.

ed village street. The houses, as I saw is a success. The boat has developed cided to spend the night on board. afterwards, were all huddled together, a mean speed of 271/2 knots on her Robbers entered the Chicago House Wrecking Company's building, bound

and gagged two watchmen and blew from the safe was not large. The Consolidated Implement Company and the Co-Operative Wagon

and Machine Company, of Salt Lake. two of the largest establishments of their kind in the West, have been consolidated. The new concern will be known as the Consolidated Wagon & Machine Company. Its capital stock has been fixed at \$1,500,000.

Half a million Germans are unemployed.

Turks threaten to expel Americans Bruce Hamilton, from Syria.

The Schley court of inquiry has

been dissolved. Argentine people are preparing for

war with Chile. Forty-five lives were lost in a fire in

Germany threatens forcible measures against Venezuela.

Mexican town.

The battleship Indiana has been rdered to La Guayra, Venezuela.

Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, has been offered the treasury port-

General Miles has been reprimanded for meddling in the Schley contro-

Panama canal shareholders want to ell their property to the United States at any price.

Secretary Long has approved the findings of the majority report of the Schley court of inquiry.

Sampson's application for an inquiry into the question of who commanded the Santiago squadron has been denied.

Taft says conditions are good for peace in the Philippines. A Chinese cruiser called at Manila

to honor General Chaffee. Appraiser Wakeman, of New York, has been removed from office. Fire at Clarksville, Ark., destroyed

property valued at \$100,000. The transport McClellan has sailed from Berumda for New York.

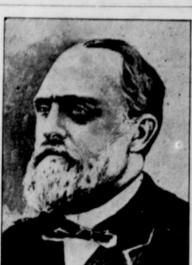
The new German inspection law Askit-And so you have given up will become effective as regards im-

> The cost of schools for Indian children to the government was \$2,489,-

TO ASIA VIA ALASKA

Seattle Chamber of Commerce Takes Up the Pacific Cable Matter.

Seattle, Dec. 24 -The matter of telegraphic communication with Alaska and the Orient has been recently presented by Attorney Joseph Commercial and Financial Happenings of Im-Shippen to the Seattle Chamber of Happenings of the Past Week Presented Commerce, which unanimously rein a Condensed Form Which is Most solved "that the governmental and commercial interests of the United



communication from Puget sound to with a street car, resulting in the Asiatic commerce."

congress by Senator Foster, providing for the laying and maintaining by the United States of an ocean cable, Ex-Governor Shaw, of Iowa, has northern route. It is earnestly hoped business, this measure may be adopted and speedily carried into execu-

BURNED AT A DOCK.

and refused for seats on the New York River Steamer Destroyed by Fire at Mem phis-Four Passengers Perished.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27 .- The teamer Sun, employed in the Memhis and Fulton trade, burned to the water's edge at an early hour this

Argentina and Chile have signed a here, and spread with such rapidity Covote hunting The fire was discovered at 4:10 A. arbitration of Great Britain, and that when the department responded to country has signified its willingness the alarm. When the Sun arrived in this port last night from Fulton, The first torpedo boat built by Rus- most of the passengers went ashore, fd but 10 or more saloon passengers deprobably will reach \$20,000, partially

New Burgher Corps Formed.

Pretoria, Dec. 27.—The formation the ton. of a new burgher corps, to be known as National Scouts, has aroused great interest among the surrendered burghers. In view of the numerous meetings and applications, General Lord Kitchener has authorized the creation of fresh wings to operate in the Southern and Eastern Transvaal. stated that much of the recent success of the British is due to the co- 1903. operation of Cellier's and Cronje's commands, acting under General

Fate of a Practical Joker.

Duckhill, Miss., Dec. 27 .- Frank Royal, a young man, was shot and killed near this place last night by the daughter of his brother-in-law, J. S. Mills, whom he and his wife were visiting. Mills and Royal left for town in the evening, and upon their return, for the sake of a joke, Royal failed to answer Mrs. Mills, who called to him as he started into the hallway. Beatrice Mills, a 14 year old girl, thinking it some person bent on mischief, seized a shotgun and fired, the entire load entering Royal's heart as ers, 31/4@31/2c, gross; dressed, 6@61/2 on the field. Other wounded Boers he entered the door.

In uries in Two Wrecks.

Grand Saline, Tex. Dec. 27 .- In a freight wreck near Silver Lake today 15 cars were derailed and five persons more or less injured. The Texas & Pacific "Cannon Ball" engine, which had been detached and sent with a wrecking crew, was derailed while coming from the freight wreck and four men were injured, none fatally. Oregon.

Praying for Miss Stone.

New York, Dec. 27.-Letters received in this city by natives of Armenia contain the information that the people of the East are still greatly keys, live, 11@12%; 13@14 dressed \$3,334, his share of the prize money agitated over the adbuction of Miss per pound. Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, and her companion, Mme. Tsilka. The Armenian and Turkish Christians have assembled daily in their places of worship since September 3, to pray for the deliverance of Miss Stone and Fire in Baltimore, Md., caused a her companion. Special prayers loss of \$210,000, fully covered by were held Christmas day in all Christian churches in the Orient.

Miners Must Leave Indian Lands

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 27 .- United States Indian Agent Randlett, of the British makers. Kiowa and Comanche tribes, is sending out notices to all persons who have staked out mining claims on Indian allotments that they must Tuberculosis in Paris

Of the 46,988 deaths which occurred in Paris in 1899, as many as 12,314 are attributed to tuberculosis, or more attributed to tuberculosis, or more than one-fourth.

Dr. Paache warns the reichstag that by soldiers from Fort Sill. The action is based on the opinion of the attorney general, approved by Secretary Hitchcock, prohibiting miners from filing on Indian allotments.

Chicago university freshmen held a debate on the question whether football should be continued as an athletic sport of colleges, and decision was in the negative.

NEWS OF THE STATE

TEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

portance-A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth -Latest Market Report.

Governor Geer pardoned three conricts the day before Christmas.

Murderers Wade and Dalton have been sentenced to hang January 31. Another rich strike has been made

in Southern Oregon, near Grants Pass. department until such time as it may The assessment roll for Lane county for 1900 shows \$5,709,853 assessa-

ble property. Another holdup near Oregon City has been reported, in which a shot that Governor Shaw was slated for was taken at the highwayman.

Yeon & Pelton Company, has been the Iowa executive accepted the tenformed, with a capital of \$150,000, to der made to him. operate an extensive plant at Rainier.

Oregon trees, have been shipped East for bridge purposes. They extended over three flat cars.

Independence in the past three asked about Governor Shaw tonight, months has been equal to that of the and he added that the governor is A Toledo, O., fire truck collided Alaska, Manila and the centers of ith a street car, resulting in the leath of one fireman and the injury of This has led to the careful drafting on the lookout for good homes.

Months has been equal to that of the four previous years. The new combetter known to the people east of the Mississippi river than any man in private life west of the Mississippi

Great preparations are being made for the Oregon Farmers' Congress, to be held in Salem January 6-9. or rather a series of connecting cables, The Oregon Dairymen's Association to Alaska and the Orient by the will hold its annual meeting at the same time and place in conjunction

> The drill of the oil well being bored near Springfield, Las encountered gold in small quantities.

A farmer near The Dalles was robbed of \$1,400 recently. The money was concealed in the barn.

employment in the eastern part of edly in overwhelming numbers. the state, the law allowing \$2 for each scalp taken.

The loss to the steamer and cargo installed and is running constantly, The new strike at the Lucky Boy driven off with the loss of 20 men. mine, in the Blue river district, is The British had 12 casualties. even richer than estimated at first. The ore assays from \$600 to \$900 to 800 Boers, surprised Colonel Damant's

started up on Louse creek, Southern kopje commanding the main body Oregon. The grounds are very rich and the guns, but Damant rallied his and the new mine promises to become men and drove the Boers from the

an important placer gold producer. Chief Justice R. S. Bean, of the Oregon supreme court, has been were killed and three officers and 17 under prominent Beer leaders elected by the burghers themselves. It is gathering of lawyers at the Louisiana six dead on the field and dispersed.

Portland Markets. Wheat-Walla Walla, 59@60c; bluestem, 61c; valley, 5916@60c.

Barley-Feed, \$17@17.50; brewing, \$17.50@\$18 per ton. Oats - No. 1 white, \$1@\$1.10 gray, 95c@\$1.

Flour-Best grades, \$2.70@\$3.30 per barrel; graham, \$2.50. Millstuffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$20; shorts, \$18; chops, \$17.

Mutton-Lambs, 31/4@31/c, gross;

per pound; ewes, 31/4@31/2c, gross; dressed, 6@61/4c per pound. Hogs-Gross, 5 1/4c; dressed, 6@61/4c

per pound. Veal-8@9c per pound. Beef-Gross, cows, 3½; steers, 3½@4c; dressed, 3@7c per pound.

Butter - Creamery. 25 @ 271/2c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 121/@15c.1 Eggs-20@221/2 for cold storage; 22@25 for Eastern; 28@30 for fresh

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@ 3; hens, \$3.50@4; 81/2@9c per pound; springs 9@10c per pound, \$2.50@3 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6 for young; geese, \$6.50@7.50 per dozen; tur-

Cheese-Full cream, twins, 131/c; Young America, 14@15c. Potatoes - Best Burbanks, 85c@ \$1.10 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c.

Hops-8@10c per pound. Oregon, 8@121/c; mohair, 21@211/c as several of them are suffering from per pound.

Invasion of England by American shoes raises a plaintive protest from

The British tobacco trust caused a page advertisement to be printed in 100 papers urging smokers to boycott

Amercian importations.

SHAW HAS ACCEPTED.

Iowan Will Succeed Gage as Secretary of

Treasury About January 20. Washington, Dec. 27 .- It was announced authoritively this evening that Governor Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, will be appointed secretary of the treasury to succeed Secretary Lyman J. Gage. There will be no change in the office of secretary of agriculture, Secretary Wilson, also of Iowa, continuing to retain that port-

The date of the transfer of the treasury department will depend on the mutual convenience of the outgoing and incoming secretaries. Mr. Gage having signified an entire willingness to remain at the head of his be agreeable to his successor to take hold. It is supposed, however, that Mr. Shaw will be inducted into his new office some time in January. 10 has been known for two or three days appointment to succeed Secretary A new logging corporation, the Gage, but it was not until today that

The definite announcement of Gov-Three timbers, 100 feet long and about 18 inches by 20 inches, cut from Oregon trees, have been shipped East well equipped for the place and feel confident the appointment will give general satisfaction. Secretary Wil-The immigration to the vicinity of son voiced these sentiments when on questions of finance.

HOT FIGHT WITH BOERS.

Kitchener Sends Reports of Three Engagements in the Colonies.

London, Dec. 26 .- Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Johannesburg sends reports of sharp fighting in the Orange River and Transvaal colonies. The engagements occurred at points widely apart. The casualties in the Orange River, so far as known, aggre-The new smelter at the Standard mine, Baker county, has been running some time and has proved a great ming some time and has proved a great occurred in the Transvaal. In this last mentioned fighting 200 mounted A rich quartz ledge has been un-covered on Tip Top mountain, of the ginderyn were divided into parties China creek district, a few miles east and were searching farms when they were attacked by 300 Boers and 40 armed natives, under commander Coyote hunting is a very profitable Britz. The Boers charged determin-

Lord Kitchener also reports that during General Dewet's attack on The new 25 stamp mill of the British force commanded by Gen-Hoosier Boy Mining Company, Prairie Diggings district, has been Langberg, December 18, the Boers charged bravely and fought desper-ately for several hours. Dewet was

On December 20, M. Botha, with

advance guard at Tafel-Kop, Orange A new hydraulic mine has just been River colony. The Boers rushed a kopje. The British casualties were Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in The British pursued the enemy and captured a number of prisoners. including Commandant Keyter. Later the Boers, under a flag of truce, asked permission to remove their dead. They admitted having buried

27 men. In the Eastern part of the Transvaal colony, Colonel McKenzie attacked Commandant Smith's force of Boers at Lake Banagher, December 20, killing six and capturing 16 of

them. Commandant Smith escaped. A force of Boers during the night of December 19 attacked the British Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, post at Eeland Sprut, but were driven off, leaving eight men killed, including Commandant Kriz. Field Coronet Mahon, who was wounded, and on the field. Other wounded Boers were carried off in blankets. The British casualties were seven men killed and six officers and 18 men

Factory Fire at Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The large factory of G. H. Graham Machine Company was totally destroyed by fire early today. Three firemen were hurt, none fatally. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

Prize Money for Schley.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- The treasury department today drew a warrant in favor of Rear Admiral Schley for due him for the destrucution of the Spanish fleet at Santiago July 3, 1898.

Boer Prisoners of War Isolated.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 26.-The Boer prisoners of war landed on Wool- Valley, 11@14c; Eastern Hawkins island have been isolated, a mild form of measles.

Negotiations Are Dragging. Washington, Dec. 26.-The negoti-

ations between the governments of the United States and Denmark, looking to the cession of the Danish West Indies, are dragging. No substantial progress has been made since last week. The latest suggestion from