EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

Bubonic plague has broken out on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

Ex United States Senator Dwight M. Sabin , of Minnesota, is dead.

The food supply has begun to grow short in Caracas, in consequence of the

The federal supreme court has decided that death on the gallows invalidates insurance policies.

Senator Eacon declares that the United States will have to fight to uphold the Monroe doctrine. Trains throughout the Middle West

are delayed from 10 to 12 hours on account of severe snow storms. Fire in the piano factory of Ernest

a million dollars worth of property. A train wreck on the Monon road in Indiana resulted in the death of two free railroad tickets. men and the serious injury of two

For the last five months the interna! revenue receipts have shown a decrease of \$20,903,470, as compared with the corresponding period in 1901.

Eight-hour bill reported favorably to the Senate.

Ten persons killed in wreck on the Southern Pacific.

German Socialists preparing for bitter election fight. Jeffries fails to knock out Butte

miner in four rounds. Portland labor leaders plan to form a Coast organization.

Humperts, the great French swindler, captured in Madric

Funeral services of Mrs. Grant at Washington and New York.

Senator Morgan warns Congress that both isthmian canal routes may

Bill to open the south half of the Colville reservation introduced in Congress. Blizzard in Rocky Mountal. Fand

Holiday trade the most active on

Kaiser Wilhelm welcomes Ambas sador Tower.

rejected his love. General increase in railroad rates

to be made at New York. Terrible blizzard blocks railroads

in Wyoming and Colorado.

The House passed the bill with little opposition.

House committee reports favorably on Department of Commerce bill,

Woodmen of the World hold successful "log-rolling" at Dallas,

New light station at Desdemons Sands soon to be inaugurated.

Governor of Michigan forbids Corbett-McGovern fight in Detroit,

Hunter tells how he killed Fitzit is false. Cuban treaty makes great conces

sions to the United States, and will soon be ratified. Railroads carry foreign goods from

the seaboard at lower rates than for domestic freight over the same All the allies agree to let Bowen ar-

blockade takes effect. Rebels marching on Caracas. Secretary Root finally awarded transport contract to Seattle com-

bitrate, but with reservations; the

pany, but Portland and San Francisco will each get a share.

An earthquake in Central Asia caused great loss of life and property. President Roosevelt gave his first dinner party in the renovated white-

Non union miners testify to vio lence and boycotting during the coal

strike. New England senators oppose rati-

fication of the treaty with Newfound-

land regarding coast fisheries. An association has been formed by 150 leading pottery manufacturers. United States will recognize the

Congress has ordered favorable reports on the eight-hour bill, the army staff bill and the new Philippine cur-

rency bill. The House has passed the bill re ducing the tariff on imports from the Philippines to 25 per cent, of the

German warship captured a Vene zuelan schooner, cut down her main-mast, and then abandoned her in

President Castro states that Venezuelan rebels are helping the allied powers: allies want United States to guarantee payment of claims against Secretary Hay refuses; France and Holland send ships to the

A negro charged with the murder of a white man was lynched in Ala-

scene of blockade.

A cousin of King Alfonso of Spain was arrested in an illegal gambling STORY NOT HALF TOLD.

Number of Dead in Russian Earthquake Disaster Now Reported 5,000.

Ashkaba, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 26 .- Even the worst of the earlier re ports of the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan quite underestimate the appalling loss of life. A telegram today from the scene of the catastrophe put Presented in Condensed Form, Most the number of victims in the native quarter of the town at 4,000. Already 800 corpses have been disinterred from the ruins. The work of excavation progre-ses slowly.

The state treasury, containing 5,excavations to get the money are car- ding anniversary December 23. ried on under the supervision of a strong cordon of police. The water in the wells has disappeared, and a general subsidence of the site of the town is frared. Large numbers of laborers are being sent to excavate. Sappers have arrived and are expected to make more seismic disturbance comprises 200 of the engine. square versts. The Russian population is camping at the railroad station, where 500 cars are placed at the disposal of the population. The local government officials are quartered in cars. Sheds for the destitute are being built as rapidly as possible. Free soup Gabler Bros., New York, destroyed half kitchens have been started and officials are aiding the departure of the inhabitants by distributing food, money and

DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP.

End Came Peacefully to Aged Prelate of English Church.

Frederick Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, and primate of all England, death bad been anticipated for some days, and only the archbishop's remarkable vitality enabled him to counteract his extreme weakness. The final he was unconscious toward the end. scene in Westminster Abbey, at the fresh picked raspberries every morning. not only to disbar any attorney coronation of King Edward, was one of since. He will be boried at Canter- stock inspector. The bishop of Winchester is

Canterbury cathedral.

COULDN'T STAND PROSPERITY.

archbishop's palace today.

Soldier Spent Nine Years' Savings in 20 Days, Then Committed Suicide. Anarchist kills sister anarchist who

Chicago, Dec. 26 .- First Sergeant United States Infantry, has committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Russell received his discharge December 2, together with over \$700 in back pay and allowances. He re-enlisted

a barrel of beer for his old company. Since that time, 20 days ago, he has spent his entire savings. The body is now at Fort Sheridan, awaiting instructions from his relatives, who live in North Carolina.

Russell was 33 years old and unmarried. He enlisted nine years ago gerald, but his victim's father says from Kansas, served against the Indians, in Cuba and in the Philippines. had a good army record.

Froze to Death in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 26 .- John the early days in Wyoming, is dead at his home in this city. He had been ill for some time with paralysis, and his wife being away at the time, he made an effort to attract the attention of the neighbors by throwing a pail through the window. He was unable to get back to bed and froze to death

Burglars Made a Rich Haul. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26. - A burg-

lary of more than usual magnitude was committed at the Westminister hotel last night in a suite occupied by W. A. Williams, of Hartford, Conn., and his wife. While they were at dinner the \$9.00; cheat, \$8@9 per ton. lock on one of the doors leading into their apartments was picked and their trunks broken open. One of these contained over \$3,000 worth of jewelry. This was all taken.

Plague Epidemic in Manila.

San Francisco, Dec. 26 .- The transport Thomas brings news of a fresh outbreak of cholera in Manila. the Thomas left there 30 cases of cholera were being reported daily. Army surgeons arriving on the Thomas say the disease is raging unchecked in the southern provinces. In Ilo Ilo the death rate is very heavy and the authorities seem powerless to check the epidemic.

Crown Princess Ran Away.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 25. - The crown princess of Saxony fled from her home on the night of December 11 or 12, according to the Dresden Journal. She is said to have suddenly, in a state of intense excitement, deserted her family at Salesburg and to have gone abroad. The Saxon court functions for dressed, 6 %c. the winter have been canceled, including the New Year's reception.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITFMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

OF THE STATE.

New Church at Brownsville A Christmas Pardon from Governor Geer-Prosper-Roseburg Poultry Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott, of 000,000 roubles, is in the rains, and Dallas, celebrated their golden wed-

> Governor Geer has granted a full pardon to George Morey, who was serving a life sent nee for killing Gus Ferry in Portland in 1893, A night pumpman at the White

Swan mine, at Baker City, is dead rapid progress. The shocks continue from falling into an old shaft containwith increasing violence. The area of ing boiling hot water from the exhaust The Southern Pacific has been petitioned by the interested residents in the

> changes in its train service on the ship shows that the counterfeiters not points at issue between them and Vene-Yambill division. The agent of the Oregon raft company reports good progress in obtaining the right of way for the proposed logging railway up Milton creek, and sur-

once to take levels. The new Methodist church at Brownsville was dedicated -last Sunday maining indebtedness.

who has been ill for some time past, is raises of Yambill county, have leased as the officers "tumble" to one of their formal nature to these representations dead. The archbishop passed away 20 acres near Lafayette and are setting games they spring a new one. At the has been received. quite peacefully at 8:15 o'clock in the it out to hops. They contracted their present time, it is claimed, there are presence of his wife and two sons. His hops this year at 13 cents, but they in circulation 150 forged copies of a long conference today after the for-

The poultry show at Roseburg has closed, and was a great success in every have been made without the connivacollapse occurred about 6 o'clock, and way. As a novel testimony as to the climate of Oregon, the judge of the The primate died of old age. The show was furnished with a dish of has been aroused so that he threaten

Frank Wallace, a Grant county sheep whom suspicion might fall, but the earlier indications of his failing man, was recently arrested on a charge prosecute him as well. The orders strength. Then came the collapse in of stealing 28 valuable bucks, but was issued in lieu of lost certificates as the house of lords at the conclusion of a subsequently acquitted. He now pass for such among the authoritie vigorous speech in support of the edu- brings suit for \$10,000 damages against But a Chinaman getting a bogus or cation bill. He had not left his bed his accusers, one of whom is county generally uses it in another state,

The prone industry around Dallas considered likely to be his successor.

The funeral of the archbishop will is being enlarged this season, as evitake place Saturday at noon, in the denced by the large sales of nursery stock being made. J. B. Nunn, agent Victoria, B. C., but it is believed the cation. Washington Lewis and Clark Com. Mr. White, the United States charge mission recommends a state appro- d'affaires, was among the callers at the Dallas, with large orders on hand un-filled. This locality last season had it is c'aimed cannot be said of any that they are wide awake. other locality in the world. The fruit was par excellent, and 50 per cent of the crop was shipped direct to London, William H. Russell, of the Twentieth 10 carloads leaving Dallas in a single shipment.

Salem is making preparations

enlarge her city limits The superintendent of the Tunnel the next day and was granted a three ton mines, in the Gold Creek district, months' furlough. He started to spend has gone to Denver to purchase a his furlough and his money by buying milling plant for the development of the properties.

A joint "log-rolling" given by Ashland and Phoenix Camps, Woodmen of the World, was largely attended by delegations from Southern Oregon and Northern California, and was a

Prof. G. L. McKay, head of dairy department of the State Agri-He was a well known marksman and cultural College of Iowa, says: "There is no question in my mind but that unity products and bacon Needs." pork can be produced cheaper in in part: Oregon than in any other country in "We Donovan, a pioneer resident, veteran of the Civil war and Indian fighter during many, and Eengand, and his investi- We are fortunate in having a permagations on this subject make him an nent military establishment of vol-

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat- Walla Walla, 70c; blue stem 78c; valley, 75c. Barley-Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brew

ing, \$24.00. Flour-Best grade, 3.90@4.40; grah am, \$3.20@3.60.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$19.00 per middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50 chop, \$18. Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.171/2

gray, \$1.12 %@1.15 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$11@12; clover, Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 60@70c

per sack; ordinary, 50@60c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$1.75@ \$2 per cental. Poultry - Chickens, mixed, 9c; young, 9@10c; hens, 9c; turkeys,

ive, 17@ 18c; dressed, 20@ 22%; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$ Cheese - Full cream, twins, 16 1/4 @ 171c; Young America, 1716@1816

factory prices, 1@1 1/4c less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 27 1/4@30. per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20 @22%c; store, 15@18. Eggs-25@35c per dozen.

Hops-New crop, 23@26c per pound. Wool-Valley, 121/2@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14 %c; mohair, 26@28c. Beef-Gross, cows, 3@31/c per pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c. Veal-7%@8%c.

Mutton - Gross, 3c dressed, 7074c.

CONSPIRACY SUSPECTED.

Unearthing of Deep Plot May Result from Arrest of a Chinaman

Portland, Dec. 25 .- Forged Chinese certificates are being manufactured by wholesale somewhere on the Pacific coast. At least the federal authorities have reason to believe so, facts having come into their possession through the ous Hop Raisers of Yambili County - arrest in San Francisco of Gon Chen, Great Prune Industry at Dallas - The who had in his possession a counterfeit certificate.

About a month ago Chinese Inspector Dunn, of San Francisco, sent a certificate to David M. Dunne, collector of internal revenue in Portland, for examination. Mr. Dunne pronounced it a forgery and the holder, Gen Chen, was arrested in San Francisco. The States dies being imitated to perfection and every detail being minutely followed, even to the finished photograph. The federal authorities here will not

give out definite information about the justice, but it is known that in some powers intimately concerned in the and take up a freight engine for recounterfeiting company is turning out sire that he should undertake the re- No. 84, the Stockton local, was folneighborhood to make some important forged certificates. The fine workman- sponsibility of acting as arbitrator of the lowing a half hour behind and a flagonly have a thorough and intimate zuela. Thus far they merely have knowledge of the inside workings of been "taking soundings," with a view. the interior department as regards probably, of ascertaining how he would and Fireman Joyce, got the warning Chinese affairs, but that they must be receive a formal proffer to act as arbi- signal in due time and gave the possessed of considerable means to trator. The president, as soon as he ual response with whistle blasts. veyors will be placed in the field at

detail. of some of the attorneys handling ! cases, and Judge Bellinger, it is sa

as to escape detection the more easis A few years ago the government e posed a certificate counterfeiting ga. in San Francisco and it is known the tempted. The prompt manner in which very near a full crop of Italians, which and presented in San Francisco, shows cate purporting to come from Portland

NEEDS OF THE ARMY.

Corbin Explains Them and Gives Reasons for Favoring General Staff.

Cleveland O. Dec. 24.—The fifty fourth annual dinner of the Cleve land Chamber of Commerce, which was held here tonight, was made notable because of the attendance of several men distinguished in war and The guests of honor were Adjutant-General Governor Nash. Corbin, General S. B. M. Young and General A. R. Chaffee, U. S. A.; John G Milburn of Buffalo and Senator Hanna. These occupied the platform table, at which also sat Tom L. Johnson, Myron T, Herrick and others. The first speaker was Governor Nash, who referred to the growth of State of Ohio, and especially of the City of Cleveland. The next speaker was Adjutant-General Corbin, spoke to the toast "The Army and Its Major-General Corbin said

"We have much that is satisthe world." Prof. McKay has visited factory; our officers and men are of unteers. What is known as the regular Army is in the highest sense volunteer army, every officer and man taking service of his own motion. But perfection of organization is demanded—a harmonious and intelligent method of co-ordination and di- earth. rection. Laws for the administration of the army have been drafted on the statute books in many parts without a continuity of legislative thought, so that, starting out with the Constituonal provision that the President shall command the Army and Navy, you soon overtake conditions which baffle and bother those charged with ing with the local owners. responsibilities connected therewith."

2.500 WERE KILLED.

Earthquake in Asia was Most Disastrous -Famine and Pestilence.

London, Dec. 25 .- A dispacth from New Marghelan, Russian Turkestan reports that the earthquake at Andijan city, and destroyed 16,000 houses. The rumblings continue. The authorities so far have not been able to cope with the destitution of the starving. unsheltered people.

Coal Oil in Iowa. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 24.-Oil has been discovered oozing from the banks of the Coon River, near Grant City, in Sac County. A quart of the oil sent to Ames College for an analysis is said to have been found to be 80 per cent, pure. The discoverer, a woman, has quietly leased 60,000 acres in the locality,

For Reciprocity in Coal. Washington, Dec 23.—Senator Lodge introduced in the Senate a bill authorizing the President to remove he duty on coal coming United States from Canada, when-ever the duty on coal from the United States going into Canada shall

MAY NOT ACCEPT

ROOSEVELT DOES NOT WANT TO ACT AS VENEZUELAN ARBITRATOR.

Thinks That The Hague Tribunal is the Proper Court to Decide the Matter -Should Allies Insist, He May Accept, of the Undertaking.

Washington, Dec. 24.-President Roosevelt has not accepted the position their sufferings and danger intensiof arbitrator of the Venezuelan con- fied a hundredfold by the clouds of troversy. In fact, when the official day closed he had not received formal- from the shattered boiler of the forgery is a very clever one, the United ly or officially a request from the Euro- Stockton engine. pean powers that he act as arbitrator of the dispute. These statements were made on the highest authority.

In an informal manner the president case for fear it will defeat the ends of has been notified that the European was deemed advisable to stop here one of the cities of the Pacific coast a present South American difficulty de- lief. The train officials knew that carry on the business in such minute received the first intimation that he Why the incoming train was not The tricks of the wily heathen have ezuelan controversy, expressed emphatgiven Uncle Sam trouble since the ex- ically his judgment that the matters to the facts being numbered among the clusion act was first put into effect. It be arbitrated should be referred to The morning. After the ceremony was is a constant warfare between their Hague tribunal. His views of the sugcompleted the sum of \$1,200 was conning linked with that of dishonest gestions made have been conveyed to London, Dec. 26.—The Most Rev. pledged by the people to pay off the re- white men, and the federal authorities. the European powers, together with a They are as resourceful as Aladdin strong presentation of his reasons for J. H. Olds and son, pioneer hop with his wonderful lamp, a d as soon the view be holds. No response of a

The president and Secretary Hay had habeas corpus orders issued by Judge mer's return from his Virginia trip. Bellinger. It is impossible to figure They carefully went over the situation

from this viewpoint that the dispute the signal was given in time to avert

How strong are the objections which the Venezuelan difficulty to The Hague tribunal is not known to the adminis tration at this time. Even the nature of the objections, if there be any, is not known. The negotiations looking to the selection of an arbitrator have not progressed sufficiently yet to develop such objections as the powers

may have. DIAMONDS FOUND IN OREGON.

Harney County. Or., Dec. 25.-The fulfillago by Professor Clayton, a geologist in ernment, that some day diamond mines would be discovered in Oregon, is at hand.

The mine is in the Blue mountain range, 40 miles from Burns, the seat of Harney county. There is no question of the quality and quantity of the as to their commercial value. The stones thus far discovered are generally too small for the trade. They are no larger than a small pinhead. A few

have been discovered that would sell for from \$30 to \$300, but they are rare. Were diamonds malleable like gold, if there was any process known to sci- ify a treaty. There hi ence by which the miniature stones could be welded together, then Harney would no longer be known as the "cow county," and Oregon would rank with the diamond producing regions of the

The commercial value of the diamonds is now being determined by the great diamond firm of New York, liffany & Company, whose confidence in the new field is sufficient to warrant them in furnishing the capital for further development. They are co-operat

The diamonds are found in layers o volcanic ash. Geologists and mineralogists agree that the formation being the volcanic ash of ancient origin, is the same as that indigenous to South the world have been exploited. This is the formation that Professor Clayton referred to when observing the geologkilled 2,500 people in and near that ical conditions of Oregon in his offical capacity, 30 years ago. It is said to be next to the oldest formation found on the North American continent, only that through which the St. Lawrence river runs being older. The layers thus far mined yield only extremely small stones, but it is expected and hoped that other layers will be discovered that bear the precious gems of commercial importance.

> To Wipe Out Coney Island Bowery. New York, Dec. 24.-The first important step for the acquirement for park purposes of 132 acres of land at Coney Island, thereby wiping out the sland's Bowery and converting the island into a national seaside resort has been taken. At a meeting attend by many prominent residents Brooklyn and officials plan was unanimously approved. The assessed value of the land pur

posed to be acquired by the amounts to \$1,834,795.

DEATH IN COLLISION.

Ten Killed and Twenty-Seven More Badly

Byron, Cal., Dec. 23.-Ten persons vere killed and 27 injured in a collision last night between the southbound Los Angeles "owl" train and the Stockton flyer. It was a rear-end collision, the engine of the local plowing its way through the last Although He Realizes the Difficulties coach on the owl, which was filled with Fresno people. The passengers who escaped instant death were hurled to the fore part of the coach crushed between the mass of debris scalding steam poured out on them

The "owl" left the Oakland Mole about 5 o'clock, and on the way to this point it was noted that there was a leak in the flue of the engine. This man was sent back down the track to give warning of the presence of the train in charge of Engineer MaGuire was desired to be arbitrator of the Ven- checked, however, has not been thus far explained, the men who could give badly injured.

Four More in Critical Condition.

San Francisco, Dec. 25 .- The latest evised list of the victims of the railroad collision on the Southern Pacific railroad near Byron station shows that

there are 25 dead. There are still 20 injured survivors additional names may yet have to be added to the death list.

An official investigation into the cause of the disaster has been begun by Coroner Curry, of Contracosta county, the honor to inform Your Excellence to the cause of the disaster has been begun by Coroner Curry, of Contracosta county. who proposes to thoroughly sift the that your message has been transmi evidence in order to fix the responsited by me from Cape Breton to Cor that the Stockton fiver, which ran into been forwarded to destination. the Owl train, was signalled and that the engineer responded with a whistle and threw on the brakes. The question which remains open is whether or not

Senator Morgan Says Title to Pananu

Route is Insecure.

Washington, Dec. 23.-There were 20 senators in their seats when the Senate was called to order for the final session before the Christmas holidays. They heard a vigorous ad dress by Morgan on the isthmian canal negotiations.

Morgan contended for the making good of contracts entered into by President McKinley with Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The negotiation of these agreements he characterized as a masterful act, and said they were about to be trodden under foot. ment of the prophecy made 30 years this was true was not a question for a Democrat to solve, but he could, at the employ of the United States gov- any rate, say he did not agree with the mind-readers and spirit mediums who had since declared that Mr. Mc-Kinley did not mean what he said in

the contracts. He then went on to express appre hension that if the United States did not avail itself of the opportunity to build a canal by the Nicaraguan precious gems, but there is a question route, none would be built, and he said the appropriation of \$180,000,000 for the construction of the canal could be covered into the Treasury about 000. The old wooden furniture, hanr, June 28, 1904, if not used before that

time. Attention was called that under the Colomb the Congress of that gress there since 1899, and not likely to be any unless the I ma Canal Company should pay its expenses out of the \$3,000,000 on hand or the \$40,000,000 promised by the United States. He therefore pressed apprehension that a treaty Portland Gets a Share, but Bulk of Bu. that might be accepted by this government would fail of action in Co lombia.

After quoting from the concession granted to the liquidations of the old Panama Canal Company, which Mr.

Morgan said was also made a law of Colombia, he said: "It is a surprise to jurists and laymen alike in our country that the Attorney General, in his opinion given to the President on the right power of the new Panama Canal Company to revoke a title to the Africa. where the largest diamonds in United States of its property in Panama, omitted to notice the prohibi tion in the concessions and laws of Colombia, through which it derived all its property rights in Co-

To Create Came Preserves. Washington, Dec. 24.-Senator Perkins, of California, today introduced a bill authorizing the President to set on vessels chartered for the trip, it aside areas within forest reserves to be preserved as breeding places for wild animals, birds and fish. Within these areas all hunting, fishing and killing of game is to be prohibited at all times. The Senator has drawn his bill along lines recommended by the President, and with a further view largely to doing away with state protection of game within reserves.

Successful Trial Trip.

Rockport, Mass., Dec. 23.-The trial Cape Ann today. As timed from the shore, the Nevada covered 26 miles in 2 hours, 9 minutes and 30 seconds, or man escaped. Slocum died later. T at the rate of 13 knots an hour, allow- men are supposed to have engaged I ing nine minutes for turning. Her a bank robbery near Provence contract called for 111/2 knots.

WIRES OUT OF DAT

WIRELESS MESSAGES EXCHANGED B

TWEEN CANADA AND EUROPE.

King of Great Britain and Governor Ge eral of Canada Exchange Greetings Experiment was Entirely Successiulg

Practical Utility of Great Inventi

New York, Dec. 24.-The followillyi ispatch from Marconi, dated Gla le Bay, N. S., December 24, has been ing th

Fully Established.

ceived by the Associated Press: satitu "I beg to inform you, for circularita tion, that I have established wirele telegraph communication betwee Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwa England, with complete success. I shirty from the Governor-General of Canad to King Edward VII, have alread been transmitted and forwarded the Kings of England and Italy. message to the London Times harpose also been transmitted in the present the

of its special correspondent, D. Pan to-

"G. MARCONL"

Text of the Messages! London, Dec. 24.-The Londo of the wireless message from the Times correspondent, which wa transmitted from Glace Bay, N. S., ked Polhu, Cernwall, is as follows:

"Being present at its transmissic the Marconi's Canadian statio in Signor Death List Has Now Reached 25, with I have the honor to send, through titles Times, the inventor's first wireles be trans-Atlantic message of greeting ond England and Italy."

Exchanged Compliments.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.-The follows. ng message, received by Lord Mintery out how forgeries of these orders could as it had developed since Saturday, but of the accident, but the condition of Marconi today, shows that wirelested four of these is extremely critical, and trans-Atlantic telegraphy is a suffe. ceas:

"Grace Bay, N. S., Dec. 24, 1902.- he

Lord Minto telegraphed Marconi all follows: "Delighted at your message, just received. Warmest congratulations received. Warmeston your splendid success. "MINTO."

Hon, W. S. Fielding sent a telegran congratulation to Marconi tonigh and Sir Richard Cartwright, Actin Premier, has cabled to England, co-gratulating the British people on th new method of communication b.

tween two countries. WARSHIPS' FURNITURE.

American Navy to Be Fitted Through

With Fireproof Furnishings. New York, Dec. 24.-Steel furn ture, made in the Brooklyn Nav. yard, will be used on the new chui, er Baltimore. The furniture of th state rooms, crews' quarters, th commander's office, and even of the show-room, will be of steel. months of experimenting on the pa of Naval Constructor Capps and hi assistant, Constructor Nutting, ha developed the fact that almost all the essential furniture of a man-of-wa

can be made of steel. Serious damage was done during the war with Spain by furniture of the ships taking fire. The Baltimon in the battle of Manila Bay was see lously damaged by such a fire.

The equipment of the Baltimon

some and elaborate in design and fir ish, did not cost

TRANSPORT CONTRACTS.

Iness Goes to Seattle. Washington, Dec. 23.—The fig over Government transportation but iness to and from the Philippines closed. President Winsor, of Boston Steamship Company, waive the condition in his bid that his lin should receive three-fourths of the Government business, and agreed take such shipments at his contract rate as the department sees fit to d vert to Seattle and Tacoma. Secr tary Root, under these circumstance accepts the Puget Sound bid, an from now until June 30 next all shice ments of troops and supplies maal from Seattle or Tacoma will go al Boston Steamship line. Undet the adjustment made today, Pore land's status is unchanged. Wheney er hay, oats, lumber or other supplice are purchased tributary to Portland they will be shipped from that poheretofore. Portland trade will nbe monopolized by the Sound, but wy depend altogether upon the relativ bids at Portland, the Sound and Sa

Citizens Kill Highwayman.

Ardmore, I, T., Dec. 24 .- Two hig waymen, heavily armed, were acked by a posse of citizens as the rode into the town of Provence, the Chickasaw Nation last night, as an exchange of shots followed. the Monitor Nevada was held off horse was shot from under one of the men, George Slocum, and finally