FROM OTTAWA

Smith, of the Canada-Atlantic, presided.

Mayor Payment welcomed the visitors

to the city. The next conference will be held in Hamilton.

Fire broke out this morning in Messrs.

Beament & Johnston's, gents' furnishings store. It started in the cellar and

was damaged by water. The insurance is \$6,000. The studio of Messrs. Pitta-

way, photographers, on the second floor

BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

Never More Friendly Than

at Present.

Paris, Jan. 23.-M. Denis, radical re-

The minister of foreign affairs, M. Del-

AN ALL-NIGHT SITTING.

Toronto City Council Have a Long Dis-

cussion Over Elevator Contract.

Toronto, Jan. 24.-At last night's meeting of the city council the proposal of Ald. Hallam to ask for power to spend \$75,000 for a technical school was debated at considerable length. Ald.

contract was a warded to Messrs. Men-some & Co. for the electric elevators, but after this was carried by a majority

a new light came and the aldermen be-came convinced that there had been con-siderable unfairness in the manner of

tendering. The discussion was continued until half-past four, when the council unanimously reversed its former

decision and awarded the contract to Messrs. Leach & Turnbull, a firm hav-ing its head office in Hamilton and its

THE HIGH COMMISSION.

Washington, Jan. 24.-The joint Am-

erican-Canadian commission was in session for several hours to-day and then adjourned until Thursday to give the

sub-committee on reciprocity an oppor-tunity for a conference to morrow. One of the questions with which the commis-sion finds itself confronted is that of

the rights of American miners in British Northwest Territories, including the

NARROW ESCAPE OF CRUISER.

The Curacoa Badly Damaged by the

ing off her boats, and damaging a gun sponson. The Curacoa filled rapidly and

began to list. A scene of great excite

uiser into the harbor, where she was

The Collingwood was only slightly

A BIG BLAZE.

Battleship Collingwood.

The value of the

factory in Toronto

Klondike country.

contract is about \$24,000.

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PARALYZED.

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ECTION HOWLS.

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W. CHASE'S OINT-

ne, painter, of Woodville, o., says: "For thirteen agony which I passed se years and relief 's Ointment prompts me ionial. My physicians we an operation, wired without the knife . Chase's Ointment stopand effected a permanent

The American Rear-Admiral Is Emphatic in His Praise of Britain's Imperial Policy.

Nothing, in His Opinion, Is Having a Greater Influence on the World's Progress To-Day.

London, Jan. 25. - Mr. Hamilton Brown, the editor of the British Realm, received a letter to-day from Rear Admiral Dewey, dated Manila, December 18, in response to a request for an expression of opinion on Great Britain's imperial policy. The admiral says: After many years of wondering I have come to the conclusion that the might-iest factor in the civilization of the world is the imperial policy of Britain."

PATTI WEDS AGAIN. "Positively Last Appearance" of the Prima Donna on the Matri-monial Stage.

London, Jan. 25 .- Adelina Patti was married this morning at Brecon, Wales, to Baron Cederstrom, director of the health gymnastic institute here. health gymnastic institute here. Madame Patti took a train from Craigy-Nos, her residence, to Brecon, which was, prettily decorated for the occasion. The hand of the South Wales Borderers met the party at the station and with the fire brigade, the police, headed by the town banner and the mace bearers, escorted the wedding party, in five landaus, to the Roman Catholic church, which was also decorated. Sir George Faudel Phillips, former Lord Mayor of London, gave Madame Patti away. The service was very short. Baron and Paroness Cederstrom emerged from the church at 11 o'clock, and entered a carriage. The procession was re-formed and the bride and bridegroom proceeded to the railroad station and started for London. The wedding breakfast was served on board the train, which was composed of the special corridor cars built for the Prince of Wales. Adelina Patti, widow of Nicelini, the singer, who l at Cannes, France, on January 18, 1898, was born in Madrid on Februar 1843. She was first married in 1868 the Marquis de Caux, and was mar ed to Nicolini in 1886. She is a daugh ter of Salvatori Patti, studied under ttore Barili, made her debut in New York in November, 1859, and at the alian opera house, Covent Garden, ondon, in "La Sonnambula" in May,

Baron Olof Rudolf Cederstrom was born in 1870. He is the eldest son of Baron Claes Erdad Cederstrom, deceaswas a lieutenant in the Swed-

Madame Patti was married in a travel ling dress of dove-colored satin, embroid-ered with steel, with a bodice of pale gray and a bonnet trimmed with mauve orchids. Her travelling cape, which matched her dress, was ornamented with design of true lover's knots. The proresign of the office and on the way to the station passed under several tri umphal arches bearing inscriptions in honor of the bride. The streets were thronged with people and the church was crowded with invited guests. The wedding party will reach London late this

afternoon.

The bride and bridegroom will start to morrow for the south of France, where they will spend the honeymoon. FROM OTTAWA

The "Spirit Wrestlers" Arrive-Prepar ing For the Paris Exhibition.

Ottawa, Jan. 25 .- Six trains of Doukand the last this forencon. A large through, and members of the Young nen's Christian Association distribited fruit among the visitors, while the number of deaths have occurred.

minister of agriculture to make arrangements for a Canadian exhibit at the Paris exposition have been adjourned until Tuesday next. Mr. W. D. Scott, representative of the western provinces, lett for Toronto last night and will return next week. The arrangements for the exhibit are progressing satisfactority. A mining exhibit representing the A mining exhibit, representing the months ago by returned soldiers, sources of the Klondike and the Kootenays, will be arranged by Dr. Dawson, of the geological survey. said that the Hull Electric Railway Company have purchased the Aylmer branch from the C. P. R. for \$100, 000. The electric road has been operating the line under lease.

London, Jan. 26.—The robbery of over £60,000 from the Paris Bank, in this city, on Monday last, which has been sensation of the week, took a draratic turn to-day, when the chairman of the bank announced at a meeting of the bank announced at a meeting of shareholders that £40,000 in the biggest notes had been returned to the bank by post. The robbery was apparently a most daring crime. The thief is supposed to have walked behind the counter, where there were over one hundred derks at work, to have opened a drawer, taken a parcel of notes and walked out of the bank undetected. American thieves are suspected of having been concerned. are suspected of having been concerned theft of the notes, as it is said several Americans were noticed loitering recently about the premises. The police are utterly helpless. The chairman of the bank also announced that the Bank of England had promised to pay £47,000, £40,000 of which had been returned. The remainder of the money was in small notes, which could be easily was in small notes, which could be easily bassed and might therefore be considered lost. The shareholders greeted this unexpected announcement with enthusiasm, especially as it was accompanied a declaration of a dividend of nine-

een per cent.

Washington, Jan. 26 .- When the Egan urt-martial reassembled to-day. Judge formally the testimony of Gen-

Miles as read yesterday as an extinction of the said the prosecution rested its triaty. The amendment has the enterest of the country of the country in this state. The connection is the testimony read at yesterday's included the testimony r

utionitative. Extracts from the alleged interview were also read and submit ted as part of the record.

General Egan was called as a witness in his own behalf, and after sketching his military career, said that during the war with Spain he had been in his office every day with one exception, and worked early and late. He had given his testimony before the committee under oath. He had first read General Miles's statement in the Washington papers. He had held a conversation with the secre tary of war, in the course of which told the secretary that he desired to defend himself by bringing proceedings against General Miles, but was told that the immunity granted by the president would prevent any such action. Witness accepted this as a fact, but he did not think that this testimony covered the newspaper interview in which General Miles had, by inference, declared him to be a murderer for gain. This statement of General Miles, in the opinion of the witness, had taken away his (Egan's) character. He could not proceed against character. He could not proceed against General Miles in the courts or otherwise, and might be better dead in the gutter.
During the recital General Egan's eyes filled with tears, his voice trembled and e spoke very feelingly. His honor as soldier, he continued, had been attacked and a soldier's honor should be sacred as the honor of a woman.

FOREIGN ENLISTMENT AC

A Case of the Greatest Importance to Shipping People is Cecided in London.

Justice Bigham Upholds Brokers Refusal to Infringe on the International Law Relating to War.

London, Jan. 26.-Justice Gigham, in the Queen's bench division of the high court of justice to-day decided promptly them to recover £5,300 paid the brokers on April 21, 1898, on two six hundred-ton colliers, by Lieut. Sims, who was then acting naval attache of the United States embassy in London, the amount being ten per cent. of a total sum of £53,000 for which the ship brokers agreed i April 21 to deliver to the collers.

It was claimed on behalf of the Unitl States that Pelley Bros., according to itract, were to deliver "as soon as possible," and that they promised verbally

that one of them was to be ready to sail in 24 hours and the other in 48 hours, but that they failed to deliver the ships before the neutrality proclamation of before the neutrality proclamation of April 26, claiming they were unable to get them ready in time to do so. The case hinged on whether a state of war existed on April 22, when the owners ceased their preparations to fit out the ships. They testified that they sound-ed the foreign office on the subject and were informed that they might be liable under the Foreign Enlistment Act if they

carried out their contract. The justice said they did what he hoped any English gentleman would do under the circumstances. He himself believed that war existed on April 21, and there was no ground to insinuate that the brokers acted in bad faith. They were entitled to keep the money under a clause of the contract, which provides that it should be retained if a state of war prevented the delivery of the ships.

SMALLPOX IN ARKANSAS Shocking State of Affairs Reported

From Fulton County. Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 26. Dr. N. C. Dunavant, president of the state board of heaith, speaking of the smallpox sit nation, tells of a terrible state of affairs at Salem, Fulton county. Dr. Dunavant The first train arrived at 4 a.m. vesterday returned from that place, the last this forencon. A large where he made a thorough investigation. number were at the depot to see them He says there have been almost four hundred cases of small pox in that lo-cality within the last two months, and a ittle ones went on their knees and sang hrmns.

The meetings of the advisory board which have been held in the office of the muister of agriculture to make arrange—the disease was not small poximally and the small poximal smal

CUBANS MAY TURN BRIGANDS. Washington, Jan. 25.—The report of fresne the cashier, showed that the garding the situation in Cuba was made public to-day: Speaking of an incompanion of the situation of the public to-day. Speaking of an incompanion of the situation of the si public to-day. Speaking of an inspection more could be paid them, making 75 which he made of Cuban troops, Gencents in all. That was the best which and Greene says they are of all shades. LONDON BANK ROBBERY.

In his opinion the organization of those troops should begin at the earliest possible moment, otherwise there is darger that the force man disjunction danger that the force may disintegrate and turn brigands. Under the present conditions of lack of food and clothing t will be difficult to hold them much onger. Another most important quesion affecting the future of Cuba is the care and education of the great number for believing that while no formal negotiations have yet begun regarding the reconcentration. They are found in case of Newfoundland, the prospects are every town and village in a semi-starving none the less bright for a reasonable condition and living on a precarious settlement. The government has the charity. If they are not cared for they packing project under its immediate control with the control of the great number of ormal negotiations have yet begun regarding the gotiations have yet begun regar

are liable to grow up as vagabonds and prostitutes. New York, Jan. 25.—A Herald dis patch from Havana says a report reached General Monocal to-night that General Rabi, with 1,500 insurgents, had taken to the hills in Santa Clara in de-fiance of the American authorities. Rabi is a hard fighter and General Monocal nopes the report may prove untrue.

THE DREYFUS DILEMMA.

London, Jan. 24.-The following desatch from Cayenne, French Guiana, is ublished in the Daily Telegraph: Fresh instructions to interrogate Dreyus respecting the deposition Esterhazy have been received here, in consequence of which the procurator has started for the Ile du Diable. The procurator says he has urged and is still urging that Dreyfus be allowed to re-The Commissary-General Now Eating Crow Pie.

The Commissary-General Now Eating difficulty of replying by cable."

Washington, Jan. 25.—Senator Davis, for the committee on foreign affairs, has offered an amendment to the sundry

Aguinaldo Breaks Loose From Americans and Declares the Philippine Islands Free.

He Has Undertaken a Most Delicate, Difficult Task in Trying to Control the Natives.

New York, Jan. 24.-A despatch to the Herald from Manila says: Aguinaldo is proclaimed the Philippine republic at Malolos yesterday. There was no public demonstration at Manila. The Spanish civil prisoners are to be set free by the insurgents. The rival native authorities at Zebu are reported to be fighting, and the town is endangered.

Aguinaldo's government cannot maintain order in the interior of Luzon, and native authorities are often murdered. If Aguinaldo commences hostilities against the Americans the northern provinces will probably attempt to shake

Spanish Officials Murdered. Labuan, British Borneo, Jan. 24.-The steamer Labuan, Captain Pfoot, which has arrived here, came from the island of Balabac, 40 miles south of Palawan, Philippines Islands, and not from Palawan, as previously cabled. The murder of Spanish officers which she reported occurred at Balabac. The Laban brought 65 women and children here. They had been robbed of everything, otherwise had not been ill-treated.
Sulus assisted the Balabacs in killing the Spanish officers. The Spaniards have left Palawan, where the natives were fearful of the Sulus. Stores had been looted business was at a standstill and the natives were armed and ready for mischief.

General Otis Uneasy. court of justice to-day decided promptly in favor of Pellev Brothers, ship brokers, in the suit of the United States against attive of Aguinalda, called at the state department at 1 o'clock this afternoon and lodged with the chief clerk a communication, which, according to com-mon expectation, marked the critical stage in the Philippine situation. This is the third attempt made by the Filipino representatives to secure official recognition from the United States government. Secretary Hay was at the time attending a meeting of the cabinet.

Advices from Manija which have recorded the way devertment are

> that it is within the power of any excit-ed or intoxicated person to precipitate a that it no period within our recollection battle between the two opposing forces, depending that officials here feel no doubt as to the outcome of a hostile collision between Americans and the insurant forces.
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> That at no period within our reconection horses of the Filipino officers, have our relations with the United States been more friendly than at the present moment." The Duke of Devonstration of the SENSATIONAL SITUAL SITUAL STATES and the insurant forces. outcome of a hostile collision between Americans and the insurgent forces un-Americans and the insurgent forces under Aguinaldo, but it is particularly demandration her rights had led to better resirable that a battle, ending in victory, should be avoided just now, for the presisirable that a battle, ending in victory, should be avoided just now, for the president has by no means surrendered his with France had cleared the air. conviction that the misguided Filipinos Paris, Jan. 23.—M. Denis, radical recan be brought to an understanding of publican, in the chamber of deputies to the real objects of the United States and daystirged friendly negotiations for amicpeacefully accept the conditions sought to be imposed.

CANADIAN DESPATCHES.

Prespects for Settlement of Newfoundland Question-Railway Rumors.

Ottawa, Jan. 26 .- Dr. Borden says that he is not aware of anything having been done as yet towards appointing aid-de-camps from the Canadian militia to his Excellency the Governor-General. When they are appointed, it is expected among military men, that both political parties will be represented. In the last ist of aid-de-camps there was only one

Liberal.

Messrs, Patterson, Fielding and Sifton

Messrs, Patterson, Fielding and Sifton left this morning for Waterloo in the eastern townships of Quebec, to attend a banquet to the Hon. Sidney Fisher tonight. Mr. Tarte intended to go but he was confined to his room all day yester-day, and was not able to be out this norning.

morning.
Montreal, Jan. 26.—A meeting of the creditors of La Banque de Peuple was held this afternoon for the purpose of deciding upon what action is to be taken to realize upon the assets or to liquidate. A statement by Mr. Duliquidate. A statement by M could be realized on the assets. The directors guarantee amounted to \$195,-Torento, Jan. 26. The Globe's east-

ere special says: It is rumored that a working agreement has been reached between the Intercolonial and the Grand Trunk with a view towards the eventual fermation of a new Canadian transcon-tinental route. There is good authority

IN POLAR REGIONS

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.-Two Moscow engineers, Oldendorf and Tokarioff, sup-posed to have perished while exploring the Polar coasts, have returned to Moscow. They were sent out by the man-agers of the Moscow and Archangel railway with a view of discovering a place for extended navigation. While exploring the coasts of Mozon bay in the White sea, about 150 miles northeast of Archangel, they found not only a place where navigation is open for more than four months of the year, but also discov-ered that owing to the flow of the Klui river into Mozon bay it is ice free throughout the year.

THE WORLD SQUARED.

London, Jan 25.—In a paper before the Hoyal Geographical Society Dr. J. ment followed on board, but the inrush or water was finally stopped by collision mats and a number of tugs assisted the W. Gregory has made the startling announcement that the earth is not round, but has four faces, according to position of the ocean, which meet on the edges. damaged. The general scientific view is that the earth is flattened at the equator as well

Last Season's Steamboat and Railway Rates to Remain in Force.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.-At a conference of railway and steambout men for the Do-The Filipinos Are Determined to Try Conminion held here to-day, it was decided clusions With the Troops of that the same rates as last season should Unc'e Sam. be put in force this year. Mr. C. J.

> Aguinaldo is Empowered to Declare War Against America Whenever He Thinks It Advisable.

before being extinguished reached the second floor, on which there was a stock valued at \$8,000. What was not burned Manila, Jan. 21, via Hongkong, Jan. 26.—The Republica, the official organ of the Filipino government, announces that the congress at Malolas has adopted the Philippine constitution, passed a vote of confidence in Aguinaldo, and empowered him to declare war on the Americans whenever he deems it advisable. At a mass meeting of women at Ca-

way. photographers, on the second floor, was damaged to the extent of \$400. The loss is covered by insurance. The building is owned by Mr. George Hay, sr., whose loss is about \$500.

The Hon. C. Sifton and Mr. D. C. Fraser have returned from Woodstock, where they were seeing Mr. James Sutherland, who has been ill. Mr. Sutherland is improving and will leave for the south in a day or so.

The Hon. C. Sifton was to have spoken at Perth to-morrow night, but an Mr. vite yesterday, the paper adds, it was enthusiastically resolved to petition Aguinaldo for permission to take the men's places in defence of the independspoken at Perth to-morrow night, but an putbreak of diphtheria in the family of the caretaker of the town hall has need to be a saked for, and it appears, has been granted, the privilege of "takthe caretaker of the town hall has ne ssitated an indefinite postponement of e meeting. Messrs. Sifton and Patering a prominent place in the line of batthe meeting. Messrs. Sifton and Paterson will attend a banquet to be tendered Mr. Fisher by the Liberals of Bedford district at Waterloo, Que., on Thursday.

An American sentry vesterday killed a captain of the Filipino articlery at the Iondo outpost. As a result the native

press is intensely excited, and denounces it as a cowardly assassination.
On Saturday evening, Jan. 21st, five Filipinos determined to have revenge for Relations Between the Two Countries their captain's death, and attempted to enter captains death, and attempted to enter the American lines. An American sentry killed one of them, who was arm-ed with a revolver. After an exchange of shots the others were arrested. The Birmingham, Jan. 23.—Lord Devonshire, speaking here this evening, said that it would be safe to prophesy that incident has intensified the excitement the forthcoming speech from the throne at the opening of parliament would an-

here. st the opening of parliament would announce that the relations of the Queen and all foreign countries were friendly. "I think," said his grace, "that if the traditions of etiquette at the foreign office permitted, it would be possible that this particular paragraph might be couched in stronger language. It might safely be said of our relations with the United States to procure the Philippine insurgents.

Spanish Prisoners in Danger.

New York, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Through the French embassy here Spain has again urged the United States to procure the release of Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine insurgents. New York, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Through the French embassy here Spain has again wreed the United States to procure

United States—not our nearest neighbors, but the nation to which, despite geographical distance, we are nearest in kinsbip, sympathy and common tes—that we have come to feel that the ties of friendship and common sentiment, of friendship and common sentiment, United States-not our nearest neigh- Madrid government from the Philippines nition from the United States government. Secretary Hay was at the time attending a meeting of the cabinet.

Advices from Manila which have reached the war department are far from reassuring. It is understood that General Otis reports that he expects the inspreadte attending a more active part in the political world attending a meeting of the cabinet.

Of friendship and common sentiment, equally with the ties of common interest, bind us to a common policy in the world. We alone among the nations of the provision of the treaty requiring this government to use its good offices to provide the world have viewed with active sympathy the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do everything possible to do do. Secretary Hav and the ties of common interest, bind us to a common policy in the world. We alone among the nations of the government to use its good offices to provide the prisoners are not provided attention to the provision of the treaty requiring this government to use its good offices to provide the prisoners are not provided attention. The prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one servicing the government to use its good offices to procure the release of the prisoners, and urges the United States to do one overything one which will animate the future of the United States which will animate the future of the United States which will animate the future of the United States will not be dissimilar to our own, that the distinctions to General Otis have been to avoid any hostile clash with the natives so far as that plan is consistent with the maintenance of his position, it is realized here that it is within the power of any one of our colonies, and that the sympathy so deeply felt and so strongly expressed on our part has made to prove the United States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the prospect of the entrance of the United States to do one overything overnment to use its good offices to procure the release of the prisoners, and urges the United States to do one over the United States to do one over the United States which will animate the future of the United States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the united States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the United States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the United States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the United States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the United States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the United States will be able to obtain their responsibility of the United States will be able to obtai

horses of the Filipino officers, paving the

SENSATIONAL SITUATION. Mayor of New Westminster Refuses to

Sign Fire Relief Cheques. Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 26.-There is a vancouver, 15.C., Jan. 20.—Inere is a sensation in New Westminster over the distribution of the fire relief funds, which reached a total of over \$50,000. Of this amount \$20,900 is left, but a leadlock has arisen between the coun-il and the relief committee and Mayor able settlement of the disputes with Great Britain. The former premier, M. Ribot, made a speech criticizing many of Great Britain's pretensions, especially Ovens has refused to sign cheques until the deadlock is broken. In the meantime or Great Britain's pretensions, especially in regard to Egypt and Madagascar, but at the same time upholding the necessity of an understanding between France and Great Britain. In so doing, he pointed elergymen say that men and children are actually in want. The council contend that they should have control of the fund, which they would use to improve the streets and so provide work. The out that the driebund had been weakened by the Franco-Italian rappochment and the Russo-Austrian entente. relief committee say the council will reduce taxation, as many members are hig property owners. Feeling runs high, and the government may be appealed to. Over casse, said his policy had been directed towards conserving the permanent gen-

people have been aided from the GOVERNING ALASKA.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- Mr. Broderick, the house committee on territories day reported favorably on the Custer ill relating to the government of Alaska. t preserves the general plan of the enate bill, but makes numerous changes. An important amendment provides that Whenever practicable the secretary of the interior shall require that all chil-dren between the ages of six and fifteen cars shall attend public or private schools, where the instruction shall be English, at least three months in each year.

Another amendment gives a term the United States district court at Skag-way in August each year. Other con-ditions give the appointment of notaries. to the governor, increase the governor's salary from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and decrease the judge's salary from \$6,000 to

STORM IN TEXAS.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 24.-A fierce snowstorm prevails all over Northern Texas. The storm started about noon. Railroad trains are late and telegraphic service is delayed.

BELGIAN MINISTERS RESIGN. They Could Not Agree With Reforms Suggested by King Leopold.

Brussels, Jan. 24.—A royal decree has been published accepting the resignation of the premier, M. De Smet de Naeyer, and the minister of industry and labor. M. Nyssels, The same decree appoints M. Liebeert and Coorenan, both member the property of deputies to succeed M. M. Liebuert and Cooreman, both members of the chamber of deputies, to succeed M. M. De Smet de Naeyer and Nyssens. M. De Smet de Naeyer has been appointed minister of state. The resignations of the ministers were caused by serious differences between them and King Leopold on the question of the introduction of the minimal algebrase system which he ni-nominal electoral system, which the Devonport, Eng., Jan, 23.—Driven by strong currents, the battleship Collingwood to-day collided with the third class cruiser Curacoa, driving a hole in the cruiser below the water line, sweep-

PAY FOR CUBAN SOLDIERS. New York, Jan. 23.—Captain Kohly, Gen. Gomez's secretary, one of the co prission sent by the Cuban assembly Washington to learn what the United States government will do about paying the Cuban army, said this morning that ne commission had obtained a part of what they asked. Nothing could be decided upon until the Cuban assembly had acted in the matter. He said that the Cubans were all willing and ready to help the United States authorities.

A BURGLAR SHOT.

ANNEXATION OF FHILIPPINES.

Republican Denounces the Policy of the McKinley Administration.

Republican Denounces the Policy of the McKinley Administration.

Washington, Jan. 25.—There, were exciting scenes and unbounded enthusiasm in congress to-day when two Republicans; Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, and Mr. Dolliver, of Iowa, took up the question of expansion. The army bill was first under debate; but had to give way to the question of uture national policy. Mr. Johnson, secured time from the Democratic side to attack the position of the administration. He denounced the proposition to annex the Philippines as subversive of every tradition dear to the American heart in the past and the inauguration of a policy that would end in the downfall of the republic. He said the ratification of the treaty by the senate would sound the death knell of all the efforts of those who were trying operated. He denounced the President as the slavish follower of public opinion, but he warned him that the title world recede and the voice of the people would in time rebuke him.

Mr. Dolliver followed in defence of the administration. He described how the President had been fairly driven into war by those who now sought to embarrass him before peace, was definitely obtained, and his eulogy of the President patiently meeting all the perplexing problems which heset him as the great events of the last year moved on aroused his side and the galleries to cheers.

The highest pitch of excitement was reached when Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dolliver got to close quarters towards the end of the latter's speech. Mr. Johnson pressed the defender of the administration of disclose the President's ultimate purpose regarding the Philippines, but Mr. Dolliver for some time adroity evaded a direct response. At last he contented himself with deckaring that this was not the point at issue, that the first thing was to end the war by ratifying this treaty. The future of the Philippines was a question for the future.

ANOTHER ATLIN STRIKE Stampede to O'Donnell Creek, Skagway

Steamer Farallon, which arrived in Seate on Wednesday morning, brought news om Skagway that the water supply of lat busy little Alaskan city is threatened frough excessive use of the water system. The water comes from a reservoir in the manufacture and during the reup in the mountains and during the re-cent cold spell fell ten feet. The cold weather freezes the springs from which the reservoir gets its supply, and in case of a continued cold spell Skagway will suffer. unter: were several Klondikers on the There were several Klondikers on the steamer, but none of them brings late news. One party is reputed to have considerable rold dust. Doe party is reputed to have conable gold dust.

Latest information that had reached way from Atlin to'd of a strike on much Creek, forty miles above discrete on Pine. A big stampede occurred, one rushing into the hills with outlits. M. J. Burns, a well known packer, has just made a new record Atlin to Dyea. He walked out in y-seven hours, not counting the time in camp.

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The Y. M. C. A. at Skagway has been engaged in a lively war for new recruits, and with wonderful success. A total of 505 new members were secured in the contest. This speaks volumes for Skagway, and shows a growing sentiment in favor of law, order and morality.

The question of making Skagway a free port of entry is being actively ag fated in the north. The opinion of the business men seems to be well divided. Just what form the movement will take has not yet been decided.

A HEROIC DEATH.

Young Man and Woman Drowned While Skating. Newburgh, N.Y., Jan. 24—Walter Watts, aged 17, and M'ss Mary Sinclair, aged 18, of this city, were drowned last night in the Hudson river near New Windsor. With six other young people they had skated to Cornwall, 14 miles distant, and were returning. On the way down the party, crossed a crack in the ide a foot wide without difficulty, the tide being cb-bing. When they returned, the tide in the meantime having changed, the ice floowas separated from the main body, leaving a wide space of open water. Witts and the girls were some distance ahead of the others. Her saw the open water hat supposed it to be black ice. They skated into it and in a moment were struggling for their lives. The others made desperate efforts to save them by forming a line on the lee and passing a coat to young Warts, who was holding on to the girl. He might have saved nimself had he released his hold on her, but he refused to do this, and he became benumbed, was unable to retain hold of the coat and the youth and girl

he became benumbed, was unable to lietain hold of the coat and the youth and girl sank to their death. Both were highly respected and much sympathy is expressed for their families. THE SPRING OPENING.

Ecuador Follows Bolivia With a Revolution. New York, Jan. 25. — The latest despatches from the Heraid's correspondent at Guayaquil report that a sanguinary battle took place yesterday between the revolutionists, and the government forces at San Ancila. The fighting was desperate all day, the advantage remaining finally with the government's army. More than 400 men were killed and three hundred wounded.

STABBED BY A PUPIL.

A Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Resents a Plogging and Kills His Teacher.

Albany, Mo., Jan. 26 — T. B. Hunter, teacher in the Adams school, twelve miles north of here, was yesterday fatally stabbed by a thirteen-year-old pupul named. Charles Ayres, whom he was whipping. The boy is in jail here. According to the statement of the pupils, Hunter was punishing Ayres by holding a switch close to his face, bending it back and allowing it to snap against him. Suddenly, the boy whipped out a jackknife and made a slash at the teacher's throat. The blade struck near the left ear and was drawn around the neck, cutting a frightful gash. The children all fied from the school after the stabbing, and Hunter was left for some time without assistance.

THE MORMAN MEMBER.

Protest Against Brigham I. Roberts Taking Salem, Ogn., Jan. 26.—The house yester-day passed a joint memor'al to congress protesting against the senting of Brigham H. Roberts as a member of congress from Utah.

THE VANDERBILT MARRIAGE.

New York, Jan. 26.—The World says that the time fixed for the wedd'ng of Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Miss Virginia Fair, is Tuesday, April 4, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oelricks, in this city. THE COLONIST'S BILE.

To the Ed'tor: When I notice a man with a yellow face I am apt to think his liver is out of order, and so when I read the Colonist these days and notice so many mean, untruthful, scurrilous, personal items and so little news I am forced to the conclusion that the internal arrangements of that organ are out of sorts. I have been casting about to find a cause for so much gall and bitterness and have dis-covered that the Colonist is dying of slow starvation. Last year it was spoon fed on the following costly luxuries:

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315,469.95 The loss of its daily diet of \$42 has enlarged its call, and the new government has no medicine to give it. LULU.