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Decided Decrease in British Imports for December.

Depressing Effect of the Canal Exposures on the French Money Market.

Terrible Results of a Boiler Explosion in Russia.

Two Employes of an Insurance Company Charged With Stealing \$225,000.

Essen Workmen Decide to Co-Operate with the Saar Strikers-King Humbert Will Celebrate His Silver Wedding by a Decree of Amnesty-A German Savant Proposes to Disinfect the

Twenty-One Victims.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 8.—At Eischischek, in the Province of Wilnr, yesterday, the boiler of the Punilio baths exploded. Six persons were instantly killed and fifteen mortally injured. Election of a Socialist

Paris, Jan. 8.--At a bye-election at Albi, in the Arrondissement of the Tarnes, to-day, Prof. Taures, a Socialist, was elected to the Chamber of Deputies by a large majority. In Carmaux the electorate voted for him almost unanimously.

British Board of Trade Returns. LONDON, Jan. 8 .- The returns of the Board of Trade for December show that the imports decreased £5,380,000, and that exports increased £530,000 as comparation with the corresponding month of 1891.

Stole \$225,000! BRUSSELS, Jan. 8.—The manager of the Brussels branch of the New York Life In-Brusnec Company has made legal com-plaint against a cashier and a clerk for-merly employed by him. He charges them with having absconded with \$225,000.

London, Jan. 8.—A German savant pro-poses to disinfect the Elbe and other rivers by means of electricity. He claims that an electric current passed through the water will cause a chemical change that will kill cholera and other germs. He says that sewers can be disinfected in a similar

The Coming Royal Wedding. LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Duke and Duches of Edinburgh, accompanied by Princess Marie, who will be married on Tuesday to the Crown Prince of Roumenia, left Coburg last night for Sagmaringen, where the ceremony is to take place. The other children of the Duke and Duckess were in the party.

Swedish Elections.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 8 .- Elections began yesterday for members of the Folksrigsday or popular branch of the Swedish Parliament. The leading question at issue is the extension of the franchise. The Liberais and Socialists are polling a large vote, and the Socialists have carried Gotheburg, Malmo, and probably Stockholm.

Migration vs. Emigration. London, Jan. 8.—John Morley, Chie Secretary for Ireland, made a speech last night, noteworthy on account of its friendnight, noteworthy on account of its friend-liness for the people of Ireland. He said that the Government was persuaded that migration is preferable to emigration and that the Government would do its best to meet the wishes of the Irish. But he feared that it would be impossible to do anything in the matter during the coming session of Parliament.

Amnesty for Italians. sion of the silver wedding of King Humsion of the silver weeding of Air bert and Queen Margherita. An beneficiaries of the decree will be in the United States who have if render the required military se Italy. They will thus be enabled to Ita'y at any time without fear of arrest. Humbert was married to Margherita on April 22, 1868.

Drop in Discount Rates. LONDON, Jan. 8 .- Discount rates dropped during the past week to 12 for three months and a for short, at which it is believed they have reached bottom. The supplies in the market are abundant in spite of the repayment of loans to the Bank of England. Business on the Stock Exchange during the week expanded somewhat, but the movements in prices were irregular. American railroads were inactive and dull.

Attempt to Blow Up a Train BERLIN, Jan. 8.—An attempt was made this afternoon to blow up the Cologne express near Rauxel. A dynamite bomb was placed on the track about 300 yards from the station but exploded prematurely. The track was torn up for twenty yards and the buildings near by were shaken on their foundations. It is believed that the explosion was the first gun in the strike of the coal miners, which is expected to begin early this week. early this week. Depression in the French Money

PARIS. Jan. 8 .- The settlement just cluded has been the most disastrous corded in many years. There were me corded in many years. There were mat forced liquidations of "balls" account Prices all round declined. The market a pears to be completely demoralized, and a peculative business has ceased. The fin iontes since the beginning of the Panau Canal exposures is estimated at over 35 000,000 francs, and the fall in other Frence securities at nearly 15,000,000.

To Help the Unemployed. DUBLIE, Jan. 8.—Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien had a long interview yesterday with John Morley, Chief Secretary for With John Morley, Chief Section 18. He was a very been built in the Morley the purchase of tracts of grazing hand in Connaught as a solution of the land in Connaught as a sol

The Police Took the "Pot."

VIENNA, Jan. 8.—The police last evening made a raid upon the Jockey Club on suspicion that illegal games were being played in its rooms. The card rooms were crowded at the time with the elite of the aristocratic and diplomatic circles of Vienna and large sums of money were at stake. The police seized 450,000 florins and checks and took the names of those present for future action. The Prince de Montenuevo, president of the Jockey Club, hastened to the offices of the Ministry of Justice to protest. The prince was informed that the Emperor himself had especially sanctioned the raid, whereupon the prince promised that gambling should cease at the club.

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LONDON, Jan. 8 .- Wm. Rathbone, who is set down in the Parliamentary Companion as a "decided Liberal" in politics, and who as a "decided Liberal" in politics, and who was elected by the Gladstonians to represent the Korth or Arfon division of Carnaryonshire in the House of Commons, has joined the Liberal-Independents. Mr. Rathbone was elected on the theory that he would give a general support to Mr. Gladstone, and ti is believed that his defection is due to his determination not to support the Home Rule Bill that it is expected will be presented at the coming pected will be presented at the coming session of Parliament. He is, however, in favor of complete church equality, and it may perhaps be his desire to secure as soon may perhaps be his desire to secure as soon as possible the disestablishment of the State Church in Wales, in which his constitutency is located, that has led him to join the Independents, who consider themselves free to pursue any policy they deem necessary. His defection has caused much adverse comment among supporters of Mr. Gladstone.

Sympathy for the Saar Strikers. BERLIN, Jan. 8 .- Three thousand coal niners of the Ruhe district this afternoon net in Essen and heard with approval apmet in Essen and heard with approval appeals to help their oppressed comrades in the Saar district. Before adjourning a resolution to strike to-morrow was passed unanimously. The cause of those men and the thousands they are likely to carry out with them is a desperate one. They are totally unprepared for even a day of idleness and are penniless. The Krupp works in Essen, which men are especially anxious to injure, are safe from injury for several weeks at least, as in anticipation of trouble the managers have accumulated a ouble the managers have accumulated a rge stock of coal. Other iron workers of e same region are equally well supplied d ready for the worst the miners can do, meeting of 3,000 miners and miners' cialistic element had complete control om the beginning, and strong resolutions sympathy with the Saar strikers were assed almost without opposition, and the ceting decided in favor of a general strike support of the Saar men. The strike

The Situation in Paris.

PARIS, Jan. 9 .- The Government prepartions to suppress disorder in Paris are not based upon any apprehension of a Royalist outbreak, but upon attempts of the Extreme Socialists to arouse an insurrection. The Government does not view even the Socialist movement with serious apprehension, and is confident of its ability to maintain order. The mob of Paris no longer possesses the formidable character which it exhibited in the days of the Commune and 1849. The police could paralyze an Extreme Socialist demonstration at any moment by putting their hands upon the leaders, but it is thought best to wait for some open act of lawlessness before taking such a decisive course. rection. The Government does not view

some open act of lawlessness before taking such a decisive course.

The Panama scandal continues to grow in magnitude. There is now no doubt that Charles de Lesseps has told the Government all he knows about the scandal. It is said when he completed his statement to M. Frangueville, the magistrate, he expressed himself as deeply relieved. He said he had felt for years he was bearing a burden of suspicion which ought to be attached to others. The single desire of his burden of suspicion which ought to be attached to others. The single desire of his father and himself had been to bring the canal enterprise to a successful conclusion, but blackmailers had taken them by the throats, and the Panama Company had been compelled to buy the support and and which, in the interest of the good name of France and for the to buy the support and in the interest of the of France and for the ood name of France and for the enefit of thousands of investors, ought to ave been given freely and as a matter of public duty. Marius Fontaine followed the example of Charles de Lesseps in make ing a frank and complete statement of Panama Canal affairs, Blondin had acted as a go-between in the corruption of Min ister Baihut. Blondin, the Matin says has confessed to having cashed four check on Baihut's account ameunting to 1,000,000 francs. This confession of Blondin is confession of Blondin is confession of Blondin is confession. armed by the statement of Foutaine.

Huge British Warships. LONDON, Jan. 8 .- Recently in the yard

of Messrs. Laird Bros., Birkenhead, the firm which, 64 years ago, built the first iron ship that was ever constructed in England, the last of the first-class battle ships the building of which was authorized the Naval Defense Act of 1889, was put oy the Naval Defense Act of 1889, was put into the water. She is one of seven sisters, the others being the Royal Sovereign, Empress of India, Repulse, Resolution, Ramilies and Revenge. One of these is already in commission, two more will probably be ready for commission about the beginning of the financial year 1893-94, and three of the remaining four will, it is believed, by the London Times, be completed by March 31, 1894, heing the day on which, under the provisions of the act, the programme ought to be exhausted. The other battle ships of the current programme are the Hood, which is of the same size as the seven vessels of the Royal Sovereiga class, but which differs from them in the arrangement of her armament, and the two smaller barbette ships Centurion and Barfleur. All these are now in process of completion. nto the water. She is one of seven sisters maller barbette ships Centurion and Bar-sur. All these are now in process of com-letion. The Royal Oak is the 67th vessel uilt or building by the Laird firm for the liftish Government, and by far the largest raft that has ever been built in the fersey. With some modifications, the hip is a reproduction of the

urged that these tracts of lands should be secured by the Government, divided into small farms and then rented to tenants at fair rates. They claimed that this course would prevent laborers flocking to Dublin, and would result in great benefit to the working classes.

for rates, They claimed that this course the sum of the secure of the natural and 13,000 with forced draught, the estimated speed being in the one case 16 and the other 17½ knots. The armament will include four 13½-inch 67-ton 100-pounder quick-firing guns of 40 caliber, sixteen 6-pounder and nine 3-pounder quick-firing guns, eight machine guns, two 9-pounder field guns and seven torpedo ejectors, of which two are submerged. The total weight of armor, with packing and protected deck, is 4,550 tons, and of main and auxiliary armament 1,910 tons.

GIVING WAY OF THE GORGE.

Disastrous Ice Shove in the Ohio at Cincinnati.

A Ponderous Aggregation of Power Several Boats Sent to the Bottom of the River-Loss \$300,000.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 8 .- At 2 o'dock CINGINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 8.—At 2 o'dock this afternoon the ice gorge began to move slowly, at first fracturing its icy body with detonations like the sound of muskerry. Crunching and grinding the shores, crashing against the great stone piers of the monster bridges, on it went, increasing its speed every minute.

Nineteen steamers and 100 coal barges, empty or loaded, at the landing had but two or three inches of oak plank to present to this ponderous aggregation of power. Every man was at his post on the steamers.

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Every man was at his post on the steamers, and every man was a hero. Again and again the ponderous chains that held the steamers and the wharf boats to their

steamers and the wharf boats to their moorings were parted, and as often skilled hands repaired them.

The two bridges above the public landing broke the ice somewhat and prevented the otherwise inevitable destruction of every boat. By 9 o'clock to-night all apparent danger to the steamers at the landing was over. The gorge had passed and the river was comparatively clear. One tow boat, the Matthewson, valued at \$10,000, was destroyed.

Down below the destruction of coal barges and other property, from accounts at 10 p.m., has been terrible. Three harbor towboats were working heroically to break the ice and save property. The gorge that moved past Cincinnati extended from Coney Island, above the mouth of the Little Miami, to below Anderson's ferry, a distance of nearly eighteen miles. For ten miles below this the water was clear and open. Then came another gorge, beginning at the mouth of the Great Miami and extending below Lawrenceburg. This lower gorge was about five miles long. The upper gorge with its doomed coal fleets crashed into it and tore it out, and now both are grinding Down below the destruction of coal meeting of 3,000 miners and miners' and tore it out, and now both are grinding legates from all parts of Westphalia was did in Bochum this afternoon. The Ohio at the rate of five or six miles an

hour.

It is impossible to get perfect details tonight, but here is the nearest approximation of the destruction of coal fleets: Forty-five loaded barges, worth \$4,000 each, \$180,000; 60 empty barges, worth \$2,000 each, \$120,000; grand total, \$300,000. This includes the boats that were carried away on Friday. Not one cent of insurance is held on any of this property. The three hartor towboats, Comet, Benwood and Alice Barr, were heard from at 10 o'clock to-night. They are safe and are working heroically to save property.

WORSE THAN SIBERIA.

Inhuman Tortures Inflicted on Convict

Minors in Tennessee.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Ed Hudson, who says he spent two and a half years as a convict miner in the coal mines at and near Briceville, Tenn., has told Chief of Police Deitch a horrible story of the treatment accorded the convicts. He says the men are divided into gangs and given a certain amount to do each day. If they fail to get out the required amount they are beaten with an instrument which very much resembles the Russian knout. All are whipped, no matter if all but one or two Minors in Tennessee.

scars. The victims are placed on the ground, face downward, and held by two men. Every cut of the knout draws blood. Two men he had known to commit suicide to avoid punishment, and others have been known to pull great pieces of slate down upon them, having the property.

amount to pull great pieces of slate down upon them, hoping to so main themselves that they could not work in the mines. Hudson's story is in line with that of a very eminent professor of national repute, who recently investigated the Tennessee system, and described it as wore than Siberia—"a veritable hell on earth."

A Blind Man Sees After Prayer.

Cincago, Jan. 9.—Charles L. Ream was stricken by paralysis recently and became stone blind and perfectly helpless. He was a believer in faith healing and prayed un-casingly for the recovery of his sight, Yeaterday morning he found that he could see as well as ever.

A Lost Letter Led to His Arrest. A Lost Letter Led to His Arrest.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—A lost letter
picked up in the street led to the arrest of
Dr. B. F. Garrison, who shot and killed
Marshal Stephens, of Alvord, Tex., during
the Christmas holidays, and who came to
Atlanta to escape detection. When ushered
into the chief's office the suspected man
said: "Gentlemen, you've got the right
man; I killed Marshal Stephens, of Alvord,
Tex., on Christmas Day, and I've been in
hiding since." Garrison is 27 years of age
and is a graduate of the Nashville Medical
College. He is the leading physician and
druggist of Alvord, Tex., and his family is College. He is the leading physician and druggist of Alvord, Tex., and his family is prominent in the Lone Star State.

Steamships Arrived.

Jan. 7. At From
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Egyptian Monarch, New York.....Londor
H. Meir....New York...Breme
Normandle...Queenstown...New York

His Kind of Insemnia, Young Prettywild—Doctor, I am suffering from insomnia. Can you suggest a remedy? Dr. Squills—Certainly. Don't stay up

Two of the juveniles of the Stone family in Dyerville, R. I., who blew themselves up with powder, have died from the effects of the wounds and the mother of the children and another child are very low.

Wolseley for Canada?

He May Be Appointed to the Post of Governor-General.

Great Storms on the Black Sea and Thirty Steamers Wrecked.

Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill Appreaching Completion.

Recognition of Woman's Work and Worth-Terrible Result of a Wiie's Untaithfulness-One Hundred Highlanders for Chicago.

[Latest Special Cablegrams.] London, Jan. 9.—There is talk here of the possible appointment of Lord Wolseley to the post of Governor-General of Canada. to the post of Governor-General of Canada. He is said greatly to desire the place. Lord Roberts is just back from India and there is difficulty in finding a fitting post for him. The suggestion is made that Lord Wolseley may be sent to Canada, thus leaving the chief command in Ireland for Lord Roberts.

THIRTY STEAMERS WRECKED.

Terrible storms are raging in the Black Sea. Thirty steamers have been wrecked, including the English steamer City of Manchester, whose entire crew was

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drowned.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

Mr. Gladstone returns to town to-day, and forthwith gets into harness. A Cabinet Council has been summoned for Wednesday, and, it is stated, probably with more foundation in fact than usually attends the disclosure of Cabinet secrets, that it will then, as a body, discuss the finally drafted Home Rule Bill.

There is no dubiety about the position of the National members. They must have a

the National members. They must have a real home rule bill, one that will satisfy real home rule bill, one that will satisfy the just aspirations of the Irish people and permanently settle the ancient controversy. In view of their pledges to their constituents, and with a faction of their countrymen jealously watching them, prepared to make capital of any sign of weakness, they cannot afford to join in any bargain that would result in the passing of other than a thorough and complete measure.

ure.
In these circumstances the attitude of the In these circumstances the attitude of the Irish members becomes a matter of the deepest importance. It happens that the British people do not have to wait till the meeting of Parliament in order to ascertain their views. Mr. Justin McCarthy, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Healy, each having positive, definite and authoritative knowledge of the main principles of Mr. Gladstone's bill, have from time to time during the last three months enthusiastically declared their confidence in the Government and their belief that the great question is on the eve of solution. The latest testimony was given the other day by Mr. "Tim" Healy, perhaps the most implacable and unpurchasable patriot of them all. Mr. Healy unreservedly declared his confidence in the intentions of the Government and paid a warm tribute to the his confidence in the intentions of the Government and paid a warm tribute to the character of Mr. John Morley. Mr. Healy extolling the Chief Secretary is a strange portent of the times, and bearing in mind the fullness of knowledge out of which he speaks, his attitude bodes well for the future of the bill and the strengthening of the union between England and Ireland.

THE MINERS' FEDERATION CONGRESS.
The annual congress of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain opens to-day at Birmingham. There will be a battle royal round the question of an eight-hours day.

round the question of an eight-hours day. The result is looked forward to with much The result is looked forward to with much interest. The question cropped up at the Trade Union Congress; but there being much other business claiming attention, the result was not accepted as satisfactory. The miners are divided on the question, the Durham colliers, an important section of the community, being opposed to the legal enactment of an eight-hours day. The fight will take place round the resolution calling upon the Liberal Government to proceed with the Eight-Hours Bill and declaring that miners will be satisfied with not less than the compulsory eight-hours

THE QUEEN AND HER GRANDSON.

It is rumored in court circies that Queen Victoria has suddenly developed a strong inclination to visit her eastern dominions. There has been already some trouble with Emperor William of Germany, who is also afflicted with a similar mania, and who has had the sulks because his grandmother wouldn't consent to his going to India as a monarch and claiming the suffrages of the native princes as if he owned the country instead of her Majosty herself.

A truce seems now to have been arrived

A fruce seems now to have been arrived at between the two potentates, and Emporor William has made overtures to his august relative suggesting that she should visit her Indian empire and that he should accommany her.

accompany her.

This proposal it appears has met with some favor from her Majesty, who has plenty of courage to undertake the journey and plenty of power to accomplish it. At the same time her Majesty's dutiful subjects at home complain bitterly that they never see her, and some of the papers pertinently remark that if the Queen has such a reserve of force it is a nity she does not a reserve of force it is a pity she does not expend some of it in her capital, for there expend some of it in her capital, for there she apparently possesses neither the courage nor the power to open Parliament and is prostrated after an hour or two at a drawing room. Her Indian subjects might very foreibly plead for a glimpse at the august monarch, but English people have the first call for a momentary glance, if ever such a privilege should again be granted.

WHAT WOMEN HAVE DONE IN PARIS.
The Woman's Federation, founded in January of last year, has just issued its annual report. Among the results obtained by one year's work are: First, the admission of women to the government and management of benevolent institutions; second, their admission to professorships of

and management of business of the second, their admission to professorships o nursing; third, their eligibility for medica posts in various benevolent institutions.

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MRS. PARNELL'S BANKEUPTCY.

The bankruptcy case of Mrs. Charles
Stewart Farnell came up Friday in the
Brighton County Court. Counsel for Mrs.
Parnell submitted a scheme by the terms of
which preferred debits against his client
will be paid in full immediately. Creditors
not preferred will be paid 7 shillings and 6
pence in the pound now, while the remaining 12 shillings and 6 pence, plus 4 per
cent. interest, will be paid out of Mrs.
Parnell's annual income, which, it was
announced, amounted to £800. The

scheme accepted by the court was finally agreed upon by a majority of the creditors. One of them recently complained that Mrs. Parnell was still keeping her horses and carriages, and this brought forth the statement that Mrs. Parnell was receiving an allowance of only £6 a week from her FIVE DEATHS AT HER DOOR.

A despatch to the Times says that a laundryman named Harlez, heartbroken on account of his wife's unfaithfulness, killed his four children and himself in Paris Friday night. He closed all the windows, locked the doors, put his children to bed, and then burned a half bushel of charcoal in an open stove, so as to fill the room with poisonous fumes. While waiting for death Herlez wrote on the floor with chalk frightful denunciations of his wife and her lover.

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SIZE PREFERABLE TO "GOOD LOOKS."

SCOtland is going to make a special exhibit at the Chicago Fair of 100 stalwart Highlanders, in full national costume. They will be picked for size and strength, and not for good looks. After the fair, or before its close, if the sensation of their appearance grows weak, they will make a tour of the United States.

A FASHIONABLE ADORNMENT.

The mustache is becoming very fashionable in France. Parisians have been hunting for the origin of the custom of wearing this adornment, and the legend of most popular acceptance just new ascribes it to Spain. At a period after the Moorish invas-ion, when the Christian and Moslem populaion, when the Christian and Moslem popula-tion became so mixed that it was hard to say which were Moors and which Spaniards, the pious Spaniards hit upon the mustache as a means of identification. They per-mitted the hair on the upper lip to grow, and also a tuft on the under lip, an outline of the cross being thus formed. Thus, say the Parisians, the mustache became a symbol of liberty, equality and fraternity.

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THE QUEEN'S FINAL RESTING PLACE.

When Queen Victoria dies, her mortal remains will rest in the gray granite sarcophagus with the late lamented Irince Albert's ashes, at the Frogmore mausoleum at Windsor. Underneath the arms of the Queen and Prince Albert, on the monument is inscribed 'Farawell, well helyed. Here is inscribed "Farewell, well beloved. Here at last I will rise again." The white marble recumbent statue of the Prince Consort is in the uniform of a field marshall, wearing the mantle of the Order of the Garter. This is on the right. The left side of the lid and the unoccupied space is where Queen Victoria's body will be laid. Bronze angels with outstretched wings and flowing robes are at each corner of the tomb. is inscribed "Farewell, well beloved. Here

robes are at each corner of the tomb.

CHEAP LODGINGS FOR HOMELESS LONDONERS.
Twelve lundred beds at a penny a night each are offered to London's homeless poor in a new Salvation Army shelter erected on the bank of the Thames near Blackfairs Bridge. A shelter with 400 beds was opened a year ago, mainly to "clear the embankment of its destitute," but this was always more than crowded, with dozens of applicants for beds turned away nightly. If a man has not even the necessary penny he can earn his had by half an hour's wood he can earn his bed by half an hour's wood THE AUSTRIAN DUELLING LAW.

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Some changes have just been made in the
Austrian law in duelling. The punishment for duelling is always to be imprisonment for duelling is always to be imprison-ment. The maximum penalty for a duel fought out without fatal result is two years' imprisonment; for a duel fought without seconds or witnesses ten years, and for killing an opponent fifteen years. Seconds, doctors, and witnesses are not liable to punishment.

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DEPRESSION IN BRITISH SHIPPING.
The extreme depression into which the shipping industry of England and the continent has fallen is shown by a startling array of statistics just made public. There are numbers of idle steamers in every port in the kingdom. On the Tyne alone there are 150 laid up, with a total tonnage of 350,000. Seventeen vessels are laid up at London. At Liverpool there are 156 steamers idle, with a total tonnage of 159,000. The total number of vessels laid up in English and Scotch ports is 479, and the total tonnage 856,000. Besides these there are laid up in continental ports 99 steamers lied up in continental ports 99 steamers.

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THE FORE'S EFISCOPAL JUBILEE.

The Pope opened his episcopal jubilee yesterday by giving a reception to children in the consistorial hall. There were present 500 children belonging to Catholic families with their parents. A choir of children sang a hymn dedicated to Christopher Columbus, after which the Pone topher Columbus, after which the Lop distributed medals among the children and dismissed them with his blessing.

Over 200 omnibuses in London are now fitted with electric lights supplied from small storage batteries.

Five thousand guineas was paid for the English hackney stallion Danegelt two weeks ago, probably the highest price ever paid in England for any horse not a thoroughbred.

Over 100 persons condemned to death are now in prison in Greece awaiting execution of their sentence. The population of the country is hardly 2,000,000. Nine people were guillotined in five days just before Christmas. Orders are to be issued, under a decision

Orders are to be issued, under a decision of the Russian Senate, that Jewish artisans may in future only live at places outside the pale where there are official trade boards. These exist in only 10 to 15 per cent. of the towns, and the carrying out of the orders will entail further great hardship on the Jews. the orders will character ship on the Jews.

A new Japanese protected cruiser, the balls to be the fastest cruiser.

afloat, was launched from the Elswick ship-yard of Armstrong, Mitchell & Co. a few days since. She is 360 feet long, of 46½ feet breadth and 4,150 tons displacement. She is expected to develop a speed, under forced draught, of 25 knots.

Prefers Shooting to Electricity. Prefers Shooting to Electricity.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—Mr. Toneled, an American physician, who is visiting Havana for the purpose of making a comparative study of the various methods of execution of criminals, witnessed the shooting a few days ago of Leonardo Cuevas, the soldier condemned to death. Mr. Toneled stated that he was fully convinced that death by shooting is more nearly instantaneous and less painful than death by electricity, and that the former method is preferable also because of its simplicity.

Anthony White, of Presque Isle, Me., has a hound that hauls him several miles to and from his work daily, and which during the day rendered good service hauling cedar railroad ties, four or five being a usual load.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Fire destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property at Rio Janeiro on Friday. Four Russians, suspected of being Nibil-ists, have been arrested in Paris.

Over 300 miles of irrigation ditches are in operation or building in Yakima county, Wash.

It is declared in Chicago that the pas-senger elevator makers have organized a trust.

Comptroller Black estimates that the property owned by the city of Detroit is worth \$50,000,000.

The Mississippi is shallower than it has been before since 1856, and is almost completely frezen over opposite St. Louis.

Charles B Riddell, of Terry's Creek, Pa., was attacked by his bull and had two of his ribs broken. A purse with a heavy steel frame saved his life.

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Columbia has opened the port of Nombre de Dios to foreign commerce. An important mine of manganese, worked by Americal capitalists, is located there.

The firm of Pair & Cohn, manufacturers of clothing at Baltimore, was summarily dissolved. While Cohn was absent Pair carted of the stock and secreted it.

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It is believed that Gov. Brown, of Maryland, will not commute the sentence of any of the eight men sentenced to hang at Chesterton next Friday for the murder of Dr. J. H. Hill.

A sack sewer in a Pendleton, Ore., flour mill challenges the Northwest for the championship on his record of sewing up 600 50 pound sacks inside of five hours, or about two sacks a minute.

A farmer of Norden, Neb., heard sounds from his hog pen one night last week which indicated great agitation among bis pigs. He went to the pen armed with an axe and drove away twelve wolves. A 64-year-old citizen of Deering, Me., is suffering from his first attack of toothache. All his teeth are sound, and the one that has been troubling him has defied all the efforts of the dentist to extract it, the roots seeming to be twisted around a part of the jawbone.

jawbone.

Stockmen in Wyoming report that so far this winter has been very favorable for cattle. More cattle are being fed this winter than in the past, range cattle everywhere are reported in excellent condition, and, barring blizzards, the loss will be much less this year than in any former winter.

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One hundred and sixty million, three One nundred and sixty million, three hundred and ninty-three thousand, seven hundred and sixty-eight feet of lumber passed through the port of Eungor, Me., last year. One hundred and five million, forty-four thousand, three hundred and seventy-seven feet was spruce, 24,453,078 hemlock, and the rest pine.

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Squirrels are very plentiful and destructive in some parts of the State of Washington. Lincoln county paid out \$40,000 in bounties on squirrel scalps last year, yet but little good effect was produced. It is proposed to tax all the lands in the county to raise funds to flight the pest, and so make railroads and non-resident owners help in the work.

It is estimated that there are 300,000,000,000 feet of available lumber standing in the forests of the State of Washington. This is an average of 15,000 feet for every acre of land in the State. Many thousands of feet of cedar lumber are now being of feet of cedar lumber are now being

of feet of cedar lumber are now being shipped from Washington to what a few years ago was the heart of the Wisconsin pine region.

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—At the last meeting of the Daughters of England, Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 2, East London, the following officers were installed: Worthy President, Sister M. A. Roughley; vioe-president, Sister E. Cripps; secretary, Brother H. Stayner (retained); treasurer, Sister E. Dyson; chaplain, Sister E. Deely; first guide, Sister E. Patton; second guide, Sister S. R. Cox; third guide, Sister Hooper; fourth guide, Sister Hoper; fourth guide, Sister Kayos; sixth guide, Sister R. Cox; inside guard, Sister L. Dyson; outside guard, Sister L. Dyson; outside guard, Sister L. Dyson; trustees, Sister E. Patton, E. J. Dyson; trustees, Sisters E. Patton, E. Nutkins and Dicker; auditors, Sister H. Morly, Brother J. Nutkins and Sister E. Patton (retained); C. W. Belton officer (retained); Brother J. worthy past president.



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