

ZINAT EASILY TAKEN.

RAISULI FLEES TO HILLS.

His Stronghold Looted and Burned—Few Casualties.

Tangier, Jan. 6.—Zinat, Raisuli's stronghold, was virtually destroyed by fire and fell into the hands of the troops of the Sultan at noon today after a short and almost bloodless fight. Raisuli and his seven hundred followers succeeded in eluding capture and reaching the mountains despite the plans of the Minister of War, Sid Mohammed, to prevent their escape.

There was no firing last night, but at 10 o'clock this morning the artillery, under command of an Algerian native lieutenant, whom the French authorities permitted to take part in the battle on the request of the War Minister, opened fire on the town. The Moorish gunners showed utter incapacity in handling their guns, and the infantry fired blindly. Two shells dropped inside the fastness without reply, and thereupon a body of the Sultan's troops charged, shouting, and reached the walls amid scattered shots from the surrounding brush.

The gates to the town were found to be open, but the only persons in the place were fifteen prisoners, among whom were four Portuguese.

A detachment of the government troops continued firing in the direction of the mountains where Raisuli and his followers were observed fleeing.

Meanwhile the other government troops pillaged the stronghold, getting considerable booty in carpets, arms, cattle and sheep.

No fatalities in the fighting to-day are reported, though a few persons on both sides were wounded. It is thought probable Raisuli's forces carried off their dead. The Minister of War, who has not left Tangier during the operations, probably will next move against the pretender to the throne, Mulai Mohammed, a brother of the Sultan. Many of the pretender's followers have recently deserted.

The Spanish officers of the international police created under the Algeiras convention have arrived here and will take up their duties at the end of the month.

TAHITI MAY BE BRITISH.

Rumor of French Cession in Return for Favors in East.

Melbourne, Jan. 6.—According to "The Age," missionaries in the Pacific Islands say that France has ceded Tahiti to Great Britain in consideration of territorial concessions in Burma or Indo-China. Premier Deakin says he is without information on the subject.

The Tahiti archipelago is a large group of islands in the South Pacific, about latitude 16.35 degrees south, longitude 148.55 west. The capital is Papeete. The islands were said to have been visited by the Spanish navigator, Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, in 1605, and in the eighteenth century by Bougainville, Cook, the discoverers of the Bounty and others. The group was taken under French protection in 1842 by Du Petit-Thouars, and Tahiti, Fanning and other islands were made a French colony in 1880. The area of the group is 699 square miles, its population is about 140,000, and its leading exports are coconuts, oranges, cotton and mother-of-pearl.

LINERS IN COLLISION.

Princess Irene Hits the Moltke—Passengers in Panic.

Naples, Jan. 6.—Lloyd reports that the North German Lloyd steamer Princess Irene, in leaving port on Saturday night for New York, was caught in a storm and damaged. She was obliged to re-enter the harbor, and early this morning was in collision with the steamer Moltke. Both vessels were injured and will be compelled to remain here three weeks for repairs.

The 350 passengers on board the Princess Irene became panic-stricken when the collision occurred, and several of them were slightly injured.

PASTOR A SPRINTER.

The Rev. D. A. Blackburn Runs Down Alleged Sneak Thief.

The Rev. D. A. Blackburn, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, 57th street near Eighth avenue, yesterday showed that he was possessed of no mean ability as a sprinter, when he pursued an alleged sneak thief and captured him after a chase of several blocks. After the morning service Robert S. Whitesell, one of the trustees, went to a small room where he had left his hat and coat. He was about to enter when a man stepped out, and Mr. Whitesell saw that the stranger had an overcoat and hat which he thought were his.

"Beg your pardon, sir, but haven't you made a mistake? I think that is my overcoat!" the trustee remarked.

"Oh, what kind of a game are you giving me? This is my coat," remarked the man in reply.

With this answer, the man walked hurriedly to the street. Mr. Whitesell followed, and after an argument recovered his coat. The trustee then returned to the church, and told Dr. Blackburn of the incident. Then he remembered that the man had his hat, and the trustee and the minister started for the street.

When they reached the corner of Eighth avenue, Mr. Whitesell pointed out the man, and Dr. Blackburn started after him. The man had a good start, but the minister ran him down and turned him over to Policeman Madrone, of the West 47th street station. He gave his name as Fred C. Harrison, and said he was a lawyer, living at No. 201 West 28th street.

WOLVES ENTER TOWNS.

Animals in Northwest Made Bold by Lack of Game.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—A lynx was killed within a few hundred yards of the new Canadian Pacific station and a wolf ran through the center of Winnipeg to-day. Driven by cold and heavy snow, these animals are entering settlements for food, rabbits and other small game being scarce this winter. A dispatch from Saskatoon received here says that gray wolves, starved owing to the scarcity of deer and other game in the north, came down upon the region of Batchelor in great numbers, and chased two men, one of whom climbed a tree, where he stayed all night, with the help of the pack below. The rest chased the other man to his home.

AUGUSTA, CHARLESTON, SUMMERVILLE.

2:10 P. M. 3:25 A. M. and 5 P. M. Unexcelled service via P. & Atlantic Coast Line to Ft. Pierce. Information Bureau, 27 way, cor. 30th St.—Adv.

HUGHES A STRAP HANGER

Governor Holds Impromptu Hearing on Subway Train.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, Jan. 6.—Governor Hughes's trip to New York on Saturday seems likely to intensify his views about transit reform. For the first time since his inauguration he was in the metropolis. That first time he could not help joining the great army of subway strap hangers, and, while the occasion was undoubtedly profitable, there exists good authority for the statement that it was not unqualifiedly pleasant.

The Governor spent Saturday afternoon at his office, working hard to clear up a few rag ends of business. About 3 p. m. he went to the Wall street station of the subway to go to his home in West End avenue. The train, when it came along, was well filled, and many passengers boarded it with the Governor, so that he was forced to stand. He was recognized immediately and seats were placed at his disposal, but he stood, and as he stood up to 72d street he talked with the other strap hangers. They were not averse to expressing their opinions of Mr. Belmont's profitable enterprise. It was an impromptu hearing on the transit question, in which the "plain people" went directly to the Chief Executive.

Governor Hughes returned to this city this afternoon. He spent the late afternoon and evening at work with Robert H. Fuller, his secretary. He had no visitors, and there were no appointments to announce.

THREATEN CUBA'S PEACE.

Former Palma Officials Said To Be Forming Conspiracy.

Rumors of a conspiracy against the peace of Cuba are again rife in this city. Three persons mentioned in connection with the plan again to foment trouble in the island were officeholders of the Palma administration, two of whom are now in New York and the other in Europe.

According to these reports, arms and ammunition have been shipped clandestinely from this port to Cuba for possible future use. Some of these contraband articles, it is said, were buried near Mariel, not far from Havana. This fact became known to the American authorities, and a company of soldiers was sent to search for the rifles and cartridges, which, however, had been removed to another hiding place.

It is recalled by these reported shipments of war supplies that there were several such at different times from this city to Cuba several months before the outbreak of the recent revolution, which were told of at the time exclusively in The Tribune.

While, with Governor Macdon at the head of the insular government, there is not likely to be any armed movement that would be dangerous or even serious, the dissatisfied politicians seem to be planning far ahead.

An American attorney who has just returned from Havana said yesterday: "The Moderates, who were deposed, will not long tolerate the rule of the Liberal party, who ousted them. Of course, the Liberals will win at an honest election, but the situation will soon be what it was before, with the difference that the Moderates will this time be the insurrectionists and the Liberals will constitute the government. The two parties have such genuine hatred for each other that no amount of tuition will show them that their salvation lies in the maintenance of peace."

AN EXPLODED SPY STORY.

How Japanese in Havana Obtained Photographs of Ports.

Havana, Dec. 31 (Special).—The mystery surrounding the five Japanese in this city to whom some imaginative person attributed an important secret mission from the imperial government at Tokio has been exploded, and the tension is relieved. The five Japanese, who spoke five languages, were not sent by the Mikado to Cuba for the purpose of encouraging trouble for the United States, but were circus performers, some of whom were out of work. Neither Governor Macdon nor Pepe Jerez, the chief of detectives, knew anything about these Japanese, and never gave the story of their mission a serious thought.

The photographs of the fortifications around Havana which the men had in their possession were the same as those contained in a book published several years ago by the American government, under the title of "The Taking of Havana." There are some two thousand copies left in Cuba. The book gives a detailed account of Havana and its defenses. It also contains excellent photographs of the fortifications and batteries, and suggests the most effective plan of attack. If the five Japanese were seeking military information they could in fifteen minutes have gleaned more from this book than from a week's personal investigation.

The appearance of so many sons of Nippon in Havana at the same time was accounted for by the fact that there were three at the Marti Theatre, four more at the firemen's carnival and others who were with the publicists' circus until they left their jobs.

NOW THIRD IN COMMERCE.

U. S. Manufactures Exported Last Year Worth Over \$700,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 6.—A statement issued today by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor announces that this country now ranks third in the value of manufactures entering the world's international commerce, the amount of its exports for the last year having aggregated more than \$700,000,000. The exports have never even approximated those figures before, and the value of American trade in the foreign markets, the report adds, is twice as great now as eight years ago.

FEW NEW TYPHOID CASES.

Hopes in Scranton That End of Epidemic May Be Near.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Scranton, Penn., Jan. 6.—With only five cases of typhoid fever reported for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day, and none from then on until 8 o'clock to-night, it is the opinion of many that the end of the epidemic is in sight, though the authorities are not so hopeful. However, there is reason to believe that with a close adherence to the rules of the Bureau of Health the disease will soon be stamped out. Some apprehension is felt by the authorities that, because of the small number of cases reported to-day, the public will become careless. To avoid this the rules will be enforced as strictly as ever, and no mercy will be shown persons who break them. The total number of cases is now 95. The number reported to-day was the smallest for any one day since the epidemic began.

SEABOARD FLORIDA LIMITED LEAVES.

N. Y. daily 12:50 p. m. Ar. St. Aug. 2:50 p. m. Leaving Jan. 7. Quickest time—Shortest route. Booklets 12c. Buy or P. R. R. offices—Adv.

WAVE KILLS SAILOR AND INJURES MORE.

BIG COMBER BREAKS OVER REPAIR GANG ON THE ETRURIA AT MIDNIGHT.

While eight men were repairing the anchor davit lashing on the bow of the Cunard liner Etruria at midnight Friday, a wave broke over the stern with terrific force, killing one man and seriously injuring the others. When the Etruria arrived here yesterday one of the injured men was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital and the others were kept aboard ship in care of Dr. Hardman.

The Etruria had bad weather throughout the voyage from Liverpool, the wind shifting continually from a moderate westerly breeze to a west-northwest gale. On Friday, at 8 p. m., the lashings on the starboard anchor davit broke, and a gang of able seamen was sent forward to replace them. The steamer reduced speed to mere headway, and the damage was repaired with safety.

A succession of combers again broke the lashings, and at midnight another gang was ordered to get ready to make repairs. The preliminary order to "stand by" was given from the bridge as the men emerged from the forecastle hatch. Simultaneously with this order a signal was sent to the engine room to reduce speed. Taking the "preliminary order" as the "executive order," the boatswain's mate, Peter O'Mara, ordered his men forward to the anchor davit.

The Etruria was then running at a good clip through a confused sea. A sudden shift of the wind from south to northwest caused heavy combers to break over the bow. The men had barely settled down to work when a wall of water—not any larger than those that had frequently hit the steamer throughout the voyage—broke on top of the gang and sent them sprawling from the forecastle head to the main deck. James Walker was hurled thirty-five feet against the starboard ladder leading from the forecastle head to the main deck. His body struck against the hand rail of the ladder, snapping his spinal column. His brother George, who was with him, and who sustained bruises about the head, rushed to his assistance, but found him dead.

The wave lifted the other men off their feet, washing them against capstans and winches which were in the way, and finally landed them against the forward part of the house. Cut and bruised they lay helpless on the deck until the officers from the bridge and the men of the watch below carried them to the ship's hospital.

The injured men were William Newell, leg broken and head crushed; John McMullen, George Willis, J. Feeley, Peter O'Mara and George Walker. Captain Potter, of the Etruria, was much grieved over the death of Walker, who, he said, was the best man he had. The body was lowered over the rail Saturday morning. Walker leaves a father and mother and one child. He was born in Liverpool thirty-five years ago.

THREE FIREMEN LOST. PLUNGE IN BLAZING PIT.

Battalion Chief Hangs by Fingers When Floor Drops.

Three firemen are believed to have lost their lives and two battalion chiefs and a captain were injured in a fire which started on the fourth floor of the six-story brick paper factory at No. 54 Roosevelt street shortly after 7 o'clock last night. The burned building was between the two six-story tenements, and for this reason Acting Chief Binns turned in three alarms.

The three firemen who are believed by Chief Binns to be buried in the ruins are Daniel J. Campbell, John J. C. Seibert and Thomas Lennon, all of Engine 22. The men were at work on the third floor when it fell, and they went down with it. Acting Chief Binns had sounded a warning a minute before, and the other men got out in time.

Battalion Chief William Duffy of the 1st Battalion had a narrow escape. He was with the men of engine 12 and 32 on the third floor of the building, when Acting Chief Binns gave the warning for every one to leave the building. He started for the stairway, and just as he reached it the floor gave way. Fortunately he succeeded in seizing the window sill of a window adjoining the tenement at No. 52 Roosevelt street and there hung shouting for help until rescued by his companions from the windows of the tenement. The chief was out in the abdomen while being dragged through the window, but after having the wound dressed he was able to return to duty.

Battalion Chief Joseph A. O'Connor of the 2d Battalion led his men up the fire escape to the fourth floor, which was filled with dense smoke, but without a moment's hesitation the chief entered through a window, telling his men to wait outside. When he did not return after a little while the men of engines 12 and 32 went in to look for him. They found him lying unconscious on the floor near the window, and dragged him out on the fire escape. The fresh air revived him somewhat, and he staggered to his feet, and, before any of the men could grab him, fell through the opening to the floor below. From there he was carried to the street and Dr. Gates, of St. Gregory's Hospital, attended him. The doctor found that no bones were broken, but had to administer oxygen before the chief could be revived sufficiently to get on his feet.

Captain Quinn, of Engine 4, received his injury on the fire escape on the fourth floor by accidentally shoving his right hand through a pane of glass. He had the hand bound up and went back to work.

The firemen of Engines 12 and 32 had a narrow escape when the third floor fell, and if it had not been for Chief Binns's warning cry they would undoubtedly have gone down with the falling floor to certain death. The instant they heard the shout they dropped the hose and rushed for the fire escape, just reaching it before the floor fell with a crash and an upward leap of flame.

The fire was a stubborn one, and it was two hours before it was under control. At one time it looked as if the tenement houses adjoining would also catch fire, and the police ordered every one out, but a water tower stationed directly in front of the burning building finally drenched out the flames. The firemen also carried several lengths of hose over the roofs of the tenement houses in the rear, and fought the fire from there.

The building and stock were owned by George F. Hills. The damage, according to Chief Binns, will be about \$15,000. Reserves from several stations were called to keep back the crowd, attracted by thousands by the flames shooting from the roof of the building.

At midnight Chief Binns and Battalion Chief Quinn made an inspection of the roof of the house at No. 52 Roosevelt street, having been told by the firemen on the roof that there was serious danger of the building falling into the ruins. There was a fissure in the remaining wall of the ruined factory. The walls were beginning to "buckle," and Chief Binns decided that it was safest to run out the families, including 150 persons, from this tenement.

SUICIDE FIGHTS RESCUE.

Man Jumps to Death in Harlem Ship Canal.

Charles B. Poor, fifty-five years old, who lived at No. 156 West 81st street, and who was employed by the Alcoa Publishing Company at No. 209 Broadway, committed suicide yesterday by jumping into the Harlem Ship Canal at Broadway and 221st street. No reason for the suicide could be learned last night. The police were unable to find any of the man's relatives. According to those who saw him, Poor walked to the end of the bulkhead several times and looked into the water. Then he took his hat and overcoat and put them on the bulkhead. Walking back several feet, he ran and jumped overboard. Captain Christopher Severinsen and his son Inguls and Captain Ludwig Aelbu, on two barges about one hundred feet away, saw the act and jumped in, but Poor fought them off. It was only after he became unconscious that the barge men were able to get hold of him.

According to those who saw him, Poor found several letters addressed to "Charles B. Poor, Alcoa Co., 200 Broadway," and "Charles B. Poor, No. 156 West 81st street."

LEGATION OFFICIALS ATTACKED.

German Baron's Narrow Escape in Persia—Bandits Fight Troops.

Teheran, Jan. 6.—Baron Hartmann von Richthofen, secretary, and Dr. Schulz, medical officer, of the German Legation here, who have returned from a shooting trip, report that they were attacked on January 2 nineteen miles south of Teheran by six well armed horsemen. A dozen shots were fired at them, but Baron von Richthofen and Dr. Schulz escaped unhurt, although they lost their baggage. A detachment of cavalry sent to capture the robbers met determined resistance. One of the troopers was killed. One robber was captured, but the others escaped.

THE SHAH SLIGHTLY BETTER.

Teheran, Jan. 6.—The condition of the Shah was slightly better to-day.

CITY OF PANAMA SAFE.

Steamer Sighted Off Mazatlan—No Sign of Distress.

City of Mexico, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to The Associated Press from Mazatlan, timed 3:10 p. m., from Louis Kaiser, United States Consul, says: "City of Panama sighted; will land in one hour; appears all right."

Another telegram from Mazatlan says that the City of Panama arrived at that port at 6 p. m. to-day. She had a rough trip, but was only slightly damaged. All on board were safe.

WORD FROM THE PONCE.

The Shenandoah Saw Her on December 28—Two More Cutters Out.

The first news of the missing steamer Ponce, seven days overdue from Porto Rico, was brought to port yesterday by the four masted ship Shenandoah, which signalled the Ponce 256 miles northeast of the Bahamas on December 28.

The Shenandoah sighted the Ponce in latitude 27.48, longitude 63.48. According to Captain Chapman she was running at good speed a quarter of a mile off the Shenandoah's port bow. The Shenandoah was bound to this port from Port Townsend, Washington, which she left 150 days ago with two million feet of lumber, and anxious to inform her agents that she was close to New York, and signalled the Ponce to report her.

The Ponce's captain signalled in return: "I wish you a pleasant passage, and shall report you." The Ponce soon steamed out of view. "Captain Chapman said that fine weather prevailed when the Ponce passed him. "She was heading about north by west for New York," said Captain Chapman, "and to all appearances was in first class condition. I don't believe anything serious has happened to her. Her machinery may have broken down, and not being under control, she has probably drifted out of the regular lanes taken by steamers bound from the West Indies. I would not be surprised to hear of her being towed to Bermuda or some Southern port by some transatlantic steamer."

C. A. Spreckles, the sugar merchant of San Francisco, who arrived yesterday on the American liner New York, heard the Ponce was overdue, and hurried from the pier to ascertain how much of her sugar cargo was consigned to him.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Secretary Shaw to-day ordered out two additional revenue cutters in search of the steamer Ponce, of the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company. The Seminole was sent out from Charleston, S. C., and the Algonquin from Porto Rico. The Mohawk had previously been started from New York.

BURNED IN PULLMAN CAR.

Clerk of House Committee Dead—Three Others Injured.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 6.—Louis De Lario, a clerk of the House Committee on Irrigation, was killed and three persons were injured early to-day by a fire in a sleeping car attached to the eastbound Los Angeles Limited train on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.

The Northwestern train had got within a mile of Loveland, Iowa, when passengers in the Pullman car Redfield were smothered by smoke. The fire had been smouldering for some time, as the car was filled with dense smoke, which suffocated the passengers.

Louis De Lario, aged twenty-two years, who was bound from his home in Laramie, Wyo., to Washington, was dead when found. The fire had started in or near his berth and the flames had reached his body. De Lario's Washington address is No. 1110 K street, N. W. The passengers in the car lost nearly all the personal effects they had with them, most of them escaping in their sleeping clothes.

The fire is said by the conductor and several passengers to have originated apparently in one of the berths. One theory is that it started in a berth occupied by a woman who had been using an alcohol lamp to heat milk for her baby. The car was considerably damaged.

S. P. STRIKE SETTLED.

Agreement on Firemen's Dispute Signed at Houston.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 6.—An agreement has been reached and papers signed for the settlement of the Southern Pacific firemen's strike.

B. & O. WORK STOPPED.

Engineers Arrested for Running St. George Freight Yard Sunday.

The long continued complaints by residents of New Brighton, Staten Island, against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for operating its freight yard at St. George on Sunday came to a focus yesterday, when the police arrested four engineers in the employ of the road, charging them with violations of the Sunday law.

The fight against the Baltimore & Ohio has been conducted by the Anti-Nuisance League of Staten Island, a body of residents of Richmond Borough organized to better conditions there, and complaint was laid before Police Commissioner Bingham by Charles R. Parmelee, the president of the league, and as a result Inspector Schmittberger, Captain Gallagher and half a dozen detectives of the West Brighton station went to the freight yards yesterday morning with Mr. Parmelee and Samuel H. Evans, counsel to the league. After watching for some time the long trains of cars being shunted here and there Inspector Schmittberger ordered the arrest of the engineers at work, four in all—Adam Cook, Ernest W. Butts, W. J. White and W. P. Eckert. They were taken to the West Brighton police station, and were immediately bailed out by a representative of the railroad company. They will appear before Magistrate Croak, in the West Brighton police court, this morning.

After the arrests had been made before a large crowd watching from the bluffs above the yard Mr. Parmelee expressed his satisfaction.

"We have been pegging away at this thing ever since the organization of the league, and now it looks as if we might get some results," he said.

He had several interviews with Commissioner Bingham, at one of which representatives of the Baltimore & Ohio road were present. I had pointed out to the Commissioner that not only had the railroad no right to operate its engines to move freight on Sunday, but as a matter of fact it had no right to use the St. George yards for freight at all. The yards were originally granted, "way back in Erastus Wiman's time, for use in the passenger service, and no franchise has ever been granted to any company or individual to use them as freight yards. Untold injury has been done to property interests in New Brighton, and as a result trespassers, and we shall not rest content until the yards are restored to the original and rightful use. To-day's action was only the first move in our campaign to that end."

MR. JACKSON DEFIANT.

MAY IGNORE INJUNCTION.

Hints Possibility of Going On with Quo Warranto Action.

Attorney General William S. Jackson spent yesterday in town, and it is putting it mildly to say that he was in a state of mind on account of the injunction obtained by Mayor McClellan restraining him temporarily from reopening the quo warranto proceedings desired by Mr. Hearst. Clarence J. Shearn and Alexander Young, both of whom it is said, are retained by Mr. Hearst, were in consultation with Mr. Jackson the greater part of the day at the Victoria, and when Mr. Jackson went back to Albany last night he dropped a remark that strengthened a rumor that he was going to try to ignore the order of the court, and go ahead with his quo warranto hearing, set for to-day in Albany.

The writ of prohibition restraining the Attorney General from going on to-day was granted by Justice Fitts, of the Supreme Court in Albany, on Saturday, and is made returnable on Saturday morning of this week. The Mayor was represented by Eugene L. Richards, Jr., and ex-Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck.

Just before leaving here for Albany last night Mr. Jackson was asked concerning his probable action to-day, and his reply was:

"Perhaps that writ of prohibition does not prohibit, after all."

"Do you mean that you are going to ignore it?" was asked.

"Make your own deductions," was the answer. It is understood that Attorney General Jackson is much incensed at the wording of the Mayor's petition, wherein it is alleged that he is not fit to conduct a proceeding of the character contemplated. The language of the petition is:

Your petitioner is informed and believes that the said Attorney General, William Schuyler Jackson, cannot administer justice as a fair and impartial officer within the meaning of the law of the land, and that he is not fit to conduct a proceeding of the character contemplated. The language of the petition is:

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One of Charles F. Murphy's lieutenants said last night that the Attorney General had consulted with various justices of the Supreme Court, and that the consensus of their opinion was that the Attorney General could ignore the writ of prohibition granted by Justice Fitts, on the ground that he, the Attorney General, was acting clearly within his constitutional rights by going ahead with a quo warranto proceeding. The other side of the proposition is that if the Attorney General should ignore Justice Fitts's order he would lay himself open to the charge of acting as a partisan in the interest of Hearst, the very thing charged by Mayor McClellan in his petition.

It was said last night that it would be within the province of a Supreme Court justice to dissolve the writ of prohibition granted by Justice Fitts, although it would be unusual for a brother justice to do such a thing without sufficient reason for it.

Tammany men believe that if the Attorney General finally is enabled to go on with the quo warranto proceeding he will conduct it outside of this city, but that he desires a quo warranto proceeding by the Attorney General, so that his counsel will have an opportunity to say certain things in court.

The friends of Mayor McClellan say that he would not interpose objection to a recent bill. The cost of defending himself in a quo warranto proceeding would fall on him personally, and all that he could do would be to obtain a long drawn out inquiry of that sort.

Certain powerful friends of Charles F. Murphy have cautioned him against playing into the hands of the enemies of the McClellan and McCarran in opposing Hearst last November. Actually conferred a great boon on Tammany and its leader. In that Tammany cannot afford to lose the support of the McClellan and McCarran in opposing Hearst last November, and it is believed that the McClellan and McCarran are not so easily won over as they were.

Heard was badly beaten. Mr. Murphy's friends tell him that he is now rehabilitating Hearst, who, if he gets a chance, will prove to be a harder taskmaster than McClellan ever has been.

REVOLT IN SALVADOR.

Army Being Mobilized—Government Troops Defeat Mutineers.

Panama, Jan. 6.—The government of San Salvador has informed the Honduras government that it is mobilizing its army for the purpose of destroying the groups of revolutionists headed by General Dionisio Gutierrez, who has proclaimed himself President. At San Marcos and Colon, in the department of Usulután, a band of mutineers engaged the government forces, who defeated them, killing one, wounding three and capturing eleven.

METEOR SCARES SAILOR TO DEATH.

German Steamer Reports Monster Fireball Encountered in Mid-Atlantic.

Those on the German steamer Kybfels, which arrived in this port Saturday night from Calcutta, saw a great meteor in mid-Atlantic toward evening on December 29. The native crew were so scared by the sight that one of them died two days later from heart disease caused by the fright.

The officers described the meteor as one of the biggest they had ever seen. When it fell into the sea the crew ran to quarters.

Captain von Theulen had some trouble with the crew when outside the Suez Canal, caused by the assistant baker handling bread which was to be served to them. The followers of Mahomet, the captain said, will not eat bread handed by a Christian, and when the word spread that the assistant baker had handled the bread the crew set on him and would have killed him had not the captain and the officers threatened to put the whole crew in irons.

MURDERED AND HOUSE BURNED.

Body of Wealthy Farmer Found in Ruins of His Home.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 6.—Daniel S. Davis, a wealthy truck farmer, of Absecon, was found burned to death in the ruins of his destroyed home at an early hour to-day by neighbors, who had labored for three hours in an unsuccessful attempt to subdue the flames.

There was evidence that the man had been murdered and