

MURDER MYSTERY.

Leading Denver Business Man Found Dead in New York.

HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN ROBBED

And Killed by Thugs--Was Chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Colorado and a Cripple Creek Mine Operator--Was Active in Collecting Money for the Bryan Campaign--Fell Among Thieves while on a Street--A Mysterious Case.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.--Frank P. Arbutick, of Denver, Colorado, was found in an unconscious condition, lying in an obscure place near a vacant lot, just off the sidewalk, in a lot of weeds on the west side of Eighth avenue, between 12nd and 13rd streets, at 2:45 o'clock this morning. He died in the patrol wagon on the way to the station house, without regaining consciousness.

That the man was garrotted, robbed and murdered, is believed from incidents which occurred a short time previous to his being discovered lying in the weeds.

The ambulance surgeon who was called upon by the finding of the dying man, gave it as his opinion that he was suffering from heart disease. The police, however, are of the opinion that the man came to his death at the hands of thugs.

Ten minutes before Arbutick was found a policeman passed the place on his beat, and he asserts positively that there was no one there then. Arbutick was about fifty years old, five feet, nine inches tall, and weighed about 220 pounds, and in his attire had the appearance of being a prosperous business man. He wore a black diagonal suit of clothes of fine material which bore the name of the maker "J. A. Merriam, Fond Du Lac, Wis."

In the pockets of the dead man, a number of letters addressed to "Hon. Frank P. Arbutick, care of 'Tammany Times,' 25 West Thirty-ninth street." There were also found a number of certificates of the Cripple Creek Mining Company, Consolidated Mining Company. The letters all related to mining subjects and schemes which indicated that the dead man had been interested in mining ventures.

Besides these things found in the dead man's pocket there were also \$1 69 in change, several programmes of a theatrical party to be given at the City Hotel, a match box, two handkerchiefs, marked with the letter "A," a pair of linked cuff buttons, a gold ore charm and three pieces of gold ore. His shirt was marked "A."

Was He Murdered?

Officers sent out on the case went to the Atlanta Casino, near where Arbutick was found. There they had a talk with the bar tender, Charles Horstman, who confirmed their theory that the man had been foully dealt with. Horstman said that a man answering the description of the dead man came into the saloon about an hour before the time he was found unconscious and called for a drink of whiskey. He appeared at the time to be partly under the influence of liquor, and he was paying for a drink he displayed a large roll of bills and then pulled from his pocket a heavy gold watch which was attached to a large chain. After taking his drink the man left the saloon. This is the last known of his movements until he was found in the weeds early dead. No money except a small amount of change was found in his pockets, and he had no watch nor chain.

It is surmised that the man got on an elevated train somewhere down town and, falling asleep rode to the end of the line. He then got off the train, it is believed, and walked down stairs and into the Casino saloon, which is at the foot of the elevated stairway.

It is believed that after leaving the Casino, the man was set upon by thugs, knocked down and robbed. No marks of violence were found on the body, according to the police. It appears that the man was struck by a blow from a sandbag or it might have been received in a fall. No one living near the scene of the tragedy could be found who had heard any unusual noise during the early morning.

A messenger sent to Frederick Slagle, editor of the Tammany Times, brought that gentleman to the station to which Mr. Arbutick's body had been taken. Slagle's identification of the remains was complete.

John Wilkinson, of 254 West 133rd street, this city, who says he knew Mr. Arbutick well, has asked the coroner for permission to take charge of the body.

The police surgeon at the station house, after a thorough examination of the body of Mr. Arbutick, declared that death was due to heart failure, brought on by an attempt to ascend the steps of the elevated station.

According to Mr. Slagle, Mr. Arbutick was instructed in raising \$150,000 for the Democratic national campaign, which was about one-third of the whole sum disbursed by the campaign committee.

A Physician's Theory.

Coroner's physician O'Hanlon performed the autopsy on the body.

With the conclusion of the autopsy all grounds for the predication of a suspicion of foul play as the cause of Mr. Arbutick's death vanished. Dr. O'Hanlon told the newspaper men that the coroner on the basis of the autopsy, with no fracture or indication of the skull was found, nor were there any marks of violence on the body. The autopsy, however, revealed that the stomach and intestines were badly swollen. No traces of drugs or poisons were visible. The diseased parts were sent to Chemist Withnauer for a microscopic examination. The results of the autopsy showed that the diagnosis of Ambulance Surgeon Rossman, of the Manhattan hospital, who, when the body was brought to the station, declared it to be a case of heart failure, is correct. A suggestion of suicide was thrown out, but when Col. Withnauer was asked later if there was any reason for placing faith in such a conjecture, he said it was absurd.

Mrs. Arbutick left Denver on Wednesday night to join her husband here. Police she receives word at Omaha she will not have any intimation of her husband's bereavement until she reaches here.

Col. Slagle has telegraphed to the dead man's brother, Richard Arbutick, who resides in Erie, Pa., and who, it is expected, will arrive to-morrow morning.

Dr. O'Hanlon did not grant a certificate of death to-night. He prefers to delay until the arrival of relatives of the dead man, and he may possibly delay until Mr. Withnauer has made a report of the microscopic examination.

Mr. Arbutick's Business Career.

DENVER, Nov. 19.--The man found unconscious in the street in New York city this morning and who died soon afterwards, was Hon. Frank P. Arbutick, chairman of the Democratic state committee of Colorado, and receiver in the land office in this city.

He was born at Erie, Pa., in the early part of 1822. He had the advantage of an excellent education and early evi-

dened the business capacity which had led to his success. In 1870 he became connected with the telegraph service of the Kansas Pacific Railway Company, whose railway had been completed to Denver. Some time afterward he organized the American District Telegraph Company in this city, was its superintendent for a number of years and showed marked ability in its management.

Other organizations perfected and successfully operated by Mr. Arbutick were the Denver Hook Water Company, and the Mountain Water Company, which for many years supplies the citizens of highlands until consolidated with the Denver-Highlands Electric Company. In another of his prosperous adventures, he was receiver of the land office at Lamar during Cleveland's first administration, and was appointed to the same position in the Denver office under the present administration. Mr. Arbutick went east just after the late election to close up a large mining deal. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Known in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 19.--Frank P. Arbutick, who was found dead in New York city this morning, was well known at Fond Du Lac, Wis., where he married Miss Emma Swift, of that city, a number of years ago. His home is at Highlands, a suburb of Denver.

He last visited Fond Du Lac about a year ago. A. Merriam sent him a suit of clothing about three weeks ago, to Erie, Pa., where he spent last summer.

IN SELF DEENSE.

Solomon Ziegler Tells the Story of the Killing of Sheriff Brooker--Persecution and Its Results.

SYLVANIA, Ga., Nov. 19.--As was expected the defendant's attorneys decided not to introduce any testimony in the Ziegler trial when the arguments began this morning. Solomon Ziegler was put on the stand to make his statement. He read it with but little hesitation. His father had told him on his death bed, he said, that he was coming home on the Sylvania train he heard George Bellinger make a statement that he considered an insult. He spoke to the negro about it and Sheriff Brooker took the matter up. Brooker cursed Ziegler, but friends separated them. His father left the train to avoid a difficulty. When the train reached Ziegler station, Brooker called out to him from the car.

"Come on and go to Sylvania and I'll fix you, d--n!" "My father started into the car and was shot by Brooker. I ran into the car and Brooker shot at me, the bullet grazing my neck. I rushed into the car and almost before I knew it had taken Brooker's pistol from him and shot him. I went back to my father. His hat was cut. I asked him who cut his throat. He told me Conner Williams. Two or three days later my father died."

Before the death of his father the prisoner said he went into the train as it was passing Sylvania to see a lady. He looked around and saw a man holding a gun at his head. It was Conner Williams. He took the gun away from him and beat Williams severely with his fist.

"After my father's death," said Sol. "I went before Justice Jennings and secured a warrant for Brooker for murder. He was allowed to give bond. I went before the grand jury to indict him, but instead of indicting him they indicted me for assaulting Brooker."

"Brooker," he said, "had sworn to have revenge. He told Mr. Hurst in the grand jury room that Sol Ziegler had nearly done him up and that he would kill him if it took ten years to do it. He told Precher Thompson that he would kill Correll and I the first chance he got. He told Mr. Arnett the same thing. I told Mr. Arnett I wished Brooker would go on and let me alone, as I did not want to kill anyone.

"At Gollad, at the Baptist Association, I carried my gun with me, as I always did after Brooker's threats. At Gollad I and some friends were in a carriage when Brooker came up behind me. I made an excuse to get out of the carriage and went to look at Mr. Faister's horse. We afterward went back to the carriage, but as Brooker was still there, we went up to the church. The sheriff followed us there. This went on for some time. Everywhere we went he would come. He looked at me with unfriendly glances. Mr. John Hughes reported to me that Brooker had said that he would kill my brother and myself before the day was ended. That he was going to be the last man to leave the grounds that day. Some one asked Brooker what he would do if the Ziegler boys had their rifles. I have got rifles myself," he replied.

A friend of the Ziegler reported to him, according to the statement, that Brooker had rifles in his buggy. Just before the killing Solomon said he was helping his friend to gear up his team. Brooker and a man came up and began talking low. The defendant heard Brooker say: "Boys, this is our last chance to get them."

It was said that Brooker, he said, forced the killing in self-defense.

DETECTIVE PURSUED.

Clark who Arrested "Cap" Hatfield, is Himself a Fugitive.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Nov. 19.--J. H. Clark, the detective who recently arrested the notorious "Cap" Hatfield, is now himself fleeing from the vengeance of the Mounts and their friends.

Clark and M. S. Hevins undertook the arrest at Dalmore of Anderson Mounts, who some time ago killed his cousin in Kentucky, and for whom a reward was offered.

They found Mount in the custody of his father, charged with some infraction of the West Virginia law. He refused to be arrested and the usual battle followed. Clark and Hevins killed Mount and mortally wounded his father. Realizing that they had made a mistake in trying to arrest a man already in custody, the detectives fled. The friends of the Mounts at once offered a reward for the detectives and a party started in hot pursuit. The pursuers managed to shoot Clark in the shoulder, but have not yet captured him.

During the night, Clark and Hevins succeeded in crossing the line into Kentucky, where they will be protected by Sheriff Keadle. Clark will claim the \$1,000 reward offered for Anderson Mounts, dead or alive.

Elias Mounts, father of Anderson, says his son was killed without provocation and offers \$500 for the arrest of Detective Clark.

National Gospel Mission.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.--At to-day's session of the National Gospel Mission Union, the delegates were addressed by speakers representing different missions in the United States on work done in their respective localities. Rev. J. P. Nelson, of the West Superior mission, Wisconsin, was the first speaker.

Charles P. Robel, representing the Bethesda Association, of Duluth, Minn.; A. E. Hines, People's Rescue Mission, Rochester, N. Y.; E. S. Curtis, Union Mission, St. Louis, Mo.; and John D. Harbeck, of the Union Gospel Mission, of Evansville, Ind., also spoke.

Charles P. Robel, of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Rockford, Ill.; Utica, Ill.; and Quincy, Ill., told the members of the convention of the good work done in their respective cities by the mission.

DEATH STRUGGLE

During Convicts' Desperate Break For Liberty.

ERIE JAIL WARDEN IS KILLED

While Bravely Battling with a Prisoner Who was Attempting to Escape From a Railroad Train--Dragged From the Car Platform while the Train is Going Forty Miles an Hour--Criminals Take Desperate Chances, and are Almost Successful.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 19.--Convict Patrick Cronin, while being conveyed from Erie to the Western Penitentiary in Allegheny to-day, made a desperate attempt to escape from the train, dragging Thomas E. McCrea, warden of the Erie county jail, to almost instant death. The prisoner's escape from death was miraculous. He will now probably be charged with murder. This morning Sheriff Evans, with six deputies, left Erie with sixteen prisoners, bound for the Western penitentiary. The prisoners were handcuffed in couples and each couple chained to the car seats. As an extra precaution the sheriff had the key of the car in his pocket.

Among the prisoners were Patrick Cronin, sentenced to five years for robbing cars, and John Schubart, his pal, under a similar sentence. Both men are desperate criminals and they devised a cunning plan to escape from the train, even if they paid the penalty with their lives. In some way they worked the handcuffs from their wrists and bided their time. When Sewickley, twelve miles below this city, was reached, Schubart asked one of the deputies to open the window as he felt hot and needed fresh air. The request was complied with. Just at this time the conductor got Sheriff Evans to open the door for him.

The train was going at a terrific speed--probably forty miles an hour. Instantly Cronin made a dash for the door, passing McCrea, who was at the water tank taking a drink of water. The warden grappled with the convict on the platform and a life and death struggle took place. Just as Sheriff Evans was hurrying to the aid of McCrea, Cronin grappled with the latter and leaped from the train, dragging the warden with him.

When the sheriff and trainmen reached the spot, both men were found unconscious and in a badly battered condition. McCrea's hand still grasped Cronin's collar. McCrea's head was badly crushed and he died before reaching the hospital. Cronin's head and shoulders were also crushed and bruised, but he will recover.

During the excitement attending Cronin's struggle, Schubart tried to squeeze his body through the open window. He had almost accomplished his purpose when he was noticed by a deputy, and dragged back into the car by his heels.

The unconscious victims of the tragedy were taken to the Erie County hospital and the train proceeded. McCrea was taken to the Allegheny general hospital, while Cronin, with the other prisoners, was lodged in the penitentiary.

SENSATIONAL ENDING

Of the Trial of Rev. James C. Hull--Confesses to Attempted Poisoning.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 19.--The case against Rev. James C. Hull, accused of attempted wife poisoning, came to a sudden and sensational end in the district court this afternoon. Hull had been on the witness stand since yesterday afternoon and had entered a categorical denial to all the state's evidence in regard to the administering by him of arsenic mixed with medicine to his wife.

Then the state sprung a surprise in the shape of a letter which Hull had written while in Portland, Ore., last February to Rev. I. L. Spence, an intimate friend, who was then in Bernardino, Cal. In this letter Hull stated that his wife was very sick; that she was suffering from cancer, and that he expected her to be called home at any time, and that he thought she would not live through the year. He also stated that an operation had been performed for the removal of the cancer, but that it had broken out again. Hull was at first inclined to deny that he had written such a letter, but upon being urged by his own attorney, finally admitted its authorship. The state claimed that the letter placed in evidence was written with the intention of preparing his friends for the death of his wife and to provide a plausible cause therefor.

At the opening of the afternoon session Hull formally withdrew his plea of not guilty, and Judge Eagan sentenced him to six years in the Stillwater penitentiary.

Hull had been pastor of the Clinton Avenue M. E. church until about a year ago.

Last August he was arrested on complaint of his wife, who charged that for a year or more he had been slowly poisoning her by the administration of arsenic mixed with her medicines and with articles of food. The motive, as shown by the evidence of the state in the case just ended, was a life insurance policy for \$2,500, which Hull had prevailed upon his wife to take out in his favor at Lecheville. The former principal beneficiary was his wife's sister, who was living with them. Mrs. Hull testified that her husband, upon being charged with this misconduct, finally admitted it.

The couple's fourteen-year-old daughter was an important witness for the state. The scene in court to-day when Hull changed his plea and was sentenced was an extremely dramatic one and strung the nerves of all present to a high tension.

Torpedo Boats Collide.

BREST, Nov. 19.--The torpedo boats, known by the numbers eighty-three and sixty-one of the French navy, came into collision during the maneuvers of the French fleet. The former boat sank and its crew was missing. Number sixty-one was also badly damaged and was towed here. Number eighty-three was one of a series of thirty-five boats whose complement of men was sixteen. Her length was 147-10 feet and she had a speed of twenty knots. Number sixty-one is slightly smaller, but also has a complement of sixteen men.

Tobacco Rate War.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.--The World this evening says: Rumors will continue to be circulated about an impending settlement of the war that has raged between the tobacco manufacturers. The Foreign Tobacco Company, of Middletown, Ohio, this morning announced an advance of one cent a pound on its three principal grades of plug tobacco. This is regarded by insiders as an indication of a final settlement of the tobacco rate war.

INDIGNANT REPORTERS

Cleveland Newspaper Men Treated Badly by the Local Committee at Reception to Chairman Hanna, and Lose Their Temper if Not Their Dignity.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 19.--The newspaper men of this city are much wrought up over the discourteous treatment accorded representatives of the press on the occasion of the banquet and reception tendered to Hon. M. A. Hanna, Tuesday evening, by the Union Club, and the following self-explanatory resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Artemus Ward Press Club, at a special meeting this evening:

"The Artemus Ward Club, of Cleveland, composed of the newspaper men of the city, in special session assembled, called for the purpose of considering the treatment of the newspapermen at the complimentary dinner given by the Union Club, of Cleveland, Ohio, to Chairman M. A. Hanna, of the Republican national committee, condemns the management of the banquet for its gross discourtesy to the reporters.

"The newspaper men were invited to attend the banquet, an affair that had attracted national attention. The reporters went there, expecting to obtain the news and to receive courteous treatment. When they reached the Union Club they were treated as intruders and not as representatives of newspapers. They were subjected to insults that have aroused the indignation of the newspapermen of the city.

"Resolved, That the Artemus Ward Club resent the outrageous treatment accorded to the reporters at the banquet and consider it unworthy of an organization that ought to stand for what is best in the business and social life of Cleveland, and that the secretary be directed to send copies of this expression to the president and secretary of the Union Club and that copies be furnished to the newspapers.

(Signed.)

"E. B. LILLEY, City Editor of Plain Dealer.

"J. WALDECK, City Editor Press.

"E. C. BOTTEN, City Editor Leader.

"GEORGE A. ROBERTSON, Editor-in-Chief Recorder.

"JOHN SPURGEON, Managing Editor World."

COONS FROM KENTUCKY

Sent to McKinley--One Enthusiast Sends Him a Thanksgiving Squash.

CANTON, Ohio, Nov. 19.--Major and Mrs. McKinley did not go for their usual drive this morning, a sudden change in the temperature making out of door recreation too uninviting for Mrs. McKinley. The day was given over largely by Mr. McKinley to his list of correspondents and receiving friends and neighbors and an occasional visitor from out of town. Mr. Charles Halbrook, of the West Virginia Coal Company, of Philadelphia, called last evening and Colonel George Hay, of Co-shocton, Ohio, was among the visitors to-day.

Two lively coons arrived at the McKinley residence this evening, a present to the President-elect from an admiring friend in Kentucky.

A great squash that filled a bushel basket was another present received to-day, a gift from Colonel Charles Worner, of Blaine precinct, Pierce county, Nebraska. Accompanying the squash was a clipping from the "Pioneer" which explained that the squash had been grown in the only precinct in Pierce county which gave Major McKinley a majority. A verse was scratched on the squash, the last lines of which read:

"Early in November I shall make McKinley pies."

At McKinley's Home.

CANTON, Ohio, Nov. 19.--The Imperial Brick Company, makers of shale paving brick with kiln capacity for 1,200,000 bricks at each burning, has ordered all former employees to report at the office Saturday to arrange for resumption Monday. Seventy-five men will go to work at once.

A FAKE DENOUNCED.

Chairman Hanna Misrepresented in the United Press.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 19.--Hon. M. A. Hanna stated to an Associated Press reporter to-day that an alleged interview with him sent out from this city by the United States Press, wherein he was made to say that he was ineligible for the position of secretary of the treasury, was entirely untrue.

"You can say for me," said Mr. Hanna, "that the statement attributed to me on that subject, is a pure fake." "While there has been more or less talk in regard to Mr. Hanna being barred from the treasury secretaryship by reason of his commercial interests, it is held by many well informed persons that the law bearing on the subject does not apply to internal commerce and that if even should be decided that the statute in question does bar Mr. Hanna, there are numerous other ways in which the objections could be removed.

General Horace A. Porter, of New York, was a visitor at Mr. Hanna's office to-day. A long conference was held between the national chairman and the New Yorker. There is gossip to the effect that General Porter will be appointed as secretary of war in the McKinley administration.

HARDWARE MEN.

The Second Annual Convention Meets in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 19.--It was nearly noon when the delegates to the second annual convention of the National Hardware Association began their second day's session.

The meeting was in executive session and was devoted to a discussion of papers of interest to the trade. The first paper was entitled "Our Association; Its Weaknesses and Its Strength," compiled by Theodore D. Buhl, of Detroit, and W. E. Newell, of Atlanta.

The discussion was opened by T. A. Harvey, of Saginaw, Mich. Miscellaneous business was also disposed of.

In the afternoon a paper entitled "Traveling Salesmen: How Can They Give the Best Returns?" was presented. It was the joint contribution of Richard W. Shapleigh, of St. Louis, and Colonel James R. Nutting, of Davenport. The discussion was opened by J. H. Boucher, of Rochester.

An address was made by F. R. Brock, secretary of the National Credit Men's Association.

BANK FAILS.

First National Bank of Sioux City Makes an Assignment.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Nov. 19.--The First National Bank of Sioux City closed its doors at 10 o'clock this morning, a result of heavy withdrawals since the failure of the Iowa Savings Bank last week. The bank has always been considered one of the most solid financial institutions in the northwest.

The bank had nearly \$400,000 in deposits; loans and discounts, \$122,000; capital, \$100,000.

The failure of the First National caused a run on the Sioux City Savings Bank, J. T. Stone being president of both institutions. The officers took advantage of the sixty-day law, but late

In the day F. B. Ross was appointed receiver for the protection of the stockholders and creditors. No further trouble is looked for by the bankers of Sioux City.

PLATFORM FALLS

And Ninety People are Buried Under Three Thousand Hales of Cotton.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 19.--A special to the Commercial-Appel from Macon, Ga., says: Thirty people, 3,000 bales of cotton and hundreds of tons of heavy timber all went down in one loud crash at 3:30 o'clock to-night at the Central railroad crossing in this city. Fourteen injured people, all employees of the company, have been removed from the wreckage, but it is thought others are beneath the cotton and lumber, and, if so, they are dead or will be before they can be extricated.

The injured are: James L. Hip, crushed. James L. Hip, right leg mashed. Richard Dickson, right hip mashed. Richard Cherris, shoulder crushed. John Williams, face burned. John Williams, face cut.

L. W. Williams, head badly bruised. H. D. Thomas, shoulder badly bruised. Wash Burnett, face burned. Will Garrett, cut over left eye. J. M. Brown, left leg badly mashed. E. M. Brown, left leg mashed.

Superintendent A. A. Gordon was in the middle of the platform superintending the trucking of cotton and went down in the midst of all, but by a miraculous escape received only bruises on the legs and arms. Several employees are missing and it is feared they are beneath the wreck. The platform was twenty feet high, 850 feet long and 60 feet wide. Over 500 feet gave way without warning, the supports being rotten. It is believed that two teams and their drivers were caught beneath the platform, as it extended over Poplar street, a public thoroughfare, and a great many teams are said to have been crushed by it as it fell. So great was the noise made by the falling platform that it was heard a distance of a mile, and many people in the neighborhood were badly frightened. All of the injured were taken to their homes and to hospitals and given attention by surgeons, who pronounced the injuries of some of them as perhaps fatal.

CUSTOMS LAWS

Were Well Enforced--Decrease in Importation of Opium.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.--J. J. Crowley, supervising special agent of the treasury, in his annual report states that the number of arrests made during the year for violations of the customs laws was 188, number of seizures 1,356, suits commenced \$2,483, amount of fines \$37,212. Moneys recovered on account of seizures \$10,807; on account of fines, etc., \$34,568; on account of undervaluations and erroneous classifications discovered \$660,020. The receipts for the year exceeded those of the preceding year by \$5,625,185, while the costs of collections were \$2,000,000 less.

Opium smuggling, the report says, has decreased largely during the last year, as the result, principally, of the reduction of the rate of duty from \$12 to \$6 per pound. One hundred and thirty-eight thousand nine hundred and fifty pounds of smoking opium was imported at San Francisco during the year 1895, upon which \$312,404 was paid in duties. Last year the amount was 98,125 pounds, upon which duty aggregating \$588,755 was paid. The report shows that there has been a noticeable increase in the smuggling of diamonds since the duties on precious stones was increased by the tariff act of 1891. A return of the rate of duty provided in the act of 1890, Mr. Crowley says, would be in the interest of revenue and of the legitimate trade.

During the last year 5,446 Chinese persons applied for admission to this country. Of this number 1,521 were in transit to other countries, 415 were rejected upon China, and another uprising would under these conditions follow. Spain would have to expend great sums of money to keep Cuba in submission. The war debts now is estimated at \$500,000,000 and is accumulating at the rate of \$12,000,000 a month.

GOOD SIGNS CONTINUE

In the Iron and Steel Trade--Little Change in the Situation.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 19.--The American Manufacturer will say to-morrow: "Our market reports this week show that there has been but little change in the situation. At all points the good signs continue, but nowhere has there been any remarkable increase in business. In the eastern market the expected improvement has hardly been realized, while throughout the west the improvement is irregular. Some products are going ahead and others are still quite slow. Pig iron sales generally are increasing, although the Chicago market this week is less active than it was three weeks since. Even in that market, however, orders taken for delivery during the entire year are about 1 1/2% above present current rates.

At Wheeling, Cincinnati and Cleveland, the consumption of pig iron is increasing, and in the New York market prices of pig iron are increasing. In many cases deferred shipments are being called for. At some points manufactured iron is in better demand, and the output is increasing. Iron and steel bars are advancing, and structural material is firm. Pig iron is quoted: Grey forge \$10 50@10 75; No. 1 foundry \$12 00@12 25; Bessemer \$12 50@12 75. Best muck iron \$11 25@11 50; common iron \$11 00@11 25; steel bars \$11 00@11 25; steel rails \$28."

THE LUTHER LEAGUE.

Election of Officers--The Session at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.--The annual election of officers was the first thing of importance on the programme at the session of the Luther League to-day. The following were elected: President, E. P. Elbert, New York; general secretary, W. C. Olsen, Chicago; recording secretary, W. C. Stover, Philadelphia; assistant recording secretary, Miss M. Meister, Lancaster, Pa.; treasurer, Cornelius Eckhardt, Washington, D. C.

Executive committee--W. C. Erick, Milwaukee; leader Truittman, Pittsburgh; Rev. L. J. Burger, Rock Island; Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Omaha, Neb.; F. A. Hartranft, Philadelphia.

Devotional services followed, August Miller, of Philadelphia, Pa., afterwards addressed the meeting on social topics pertaining to league work and "organization."

John W. Hass, of New York, spoke on "socialability and its position in league work."

Vanderbilt Gets Damages.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 19.--The Metropolitan Steamship Company to-day placed in the hands of Clerk Mason, of the United States district court, its check for \$99,477 63, to satisfy the decree of the court returned in the suit of W. K. Vanderbilt, of New York, owner of the steam yacht Alva, against the owners of the steamer H. F. Dimmock, which ran down and sank the Alva three years ago near Boston.

Under the decree the owner of the Alva gets \$99,467 30 and the balance goes to the Alva's crew, who lost personal effects by reason of the collision.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, threatening weather, with light snow or the lakes; continued cold weather; northerly winds.

For West Virginia, threatening weather, with occasional light showers; decidedly colder; northerly winds.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schenck, druggist, corner Fourteenth and Market streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. 60