

There Is No Telling.
Be sure not to let rheumatism stay in the system longer than you can get a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil to cure it. There is no telling what part it may strike or how much misery it may give.

Hudson Bay Is Disappearing.
Hudson bay will in the course of a few centuries become dry land, the rise of its surface being more remarkable than any other portion of the earth. Beaches covered with driftwood are found 20 to 70 feet above the bay, and the old harbors have become very shallow.

Why the Best

How the Truth of a Well Known Statement is Established.
Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine money can buy. It has stood the test of time and trial. Its great merit is demonstrated by its cures of Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Humors, Psoasitis, Scald Head, Boils, Blood Poisoning, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Stomach Troubles, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Nervousness, etc.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price, \$1.
Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills. 25 cents.

Mixing His Drinks.
There is a story told of Mr. Gladstone which would show that the true meaning of the old saying: "Do not mix your drinks," was unknown to the great statesman. It is said to have been his habit to let the wines which were served in the course of dinner mingle in the conversation of the glass. He happened to be nearest. On one occasion Mr. Gladstone, who had refreshed himself as usual in this haphazard way, inveighed against the practice of mixing wines. It was respectfully pointed out to him that he had been guilty of this very act; but he explained, to his own satisfaction, that to mix wines was to fill up half a glass of champagne from the port decanter!—*Cornhill Magazine.*

To Electrocute a Safety Vault.
An experiment of scientific interest is to be tried in getting rid of the safety vault of the old Cincinnati (O.) Deposit and Trust Company. The walls are constructed of layers of hard spring steel to a thickness of one and one-quarter inches. Two operators will be placed in the vault and a wire for each run in through a vent hole. The wire will be attached to a carbon, which will be manipulated with a heavy handle. They will pass the carbon over the steel walls, burning them in intersecting lines.

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.
A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and uncomfortable. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It treats and comforts; makes walking easy. Cures swollen and aching feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and is a certain cure for Chilblains, Sweating, damp or frost-bitten feet. We have over thirty thousand testimonials. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Popular Phone Service.
The telephone system of Paris will be greatly popularized and extended by the government mail and telegraph department. Public stations will be scattered through the city, where persons not subscribers may call from or make engagements over the wire. Messages will be delivered from these stations for a fee of 5 cents.

No household is complete without a bottle of the famous Jesse Moore Whiskey. It is a pure and wholesome stimulant recommended by all physicians. Don't neglect this necessity.

Gins From Seaweed.
A fresh use for seaweed is claimed to have been discovered by a Norwegian engineer, who exhibited an invention at the Stockholm exhibition for producing paper glue, dressing gum and soap from seaweed. The first establishment for this branch of manufacture is to be erected in the district of Stavanger.

HOIT'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Now at Burlingame, will remove to its beautiful new home at Menlo Park, San Mateo County, Cal., and re-open January 16th, 1899. Address Ira G. Hoyt, Ph. D., Menlo Park, Cal.

Flies are prevented from entering the house when the screen doors are opened by a new attachment, which has several rows of brushes on the outside of the door to scrape the flies off every time the door opens.

RELIEF FROM PAIN.

Women Everywhere Express their Gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. T. A. WALDEN, Gibson, Ga., writes:
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side. Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

Mrs. FLORENCE A. WOLFE, 315 Oakberry St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes:
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with what the local physicians told me was inflammation of the womb. Every month I suffered terribly. I had taken enough medicine from the doctors to cure anyone, but obtained relief for a short time only. At last I concluded to write you in regard to my case, and can say that by following your advice I am now perfectly well."

Mrs. W. R. BATES, Lanesfield, La., writes:
"Before writing to you I suffered dreadfully from painful menstruation, leucorrhoea and sore feeling in the lower part of the bowels. Now my friends want to know what makes me look so well. I don't hesitate one minute in telling them what has brought about this great change. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough. It is the greatest remedy of the age."

PISO'S CURE FOR
Best Cough Syrup. "Piso's Cure" is the best cough syrup. It is sold by druggists.

THE WORLD AT PEACE

William T. Stead Writes of the Czar's Proposal.

OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICANS

Movement in England in Favor of an International Demonstration.

London, Dec. 20.—William T. Stead, writing to the Associated Press, says: "I have seen the czar. I have heard from his own lips the earnest desire of his heart that something practical should be done, and that quickly, to divert to the service of humanity some of the many millions now devoted to preparations for war. He has taken the initiative in summoning the conference. He is prepared to give an earnest of his sincerity by arresting the future increase of Russian armament. But unless he is supported by the peoples who detest militarism as well as by those who groan under its burdens, his well-meant endeavor will fail."

"The American people can, if they will, prevent so fatal a catastrophe. As the greatest and latest born of the world's powers, they can, if they choose, save this supreme opportunity of the century from being sacrificed by the skeptical apathy of the government. But to do this, it will be necessary to act and to act at once. What is hoped of those friends of peace and enemies of militarism who turn their eager eyes to the great republic of the New World, is that between now and the end of January, the citizens of the United States will, by public demonstrations, formal resolutions and by other methods by which a democratic people gives expression to its convictions and its aspirations, have manifested to the world their determination to help the czar to put this thing through."

"In England, where the difficulties are much greater owing to the senseless prejudice against Russia, which has been the baleful legacy of the Crimean war, such a national committee is already in course of formation. By the end of next month, it is expected there will not be any considerable center of population which will not have had its public meeting demanding that energetic support should be given to the Russian proposals."

"What the friends of peace in England confidently calculate upon is that the appeal in the cause of humanity will find the American people ready and able to respond. If so, the greatest demonstration ever made of the peace-loving passion of the English-speaking race will be within our reach. A joint Anglo-American representation of, say, 15 men and 5 women, chosen from the foremost of our race, charged with the mandate to proceed through Europe on a pilgrimage of peace to present an address of thanks to the czar, would rouse the continent."

"Round the Anglo-American deputations would group themselves, in the first place, the representatives of the seven small states—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Portugal, with an aggregate population of nearly 30,000,000, and with these reinforcements the great international delegation would begin its crusade through Europe. In four weeks, it would have shaken the continent from center to circumference."

The movement in favor of an international demonstration in support of the czar's peace conference is taking practical shape in Great Britain, and is attracting much sympathy from the queen and other members of the royal family, who are said to be aware of the entire sincerity of the czar.

MORE HOBSON KISSING.

The Merrimack Hero in the Hands of Chicago Girls.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Lieutenant Richard Pearson Hobson was heavily bombarded by a large field of kissing girls at the Auditorium tonight, but as no distress signals were hoisted after the engagement, it is not believed that he was seriously injured. Lieutenant Hobson lectured on "The Sinking of the Merrimack," under the auspices of the Chicago Press Club, and after the lecture, the members of the audience pressed forward for an impromptu reception. There was much handshaking and applause, and more interesting than the war were 103 kisses given the Merrimack hero by many girls. The lieutenant met the attack bravely and even seemed to encourage it.

During his brief stay in Chicago, Lieutenant Hobson was the guest of General John McNulta, at the Union League Club. After the lecture he left for Kansas City, where he will speak tomorrow evening. Tuesday evening the distinguished naval officer will face an audience in Denver, whence he will proceed to San Francisco and sail for Manila December 24, on the City of Peking.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Nearly the whole of the business part of the town of Tifton, in the center of the peach belt, was burned last night. An oil lamp in a boarding house exploded. The Masonic hall and 10 stores were destroyed, and a hotel and a large lumber mill were damaged.

Indian Bill Passed.
Washington, Dec. 20.—The house today gave its attention to the Indian appropriation bill, passing it substantially as reported. This is the third of the appropriation bills to pass, and it clears the calendar of the big supply bills, although another, the agricultural bill, will be ready and knocking for attention by Monday. The house passed the bill granting a right of way through the San Francisco forest reserve to the Saginaw Southern railway of Arizona.

Baron Rothschild Dead.
London, Dec. 20.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, M. P., is dead. He was the second son of the late Baron Alphonse Rothschild. He was a member of parliament in the unionist interest, for Aylesbury. The baron was an intimate friend of the Prince of Wales. It was during the prince's last visit to Weddowson, near Aylesbury, that he injured his knee. The baron was a lavish host and entertained the queen in 1890. His death was sudden. It was supposed he was only suffering from a cold.

RIOTS IN HAVANA SUBURBS.

Cubans Break Loose With the Withdrawal of Authority.

Havana, Dec. 20.—The Spanish evacuation commissioners informed the American commissioners this evening that the Havana suburbs of Cerro and Jesus del Monte had been evacuated. The Spanish troops evacuated Jesus del Monte at 5 o'clock this evening, immediately after which American and Cuban flags were raised, crackers were fired, and the usual demonstrations made by the large crowd in honor of the event. At the hour of filing this dispatch, 8 P. M., it is reported that some of the troops of the Cuban General Mario Menocal are entering Jesus del Monte. Probably the United States forces will be sent there tomorrow.

The suburb of Cerro was evacuated yesterday. American and Cuban flags were displayed from the houses on Calzada del Cerro, and crowds rushed through the streets shouting "Vive Cuba libre."

About 5:30 last evening, a crowd of Cubans of the lower class passed a barracks of engineers on the Infanta avenue, shouting "Long live Cuba!" and "Death to Spain!" and firing shots into the air in celebration of the evacuation of Cerro. The engineers did not fire, but the guard was doubled.

The crowd then passed on from the Calzada del Monte to the Calzada del Cerro, stopping the street-cars and compelling passengers to shout "Viva Cuba libre." Among the demonstrators were a number of butchers, who carried pistols and knives. Jose Gancedo and his cousin, Teodoro Huertis, who were on the cars, were wounded with knives. Gancedo died today, and Huertis will probably die.

Later the crowd met some engineers at the Esquina de Tejas and fired upon them, seriously wounding one. The engineers returned the fire, wounding a street-car conductor; a civilian, Isidoro Kozale, and John Leonard, a colored man. The rioting continued, many shots being fired in front of the Casa de Socorro, where the wounded were assisted.

Spanish soldiers were ordered to the scene, and arrived about 9 o'clock. While marching through Cerro, they were fired upon by men concealed behind pillars. One Spanish private fell, wounded, and the battalion fired into the air to scare the rioters. On resuming their march, they were again fired upon, and another man was hit. The Spaniards then fired and dispersed the rioters. Among the wounded was a colored woman, and it is also reported that there were several others.

The rioting caused great alarm in Cerro and along the Calzada del Monte, where all houses have kept closed doors since last night.

STUCK FAST ON A REEF.

Accident to the Cruiser Cincinnati in Santiago Harbor.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 20.—While the United States cruiser Cincinnati was leaving port about sunset yesterday, she ran full speed upon a rock clearly defined in the charts, but not buoyed. Last September, General Leonard Wood, considering that the absence of a buoy there might lead to some accident, anchored a small one, the first ever placed there, but the vessel, on entering the harbor one night, carried it away, and since then there has been no buoy to mark the location of the rock.

The Cincinnati probably is not seriously damaged, as she is not making water. For the last 24 hours the government collier Southern and the Mayflower have been engaged in an effort to pull her off. Thus far they have been unsuccessful, but it is hoped they will have better luck tonight at high tide. The principal risk now is tearing a hole in the cruiser's bottom while she is pulling off.

TROOPS ON THE SCANDIA.

Transport Brings the Remaining New Yorkers From Honolulu.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The United States transport steamer Scandia has arrived here, 33 days from Manila and eight days from Honolulu. She remained several days at the latter port, and the news she brought from the Philippines was forwarded by the steamer Alameda and Gaelic, which arrived during the past week. The Scandia brings the remaining companies of the First New York volunteer regiment from Honolulu. All are reported in good condition, five who were ill being now convalescent. Among her passengers from Manila are W. A. Walsh, of the Astor battery, and W. J. Cohn, C. H. Herrman, W. H. Curran, of the Pennsylvania volunteers, and several members of the First California regiment. The Scandia is in quarantine, and no mail or passengers will be landed tonight, neither will any one be permitted to go on board.

Medicines for Troops in Cuba.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Major-General Brooke, who was appointed as military governor of Cuba, arrived in the city this afternoon. He had a conference with the president and secretary of the city. After the conference Secretary Alger said General Brooke was on his way to Havana province, and had come to Savannah upon telegraphic orders for a conference with the president and the secretary relative to affairs on the island.

General Brooke is suffering from a cold and fever. It was said late tonight that the fever was high, and that probably he would not be able to leave the city for a week.

New Implements Company.
The Colfax Implement Company has been incorporated to deal in agricultural implements at Colfax, Wash. The incorporators and trustees are Aaron Kuhn, J. W. Hereford and L. D. Woodworth. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into 100 shares at the value of \$100 each.

Mails for Porto Rico.
Washington, Dec. 19.—The postal contract with the New York & Porto Rico Steamship Company, supplement to existing arrangements with the Red D line, has been formally signed. The arrangements are for five regular mailings a month from New York to Porto Rico and regular additional sailings in connection therewith around the island at least once a week, calling at all principal harbors and ports.

In India the average duration of life of the natives is 34 years as against 44 in Britain.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, 85¢@90¢ per 100 pounds.
Potatoes, 12¢@12.5¢.
Beets, per sack, 75¢.
Turnips, per sack, 50¢@60¢.
Carrots, per sack, \$1.
Parsnips, per sack, \$1.
Cauliflower, 50¢@75¢ per doz.
Celery, 35¢@40¢.
Cabbage, native and California \$1.00@1.50 per 100 pounds.
Apples, 35¢@50¢ per box.
Pears, 75¢@81¢ per box.
Prunes, 50¢ per box.
Peaches, 75¢.
Butter—Creamery, 27¢ per pound; dairy and ranch, 18¢@20¢ per pound.
Eggs, 25¢.
Cheese—Native, 12¢@12.5¢.
Poultry—Old hens, 15¢ per pound; spring chickens, 15¢; turkeys, 16¢.
Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 6½¢; cows, prime, 6½¢; mutton, 7½¢; pork, 6¢@7¢; veal, 6¢@8¢.

Wheat—Feed, wheat, 22¢.
Oats—Choice, per ton, 24¢.
Hay—Pugent Sound mixed, \$9.50@10; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$12.
Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$23.50.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$24@25; whole, \$22.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; straight, \$3.25; California brands, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.75; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.
Millet—Bran, per ton, \$14; shorts, per ton, \$16.
Feed—Chopped feed, \$19@21 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

Portland Market.
Wheat—Walla Walla, 58¢; Valley, 61¢; Bluestem, 62¢ per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 42¢@43¢; choice gray, 40¢@41¢ per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$22@25; brewing, \$24 per ton.
Millet—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$16; chop, \$15.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7@8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 60¢@65¢; seconds, 50¢@55¢; dairy, 45¢@50¢ store, 30¢@35¢.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 11¢@13¢; Young America, 15¢; new cheese, 10¢ per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3 per dozen; hens, \$3.00@4.00; springs, \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, \$4.00@5 for young; ducks, \$4.00@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11¢@12¢ per pound.
Potatoes—60¢@70¢ per sack; sweets, 2¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Beets, 90¢; turnips, 75¢ per sack; garlic, 70¢ per pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75¢ per dozen; parsnips, 75¢ per sack; beans, 3¢ per pound; celery, 70¢@75¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 50¢ per box; peas, 3¢@3.5¢ per pound.
Onions—Oregon, 75¢@81¢ per sack.
Hops—15¢@18¢; 1897 crop, 4¢@6¢.
Wool—Valley, 10¢@12¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@12¢; mohair, 26¢ per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4¢; dressed mutton, 7½¢; spring lambs, 7½¢ per lb.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, 8.50¢@9.75¢; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5¢@6½¢ per pound.
Veal—Large, 6¢@6½¢; small, 7¢@8¢ per pound.

San Francisco Market.
Wool—Spring—Eastern, 10¢@12¢ per pound; Oregon, 10¢@12¢; Valley, 15¢@17¢; Northern, 9¢@11¢.
Millet—Bran, \$15.50@16.50 per ton.
Onions—Silver skin, 50¢@75¢ per sack.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 30¢; do seconds, 20¢@24¢; fancy dairy, 26¢; do seconds, 17¢@21¢ per pound.
Eggs—Store, 18¢@20¢; fancy ranch, 35¢@37¢.
Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2@2.50; Mexican limes, \$6¢@6.50; California lemons, \$2.00@2.50; do choice, \$3.50@4.50; per box.

Martha Washington's Oven.
C. L. Brainard, an Oak Park druggist, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, while searching among some family heirlooms recently, found an oven which had once belonged to Martha Washington. In the same trunk was a letter which gave a history of the relic. The oven has the appearance of a kettle. It is a round iron pot, about six inches deep and thirteen inches in diameter. The sides of the kettle are black. Martha Washington gave the oven to a Mrs. Mary Denning, in 1778, in exchange for some knitting. Mrs. Denning kept it until her death, in 1872, when it came into the possession of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Kershaw. During the war of 1812 Mrs. Denning, who was living in Brandywine Manor, Pa., buried the oven in her yard with \$300 in it. In 1840 Mrs. Kershaw exchanged the oven for some coal oil and tobacco to E. W. Wright, a storekeeper of Costeville, Pa. Mrs. Wright kept it until her death, in 1878, when it was stored away with other furniture and forgotten. C. L. Brainard, a grandson of the storekeeper, visited the old homestead and found the oven.

The Manna of the Jews.
The manna of the Jews is a lichen (Lichen esculentus, sive Canoba esculenta). The Sahara nomads and the inhabitants of South Algeria call it Ouseheh-Ard (excrement of the earth). It occurs in lumps the size of a pea. The inside resembles a white farina. It must be gathered early for the rays of the sun soon wither it, but it can be kept quite well in closed vessels.

Germany has 10,000 union shoe-makers.

Brewery Improvements.
There has been incorporated the Grand Forks Brewery Company, with a capital of \$10,000, for the purpose of reviving the business of the old Grand Forks brewery and bottling works. The new company will enlarge the present plant to sufficient size to seek the large trade of this section of British Columbia.

The First Presbyterian church of Morristown, N. J., has had five sextons since 1743, and but two in 50 years, the present one having served 59 years.

LOOKS BAD FOR MRS. BOTKIN.

Damaging Evidence Introduced at the Murder Trial.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The defense in the Botkin murder trial today received the worst setback it has experienced since the case opened. The evidence of two of the witnesses examined today was of such a convincing nature that the chagrin caused by its introduction was plainly written upon the faces of the accused woman and her counsel. The evidence clearly showed that Mrs. Botkin wrote the anonymous letters sent to Mrs. Denning from this city, apprising Mrs. Denning of the alleged misconduct of her husband, and informing her that she had grounds for commencing a suit for divorce. The handkerchief which was inclosed in the box of poisoned candy was proven to have been purchased in this city by Mrs. Botkin, another link in the chain of the prosecution.

DEFIANT ONLY IN TALK.

Admiral Dewey's Opinion of the Philippine Insurgents.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Rear-Admiral Dewey, when a press correspondent called upon him today, was courteous and pleasant, but absolutely declined to discuss the political situation in the Philippine islands, on the ground that his sphere was purely naval. He then proceeded to cross-examine the correspondent about everything ashore. He was glad to learn that the insurgents were releasing the sick Spanish soldiers they held as prisoners, notwithstanding Aguinaldo's grandiloquent refusal to do so. This proves that the insurgents are very conciliatory, in spite of their defiant talk.

Admiral Dewey always believed that the insurgents were friendly, especially since the warships of our fleet have visited the different ports of those islands, and since some of our officers have made tours inland, carefully investigating popular sentiment and judiciously preaching the gospel of peaceful settlement everywhere with highly satisfactory results.

Hawaiian Bills.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate committee on foreign relations made some progress today with the bill reported by the Hawaiian committee for the government of the Hawaiian islands, but adjourned over without completing the work. The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries today ordered a favorable report on a bill to extend the navigation laws of the United States to the Hawaiian islands.

Ex-Confederates in Soldiers' Homes.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Riker, of Virginia, today introduced a bill for the admission of ex-Confederates, as well as Union soldiers, to soldiers' homes.

Four Persons Killed by a Train.

New York, Dec. 19.—A wagon containing eight persons was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad tonight at the Allenwood crossing, a few miles from Manassas, N. J., and four people were killed, two fatally injured, and two others seriously injured. The dead are: Mrs. Ellen Allen, Bessie Allen, her daughter; Miss Allie Alger, and Jennie Crammer. The fatally injured are: David S. Allen, husband of Mrs. Allen, who was killed, and Kate Allen, their daughter. Mr. Allen was of the family of which Allenwood takes its name, and was one of the most prominent men in that part of New Jersey.

Dying by Hundreds.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—On board the steamer Gaelic, which arrived from the Orient today, was Rev. H. W. White, a missionary. He brings news of a terrible condition of affairs existing in the Chin-Chow-Fu province, a section 150 miles long and 70 miles wide, inhabited by over 4,500,000 people, mostly farmers. Owing to two successive droughts the crops have been failures, and the people of the province are dying by thousands from starvation and the outlying provinces and the government are doing little to help the suffering. The people of Shang-Tung province are also starving. In some of the villages of the latter place there are hundreds of deaths in a week's time. In Chin-Chow-Fu there have been as many as 180 deaths in one day.

Important Mexican Concession.

New York, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Mexico City says: The last act of the Mexican congress today was the confirmation of one of the largest concessions for many years. The concession was granted to Captain A. B. Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal., and his associates for colonizing, steamship and railway enterprises of the first magnitude. The colony lands include many leagues on the Gulf of California, with the condition that a canal be constructed from the lands to Yuma, Cal., and a steamship service be placed from the head of the gulf to the southern boundary. The service will also be extended to the Lower California points. The line will comprise six modern steamers.

Sound for Home.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The American peace commission left for Havre and Southampton tonight, and will sail for New York tomorrow on the steamer St. Louis.

Killed by a Falling Wall.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Two firemen, Lieutenant Matthew Myer and Truckman Patrick O'Hern, were killed by the collapse of a wall tonight during a fire in the Palace livery stables, at 8154 Cottage Grove avenue. Several other firemen were seriously hurt, including the following: Lieutenant Albert Lingenberger, leg fractured; Michael O'Hare, skull fractured; Thomas Dillon, skull fractured; Edward Orescous, back broken. The property loss was about \$30,000.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—A semi-official note issued today says:

"As the American senate must ratify the treaty of peace before it becomes effective, our government should wait for this ratification and not hasten to cede territory which the United States senate may not accept."

Durango, Colo., Dec. 19.—News has reached this city that three men have been killed in the Columbus mine, located in the La Plata district. They are: Ray Barnett, Joseph Faragher and Walter E. Seeling. It is not known what caused their deaths.

Ruth White on the New Dime.
If you have one of the new dime, you are carrying in your pocket a very good picture of Miss Ruth White, of San Francisco. Miss White might have sat to Uncle Sam's artist—the resemblance is so close. Miss White was a member of the Castle Square Company last season.

The Enormous Gold Product of 1898.
From South Africa, the Klondike and Australia gold is being shipped in large quantities. This year's output will nearly double that of any previous twelve months. The sale of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are also increasing very fast. This famous remedy will cure dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, nervousness and weakness.

A medical writer in India declares that segregation of patients, the only effective way of dealing with the plague, is so repugnant to the Hindus that they prefer to die by the million rather than submit to it.

Strong as a Steel Ramrod.

If you want to feel your spine is a pipe stem ready to snap, just get a lumbar. If you want to feel as strong as a steel ramrod, use St. Jacobs Oil; it has magic.

It is estimated that all the gold mined in California since 1848 could be put into a room 12 yards long, 6 yards wide and 5 2-3 yards high.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE 24-page trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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For Lung and chest diseases, Pisco's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—Mrs. J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Thunder can be heard nine miles away.

If you want the best wind mill, pumps, tanks, plows, wagons, bells of all sizes, boilers, engines, or general machinery, see J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Dallas, Texas, has a colored printer's union.

When coming to San Francisco go to Brooklyn Hotel, 208-210 Bush Street. First class European plan. Room and board \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day. Rooms 50 cents to \$1.00 per day; single meals 25 cents. Free coach. Chas. Montgomery.

The aristocracy of China and Spain will agree that it has been a very hard year for boy monarchs.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Sinking of the Merrimack.

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