FIRE IN THE POSTOFFICE

The Handsome New Building Menaced at Night by Flames.

Its Marble-Walled Corridor Smenred and Blackened-Early Discovery Prevents the Spread of the Destructive Element-Attributed to Spontaneous Combustion of Oil and

The new city postoffice, that handsome fire-proof structure which stands as a ament to the science and skill of architects and builders, was damaged by fire last night. At one time it threatened to leave the building a mass of blackened masoury and twisted iron.

That the structure was not entirely destroyed is due to the prompt and effective work of the fire department. The building is not fireproof. According to the statement of Assistant Fire Chief Belt, who directed the movements of the firemen, the postoffice would have been destroyed had the flames not been discovered in time. The positive statement of the chief was that had the flames had ten more min-utes' headway it would have been almost impossible to check them before great

damage had been doffe.

As the result of the fire the main suite of rooms on the second or merranine floor in the front part of the building was damaged to the extent of about \$3,900. These rooms are to be occupied by Postmaster Charles Emory Smith when the depart-ment moves into the building. For several days carpenters and painters had been at work there getting the rooms in shape for occupancy. File cases in many tiers had been erected and the painting of them was in progress. The first coat of paint had been applied, and yesterday was spent in rubbing down the surfaces preparatory to putting on a hard finish. Paints and olls of various descriptions were used in the work and these were left in the main room when the workmen quit for the day.

Fire Originated Among Paints. It is supposed that the fire originated among these paints, as no other reasonable theory of the origin could be advanced. Fire Chief Belt and W. H. Olliver, an inspector of construction on the building, gave spontaneous combustion as the cause of the fire. Several other persons connected with the building were of the same opinion. It was at first thought that the fire might have been caused by electric light wires, but this was shown to be impossible, as it was positively stated that there was no current in the wires in that portion of the building. The current was not turned on until the firemen arrived, and then it was done so that they could

Policemen Kilmartin and Samson were among those who noticed the fire, rnd they despatched a messenger to No 1 engine house, in D Street, near Twelfth, to call out the chemical engine. The

of being overcome to ahandon their work, and leaving the hose turned on they dropped it on the floor and made their way downstairs.

When the firemen got to work at the fire they encountered many difficulties. They could not get water in the building and it was necessary to drag lines of hose in through the main entrance and up the stairs to the second floor. The smoke was constantly becoming more dense and there was no outlet for it until the windows in the front of the burning rooms were broken by the force of the water thrown against them. After some difficulty several streams of water were finally playing on the fire and the matter of extinguishing it was practically accomplished. The windows practically accomplished. The windows were then all thrown open, as were the doors of the rooms and the smoke allowed to pour into the corridors and fill the immense light shaft around which eight sto-

ries of the building are built It was not until after the smoke had cleared away that the full extent of the damage could be seen. With the assistance of the meagre electric light and lan-terns the firemen made a tour of the entire second floor to learn that the fire had been confined to the central portion of the building. The suite of rooms in which the fire originated extends over the main entrance and includes one large room and several smaller ones. It was in the large room that the fire did the most damage. There it was that the paints and oils were left. From the paints the fire spread to the freshly-painted file cases, which made splendid fuel. They were enveloped almost instantly and burned through in many places. The files are located in the eastern end of the main room and are arranged in eight long tiers, each about twenty feet long. From the file cases the flames spread to

the walls and cellings, finding fuel in the woodwork about the windows and doors and in deeks and other furniture stored in the room. Some of the deeks were still packed in excelsion and cloth. Fortunately these did not take fire or the flam would have gained greater headway and been more serious. The desks and other furniture burned had been unpacked and left standing near where the fire originat-

Though the damage was in reality not great, that resulting from smoke and water was considerable. Not only were the walls and ceilings of the rooms mentioned black-ened, but the plastering was soaked and fell in many places, leaving ugly bare patches. The walls and ceilings of the

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orridor into which the rooms opened were iso blackened and smeared, and even the wall of the mezzanine overlooking the sky-light over the mailing division was solled by smoke in places. This showed that the flames had stretched across the cor-

ider and were about to burst into the in-neuse light shaft.

Fortunately the flames were checked be-ore they got a hold in the shaft. In many places on the lower floor steady streams of water were running down from the floor above. The marble columns and marble-faced walls were soiled and smeared, and it will require considerable labor to clean

In order to prevent the water from con tinuing to soak through the floor, the fire men were forced to sweep it down the stairs in streams and throw it from 4h windows in bucketsful. Standing at the foot of the eastern stairway one was re-minded of a miniature Niagara as the water ame rolling down the steps in a steady

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anything concerning it. First Assistant as the building of roads, is all right in its Postmaster General Perry Heath, who was present for a short time during the fire, rehighways, and steamers until the products marked laughingly, "This speaks well for the construction of the building. Does it

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and car up in hed to listen better. Conand sat up in bed to listen better. Con- palities three months ago be granted. fused as he was by the sudden rousing from a sound sleep, he had no chance to General Ludlow to report reforms in the penal code touching gambling, has reported that no reforms are necessary, as the policemen there entered the building. There they met George Mish Smith, a clerk in the appointment division of the Postoffice Department. He had seen fames in the second story of the building from a street car and had proceeded to guard over him while the other burglar that point to ascertain the nature of it.

While waiting for the firemen the employes of the postoffice had not been idle.

William Houchen, a letter carrier, E. A. Vaughn, and J. Wallace, who are employed in the mailing division, uncoiled a base on the second floor and played as the second floor and played to the door and his feet to the wall he quickly burst the lock. In three steps he was at the open window and put his head out. "Thieves!" "Police!" he shouted.

"There they are!" The two men were below him walking east at a good pace. On hose on the second floor and played a stream of water into the burning room.

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CAUGHT AFTER A LONG CHASE. Sam Adams, a Murderous Mountain-

eer, Behind the Bars. brought here at an early hour this morn-ing. After ten years of freedom a man whom the authorities claim is Adams is claim. David S. Lane, of San Francisco, the murder of United States Marshal Ruasell Wireman. His companions in the crime have long since been apprehended and punished, but he has eluded justice. The crime for which Adams is to answer was one of the roost beinous in mountain history. His brother Randall and Sam and Ike Sloan were members of the gang who killed Russell Wireman in cold blood in Knott county in 1889. Ike Sloan and Randall Adams were soon captured and given life terms in the Federal prison in Michingan. Deputy Marshal Hollifield was with Wireman when he was killed and he can identify Adams. The Government spent \$1,600 to capture Adams, the Secret Service officers having chased him for ten

A Valueless Fiscal Reform Edlet. Pekin, July 14.-A new fiscal reform edict has been issued but it is valueless, as it is based on the present corrupt system continuing. It is important only showing that the Empress recognizes the need of reform. She has recently been studying the writings of the reformer, four other victims of the disease seemed that he did not have been another near by, and tonight the cases of much comment. Kung Yu-Wei. She approves many of his ideas, and has allowed his book to be openly sold.

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THE NEEDS OF MATANZAS

General Wilson and Senor Betancourt Express Their Views.

lovernor General Brooke's Policy

Wilson, commander of the Department of esting turn the situation had taken. Matanzas and Santa Clara, and Senor Bewater was possibly to the mailing division.

This division occupies the entire floor space within the light shaft on the ground floor. It is covered with a skylight which eral Wilson is somewhat critical of Gen-mer times," he continued, "before the offloor. It is covered with a skylight which was supposed to be waterproof. The water cral Brooke's policy toward the farming poured through it in many places and threatened to destroy the mail being handled by the force of clerks and carriers. handled by the force of clerks and carriers.

Superintendent H. P. Springer, of the mailing financial assistance to the farmers is take charge of the department. This rule, ing division, realizing that great damage getting the cart before the horse. He is however, was probably subject to variawould result unless some precaution was quoted as insisting that the insular treas- tion, for I recall one instance at least, taken, ordered the letter cases covered ury should supply money to the farmers when General Grant, while commanding taken, ordered the letter cases covered with canvas mail bags. This was done, and thereby a quantity of first class mail matter was saved.

When General Grant, while communication of the purchase of animals, wagens, and implements. Once this question is solved all others will be settled without trouble.

When General Grant, while communication of the Middlesex Bank \$110,000, and they were not prepared to say that the defalcation would not exceed that all others will be settled without trouble. by the firemen, as no one else, particularly He says that the spending of money for those connected with the office, would say public buildings and other purposes, such

the construction of the building. Does it not?" Mr. Heath had been entertaining company at his home when he was informed of the fire. He came at once to the scene, accompanied by Mrs. Heath, Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans, and several other friends.

Richard Forshy, Superintendent of Construction of the Postoffice was also pressured to the postoffice was also pressured to the money being expended in Part of the mon Richard Forshy, Superintendent of Construction of the Postoffice, was also present during the fire. He was passing the building en route to the Pennsylvania Rail-road station to take a train for New Orleans when his attention was called to the fames in the second floor. He got off the car and remained in the building until the fire to soontaneous combustion as did the strength of the proportionity for the investment of funds in such a way, but foreigners are included to be wary because of the unserticed conditions here. There is plenty of money idle in the island, but capital is so are now en route to Washington to lay the soon claim that the present epidemic of yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new water pipes, sewers, and pavements. This work is now nearly conservative bere that it has a strictly enforced. Ships are compelied are allowed to construct the stand building up to take the present epidemic of yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new water pipes, sewers, and pavements. This work is now nearly conservative bere that it has a proportional to the present epidemic of yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new water pipes, sewers, and pavements. This work is now nearly conservative bere that it has a proportion to the present epidemic of yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new water pipes, sewers, and pavements. This work is now nearly conservative bere that it has a proportion of the present epidemic of yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new water pipes, sewers, and pavements. This work is now nearly conservative bere that the present epidemic of yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new water pipes, some claim that the present epidemic of yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new yellow fever was caused by the digging up of streets for new yel

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taken to police headquarters for entry in taken to police headquarters for entry in the rouges gallery, he gave his name as Robert Bent. When Bent was searched at that has been received from the newly disminers. The Alliance had the first news covered gold region around Cape Nome since last February. There were several Cape Nome miners on the Alliance. All brought out more or less gold.

The story they tell is wonderful. J. W.
Price brought \$10,000 worth of Cape Nome gold to St. Michaels. It represented eight days' work two feet below the surface on If he had sluice boxes he could clean up \$1,000 per day without difficulty. Gold seems to pay from the grass roots down. Three men on Snow Guich, a new discovery, cleaned up \$1,000 in four days. Dr. gold fields. He says that the poor miner

City shortly. There will be considerable trouble over claims located by power of attorney. There had been several shooting affrays already and serious riots are anticipated when the big crowd that stampeded from Dawson arrives. Scurvy and frost created great baves among the minera who stampeded to Cape Nome in Decem-ber last. Seven of a party from Holyoke. Mass., died of scurvy and several Cali-fornians were frozen to death on the trail. The scurvy camp of the Holyoke party was a terrible sight when found by well miners from Gulovin Bay. The following from Holyoke were dead: Dr. Bright K. Rodney, G. Groticau, Joe Fountain, and three other French Canadians.

The Lockjaw Death List Growing. nnother near by, and tonight the cases of four other victims of the disease seemed hopeless. In each instance the disease was ascribed to a Fourth of July injury. The sacribed to a Fourth of July injury. The this reightedness is a ruge and threatens of uncarthing this hidden wealth. Mrs. Cook says she knows nothing as to the cause of Shoemate's death.

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GENERAL MILES I N CHARGE.

He Is Assigned to Act as Secretary of War in Alger's Absence.

WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1893 -TEN PAGES,

Gen. Nelson A. Miles was yesterday directed to act as Secretary of War during the absence of Mr. Alger, who left Washington in the afternoon for Long Branch, where he is to be the guest of the Vice President, Mr. Hobart,

The announcement that General Miles Mildly Criticised-Cuban Farmers had been assigned to take charge of the Should Have Horses, Wagons, and War Department until the Secretary of Implements Before the Good Roads War, or the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Mie-Proposition Is Carried Into Effect. klejohn, should return to the Capital, created a stir in official, and especially in military, circles as soon as the news was Havana, July 14.-"La Lucha" will to- made known, and many expressions of orrow publish interviews with General opinion were heard in regard to the inter-"I am very glad," said a retired general

tancourt, Civil Governor of Matanzas, on officer of the Army, "that General Miles from Washington that General Miles Very emphatic in the statement, however,

Rigid Mensures at Sautingo to Over

come the Disease. Santiago de Cuba, July 14.-Many perleans when his attention was called to the fames in the second floor. He got off the car and remained in the building until the fire was extinguished. He attributed the fire to spontaneous combustion, as did the others. He stated that the building would be repaired at once.

A DARING ROBBERY.

Lively Experience of a Young Man With Thieves in New York.

New York, July 14.—Two burglars gave young Herman Brunswick Kipper a very lively half-hour early this morning in the house 9 West Fifteenth Street, which he was supposed to be looking after in the Childs, an American, his wife, and a nurs have been arrested for concealing a case of fever. The prisoners were all fumigated, after which Mrs. Childs and the nurse were allowed their liberty. Dr. Childs was lodged in fall,

KRUGER GROWS COURTEOUS.

British Suggestions on the New Boc Franchise Bill Invited.

Pretoria, July 14 .- Mr. Chamberlain, the British Colonial Secretary, recently asked for a copy of the new Boer franchise bill and an explanation of certain of its clauses. He also suggested that the

ship Alliance, Captain Hardwick, arrived ment has cabled to the Government of the entine from St. Michaels early this morning, the Transvaal approving the franchise profirst vessel to arrive from that ice-bound posals now before the Raad, but suggest-

RAGE AGAINST PINGREE

The Three-Cent Fare Scheme Denounced as a Steal.

Detroit, July 14.-The promise of Govclaim 8 on Gincier Creek. L. Loenberg, a German soldier, has a claim on Dexter Creek that is producing an ounce per hour. the Governor's second proclamation, in which he roasted the newspapers and declared the opposition was the old crowd that had always opposed him.

The newspapers retorted by showing Louisville, July 14.—Sam Adams, the desperate moonshiner murderer, is behind the bars of the county jail, having been the bars of the bars ophir street car lines," and it was signed by the clico, treasurer of the company. Later the Governey enor issued another proclamation with a chief promoter of John R. McLean's guberwhom the authorities claim is Adams is claim. David S. Lane, of San Francisco, treasurer of the company. Later the Govin the clutches of the law to answer for is the only actual miner out from the new cinor issued another proclamation with a says that the poor miner mass of figures, which showed from his chance, as all the rich standpoint that the 3-cent fare could be has not much chance, as all the rich standpoint that the scent life Countries.

The commandant of Fort St. Michaels intends sending Federal troops to Nome City shortly. There will be considerable commercial City did the same, calling the commercial City did the same calling the commercial City did the calling the c whole proceeding a big steat. Mass meet-ings were held in every ward where the aldermen who voted for the forty-eight

year security franchise lived. The excitement was at such heat that many of these aldermen had business away from home and were not found. Toaway from home and were not found. 10-day was the time set for the passage of the 'working franchise' through the common council and the sati-Pingree crowd won a victory, as they prevented the attempt to put it through and had it referred in the regular way. Those close to the Governor admitted that he lacked the votes to force the thing through. J. C. Hutchins, a member of the commission and treasurer of the car company, admitted treasurer of the cur company, admitted

death list in this neighborhood reaches nineteen and in this city nine.

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boards; not yet all sold; have some left for you. | are below the price other dealers ask,

ple stop them.

LOOTED BY THE CASHIER

A Perth Amboy Bank Loses \$110,-000 and Closes Its Doors.

A Savings Concern Also Quits Business as a Result of His Peculations -The Money Taken Since January | 1125. 1 and Sunk in Wall Street-G. L. Valentine, the Culprit, in Juil,

New York, July 14 .- Because of the defalcation of its cashier, George L. Valentine, the Middlesex County Bank, of Perth Amboy, closed its doors this morning, and the institution is now in the hands of the commissioner of banking and insurance for the State of New Jersey. The Perth Amboy Savings Institution, which is in the same building as the Middlesex Bank, and of which Valentine was the treasurer, also suspended business this morning pending an examination into its affairs. The State examiners worked on the books of both institutions all day, and at 5 o'clock this afternoon they stated that their examina-

from Washington that General Miles would be given direction of the department. The announcement that he has been assigned to act as Secretary of War will, I am sure, be gratefully received by all Army officers."

STAMPING OUT YELLOW FEVER.

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Wery emphatic in the statement, however, that the savings bank was all right. The extent of the defalcation was not known until today, but on Tuesday it was suspected there was a shortage in Valentine's accounts. He left the bank on Saturday afternoon and it was supposed that he had gone to Ocean Grove to spend Sunday. He had not returned on Tuesday morning. Then the president of the bank. U. Burge Watson, communicated with Ocean Grove and was informed that Valen-tine was not at his cottage and that Mrs. Valentine thought he was in New York on business for the bank. Mr. Watson ordered a hasty examination of the cashier'a accounts, which were found to be short a small amount.

A meeting of the directors, among whom was Robert N. Valentine, of Woodbridge, the father of the missing cashier, was hastily called. It is said that the senior Valentine assured his colleagues that whatever shortage there was would be made good. It is said that the remarks of the elder Valentine led the directors to wait until Wednesday noon. When there was then no sign of the cushier's return. was then no sign of the cushier's return. William Battle, State Commissioner of Banking was informed and he sent Deputy Commissioner Johnson with two special examiners to Perth Amboy on Thursday. The first thing they did was to look for the securities of both banks. The books showed that the securities were deposited in the safe deposit vaults of the National Park Bank of this city. An examination of the vaults showed that the securities were intact. Then the examiners went at the cash. The books showed that the Middlesex Bank had an apparent credit at the National Park Bank of \$30,000. The New York bank reported that not only did the Middlesex Bank have no credit, but that its account had been overdrawn since January 1 to the amount of \$30,255.

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TO BREAK HANNA'S HOLD.

A Fornker-Daugherty Combine in the Buckeye State.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 14.—The plotting of Senator Hanna's enemies in his absence ernor Pingree as head of the new commis- in Europe is still active. The true signifision to give three-cent fares was carried cance of the alliance between former Mayor into effect today, when all the cars bore McKisson and James Holcomb, leaders of big signs, reading; "Three-cent fares." two powerful factions in this county against the Senator, is now apparent Politicians say there is a uniting of Forn-ker and Daugherty factions in all parts the Governor's second proclamation, in of the State, and the Cleveland combination is only a part of it. Holcomb will be boomed for mayor by the combination, it is said, former Mayor McKisson using all his influence to elect him. This fall Hol-comb's friends will have the preference for county offices and McKisson's friends that the new tickets issued at 3 cents bore for county offices and McKisson's friends on the back the significant inscription, for the State Assembly. The plan of the Daugherty-Foraker combination is the wresting of the control of the State from Senator Hanna and the re-election of

> natorial candidacy, is spending a few days in town trying to harmonize factions. He denies that McLean is in a deal to betray Bryan and says Mr. McLean is for Bryan in 1900. He may be a candidate for Presi

A MISERLY SHOEMAKER'S WILL. He Is Found Dying on the Lawn of His Legatee.

Springfield; Mo., July 14.-T. B. Shoemate, a rich and eccentric shoemaker of mate, a rich and eccentric shoemaker of change Building, New York, to Miss Edith miserly habits, was found dying on the lawn of the residence of Mrs. Laura Cook, place in All Souls' Church, Langham a widow. He lived but fifteen minutes a widow. He lived but fifteen minutes after he was discovered. Investigation disclosed the fact that he made a will a disclosed the fact that he made a will a and groom were Mr. Anson Carroll, few days ago leaving all his property and Staten Island; Mr. H. N. Townsend. money to Mrs. Cook. He lived in a squalid shanty quite a distance from the scene of his death.

He owned considerable real estate and Mr. Charles W. Bowering, of London.

New York, July 14.—Four mere deaths from lockjaw occurred today in this city. be made to pay. This admission caused police are searching diligently in the hope money secreted about his home. The police are searching diligently in the hope of unearthing this hidden wealth. Mrs. Cook says she knows nothing as to the

To Fort Mouroe, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, an Ocean Airw, via Norfolk and Washington steam ers, Saturday, 6:39 p. m. Tiekets to Fort Men-roe and Norfolk, good to return Sunday night

\$1.25 to Harper's Ferry and Return, Special train leaves B. & O. depot \$:20 a, anday, July 16. Returning, leaves Harper's Fer-\$10 to Chantauqua and Return.

DIAMONDS GROWING DEARER.

The Output of the South African Mines Gradually Decreasing.

New York, July 14.—The English syndiate controlling the rich diamond mines of South Africa, a few days ago, declared a half year's dividend of 20 per cent, and tomair year's dividend of 20 per cent, and to-morrow it will make another advance in the price of diamonds of 5 per cent. This will make an advance of one fourth in the past few months, and a diamond which sold last fall for \$100 will sell today for \$125. The young man saving money to buy a solitaire ring had better make his purchase right away, for further advances are coming. Diamonds have been going up ever since the syndicate got hold of the South African mines, and the syndicate is South African mines, and the syndicate is going right on declaring big dividends and advancing prices.

The American demand for diamonds and

The American demand for diamonds and precious stones has grown remarkably in the last few years. It is one sign of fat pocketbooks. In the year just closed the imports of diamonds and precious stones at the port of New York reached the enormous figure of \$20,000,000. In the calendar year 1856 the imports were \$7,525,000, in 1857 they were \$7,670,000, while last year the total was \$12,031,000. Antic pating the the total was \$13,031,000. Antic pating the advance in the prices of diamonds, American importers have been making large purchases. The imports last month of diamonds, and precious elements and precious statements and precious statements and precious statements are the valley a few days ago have been forced. monds and precious stones were \$2,100,000, three times as large as in June, 1898, and over twenty-five times as large as the imports two years ago. Over \$1,500,000 worth of uncut stones were received at this port last month, more than \$1,000,000 over June,

the De Beers consolidated mines are not producing as many diamonds as formerly and that the output of these South African mines will steadily decrease. So far ex-perts have been unable to locate mines in other parts of the world, and it now apin other parts of the world, and it now appears that the growing demand must be met by the decreasing South African output. The English syndicate controlling the De Beers mines says that it must protect listed against a future scarcity by raising prices. It now places on the market a limited quantity—\$4,000,000 worth—a year. As this syndicate controls the diamond output it rules the market. The syndicate's net profit in the fiscal year just closed was £2,134,000 out of which the forty per cent dividend took only £1,579,582 pounds. The syndicate may be expected to make advances in August and September, and the diamonds are a better investment now than Governare a better investment now than Government bonds.

FRANCE'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

Fall of the Bastlle Celebrated Throughout the Country.

Paris, July 14.-Today is the national oliday in celebration of the fall of the Bastile, and Paris is enjoying itself rationally. The sun shone brightly, and everybody appeared happy despite the efforts of the Nationalist press to cast a gloom upon the occasion by its jeremiada against the Government for permitting "the French flag to be dishonored at Bergen," such being the Nationalists' stupid view of an act of international courtesy, Judging France by Paris, which is nover the most level-headed part of the country t appears that the result of a stron letermined government is already The military review at Longchamps today When the deputy commissioner learned this he informed the directors that the only thing to do was to close the bank. This was done this afternoon. After the bank had been officially closed President Watson swore out a warrant for Valentine, charging him with stealing \$110,000 of the funds of the bank, and the warof the funds of the bank, and the waring to the official mourning for the Carring to the official mourning for the Carr-

to be desired. We have seen delice beside the metropolitian troops their gallant comrades from Africa and the Soudan, who in a three-year's campaign from the Atlantic to the Red Sea, boldly upbore the tricolor. The acclamations which saluted the pupils of the military schools, the troops of all arms and Major Marchand and his brave commanions bear witness to France's ton. companions bear witness to France's confidence in the national army. We have been able for the first time to show the country the new artillery which much preoccupied the present ministry and its predecessors. Thanks to parliamentary as-sistance involving the necessary credits, and the zeal of all concerned, we are proud of the results that were promptly

M. Loubet ends by requesting General Gallifet to convey to the army his and the Government's felicitations. Late tonight An Illinois Sheriff Arrested, Charged a few Insignificant arrests of disorderly persons were reported. There were illum-ination and fireworks tonight, and the boulevards were crowded with merrymakers, the national theatres gave free At Rennes there were a few cries of "Vive mander there who was removed a few days

at Havana and Santiago, have been created life very pleasant. Sheriff Coulson gave officer and chevalier, respectively, of the him entire liberty to go about the city of Ottawa and he attended the hest shows

QUIET IN GUATEMALA.

Senor Yela at New York Receives a sheriff Reassuring Desputch. New York, July 14.-Senor F. Yela, tr. Charge d'Affaires ad Interim for Guatemain in this city, received an official des-patch from that country today snying

'Peace and perfect tranquillity prevail all ver the country." Wedded in London.

London, July 14.-The marriage of Mr. John Grierson, merchant, of 46 Cotton Expresent besides the relatives of the bride New York; Mr. George Paton, of Houston, and Mr. Charles W. Bowering, of London.

Kissing Bug Victims in Hospitals. Boston, Mass., July 14.—Three more kissing bug cases were treated yesterday at the hospitals. All the victims showed the usual symptoms. The first case is re-ported from Burlington, Vt. Napoleon Ritchie, nine years old, was kissed yeserday. His face has swollen to an extraordinary degree and the flesh is of a pe-culiar bright color.

Go to Chautaugua Via Permasirania Railroud excursion, 7:55 a. m train, July 28; \$10 round trip.

81.25 To Rultimore and Re- \$1.25 turn via Pennsylvania Hallroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sonday, July 15 and 16, good to return until Menday, July 17, All rains except Congressional Limited.

SEED SOWN FOR CHOLERA

Frightful Sanitary Conditions in Texas Flood Districts.

Fears of Decaying Dead Animals and Vegetation Breeding on Coldente Horrible Odors Driving Families of Planters From Their Homes-Alarming Statements of Doctors.

Austin, Tex., July 14 .-- It is the opinion of reliable physicians and sanitary experts who have been investigating the condition of affairs in the lately inundated region of Texas that an epidemic of sickness is certain to follow the recent disaster. It is new almost impossible for a human being to live in the blighted district owing to the horrible stench that rises from dresythe valley a few days ago have been forced to seek higher ground, where the air is free from poisonous gases. In many lo calities the carcusses of animals, which literally cover the ground, are being burned. Physicians of the State cite the fact that the past great overflows of the Brazos were followed with choiera epidemics and that another plague of this kind is imminest unless prompt steps are taken to place the whole region in the taken to piace the whole region in the

best possible sanitary condition.

All of the railroads have resumed their through train service. Several thousand and destitute region is greater than was supposed. It had been the impression here that suffering was confined to about a half dozen counties along the lower course of the Brazos River, but telegraphic appeals the Brazes River, but telegraphic appeals reached the Governor today from Falls and Milan counties, which have up to this time been considered as having escaped serious disaster from the floods. The Governor stated that the appeals from these two counties came at such a late day, after all of the plans of conducting the relief work had been arranged and are being carried out that he is at a loss how to furnish the relief that is requested.

COMBINING AGAINST DUVALL.

More Planning to Select a Successo

to Justice Cex. The boom which the proposition to call meeting of the members of the District bur to agree upon a man for Justice Cox's successor received on Thursday fell flat yesterday. Early in the day the promoters of the scheme decided to abandon the undestaking. No reason for this was given further than to say that the object to be accomplished could be better attained in time other way. It was explained that he promoters of the meeting after confer-oce decided that they could better ad-ance the interests of the candidates whom they favored by having them endorsed by petition. Working along this line, it is petition. Working along this line, it is said that a prittion recommending Henry E. Davis, Talmadge A. Lambert, Job Bar-nard, and Benjamin F. Leighton has been signed by about seventy five members of the bar. It is further stated that the pe-titions will be kept in circulation until at least 200 signatures have been attached. when they will be submitted to President

cancy.

Although the friends of Mr. Davis took demonstrated once again that the bearing no active part in the arrangements for the proposed meeting, it is stated that they to be desired. We have seen defile beside would have been glad had one been called.

made against their candidate. In fact, they say it caused many members of the bar who have been considered lukewarm to announce themselves strongly in his favor. They claim that the organization of a combination to defeat him clearly dema combination to defeat him cles enstrates his strength, and they Isfied that all efforts to defeat him will

GREAT FAVOR TO A PRISONER.

With Allowing an Escape. Chicago, July 14.-Sheriff Matthew Coulon, of La Salle county, was arrested early this morning by a deputy United States performances, and there were dances marshal charged with "allowing William everywhere. Reports from the provinces abow that no serious incidents occurred. Hennig has been a Federal prisoner in the referring to the military com-there who was removed a few days grew rich. His money and the generous MM. Martin and Menet, French Consula way he had of spending it made his jail that visited the town, went to all the baseball games, had a fast horse to drive, and ame to Chicago attended by a deputy

> The sheriff is liable to a penalty of fine, or imprisonment, or both, for his alleged laxity in carrying out the sentence of the Federal court.

An Unusual Cause of Death. Webster, Mass., July 14.-M. N. Nipland, bors printer for H. N. Slater, at East Webster, died last night at the home of Samuel Magaire, in East Main Street. The death has interested the medical frater-nity here and they say that such a case is seldom heard of. Nipland was taken sick three days ago. The disease began to show itself in his mouth the gums bleeding slowly at first and then faster. The following day he complained of severe pains, coupled with a slight numb-ness in the stomach. The examination showed the doctors that his vital organs were bleeding and that he was dying. Several physicians were called in, but med-ical skill was powerless to cope with the

Pay Ridge Attractions.

Coney Island steeple chase, Ferris wheat, grav-ity radioud, continuous performance at Bijon Theatre, German noof garden, sail beats, bathing, ishing, and crabbing and many other atten-tions for ammement and entertainment. Music by Naval Acadicay Band. See food dimner 32 cents. Trains from B. & O. Depot, 9:300 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. week days. 9:35 a. m., 1:30, and 3:15 p. m. Sandays. Hate, 50c for adults, 25c

The eased at this delightful resort, embracing sub-water hathing and many novel attractions for anuscent and exteriorism and, on the Chewposte But, is now at its height. Trains from B. & O.

period used dig a major n. m. and 4:22 Sendary, 2:22 n. m., 4:20, and 5:15 pc ns. by cents.

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