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Snow and colder to-day; high northwesterly winds.

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TO SIGN TREATY OF PEACE?

MADRID CABINET SAID TO HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE.

Senor Montero Rios to Be Authorized to Carry Out Sagasta's Orders—Spain's Delegates Know the Futility of Submitting Any Counter Proposal—The Delay Until Monday an Influence in Favor of Peace.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—A special despatch to the *Daily Mail* from Madrid says that the Cabinet has agreed in principle to authorize Señor Montero Rios to sign the treaty of peace, although they may instruct him to insist that the treaty shall be ratified by the Cortes.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—The question of peace or rupture of the negotiations is still undecided, and is not likely to be settled until the time named in the American ultimatum has almost expired. The Spanish delegates in Paris are as ignorant as anybody else as to what the outcome of the situation will be.

The correspondence between Señor Montero Rios and Judge Day has finally convinced the Spanish representatives that it would be useless to submit any counter proposal, and that the terms named on last Monday are the uttermost that the United States will concede. The Spaniards know also that the peculiar expedient which THE SUN correspondent described yesterday as a friendly rupture will not receive a moment's consideration from the American Commissioners.

Nevertheless, the Spaniards here persist in their determination not to sign a treaty on the American terms. They are to-day considering the possibility of making a partial treaty, namely, surrendering Cuba and Porto Rico and declaring themselves helpless to resist the American seizure of the Philippines.

The object of this idea is, of course, that the resumption of general hostilities will thus be avoided, while the holders of Spanish bonds will be unable to accuse Spain of surrendering their security.

Most of the American delegates believe that Spain will finally accept the terms precisely as they were offered on Monday. They admit that they have no information, or even hints, to this effect, but they base their belief on their confidence that even Spain will never carry her folly to the point of rejecting them. Moreover, they refuse to credit for a moment the idea that Spanish pride would ever forfeit the tidy sum of $20,000,000.

The delay until Monday is an influence in favor of peace. If a reply had been made yesterday there is little doubt that the negotiations would have ended then and there. Three days more will allow a further cooling of resentment, and, perhaps, bring an agreement between the Spaniards in Paris and the Spaniards in Madrid, but up to the present moment no progress has been made in that direction.

A CUBAN EDITOR ALARMED.

Negro Colonization from the United States Fills His Soul with Terror.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Nov. 24.—Under the heading "*Voz de Alarma*," *El Porvenir* published to-day an extract from THE SUN of Nov. 12, giving the plan of a Kansas negro preacher to establish a colony of negroes in this province. *El Porvenir* editorially invites the press of Santiago to join in a determined crusade against the scheme. It says in part:

"An immense peril threatens us. The death of Cuba and the loss of culture and civilization would be the inevitable result of negro colonization from the Southern States. We cannot consent, after the epoch of sacrifice to obtain our freedom and establish our nationality, that the land be filled with negro colonists from the United States, whose ferocious instincts are well known throughout the world. On account of the terrible crimes of the negroes there exists at the bottom of the Yankee mind the wish to evict the negroes from their country. American intervention in our country favors this sinister design. Cubans must not consent to a single negro landing on our shores. The hideous scheme must be frustrated at the beginning. No antagonism to the negro race inspires this attitude.

"The man of color in Cuba is completely distinct in nature, character and tendency from the Yankee negro. Proof of this is given in the recent barbarity committed at San Luis. Neither whites, blacks nor Cubans can accept negro colonization. In comparison with these negro invaders, strong armed, the Cubans would remain in misery, because the Americans would underbid them. In the name and for the sake of the future of our country we ask that a crusade be started against negro colonization from the United States. We must so distress ourselves that not one negro colonist from the United States lands on our shores."

The article has created a deep impression among the Cubans, and meetings will be held to discuss the situation.

SANTIAGO'S FIRST THANKSGIVING.

A Public Holiday—Turkeys Scarce and Thermometers Registered 95°.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Nov. 24.—Thanksgiving Day was observed here to-day for the first time in the 390 years' history of the city. By a special proclamation issued by Gen. Wood, all business was suspended at the Palace and on the streets and wharves. The employees of the municipality had a vacation, and only absolutely necessary work was done by the American troops. The day was given over to rest and enjoyment. The American ships in the harbor observed the day by displaying their gayest flags. Many prominent Cubans followed the example of the Americans, and little business was transacted.

It was a novel Thanksgiving Day for the Americans. The thermometers registered 95° in the shade, and there was no breeze stirring. Several projected baseball and football games were postponed on account of the heat. In the evening dinners and entertainments were given by American officers and Cubans. The most important dinner was at the Governor's residence, where Gen. and Mrs. Wood entertained a number of department officers and several American civilians.

Few of the soldiers were remembered by their friends in the United States. Turkeys were scarce, but there were plenty of wild guinea fowl, and the troops fared well.

SOME LONG-DISTANCE REPORTING.

A Madrid Newspaper Account of Outrages by the Filipinos.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Nov. 24.—The *Imparcial* makes a feature of a story of outrages committed by Filipino rebels on Spaniards. According to the *Imparcial's* informant, a number of rebels who were leaving Pina, a Malayan village in the province of Mindora, made an attack on a Spanish wood merchant, who was intrenched with his wife in a blockhouse. The insurgents besieged the blockhouse. The merchant and his wife were dead shots and they killed fifty-seven of the attacking party without being hurt themselves.

The insurgents became infuriated by their losses and they finally set fire to the blockhouse and roasted the merchant and his wife to death. Then they hunted for other Spaniards, determined to wreak vengeance on them. All the Spaniards found were tortured. In one instance the insurgents buried alive a man and his fifteen-year-old son.

$2,500 FOR 22 YEARS' COURTING.

Miss Gehring of Reading, Pa., Gets Damages for Years of Weary Waiting.

READING, Pa., Nov. 24.—The verdict of $2,500 yesterday to Sophia Gehring for her twenty-two-year courtship in vain ended an odd love story revealed in court before Judge Endlich. Daniel Mayer was the defendant. His mother for years operated a large bakery here. Mayer and Miss Gehring became acquainted in 1875. Twenty-two years ago Mayer began paying attentions to her and at the close of the first year he proposed marriage to her. She accepted him. Mayer made a condition that he would not marry until his widowed mother died. She was then in feeble health. Miss Gehring agreed to this, because she was then but 20 years of age.

Widow Mayer became stronger, and she continued living. Mayer continued his wooing, and Miss Gehring was content to continue waiting. Year after year rolled around, and the couple saw each other growing old, but the Widow Mayer continued living, and her son would not marry until she died. The widow lived until 1897, when she died, and then Miss Gehring looked to her lover, who was then 50 years old, to keep his word. He said he would. After his mother's funeral he bought a house on North Ninth street and said he'd start a bakery.

The day was set for the wedding, but when it arrived Mayer again asked for a postponement. Later, Miss Gehring says, Mayer told her he did not intend to get married at all, because he had "such pain in his head." Miss Gehring told him if he didn't keep his word he'd get more pain in his entire body in court. Then she wept, and Mayer said he pitied her. Next he told her that he'd rather pay her than marry her.

He had called on her three or four times a week. Miss Gehring is tall, handsome, robust and attractive, and a most excellent housekeeper, and of good character and reputation. No one could say that she had ever had any other company. Mayer told Miss Gehring he was worth about $10,000. Miss Gehring sewed and did millinery work for a living, and Mayer frequently told her that after his mother died she would not have to work for a living.

Witnesses testified that they had heard Mayer admit that he had promised to wed Miss Gehring, but that he had decided he'd rather pay her a sum of money. Mayer's defence was that he had never promised to marry the woman, but that they simply kept company. On the first ballot the jury fixed upon $2,500 as the amount of damages to which Miss Gehring is entitled.

RABID DOG AT BATH BEACH.

It Bites Four Persons and Is Killed After a Pursuit of More Than Two Hours.

A large dog, part bull and part mastiff, went mad at Bath Beach yesterday, and for more than two hours Police Sergeant Somers, five policemen and a crowd of about 250 persons pursued the animal through the streets. They finally succeeded in killing it, but not until it had bitten four persons—George N. Mitchell of Bay Thirty-fifth street and Eighty-sixth street; Charles N. Smith of Bay Thirty-fifth street and Eighty-sixth street; Robert Steinberg of Bay Twenty-fifth street; Annie B. Bienkolsky, a servant, of Bay Twenty-second street.

The dog was first seen in front of the Argyle Hotel at Cropsey avenue and Bay Twenty-second street. It was running in a circle, frothing at the mouth and snapping. It ran later toward the Argyle. The door was slammed against it, and it went on and attacked Mitchell, biting him in the right arm.

At Bay Twenty-second street Annie Bienkolsky was waiting for a trolley car to New York. She saw the dog approaching her and started to run, but the animal pursued her and fastened its teeth in her right wrist. She attempted to beat the dog off and was bitten in the left arm. By this time the police and the crowd of civilians appeared, and the dog ran away.

The chase continued. Revolvers were fired at the animal and sticks and stones were thrown, but the dog was not injured.

At Eighty-sixth street it turned and came at the crowd. Smith, who was in the act of hurling a stone, was unable to escape and was bitten in both legs. Then the animal doubled on its tracks.

Steinberg was standing at his front gate when he saw the dog coming. He ran to his porch. As he was in the act of jumping on the porch railing the dog sprang at him and bit him in the left leg and right arm. Then it ran around the house and, finding one of the kitchen windows open, leaped through and ran down into the cellar. Mrs. Steinberg closed the cellar door with a long-handled rake, imprisoning the animal.

While the crowd watched the other exits, Sergt. Somers and five policemen went into the cellar with clubs and revolvers. The dog sprang at them. Sergt. Somers knocked it down with his nightstick and one of the policemen shot it in the head.

The four persons who were bitten were attended by Dr. Joseph Malone of Twenty-second avenue. They will come to the Pasteur Institute in this city to-day.

THE BALDWIN HOTEL FIRE.

Two More Bodies Recovered—Four Persons Still Missing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—It will be impossible for many days to determine the loss of life in the Baldwin Hotel fire. The body of J. M. Leithead, purser of the steamer City of Sydney, was found in the bathroom of his apartments to-day. The body of a woman was recovered late this afternoon. It was so badly burned that identification must depend upon the teeth.

Four persons are still missing: John J. Carter, associate judge of Jockey Club; Tate Prior, a sheetwriter for Bookmaker J. J. Carroll; Andrews, the cashier of the Baldwin Grotto, and William Bentley, an employee of the restaurant.

Search for the bodies is being prosecuted actively, but the débris is piled in such shape that the work is very slow and if any bodies went down with the burning partitions and furniture into the cellar it may be a week or ten days before they are recovered.

Friends of John J. Carter have given up hope that he escaped from the building. He was a very cool, clear-headed man and the only theory of his failure to get out is that he was suddenly overcome by the smoke in the hallway when no one was near to help him.

It is reported to-day by John T. Harmes, the real estate agent who represented both Millionaire Baldwin and the Hibernia Bank, that arrangements will be made by which Baldwin will be permitted to rebuild the hotel in modern style.

CREDITOR DRUMMED OUT OF CAMP.

A Chattanooga Merchant's Complaint Against the Thirty-first Michigan.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 24.—Several Chattanooga merchants are trying to collect bills from $500 down from mess officers of various regiments that were encamped at Chickamauga last summer. Edward Ferger has an account against officers of the Thirty-first Michigan for French sardines, potted ham and other luxuries supplied several months ago. Mr. Ferger went to Knoxville to endeavor to collect the money. He said to-day that when he went into the camp of the regiment he was threatened with personal chastisement by the officers. Mr. Ferger continued:

"They called me a 'Chattanooga thief,' a fair sample of all the other Chattanooga rascals, scoundrels, bunco-sts, &c., and told me that I had disgraced the regiment in the eyes of the War Department by sending my 'filthy little bill' to the Adjutant-General. I was then drummed out of camp."

Other Chattanoogans have had no better success in their efforts to collect their bills.

ARMING THE CARLISTS?

They Are Reported to Have Smuggled 12,000 Mauser Rifles Into Spain.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—A despatch to the *Daily Mail* from Madrid says it is reported that the Carlists have smuggled 12,000 Mauser rifles into the country.

Manila News by Way of Madrid.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Nov. 24.—A telegram from Manila to the Minister of the Colonies says that the Americans have just landed 4,000 soldiers in the archipelago and that two American warships have gone to Iloilo.

ENGINEERS HOME A-SHIVER

FROM TROPICAL SUNSHINE INTO THE FIRST SNOWS OF THE NORTH.

Made a Fine Record in Porto Rico for Health and Efficiency—Did Bridge Building and Roadmaking—Lieuts. Walker and Perrine Have Typhoid—Reception Put Off.

The First Volunteer Engineers got here yesterday afternoon from Porto Rico on the transport Minnewaska. It was so late when the ship docked at Pier 22, Brooklyn, and the weather was so bad that the reception which had been arranged at the Eighth Regiment Armory was postponed until to-morrow, and the parade thither from the foot of East Twenty-sixth street may be given up entirely.

The First Engineers were recruited all along the Atlantic seaboard from Portland to Norfolk. They mustered at Camp Townsend, Peekskill, making record time in perfecting their organization. Their Colonel is Eugene Griffin, Vice-President of the General Electric Company, a West Point graduate and former Captain of Engineers. Lieut.-Col. Hodges and many of the other officers were also West Pointers and army officers. Many engineers of more or less prominence in their profession also joined the regiment, and this fact is regarded as important in its bearing on the general health and efficiency for which the regiment has been highly praised. There has been some talk of retaining the regiment in the service, but the matter has not been decided.

Nearly one-third of the recruits came from New York city, where Lafayette Post, 140, G. A. R., and the Engineers' Club took a strong interest in the organization. About 125 men came from Philadelphia, 100 from Boston, 50 from Baltimore, and Washington, Norfolk, Scranton, Harrisburg, Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Troy and many other points supplied their quotas.

The regiment sailed hence for Porto Rico on the Chester on Aug. 5, arriving two days after the cessation of hostilities. There was plenty of work for them, however, although their only actual fighting was with a few guerrillas in the mountains, in which encounter two of the engineers were killed. One battalion remained at headquarters at Ponce, five companies went to Coamo, one company went to Guanica, and others were scattered about. A large part of their work consisted in repairing old masonry bridges which had been blown up by the retreating Spaniards or washed out by freshets. Fort Capron, an earthwork mounting, at present, two siege howitzers, was constructed about 225 feet up the cliff back of Guanica, which was the first point of landing for the American forces. Aqueducts and roads were repaired.

The Minnewaska sailed from Ponce last Friday with the major part of the regiment and stopped at Guanica next day for the company there. The passage up was very comfortable until two nights ago, when the weather changed. At Ponce the men had been idling about in as little clothing as possible and the rains were welcomed as at least cooling. A fair supply of winter clothing had been received just in time to be put on board the transport before she sailed, and this was issued on the trip up, so that some of the men were comparatively well prepared for yesterday's storm. Not all, however, and a good many stretched their legs on the wharf at Brooklyn yesterday wearing linen suits and a blanket or two. This was also the costume adopted by some of the civilians on board for their trip to this city.

Among the passengers on the ship were Lieut. Clarence Wierner of Gen. F. D. Grant's staff, who has been recommended for the post of American military attaché with the British army in the Soudan; Major Jo iah Pierce, who brought Gen. Brooke's reports on the military operations in Porto Rico; Gen. Sawtelle of the Commissary Department, Miss Margaret Livingston Chanler of the Red Cross Society, Father W. L. Pope, the Rev. Dr. Kent and Dr. H. F. Barnes. The ship was met at Quarantine by the Government tug Governor, with Capt. Robinson of the Quartermaster's Department on board. There were also Col. A. G. Mills of Lafayette Post and the Engineers' Club and Gen. Shaler, who has charge of the reception at the Eighth Regiment armory. He also wished to see his nephew, Major Ira A. Shaler, of the regiment.

At Pier 22, Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, the work of unloading the Minnewaska began as soon as she got there at 4 P. M. More heavy clothing was issued as soon as it could be opened, and the men, with buttoned overcoats and heavy gloves, managed to keep warm if they worked hard. There are about 300 tons of equipment to be unloaded and turned over to the Quartermaster's Department to be transported to convenient army engineer's posts.

The health of the regiment was excellent throughout its service. A few men were sent north on sick leave, most of whom are now convalescent. Col. Griffin was on sick leave himself until about two weeks ago. On the trip up about twenty-five men were taken sick and it is feared that nine of these have typhoid. Two are Lieuts. Henry P. Walker, a son of Admiral Walker and Adjutant of the First Battalion, and George Perrine of Company B of this city. Lieut. Walker will probably go to a hospital for treatment and Lieut. Perrine expects to go to his home at 820 West End avenue. It was intended to transfer the sick men of the regiment to Brooklyn hospitals yesterday and ambulances were waiting. Owing to the weather and poor landing facilities the men were not moved. They will be transferred to-day to the care of Surgeon Major Appel, U. S. A.

The accommodations for both sick and well on board the Minnewaska have been highly praised. Some of the officers brewed a punch on Wednesday night and asked the Captain and Quartermaster of the ship to share it. They also presented a testimonial to the Captain and Quartermaster setting forth their appreciation of the treatment received on board. The trip down to Porto Rico on the Chester was far less comfortable.

The men all feel the change of climate, and many of them had bad colds yesterday. If the parade is decided on, it will start at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning from the foot of East Twenty-sixth street. It will be led by the Old Guard Band, and will include the Second New York Battery of Artillery and delegations from Lafayette Post and the Engineers' Club. At the armory a collation will be served by the National Society of New England Women, after which a regimental order giving sixty days' furlough will be read. Transportation will have been ordered in advance, and it is expected that every one leaving the city can start by to-morrow night.

The men of the regiment all seem mighty glad to be back, though their enjoyment is tempered slightly by the weather. Though they missed real hot action, they glory in their record of service, and find but little fault with their handling. Lieut.-Col. Hodges was in command of the regiment from about two weeks after its arrival at Ponce until ten days before it left there, Col. Griffin being absent on leave. Lieut.-Col. Hodges was very popular with the men, who presented a gold watch to him before embarking.

WEDDED IN A SHOW WINDOW.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuskenen Rewarded with a Set of Furniture and Some Carpet.

In return for an oak bedroom set of five pieces and a dozen yards of carpet, Felix Kuskenen of 315 Adam street, Hoboken, and Rosa Takkannen of 29 Washington Square, this city, consented to be married yesterday in a show window in Hoboken. The store and the street in front of it were crowded when the couple appeared in the window escorted by Justice of the Peace Samuel Stanton. Both the bride and the bridegroom were in plain every-day dress. As the Justice read the marriage vows to them, the crowd in the street shouted applause.

In the window, besides the couple and the Justice, were the bedroom suit, the two witnesses and Miss Birdie Cordts and Charles Delehy, Jr., and a piano, which was played by Mr. Appel during the ceremony. After the ceremony was over the couple withdrew from the window. They were congratulated by everybody in the building. Refreshments were then distributed.

The bride gave her age as 22 and the bridegroom said he was 25. They were born in Germany, and knew each other there. Kuskenen is a painter, and has lived in Hoboken several years.

Car Left the Track and Rolled Over Twice.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Nov. 24.—While passenger train No. 6, on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad, was running four hours late to-day it struck a curve six miles north of Burlington and the day coach left the track, rolling over twice and landing in a ditch fifty feet away. The car was full of people. The following were injured mortally: Mrs. Catherine Davis, widow, Columbus Junction, skull fractured; Amanda Harmes, 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. August Harmes, Maxfield, Minn., back broken. A score of others were injured, but only three seriously.

ANTI-ANARCHIST CONFERENCE.

First Session in Rome—Extraordinary Police Precautions.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Nov. 24.—The International Anti-Anarchist Conference opened this afternoon. The English delegates were not present, but the British Ambassador was in attendance. Admiral Canevaro, Minister of Foreign Affairs, delivered an address of welcome to the delegates.

The Corsini Palace, where the conference meets, is surrounded by carabineers and police, suggesting preparations for an assault by a mob. Several police are also stationed inside. The delegates are admitted through a side door, the great gates at the main entrance being kept closed.

It is stated that 2,000 Anarchists and other suspects, who were recently arrested, will be kept in durance while the conference is sitting, and the strictest vigilance will be maintained at the railway stations on the frontiers to exclude Anarchists from the country. Nevertheless it is asserted with apparent reliability that a large number of foreign and Italian Anarchists are here, many of them disguised as priests and monks, and that the police have no knowledge of their whereabouts.

The most rigorous restrictions regarding admission to the Corsini Palace are enforced. The guardians are especially instructed to exclude journalists.

The proceedings to-day were entirely formal. Admiral Canevaro was elected President and the Austrian Ambassador Vice-President. It is expected that the work of the conference will be completed by Christmas. The opinion grows that the result will be of little if any practical benefit.

A protest drafted by a body calling themselves the International Ideal Anarchists will be presented to the conference to-morrow. The chief author is supposed to be Prince Krapotkin. The document contends that Anarchism, despite the deeds of violence committed by isolated devotees, worthily aims at absolute freedom of action, and warns the conference of the danger of attempting to repress it.

TWO STEAMERS WRECKED IN A GALE.

Tampa and Arthur Orr Broken in Two on the North Shore of Lake Superior.

DULUTH, Nov. 24.—She tug Castle arrived here last night from Beaver Bay with the crew of the wrecked steamer Tampa on board. The Castle also located the steel barge Arthur Orr of Chicago, belonging to C. W. Elphicke & Co. of that city, ashore at Baptism River, nine miles from Beaver Bay. The Orr was bound down from Duluth to Buffalo with 500 tons of copper and 2,200 barrels of flour. Both vessels are broken in two. Some of the Orr's cargo may be saved. The crew of the Orr remained on the vessel. They are in no danger. Capt. John Leonard was master of the Tampa, and Capt. Orville Green of the Orr.

In the storm of Monday the Tampa headed for the north shore for protection. The snow blew so fiercely, driven by a sixty-mile gale, that nothing could be seen, and the ship brought up on the rocks. She broke in two and the crew with great difficulty got ashore. The Tampa was a wooden ship, valued at $100,000. She was owned by David Whitney of Detroit, and both hull and cargo are fully insured. The cargo was 2,700 tons of coal from Erie for the Great Northern Railroad.

The Orr has a mixed cargo of flour, copper, shingles, &c. The vessel and cargo are valued at $50,000. The Tampa and cargo are valued at $110,000.

THE HELENA'S TRIP TO MANILA.

Admiral Dewey Will Soon Have a Fleet of Fourteen Regular War Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—A telegram was received at the Navy Department to-day reporting the arrival of the gunboat Helena at Funchal, Madeira. The Helena is on her way to join Admiral Dewey at Manila by way of the Suez Canal route. Before the war with Spain began she was ordered to join the Asiatic station, but on Jan. 11 the Navy Department, in preparation for the emergency that afterward developed, ordered her to remain at Lisbon, Portugal, and there wait further directions. The Helena came back to the United States, participated in the navy operations in the West Indies, and recently started on her second attempt to get to the Asiatic station. With the addition of the Helena, the Oregon, the Iowa and the Buffalo, Admiral Dewey will have under his command fourteen regular war vessels, not counting those taken from the Spanish and the several supply ships now with him or accompanying the Oregon and the Iowa.

DREHER TAKEN TO PRISON.

The Brooklyn Man Who Attempted Suicide in Philadelphia Out of the Hospital.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 24.—Christian W. C. Dreher of Brooklyn, who attempted suicide by shooting at a Park Side avenue hotel on Tuesday, was removed from Presbyterian Hospital to Police Headquarters to-day, and committed to Moyamensing Prison to await the action of the New York authorities. To a police official Dreher said:

"I didn't know what I was about on Tuesday. I knew that I had a revolver and that I was bent on taking my life. I don't remember anything about discharging the pistol. My life has been ruined. I intend to return to Brooklyn as soon as possible and face any charges that have been made against me. I am sorry for attempting to take my life, and I will begin life over again."

It is the opinion of the police that Dreher held the revolver parallel with his face when he fired the five shots which lodged in the ceiling. The bullets only made furrows in his forehead.

EXPLOSION OF A LOCOMOTIVE.

Two Men Killed and Several Others Injured—Bridge and Twenty Cars Burned.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Nov. 24.—Denver and Rio Grande engine 578 on west-bound freight train 63 exploded near Swaklow, on the Santa Fé crossing, twenty miles below Pueblo, early to-day. Fireman J. E. Perkey and Head Brakeman Guy Livingston were killed. Engineer W. C. Pennington was cut on the head. Several others of the crew were more or less seriously injured, including Brakeman F. W. Johnson and Conductor Andrew Bodon.

The cause of the explosion must be determined later by an investigation. The overhead Santa Fé bridge was burned, with twenty Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge cars and contents and a thousand feet of ties in the track. The rails were twisted out of shape. The loss will be close to $25,000.

THE STORM UP THE STATE.

Heavy Fall of Snow in the Catskills—Twelve Inches in Ballston.

STAMFORD, Nov. 24.—A snowstorm has been raging all day to-day in the Catskills, and to-night there is a foot of snow on the ground. Many of the oldest inhabitants declare that not within their memory has such a heavy fall of snow come at this season of the year.

BALLSTON, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Twelve inches of snow fell here to-day and the storm is still raging to-night. The mercury went down 30° during the past twenty-four hours.

ALBANY, Nov. 24.—Up to 8 o'clock to-night over 8 inches of snow had fallen. Shortly after 6 o'clock this morning rain and sleet set in, which changed to snow later and has continued without cessation all day. The indications are for colder weather to-morrow and Saturday.

HEATED WHISKEY ON THE STOVE.

It Exploded, Set Fire to the House and Burned a Baby.

Tailor Morris Persky's wife had a sick spell in their home at 11 Clinton street yesterday, and the doctor told him to give her hot whiskey. Whiskey is a stranger in the Persky household, and he apprehended no danger when he put a jug of it on the stove to heat it. As a consequence there was an explosion, and the burning whiskey set fire to the clothes of their 2-year-old child, Isidore. The father burned his hands in saving the child, and the baby was badly burned. The house caught fire, but was not much damaged before the firemen arrived and put out the flames.

AUTONOMISTS TO RESIGN.

MINISTERS IN CUBA WISH TO GO OUT WITH BLANCO.

The Retiring Captain-General May Sail for Spain on Sunday—10,000 Spanish Troops to Leave Next Week—Our Claim to the Civil Records Admitted by the Spanish.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Nov. 24.—At the Cabinet Council, to-day, the members of the Autonomist Government tendered their resignations to Captain-General Blanco. They said that they had stood faithfully by Spain and Gen. Blanco until the last moment, and now that the Captain-General's resignation had been accepted by the Madrid Government they gave this new proof of their loyalty to him.

Gen. Blanco thanked the Ministers for their expressions of loyalty and accepted their resignations, but he requested them to retain their offices until a new Governor-General was appointed. Señores Galves, President of the Council; Montoro, Minister of Finance; Dolz, Minister of Public Works; Zayas, Minister of Education; Govin, Minister of Justice, and Rodriguez, Minister of Agriculture, promised Gen. Blanco that they would remain until the new Captain-General took possession, but they added that they wished to retire from office before the Americans take control, as they are opposed to the United States.

Before the meeting Señor Govin, Minister of Justice, for the second time directed the Judge of the police court at Vedado to summon Gen. Wade of the American Commission before his court to answer the suit of a plumber who seeks to recover $700 for work alleged to have been done at the Salon Trocha. The Judge refused to summon Gen. Wade.

On the ground that he enjoyed diplomatic immunity Señor Govin holds that under the royal decree Gen. Wade enjoys no unusual privilege, and that the Judge should apply common law procedure to the case.

The preparations for the evacuation of the island are steadily progressing. Between Nov. 27 and Dec. 6 10,681 troops will embark at Havana and Mariel for Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, and Santander.

The Spanish Commission was officially notified by the Americans to-day that four companies of engineers are expected to arrive at Mariano to-morrow. After landing the troops the transports will come to Havana and land provisions and other materials for the American forces.

The diplomatic incident concerning the records of the civil administration is closed. An American note was received by the Spanish Commissioners to-day, declaring that the Americans knew that the cases containing papers belonging to the civil records were already prepared for shipment to Spain, and demanding that they be left here. The Spanish Commissioners, in reply, promised that the records would be left intact.

Major Almy and Capt. Hart have returned from the Isle of Pines, whither they went on a tour of investigation. They have selected the town of Nueva Gerona as the best place on the island for the establishment of camps for sick and convalescent American soldiers.

It is thought probable that Gen. Blanco will sail for Spain on Sunday on the steamer Villaverde.

OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF BLANCO'S RESIGNATION.

MADRID, Nov. 24.—The *Official Gazette* publishes a royal decree accepting Captain-General Blanco's resignation, and expressing appreciation of the zeal, loyalty and intelligence with which he has fulfilled the duties of his office.

SHOUTIN' JACK CUTS A MAN.

His Loud Talk About Sharkey Angers Young Frey and They Quarrel.

John Skelley, alias John Gusset and "Shoutin' Jack," 25 years old, a broommaker, who says he lives on Leroy street, cut John Frey, 27 years old, a watchman, living at Columbia and Stanton streets, with a razor, in front of 1 Rutgers street last night. Skelly went into Lensohn's saloon at 1 Rutgers street last night and began telling in a loud voice what a great man Sharkey, the pugilist is, and described the contest round by round, adding his own opinions. Frey told Skelley to shut up, and the two men tried to get at each other. Frey's father, William, of 119 Grand street, Williamsburg, picked Skelly up bodily and dropped him head foremost out of the saloon. Then he sent his son home.

Frey went out the rear door, and Skelly and a companion went out the front way. Outside the three met. Policeman Galingher saw Skelly flash a razor and started for him, but Skelly was too quick, and caught Frey under the right ear and slashed him down to the Adam's apple. Frey fell and Skelly ran into the arms of Gallagher. Dr. Kerrison of the Gouverneur Hospital dressed Frey's wound, which is a serious one. Skelly had his head badly cut when Frey, senior, dropped him out of the saloon door. Skelly was taken to the hospital also.

HIS SHORE LEAVE FROSTBITTEN.

But the Star-Spangled Banner in Triumph Shall Wave.

A tall, broad-shouldered young American with a list to starboard, labored up Broadway last evening with his head bared to the snow-laden blast. He carried his soft white hat in his right hand and waved it at intervals. He also made an effort to wave his dunnage, consisting of a small satchel and a bundle done up in a brown duck, while he sang all that he could recall of the "Star-Spangled Banner." He wore a light suit, fit for the tropics, and was without an overcoat. His coat was unbuttoned and revealed that he had no waistcoat. In front of Trinity churchyard he stopped a moment and delivered this address to the gravestones:

"Just off this Minnewatchkey. From Porto Rico. Ninety-five degrees in the shade. Is this another blizzard? Left my winter clothes in Brooklyn. Say, my friends, you don't realize what it is to drop from ninety-five degrees to thirty."

Then the young man threw up his satchel and his bundle and declared that, blizzard or no blizzard, the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph should wave o'er the land of the freeze and the home of the brave.

COL. ERHARDT COMPLAINANT.

Lesson for a Cop in Discretion, Manners, Truthfulness and Some Other Virtues.

Ex-Collector Joel B. Erhardt, who in his day was a Police Commissioner too, made a charge at Headquarters yesterday against Policeman J. J. Smith of the Old slip station for arresting him when he interfered to protect a drunken prisoner from abuse. The story has been told in THE SUN. The policeman, when the Sergeant refused to accept the charge of disorderly conduct, attempted to substitute the even more ridiculous one that Col. Erhardt had tried to rescue his prisoner. Chief Devery heard of the matter in the newspapers and tried to persuade Col. Erhardt to prefer a formal complaint, but until yesterday without success. Then, at last, the Colonel consented. The case will be tried to-day.

$500,000 MORTGAGE INVALID.

Decision That the Central Trust Co.'s Claim on the Worcester Bicycle Co. Is Not Good.

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 24.—Judge William K. Townsend of the United States Circuit Court to-day handed down a decision in the case of the Central Trust Company of New York against the Worcester Bicycle Company of Middletown. He declared invalid the mortgage of $500,000 held by the trust company on the cycle company's plant in Middletown. The arguments of both sides were based on technicalities.

The case was tried originally in Judge Townsend's court, and was then sent to the New York Court of Appeals, and then came back to Judge Townsend's court, where the decision was rendered to-day.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Not Based on an Alliance, Says Mr. Henry White at a London Banquet.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor, represented the Government at the Thanksgiving banquet given at the Hotel Cecil to-night. Mr. Henry White, the American chargé d'affaires, eulogized the wisdom, courage and ability with which President McKinley had coped with problems that were more difficult than any that had ever fallen to the lot of any of his predecessors.

The speaker referred to the Anglo-American relations, which, he said, were not based on a treaty of alliance, present or prospective, but upon unity of thought and feeling. Should the two countries ever decide to pursue joint action on any policy it would be a combination that would be difficult, if not impossible, to defeat.

THANKSGIVING IN BERLIN.

Cheers for President McKinley and Emperor William at the American Banquet.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—The usual Thanksgiving banquet and ball of the American colony were given at the Kaiserhof to-night. Four hundred guests were present. Mr. John B. Jackson, First Secretary of the American Embassy, presided at the banquet, and at the conclusion of his speech he called for cheers for President McKinley and Emperor William, and they were given with much heartiness. Gen. Wheaton and Prof. Gates of Amherst College were the principal speakers.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—A Thanksgiving reception was held here tonight by Gen. Horace Porter, the American Ambassador.

VIENNA, Nov. 24.—Mr. Tower, the American Minister, gave a reception to-day in honor of the American holiday.

GEN. ZURLINDEN TO RESIGN?

His Resignation Said to Have Been Asked For by MM. Dupuy and Freycinet.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The *Morning* professes to have special information that the French Prime Minister, M. Dupuy, and the Minister of War, M. de Freycinet, have asked for the resignation of Gen. Zurlinden, Military Governor of Paris, owing to his refusal to explain a statement made during his testimony before the Court of Cassation.

The incident, if it is correctly reported, led to a remarkable outburst of temper on the part of Gen. Zurlinden, who angrily signified his intention to comply with the Ministers' request.

LAMPOONING THE KAISER.

A Paris Comic Journal Containing Objectionable Cartoons Is Seized.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—At the request of Count von Munster, the German Ambassador, a special issue of the comic journal *La Rire*, lampooning Emperor William's tour of the Holy Land, has been seized by the authorities.

The cartoons represented his Majesty potting Armenians with the Sultan, entering Jerusalem on the back of an ass over a palm-strewn road, preaching in the wilderness, &c.

$500 REWARD FOR A WATCH.

The Property of a Newark Woman Who Will Not Reveal Her Name.

The Newark newspapers to-day will have an advertisement offering $500 for the recovery of a watch which was lost or stolen in Newark on Wednesday night. It is a woman's watch, and is small. Capt. Cosgrove, the head of the Detective Department at Police Headquarters in Newark, was informed of the loss yesterday morning, and was asked to conceal the name of the owner and offer the reward in his own name.

"How much may I offer?" asked the Captain of his visitor.

"Five hundred dollars and no questions asked," she answered.

Cosgrove jumped out of his seat and said: "What! $500 for a watch! What kind of a super is it?"

"It cost $1,800 at Benedict's, and here is the bill," said the visitor. "The watch is a mass of large diamonds set in gold, and the movement is the best that skilled workmen can produce."

Of course, the curious want to know the name of the Newark woman who owned the precious timepiece, but Capt. Cosgrove will not reveal it even to his associates. The woman lost the watch in going to or returning from a Newark theatre. She carried it in the folds of a silk waist, and it may have dropped out while in a car or on the street. She did not look at it once during the evening. She discovered her loss on reaching home.

RUSSELL SAGE TAKES NO HOLIDAY.

He's Only 82 and Too Young to Need Rest—Stops to Explode a Wall Street Story.

Russell Sage, who is 82 years old, did not take a holiday yesterday. He got to his Wall street office on the fourth floor of the Bank of Commerce building, 31 Nassau street, shortly after 10 o'clock, his usual time for beginning business, and he stayed there until the afternoon. He sent out word, in response to a request for an interview, that he was "very busy," and that he would have to beg to be excused.

The messenger, who brought his reply, stated that Mr. Sage had said, regarding the plans for the future of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, that the election of Alfred Skitt as Vice-President did not mark any change in either the policy or the ownership of the stock of the company. Mr. Skitt having