Domestic and Foreign Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

cord of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civ-Mised World-Incidents. Enterprises, Accidents, Verdicts. Crimes and Ware

While posting bills on the ruins of the Michigan Buggy company's plant at Kalamazoo, which was destroyed by fire Monday night, John J. Decker was caught under a falling wall and instantly killed. He was to have been married soon.

Robert Hines of Chicago began payment at Dowagiac, Mich., of \$34,000 to the Pottawatomie Indians for their title to lands along the lake front of Chicago.

Prince Henry will probably visit the West on his trip to the United States. going as far as St. Louis. President Roosevelt to attend the launching.

Pere Marquette railway's steamer No. 3 is wrecked while attempting to enter the harbor at Ludington, Mich. Passengers and crew rescued. Opening of St. Louis exposition may

be postponed until 1904 because of the difficulty in getting ready at the time originally fixed for the fair Kentucky judge ordered negro shot

who attacked witness in the courtroom. Conorer saves his life by overpowering him.

Ore valued at \$1,000,000 stolen during the year from Independence mine at Cripple Creek.

Steamship Celtic of the White Star line, the largest vessel ever built, acquired by the American syndicate of which J. Pierpont Morgan is the head. British foreign secretary and German ambassador held conference concerning Chamberlain's Edinburg speech.

C. F. W. Neely testified in his own behalf in the trial at Havana and denied charges of fraud.

United States steel corporation crdered the marine engineers in its employ to report for duty next Monday on the boats of the company. Preparing for strike on lake boats.

Gunner of the Brooklyn who took part in the Santiago fight warmly greeted by Admiral Schley at Savan-

nah. Seaman overcome by emotion. James Mather of Elkhart, Ind., made insane by remorse over killing of a man in 1875, whose death was laid to tramps

Statistics compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll show that churches are growing rapidly in membership, the Catholics leading.

Harvard freshmen class to hold a series of beer kommers to enable the

members to get acquainted. Two little girls of Denver believed

to have been kidnaped on their way J. D. Rockefeller offered to give

Vassar College \$200,000.

Michael Dady of Brooklyn, when interviewed at Havana, denied the charge that he arranged to get most of the fees of the recently elected sheriff. Coroner of New York began investigation of the Park avenue tunnel disaster.

Yale basketball team suspended by the Amateur Athletic union for playing with unregistered teams.

Belief that Boers have reopened negotiations for peace causes rise in South African securities on the London exchange

Four earthquake shocks at the City of Mexico sway buildings and telegraph poles and cause thousands of people to rush into the streets, where many kneel in prayer.

Sam Mertes may be used at third base by Comiskey next year.

Champion Jeffries issues statement, in which he says he will not require Fitzsimmons to secure backing for a

Fourteen of the best 3-year-olds in the east entered in American Derby. Engineer and fireman of the Wabash limited jumped from the locomotive near Attica, Ind., under the hallucination a switch had been turned. Engineer fatally hurt.

Theft of a trunk at New Orleans containing jewelry worth \$2,500 led to its owner's arrest on suspicion of being a thief.

Admiral Schley started Thursday for a deer hunt on St. Catherine's Island. White Star line sold six of its big cargo steamships to the J. Pierpont Morgan syndicate. Another step in the amalgamation of the White Star, Ley-

land and American lines. Brokers on curb in New York are caught through operations in Snap Hook and Eye, price of which stock drops to nothing.

Senator Foraker thanked Ohio assembly for re-electing him and made an address reviewing charges in recent conditions of the country.

Negotiations under way in New York for the consolidation of the National Starch Company and the Glucose Sugar Refining Company.

King Edward, in an address to officers of the guards, intimated that the war in South Africa is nearing the

Ashes of Miss Hannah Phillips scattered on the waters of the bay.

United States and Germany busy was plans for the forthcoming visit of Prince Henry, who will arrive in lew York Feb. 22 and remain until

Miss Eloise Packer, an employe of e Hawkeye laundry at Boone, Ia., was instantly killed by being caught in a steam wringer.

Andrew Carnegie, in delivering an dress at Y. M. C. A. celebration in W York, declares there is nothing in wealth beyond having a competence.

Man seriously hurt while being initiated into a secret society at Spo-

Twelve horses stampeded by an elevated train injured several persons at Jackson boulevard and Wabash avenue. Chicago.

Great Northern Express company may displace the Adams on the Burlington system. Sharkey-Maher bout at Philadelphia

fiasco. The men were arrested before the go and then gave a tame exhibition, which the referee stopped in the third round. A. J. Spalding, who arrived in Chi-

cago for a conference with Ban Johnson on baseball affairs, hinted that the National league may be reduced to four clubs.

J. Pierpont Morgan rumored to be interested in the sale of the Panama Canal to the government.

Frank Gould's dog kennels at Lyndhurst are to be transformed into a cooking school. In the Park avenue tunnel investiga-

tion an official of the New York Central admitted the signals were faulty. Engineers had frequently been unable to see them. Charles T. Yerkes has invented a

fireproof railroad car, with which he will equip his underground line in Thirty-nine persons are rescued with breeches buoy from Pere Marquette steamer No. 3, which strikes bar at

mouth of Ludington harbor and is scuttled to prevent her being pounded to pieces. President Francis of the St. Louis

fair board denies that the exposition is to be postponed one year. Judge Small at Joliet decides that grain in elevators is in transit and is

not subject to local taxation. Cashier Philip S Adams of the Commercial Bank of Fulton, Mo., has disappeared with \$4.500 and the bank has

been closed. Diamonds that are said by Tiffany to be of first water are reported to have been discovered in Fergus County, Mont.

Old-Time Printers at Chicago observe anniversary of Ben Franklin with a banquet.

Finance committee of Chicago board of education cuts appropriations and scales down departments to save money and prevent closing of schools.

Girl friends willingly endure surgeon's knife at Chicago to contribute cuticle for Helen Peck's burned face. Official announcement is made by the German embassy that Prince Henry will visit Chicago during his journey to this country.

Four thousand Iowans witness the inauguration of Governor Cummins and listen to an inaugural address of national as well as state importance, the feature being urging nationalization of the trust question.

Samuel F. Hawley, a Chicago attorney, commits suicide at St. Louis. Lake Carriers' Association refers to executive committee, with power to

act, proposed regulations for the navigation of the Detroit River. China and Russia reported to have nearly reached an agreement in the

Manchurian negotiations. Duke of Manchester settled Portia Knight's breach of promise suit by paying her \$18,500.

Emperor William's yacht Hohenzolern, refitted in magnificent style for its American trip, starts for United States on Sunday.

Dr. Hackney of Kansas City and Miss Josephine Mulock of Middleton, N. Y., who had conducted their courtship by letter, met in Chicago and were married.

Henry Haegele of Chicago saved from drowning at Twin Lakes, Wis., by a horse to which he clung for twenty minutes. A companion perished.

Cora Dherrell, age 6 years, was burned to death at Nashville, Ind., by her clothes taking fire while the family was outdoors.

The strike among the passenger shop employes at the plant \of the American Car and Foundry Company in Jeffersonville is spreading. About 600 men are now idle.

The fishermen's strike which has been on at Pensacola, Fla., for several weeks has been amicably adjusted. The smacks are being iced and stores taken aboard preparatory to proceeding

to sea. At Kingman, south of Covington Ind., Wednesday night, William Sweeney, a saloonkeeper, shot and killed George Stull. Four bullets entered Stull's body. He had assaulted Swee-

ney with a pump-handle. Fire in Montreal damaged the Royal Electric Light Company's works and adjoining buildings to the extent of \$50,000. With the aid of temporary

repairs it is promised that the city ighting will not be materially affected Mrs. Pike Dickey, a wealthy recluse living at Lansing, Mich., was found dead at her home. She had been dead for some time and the body was partly eaten by rats. Near her was found a

box containing a large sum of money. George Kline, accused of the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Caroline Klein, was acquitted in Baltimore Md., on the ground of insanity. Klein knocked the woman down and kicked her to death because she threatened to have him arrested for abusive lan-

guage. In separate sessions Ohio's legislature re-elected Senator Foraker, in Kentucky James B. McCreary was named and in Maryland Arthur Pue

Gorman was chosen General William J. Palmer of Colorado Springs, has given \$250,000 to found a sanitarium near that city. Jean de Reszke declines an offer of 1,000,000 francs for forty performances

in the United States. John Hampton kills Mrs. Roselia Evans at Chicago because she refused to marry him and then swallows carbolic acid, dying later at the hospital. Seven cadets at West Point dropped

because deficient in their studies. Captain Perry of the battleship Iowa angered Argentina by a toast predicting Chilean success in case of war. German aeronauts ascended to height of 16,000 feet in an attempt to

beat the record. Colonel Myron T. Herrick, treasurer of the McKinley Memorial Association. says few contributions have been received from wealthy men, and that the bulk of the memorial fund has come from wage-earners and school chil-

PLAN FOR PEACE

Deadlock in Pan-American Conference at City of Mexico Continues.

THE HAGUE TREATY INDORSED.

United States to Introduce Republics to the World Tribunal—Studying a More Comprehensive Plan for New Compact

City of Mexico dispatch: The plan for the adherence of the nations represented at the Pan-American congress to The Hague convention was introduced by the Chilean delegation after a long statement tending to show the advantages of The Hague convention and the impracticability of compulsory arbitration. The official plan for the adherence of the nations of America to The Hague convention is as follows: The states represented at the second international American conference resolve: First-To adhere to the conventions signed at The Hague by the powers represented at the international peace conference—(a) for the peaceful adjustment of international differences; (b) for the adaptation to maritime warfare of the principles of the Geneva convention of August 22, 1864; (c) with respect to the laws and

usages of land war. Second-To confer, in order to attain that end, upon the United States of America and the United States of Mexico, signatory governments to said conventions, authority to take the necessary steps to establish (or secure) the adherence of non-signatory pow-

The delegates from Chile and Ecuador do not agree to the foregoing, and the Chilean plan, as now presented, is offered, it is claimed as a part of the obstructive tactics. The full text of the official plan is presented, the art cles simply elaborating in diplomatic phraseology the summary referred to

in the foregoing paragraph. In an additional article the signatory nations empower the Mexican government, in the interval between the present and the next Pan-American conference, to communicate with other governments of America with a view to ascertaining the practicability of concluding a still more comprehensive plan of arbitration. If those steps are successful, a further treaty will be concluded between two or more of the nations in question, and, in any event Mexico will report at the next conference as to the success of her efforts in this direction.

It should be noticed that the above ls the only official plan for joining The Hague convention, that of Chile having been pressed, it is claimed, merely

for obstructive purposes. Hill and Mellen Subpoensed. James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern and of the Northern Securities company, and Charles S. Mellen, president of the Northern Pacific, have been subpoenaed at Minneapolis to appear before Special Examiner Mabey in the United States Court, Jan. 25, to give evidence in the Peter Power case. As C. W. Bunn, general counsel for the Northern Pa cific, must appear before the interstate commerce commission at Chicago Jan. 24, and as the Minnesota merger case comes up in the United States Supreme Court Jan. 27, it is possible there may be an adjournment of the

Parts Negro from White.

Power hearing.

Guthrie, Okla., dispatch: Chief Justice Burford has issued an order stating that if there be only one colored child of school age in a school district the authorities must provide a separate schoolhouse and teacher. This order takes in the entire territory and ous counties.

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS

January wheat, 77%@78%c; January
corn, 68@68%c; January outs, 41%@48%c;
January pork, \$16.57%@16.67%; January corn. 650-624c; January oats, 44,058-c; January pork, 516.674-616.674c; January jard, 8,4009.474.

Cattle-Native shipping and export steers, 15.067.2 dressed beef and butches steers, 15.06.40; steers under 1,000 ibs, \$2.706.53; stockers and feeders, \$2.604.40; cows and helfers, \$2.506.5; canners, \$1.506.3; bulls, \$2.356.4.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$36.54; cows and helfers, \$2.506.4. Hogs-Pigs and lights, \$5.7566.05; packers, \$5.7566.05; bullers, \$4.506.50; bullers, \$4.506.50; bullers, \$4.506.51; calls and bucks, \$2.264.25; lambs, \$4.506.615; culls and bucks, \$2.264.25; stockers, \$1.5062.25.

Butter-Extra creamery, 23/4c; firste, \$4.50@6.15; culls and bucks, \$2@4.50; stockers, \$1.50@2.55.

Butter—Extra creamery, 23½e; firsts, 21c; dairies, choice, 20c. Cheese—Twins, 21c; dairies, choice, 20c. Cheese—Twins, 21c; dairies, choice, 20c. Cheese—Twins, 21c; fresh northern, 28@30c. Poultry, per pound—Live turkeys, 8@31/c; chickens, 8½c; springs, 8c; roosters, 5c; ducks, 10c; geese, doz., \$4.50@10.00; dressed turkeys, 8½@11½c; ducks, 3@11c; geese, 8@6. Beans—Pea, hand picked, \$1.00@1.25; soreened, \$1.55@1.62; mediums, \$1.65@1.70. Apples—Fair to choice, bri, \$2.50@5.00; fancy, \$5.25@5.50; bushel box, \$1.00@2.50. Potatoes—Rurals, bu, 74@7tc; mixed, \$3@71c; Burbanks, 71@74c. Wool—East Missouri R., washed, tub, 20@25c.

Threats to Kill Governor, The stationing of detectives in the executive chamber at Albany, N. Y., to watch the crowd at Governor Odell's reception New Year's was explained this week when it was learned that the executive had received letters threatening his life from three different points in the state, all saying that the deed would be committed at the reception. The letters did not arouse any alarm in the Governor's mind, but Superintendent Bender concluded that no chances should be taken. Detectives were stationed in the room, and every man who entered it and who was not well known was looked over carefully.

Lafayette Epidemic Serious. Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch: Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state health board of Indiana, in reply to a communication from Commissioner of Health Reynolds of Chicago, asking for the facts concerning smallpox conditions at Lafavette. Ind., stated that the city council of Lafayette declined to appropriate money to assist the health department in enforcing quarantine regulations, there being a number of smallpox cases in the city. Dr. Hurty says the result is that other towns on direct railroad lines with Lafayette are considering quarantine against Lafavette.

Three Miners Killed. In a cave-in at the Ada mine at Carterville, near Joplin, Mo., three miners lost their lives, another was injured fatally, and several others were seciously hurt. The dead: Arthur Rob erts, John Simmons. Bruce Westfall The accident was caused by a premature explosion of dynamite, which blocked the entrance to the mine. It took several hours' work by the men from adjoining mines before the imprisoned miners were reached. Ada mine is owned by a Chicago syndicate, Dr. Gundling of that city being superintendent.

Two Fall 75 Feet to Death Chicago dispatch: By the falling of scaffold in the Rialto elevator, 104th street and the Calumet river, two men were instantly killed in the morning. A third escaped death by clinging to ropes until he was rescued by other workmen. His hands were severely burned, but otherwise he was uninjured. The dead: Matthew Martin 88th street and Superior avenue, killed instantly; Patrick Hanrahan, Bridgeport, killed instantly. The injured: Frank Hollanberg, 105 88th street,

saved from death by climbing to ropes of scaffold; rescued by workmen; severely burned. Serious Riot in Spain. The decision of the municipal authorities of San Sebastian, Spain, to suppress the annual popular holi-

day, consisting of tormenting bulls safely tethered, occasioned serious rioting, during which many persons were injured and much property was sacrificed. A mob stoned the town hall, the residences of the municipal officers, and the barracks of the gendarmes, and swept through the streets undaunted by the shots of the gendarmes. The latter were powerless until a force of troops arrived and will prove very expensive to the vari- charged the rioters. Many arrests were made.

CANAL ROUTES ACROSS THE ISTHMUS.



Nebraska Sees a Meteor.

Late Tuesday night the sky was illuminated by a brilliant meteor, which passed across in a southwesterly direction over Beaver City, Neb. When it struck the earth the concussion sounded like thunder. Those who saw it say that it appeared as large as a football. Many who were in their homes or business places and did not see its passage thought it to be a slight earthquake shock. Railroad men on trains from the West report that the meteor struck the earth near Atwood, Kan.

Patient and Doctor Both Die. Cincinnati, O., dispatch: Mrs. Edmund Bachus, living on the fourth floor of an Elm street apartment buildwas taken suddenly ing, with heart trouble last night. Dr. G. H. Thurman, who resides in the same neighborhood, was called and hastened to her relies. She died just as the doctor entered the apartments, and the doctor died immediately on entering from exhaustion caused by climbing three flights

Power-House and Cars Burned.

LaSalle, Ill., dispatch: Fire destroyed the power house of the City Electric Railway company here early in the morning. But two cars remain of the once well-equipped plant. The loss is estimated at \$60,000, partially covered by insurance. It will be at least two months before the road will be again in operation. In the meantime the residents of the twin cities are subjected to great inconvenience. A temporary carette system may be established as a means of relief.

Fire Loss Is \$10,000,000. Lebanon, Ill., dispatch: Prof. B. F Staymates, statistician of the Illinois Fireman's association, has completed statistics for the past year, showing the total fire loss in Illinois to have been in excess of \$10,000,000. The national loss was \$103,500,000. Twenty per cent of fires are reported due to defective flues. Although gasoline is generally supposed to cause a large percentage of fires, the report states that during the last year only 10 per cent of the fires were caused by the explosion of gasoline stoves.

AT WASHINGTON

The Record in Brief of Legislative Work in Senate and House.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

Henry C. Payne Is Sworn in as Post master General and Immediately Assumes Control of His Department-Senator Hale Stirs Up a Debate.

Wednesday, January 15. Senator Hale, in opposing the naval reserve bills, stirred up lively debate in the Senate, his colleagues gaining the impression that he was unjust in his criticism of the volunteer forces.

a special meeting to consider recent offer of the Panama Canal Company to sell its canal to the government. Commission may favor the scheme. Senate Pension committee adopted new rule intended to curtail introduc-

Chief clerk of the Navy Department under investigation for harsh treatment of navy officer. Senator Hale caused spirited discus-

sion in the Senate by questioning the

tion of pension bills in Congress.

value of state militia, In the presence of the President and his cabinet, the entire Wisconsin delegation in Congress. Governor Durbin of Indiana. Senator Hanna and a number of other friends, Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin was sworn in as Post master General at 10:05 o'clock a.m., in the cabinet room at the White House. The oath of office was admin-

istered by Chief Justice Fuller. The retiring Postmaster General. Charles Emory Smith, also was present, as well as Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Payne, wife of the new member of the President's official family. At the close of the ceremony President Roosevelt advanced toward Mr. Payne, and with a smile and hearty handshake, addressed him as "Mr. Postmaster General." Mr. Payne then received the congratulations of all present, after which he engaged in a long private conversation with the President. Mr. Payne took charge at the Postoffice Department about noon. The personnel of the department who are in the city were presented to the new Postmaster General and took leave of Mr. Smith in the afternoon.

Special committee of architects reports on the plans to beautify Washington, suggesting a magnificent scheme requiring years to work out but which would make the capital the most beautiful city in the world.

Congressmen representing sugar producers fear that the Senate in attaching a reciprocity rider to the Philippine tariff bill, will nullify the work of the ways and means committee

and endanger reciprocity plans. Thursday, January 16. With only one negative vote the isthmian canal commission decides to recommend the Panama instead of the Nicaragua route, and Congress is expected to acquiesce, the entire situation being changed by the French company's \$40,000,000 sale offer.

President Roosevelt has consented to review the exceptions of Rear Admiral Schley to the findings of the court of inquiry before rendering his verdict on the case.

Senate displays hostility to the proposed new department of commerce, and it will have to be radically amended. Belief exists that it would become unwieldy by absorbing too many bureaus. It is pointed out that if the bill as reported became a law, is would create the greatest department of the government and that the secretary of commerce would have more power than even the secretary of the treasury. Notice of several important

amendments was given. Republican members of the Senate Philippine committee vote to amend the House tariff bill by requiring imports into the United States to pay only 75 per cent of the Dingley duties.

Prospects for an interoceanic canal

growing less favorable because of the probable action of the isthmian commission in reversing its views. President made five appointments in Missouri antagonistic to National

Committeeman Kerens. Split among the Republican leaders of Congress make it likely that no legislation granting tariff concessions to Cuba can be passed at this session. Representatives of beet sugar states said to have formed combine to de-

feat it. The bill for the recoinage of the silver coinage of Hawaii introduced by Representative Hill of Connecticut was favorably acted upon by the house committee on coinage, weights and measures. Some opposition was developed, the democratic members urging that the silver dollars should not lose their identity as such by being recoined into subsidiary coinage. The vote on the bill was 8 to 3, the democratic members voting in the nega-

Fight 400 Feet Underground. In a desperate battle 400 feet underground between ore thieves and detectives and trusted employes of the Independence mine on Battle Mountain between fifty and seventy-five shots were exchanged. Lee Glockner, a member of the company's force, was shot twice, but not seriously injured. The fight was most determined, but the pirates finally gained the upper hand and forced the company men to retreat toward the big shaft, giving to change her boarding house or open the thieves an opportunity to escape.

Preacher Kills His Stepson The Rev. Mr. Gidding stabbed to death his stepson, Harry Highfield, and was himself perhaps fatally injured, sustaining two fractured ribs, besides internal injuries. The affair took place three miles east of Shipman, Ill., Friday evening. The tragedy was the culmination of a feud of long standing between the father and son, dating from the marriage of the boy's mother five years ago. Highfield had just returned from three years' service in the Philippines.

United States. Priday, January 17.

By a strictly partisan vote the Senate committee on commerce orders a favorable report upon Senator Frye's ship subsidy bill. The report, prepared by Senator Frye, was read to the committee. It says that the purpose of the bill is to establish the maritime supremacy of the United States in trade with Asia and in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean; to establish thoroughly trade between the United States and South American republics, and to give the United States a respectable representation on the North Atlantic. The claim is made that all these results will be accomplished within ten years. The report also asserts that the bill will so extend shipbuilding as to transfer in time from abroad to the United States the center of that industry as the centers of other industries have recently been transferred, and also that it will give to Isthmian Canal commission to hold the United States a measure of maritime independence corresponding to our industrial and agricultural inde-

pendence. Bill providing for a national pure food commissioner will be introduced in both Senate and House by Illinois

Owing to family opposition friends of President Harrison's widow decide to abandon their effort to obtain a pension for her.

Outlook for legislation on the Nicaragua Canal is discouraging because of the confusion that has been caused by those opposed to any legislation on the subject.

Prince Henry's visit will make it ecessary for President Roosevelt to establish precedents in the etiquette of such occasions. House Committee on Election

Rresident will report favorably on resolution to elect senators by popular¶vote. Strife in Congress over reciprocity vith Cuba grows bitter and the President and Senate may clash with the House, with the possible result of

reopening the entire tariff contest. British Royalty in Pageant. King Edward opened parliament in ondon Thursday with a ceremonial in all essential respects similar to that of February last. The procession to

the House of Lords was of the same character as that witnessed on the occasion of the opening of the first parliament of King Edward's reign, while within the upper house were seen the same state pageantry, the same historic dresses and the same revival of ancient forms. King Edward and Queen Alexandra occupied their thrones beneath a canopy, with the Prince and Princess of on either side of them. The other members of the royal family were seated in chairs at the foot of the steps leading to the throne. The gentleman usher of the Black Rod General Sir Michael Biddulph, having summoned the speaker and the members of the House of Commons, his majesty read the speech from the

Robbers Hold Up a Train. Seven masked men held up and robbed the southbound Kansas City Southern passenger train near Spiro, T. The train was flagged between Spiro and Redland in a lonely spot, near where a former train was robbed. Two of the bandits guarded the engineer and fireman while the others looted the mail and express cars. They were unable to break the express safe, but stole a number of registered letters from the mail. Postoffice officials deny that any registered mail was taken, and the express company says that \$3 will cover its loss. Three miners have been arrested on suspicion and taken to Poteau, I. T. Despite denials, it is said the robbers secured \$2.000.

Oil Well Near Danville.

The Fuel Oil company, which has been leasing oil lands about Danville, Ill., for several months, shot its first well east of that city Friday. The well proved to be a gusher. Daniel Fishell, a representative of the company, said: We are satisfied that this field will prove to be one of the greatest crude oil producers in the world. The entire output can be marketed in Chicago for less than Illinois or Indiana coals are being sold, saying nothing of the advantages in freight handling and the convenience in using.'

Minister Sent to Prison. Judge Swan of the United States district court at Detroit sentenced Rev. G. F. B. Howard, who had previously pleaded guilty to using the mails to obtain money under false pretenses at Horton, Mich., to two and a half years in the Detroit house of correction. Howard, who is well known throughout the country, was arrested by United States marshal in Columbus, O., several months ago as he left the Ohio penitentiary after serving a nine-year sentence, and taken to Detroit. He made an eloquent and pathetic plea for mercy.

Sues Because She Is Hungry. May Ewing, a young woman, entered suit against her boarding house mistress, Mrs. A. M. Cook, at New Castle. Pa. claiming that she paid her board bill regularly but did not get enough to eat. She said she believed Mrs. Cook should be punished, just as any one else who did not give value received for legal tender. The defendant was released on her own recognizance and the girl was advised by the police bachelor quarters.

Rich Oil Strike in Colorado Denver dispatch: A dispatch from Debeque, Col., says that oil is flowing at the rate of ten barrels a day from a well there that has reached a depth of only 615 feet. The oil is illuminant, with a parffin base.

Appleton, Wis., dispatch: A. W. Patton, the multi-millionaire paper manufacturer, who has been ill at his home in this city for several days, died yes-

tive. The bill as reported provides that all of the silver coins of Hawati shall be received at par in payment of government dues to Hawaii or to the 800 PERSONS

A Terrible Catastrophe in the State of Guerrero. Mexico.

CHURCH FALLS ON PEOPLE. -

Population of Chilpanzingo Camping Out Under Tents Around the T wa-Much Suffering Troops Called Out-Disturbances Felt in Many Cities.

One of the most terrible catastrophes in the history of the state of Guerrero, Mexico, is reported to have occurred late Thursday afternoon, when an extremely violent earthquake shock was felt at Chilpanzingo, causing a great loss of life and injuring many persons. Details from the stricken district are very meager, but scattering reports received at Mexico City indicate that probably 300 persons were killed and as many more injured. It is known that the state capitol, the parish church and many business houses and residences are in ruins, and there is much suffering as a result of the awful seismic disturbance. One of the edifices that suffered most was the federal telegraph office, which explains the paucity of news that has sofar reached this city.

Many Killed in a Church-

Meager details finally begin to arrive at Mexico City. The telegraph lines and apparatus at Chilpanzingo were badly damaged, but the employes, all of whom were uninjured, quickly proceeded to erect an improvised telegraph office on the outskirts of the city. The number of deaths was greater in the parish church than in any single place, as a crowd of worshipers were gathered there for the afternoon service. The solid masonry walls and roof came toppling down on the worshipers, and many persons were killed. The war department has ordered troops in the neighborhood toco-operate in the work of rescue. Until this work is completed it will beimpossible accurately to learn the number of victims. It is believed that this is one of the most destructive seismic phenomena that has occurred in Mexico. The greater part of the population of Chilpanzingo are now camping out under tents around the town, which is five days' journey from

the national capital. Shocks Felt in Many Cities. Earthquake shocks were felt in many other cities and towns. In Mexico City the earthquake took place at 5:17 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and was of such violence as to shake the most substantial buildings. The Pan-American congress was in session at the time, and many of the delegates were greatly alarmed. The first movement was one of trepidation, and was very sharp. It was followed by an easy, oscillatory movement northeast. to south-southwest. The duration was fifty-five seconds. The damage in this city was only slight. The state of Guerrero has always been the focus of seismic disturbance. Reports received state that the shock was very severe at Chilapa. No casualties are so far reported from there. The duration of the Chilpanzingo shock was less than that in Mexico City, having lasted fifty seconds, against fiftyfive seconds at the capital. Late advices say that the earthquake was alsointerse at Iguala, in the state of Guerrero, destroying the parish church and many buildings in the city and neighborhood. Among the latter was the sugar mill of General Frisbie, an American. The mill had just been completed and fitted up with American

the state of Guerrero. Pine Couses Panic in Hotel. Fire and panic threatened the lives and property of the guests of the Plaza hotel at New York for an hour or more Friday, but the blaze was extinguished by the fire department after it had done \$5,000 damage. The guests of the hotel, mostly women, were nearly all at luncheon when the cry of fire rang through the corridors. Women crowded the elevators while smoke in dense clouds terrified and stifled them. The two elevator boys stuck to their posts and carried as many to the street as-

machinery at a cost of \$200,000. The

property loss is immense throughout

they could. Will Arrest Arthur Lynch. Dublin dispatch: The Evening Herald says warrants for the arrest of Colonel Arthur Lynch, formerly of the Second Irish Brigade on the Boer side, in South Africa, are in the hands of the London police, and should Colonel. Lynch appear in that city to-morrow with the object of taking his seat in parliament, he will immediately be arrested.

Mrs. Astor Leaves New York. Tired of what she considers unjust taxation, Mrs. William Astor, the society leader, has petitioned the court at Newport, R. I., for a certificate of citizenship in Rhode Island. This undoubtedly will be granted, and it is expected that on Monday the legal residence of Mrs. Astor will be changed from New York to Newport. The New York millionaires, Hamilton Fish Webster, Samuel E. Huntington and William C. Schermerhorn, the last Mrs. Astor's brother, will also become citizens of Rhode Island on Monday.

-Shoots His Flances Fred Brockman, a young coal miner of Coffeen, Ill., shot and killed Miss.

Gertie Clifford near Coffeen and then attempted suicide by shooting himself twice in the head. He was supposed: to be engaged to the girl. Kitchener Reports Progress.

London dispatch: Lord Kitchener reports that since Jan. 6 twenty Boers. have been killed, nine wounded and twenty-three captured, and that ninety-five have surrendered.