IN A SORRY COMMITTON

Intense Suffering Predicted for the Winter in the Island Colony.

SPECIE COMES FROM ENGLAND

Delay in Submitting the Report of the Special Committee to the Legislature-Firms Are Being Closed Up Every Day-Indictment of Directors Urged.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27 .- From information received from St. John's, Newfoundland, it is learned that all business is at a standstill and the depression due to the numerous and serious bank failures still continues. The Government has no funds to relieve the thousands of unemployed, and it has been a sorry Christmas all over the island. The colony will not recover from the dire calamity for the next twenty years. Numerous schemes to solve the financial troubles are being brought forward, one being a bill to guarantee the paper circulation of the Union Bank, There is only \$300,000 in specie on the whole island, and a system of barter or exchange is being operated. Firms are being closed up every day, and the suffering during the coming winter will be beyond description. The directors of the Commercial Bank are much blamed, and the citizens demand the judictment of the directors of both the Commercial and Union Banks. The Government has refused to bring in a bill ordering the two banks to accept their own notes in payment hy dehtors

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 28.-A despatch from St. Johns, Nfld., says Messrs. Cook, manager; ex-Premier Goodridge, Goodfellow, Hutchinson and Dubier, directors of the Commercial Bank, lately suspended, were arrested yesterday on information laid by Hon. George Skelton, a shareholder. They are charged with making a false written statement and rendering false accounts to the shareholders. Cook will be arrested on another charge, such as embezzlement and fraudulently taking the funds of the bank. The disclosures against Cook are very damaging, and considerable excitement was caused by the arrests. Pitts, the director, who is included in the warrant of arrest, is absent from St. Johns, but will be arrested immediately on his return, and if he does not return he will be arrested in Canada. Bail will be accepted for the prisoners at \$20,000 each.

The legislative committee reported on the Union and Commercial Banks last night. The Union Bank was solvent and able to pay every bond 100 cents on the dollar with time and the passage of an act stopping actions for the payment of notes in gold. The Commercial Bank was found hopelessly insolvent and the utmost expected of it is a small dividend. The Government proposed to guarantee Union Bank paper to the amount of 80 cents on the dollar and Commercial Bank paper. to the amount of 20 cents on the dollar. Nothing will be decided until to-day.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Daily News says in a leader on the arrest of the bank officers in Newfoundland: "The arrests seem to be in the nature of an heroic remedy for the financial troubles in the colony. Whatever the issue of the prosecution be, it can hardly strengthen the public confidence on which the poor remnant of the colony's prosperity for the moment rests. Newfoundland is in a pitcous state. She has almost returned to first principles as a social organization; and she must now regret her short-sighted refusal to enter the Dominion. If she had joined the federation she would have a better claim on the support of her sister communities. Her refusal never was based on any other reasons than selfish prudence."

A Scoundrel's Record.

DETROIT, Dec. 27.-Frank J. F. Bradley, the alleged forger, who was arrested in Toronto, is a bad character. By his own confession he is a liar, a seducer, a libertine, a forger and a thief. He seduced the mother of his son, drove his aged father from his door, robbed the man who loved him as he loved his son, betrayed the man who had been his only friend in his hour of trouble, maligned the character of his dead wife, and finally he has dragged the son whom he had forsaken into the mire | taneous. in which he himself has long been immersed. He will be tried at the next term of the Recorder's court.

The Storm on the Pacific.

the terrific storm on the Pacific coast | with revolvers the others ransacked when the house at Tillamook Oregon, was ceived by Capt. Wilds of the light house at work one of Johnston's daughters board. The lighthouse is on a rock 911-2 aroused the neighbors. Several men ran feet above high water mark. The waves | to the Johnston house and the robbers belashed the rock with such fury that pieces | gan to shoot. Johnston was shot through weighing as much as 167 pounds were rent | the bowels and a man named McCord was from its sides and hurled into the air a dis | shot through the hand. The robbers made tance of 139 1-2 feet, shattering thirteen | their escape. Johnston is a farmer, 60 panes of glass about the lens and falling | years old, and will probably die. upon the wooden structures beneath, caving in the roof. The damage amounted to

Buffalo waging was on rugnists. BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—The police arrested vesterday another pugilist named Michael Leary, charged with having no visible means of support. Leary three years ago had a "go" with Charley Mitchell and was beaten in three rounds. Justice Harrington allowed Leary a week in which to find employment or leave the city. "Solly" Smith and Johnny Vanheest have been driven out of town and the police are after other pugilists who have no visible means of support. Superintendent Bull says he will clear the city of this class of persons before the week is out.

Shutting Out Britain's Cattle,

Berlin, Dec. 28.-Schleswig and East Prussia have followed Bremen's example eand have prohibited the importation of British and Irish cattle and pigs.

Armenians Embracing Islamism. LONDON, Dec. 27.-The Daily News correspondent in Odessa says that numerous Armenian refugees from Moosh and Bulenlyk are arriving at Sarakamyah. They are on their way to Etchmiadzin. All are in a wretched condition. The correspondent says that several conspicuous Armenians in Moosh have been forced to embrace Islamism to save their lives and property and the honor of their wives and daughters.

Brockville's New Asylum,

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 28.-The first consignment of lunatics for Brockville's new asylum were transferred yesterday from Brockville asylum, numbering 72. They were accompanied by Drs. Ross and Barber and were met at the station by Bursar Baker, who had covered rigs in readiness to drive them to the new asylum.

THE MAJESTIC ARRIVES.

Irs. Sanford Tells of Miss Thompson's Visit to Her Majestv.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-Mrs. W. E. Sanford, wife of the Canadian senator, was The Governor of Oregon Utters Plain interviewed at quarantine on the arrival of the steamer Majestic. She stated that Miss Thompson, daughter of the late Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada, was under her care and had borne the trip remarkably well, showing considerable fortitude under her affliction.

In speaking of the sudden death of the late Premier, Mrs. Sanford said: "Sir John died on Wednesday, December 12, and as Miss Thompson was at the time in Paris with my husband, Senator Sanford, her Majesty sent for me and my daughters to condole with us. We went to Windsor. in her Majesty's carriage, and were received with the greatest consideration and kindness. We were present when her Majesty laid two wreaths of flowers on Sir John's bier. On Thursday morning the body was brought to London, and en Thursday afternoon Senator Sanford and Miss Thompson arrived from Paris. On Friday morning solemn requiem mass was said and on Saturday the Queen sent for Miss

Thompson and myself. "We were received by the Queen and Princess Beatrice alone, and there were no attendants to break in upon our grief. Her Majesty drew Miss Thompson to her, and kissed her and consoled her, and also pressed my hand to assure me of her heartfelt sympathy. I wish I could adequately express the extreme tenderness and anxious solicitation of her Majesty. . In every way in her power she showed that she was deeply moved by the sad occurrence and desired to have us understand so. I will proceed at once to Ottawa with Helena. I have just received a letter from Mr. Pope informing me that there will be nobody here to meet Miss Thompson and I will of course take her direct to Lady Thompson. My own daughters will go direct to Hamilton, Ont., our home, in the care of Mr. O'Hara. My husband, as you no doubt know, is to accompany Sir John Thompson's remains on the man-of war

Blenheim to Halifax." Mrs. Sanford is a handsome lady with white hair and a clear complexion; she seemed deeply moved while telling her

A DESTRUCTIVE SHELL.

An Invention Which it is Claimed Will Revolutionize Warfare,

Washington, Pa., Dec. 28,—James S. Wolf, a machinist of this place, has perfected a shell which, if it fulfills all that is claimed for it by its inventor, will revolutionize warfare. On Christmas he made the first test in the presence of a few spectators.

The shell was exploded by a fuse, and ascended to a height of about 40 feet, exploding when it reached the ground and burning fiercely for 20 minutes. The shell is a double one. Mr. Wolf claims that it will throw more missiles than a single one, requiring but one half the power that would be necessary for a single one.

Its inventor claims that one or two of these shells fired into a city would completely destroy it, that it would demoralize any army, into which it fell, and that it can be fired from any mortar and timed to explode as desired.

To fill an eight-inch shell he said would cost but twenty-five cents if the ingredients he has discovered are used. He has an attorney at Washington city presenting his claims for a patent and if successful will offer his invention to the United States government. Several gentlemen who witnessed the test say that the invention is a wonderful one.

Attempted Murder and Suicide.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 28.-At Ellwood August Permontir, aged 26, a Frenchman employed at the Peerless Lamp Chimney factory and a boarder at the residence of James Meister, attempted a triple murder and then killed himself. Permontir went to the second-floor of the boarding house and without warning shot twice at the youngest daughter of his landlord, aged 16 years, but did not hit her. He then ran down the stairs and shot at another of Meister's daughters, 18 years old. The shot entered her left breast, inflicting a dangerous wound. Robert Charles, another boarder, tried to overpower Permontir and was also dangerously shot, the bullet entering his groin. Permontir then went to the front porch and fired a shot through his head. Death was instan-

Fight With Masked Thieves. NEW LISBON, O., Dec. 28.—Three masked men entered the house of William Johnston, six miles south of this place. While WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Some details of one of the gang covered the family the house, securing \$800 and some wrecked are contained in an report re- jewellery. While the thieves were

The Charges Against Lippert.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—William Augustus Lippert, who was arrested in Cincinnati Christmas night on a warrant issued by-United States Commissioner Shields at the instance of the British Consul-General charging him with forgery, arrived in this city yesterday. He is charged with issuing forged checks, deeds, bonds, etc., to the amount of \$598,755 in Capetown, South Africa. Two of the largest banks in Capetown were Lippert's victims. He denies: that he is the man wanted by the British huthorities. He will be examined to-day.

Massacre by Yaqui Indians. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Guayamas, Mexico, says that a band of Yaqui Indians visited the ranch of Julio Cardenas last Saturday and massacred the latter and his entire family, consisting of a wife end two children. A detachment of government troops went in pursuit of the Indians, and it is reported that they came up with them and had a skirmish, in which several of the Yaquis were killed,

A U. S. Customs Inspector Suspended.

Boston, Dec. 27.-Inspector William H. Warren, of the Boston customs house, was suspended from duty-by a special order from Washington pending an investigation of alleged misconduct on his part while on government business in the British provinces. The seizure and search of the fishing schooner, Albert Geiger, on October 2 last for alleged smuggling merchandise with which Inspector Warren had considerable to do figures in the case.

Twenty-Two Were Drowned."

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The owners of the small British steamship Abydos learn that she was lost off Porter in the gale. Twenty two persons were drowned.

Expressions of Opinion.

Gold and Silver Needed Instead of Bank "Rags"-The Governor Places the Cause of the Depression as a Result of His Attitude on the Silver Question.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 27.—The following letter was sent to President Cleveland by Governor Pennoyer: " Christmas has again visited our stricken land, with its prostrated industries and its idle throngs, willing but unable to work, and unwilling but forced to beg or suffer. Your panacea, a change in the Sherman bill and the tariff, has been administered, but there is no change in the sad condition of the unfortunate country. After two years of ruinous delay and mismanagement, you have, thank heaven, at last discovered the real trouble, although you haven't proposed the proper remedy. As you now coincide, the country needs more money, but it does not want the worthless stuff you proffer. It needs gold and silver money with which to pay debts, and it does not want bank rags with which it cannot pay debts. Sixty years ago the Democratic party had a president who defied the banks in the interest of the people. Has it now were the who defies the people in the interest of the banks? All traditions of the party which elected you are for gold and silver money and against bank currency. Do youaspire to furnish an example of treason to the cause entrusted to your care, which will be without any parallel, except one, in all the annals of America history? Your party in both Houses favors the restoration of silver as standard money. The people actually suffering from the existing prostration favor it, and will you stand with them in overturning the monometallic policy of British money oligarchy, which is fast degrading our fair country to the condition of a subjugated province, and our hitherto free people to a condition of serfdom. Always remember the unemployed. I pray that God may give you light and strength to do right."

Shot His Fellow Prisoners.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 .- Wesley George and James Rial were arrested in Argentine for disorderly conduct and put in the city jail with other prisoners. George concealed a revolver in his clothing and a few minutes later began shooting indiscriminately. Hugh Sublett was shot in the side, Thomas Ross in the arm and Jesse Lamley, a boy of 16 in the head. None of them will die.

The Indian National Congress.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27. - The Indian National Congress opened in Madras yesterday. Alfred Webb, M. P. for West Waterford, was elected president. He compared the situation and destinies of India with those of Ireland. He commended the Indian Government but sharply criticised the country's extravagant military establishment as entirely beyond the limits of its wealth.

Harry Decker Charged With Forgery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Harry S. Decker, the ex-baseball player, was held in bonds to the criminal court yesterday to answer charges of obtaining \$218 and \$68 on worth less cheques. After his release on bond he was arrested on a warrant sworn to by A. G. Spaulding, the sporting goods maker charging him with forging Spauldings name to a cheque for \$100.

Nubar Pasha Was Chased by a Bull.

CAIRO, Dec. 27.—Nubar Pasha, president of the Council of Ministers, was chased by a bull on his farm at Choubrah two days ago. In his flight he fell down an embankment and injured his back so severely that his doctors say he must recline in a chair or on a couch for two months. His family urge him to resign his office and take a long rest.

Pittsburg Doesn't Want Pugilists. PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.-Superintendent of Police O'Mara has ordered the arrest of all prize fighters who have no visible means of support and directs that they be charged as vagrants and treated as such. Jerry Marshall the Australian negro was arrested but was released on bail and will have a hearing.

French Army Contract Scandals. Paris, Dec. 28.—The Presse says that a

new scandal about army contracts is at hand. The fraud is said to be similar to the one practised by Alleze Brothers, recently condemned. Buffier, who contracted to deliver cavalry saddles of a certain quality, made some inferior goods, and they were rejected. Later, the Presse says, he got them accepted.

Burned an Entire Block.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.-A fire broke out in a three-storey brick building, corner Broadway and Fillmore Ave., last night and spread to and destroyed an entire block across the street, running from Fillmore Ave. to Gibson street causing a loss of \$300,000. Owing to frozen hydrants it was malf an hour after the arrival of the firemen before they could turn a stream on the flames.

More Earthquakes in Sicily.

ROME, Dec. 28 .- Sicily has suffered from . seven severe earthquakes in the last 24 hours and much damage is reported to have been done. Massina and Milazzo felt the shocks most keenly. Reggio di Calabria, the district at the extreme south of continental Italy, was shaken severely. The most violent shock either in Italy or Sicily was felt in Milazzo.

A Memorial Service in San Remo. GENOA, Dec. 28.-The Canadians now in San Remo will hold a memorial service on the day of Sir John Thompson's state funeral in Halifax. Among those who will be present are the Baroness Macdonald, Lady Abbott and her daughters and Sir David Macpherson and his family.

Lavigne Acquitted by the Jury. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28 .- "Kid" Lavigne and party were discharged yesterday by Judge Auhone on the finding of the coroner's jury that Bowen, the prize-fighter, met his death by concussion of the brain produced by striking the unpadded floor of the ring.

Fatal Row Over a Crap Game. HELENA, Ark., Dec. 28.-Pistols, guns and knives were used in a fight over a crap game at Hill House, Miss. Louis Allen killed two negroes instantly, mortally wounded two others and being shot by another of the party fell dead on the bodies of his victims.

Counties in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.— Robert B. Peattie, staff correspondent of the World Herald, has just returned from a two weeks' tour into southwestern Nebraska in order to investigate the reports of destitution in that portion of the state. In Keith, Perkins, Chase, Hayes and Dundy counties the destitution is extreme. Twothirds of the people in this counties are dependent upon charity for existence. There is little or no fuel and the remarkably mild weather is all that has thus far prevented loss of life by exposure. There is no money in the county treasurer's office to help the destitute because in many counties of the state no taxes have been collected since June.

There is a scarcity of water. No crops were raised last year except in the occasional irrigated districts, and ditch irrigation is not possible in some of these counties, because there are no streams. Most or the destitute live in sod houses. There have been only three crops raised in nine years. Heartrending cases of destitution, and suffering are heard of in every township. The present cold wave will certainly cause death to a large num ber of settlers if it continues and no aid comes. Fuel, provisions and clothing are needed and the railroads will generally ship them free if sent to the county commissioners at the county seats of the stricken counties.

LABRADOR FISHERS DESTITUIE.

Diphtheria Breaks Out and They Have No

Medical Assistance. QUEBEC, Dec. 27.-News received here from Point Esquimaux is to the effect that through the loss of the three schooners there some time ago, twenty-five families have been left without bread. Diphtheria has broken out among the inhabitants of of the north shore. The disease is spreading very rapidly, there being no medical help in that region. Owing to the want of a residential custom house official on the Labrador coast, it is reported that whiskey smuggling is being carried on uninterrupted. On November 22nd a schooner fully loaded with St. Pierre, Miguelon contraband whiskey made in to Mingan harbor. The revenue cruiser "Constance" had then taken her winter quarters. Smugglers are aware of the customs officer's absence from November 1st until May 10th and take advantage of his absence to land their cargoes in perfect | guilty man was Edward Bechtold, who

The inhabitants are devoid of all medical help and diseases are spreading freely through the population, especially since 1891, when the dreaded disease la grippe made such ravages on the north shore.

Dr. Tremblay, who was the resident medical officer of the labrador region had to leave the place on account of his salary having been reduced considerably.

A Monument to Annie Pixley.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 27.—Robert Fulford, of New York, the theatrical manager, has given a sculptor in this city an order to erect for him in Woodland cemetery a beautiful mausoleum to commemorate the death of his wife, Miss Annie Pixley, the noted actress, and their son. The monument will cost \$10,000 and will be 30 feet high, 24 feet wide and 30 feet long. At the entrance will be two life-sized lions, one on either side. Five granite pillars will support the Gothic arch in front and entrance will be made by two magnificent brass gates. Underneath the whole mausoleum is a catacomb. The side elevations are pierced with two stained glass windows, one on each side, bearing the legend "Glory to God," etc., and "On earth peace," etc. The ceiling and roof will be of cut stone, enriched with heavy mouldings. The rear elevation is surmounted with a cross. When completed the monument will be the most handsome one of the kind in the Dominion. a

An Ex-Alderman Shot by His Wife.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 29.—Ex-Alderman Charles F. Johnson was shot by his wife, Ida E. Johnson, in Attorney John Malley's office, and now lies in a precarious condition. The Johnstons were married June 24th, 1893, and lived happily together until last spring, when they began quarrelling. On November 21 Mrs. Johnston left her husband's home, alleging that because of his intemperate habits and brutality she could not live with him. She began proceedings for separate maintenance, filing the bill Thursday, Mr. Malley got the two together in his office to effect a reconciliation, and left them in the consulation room. They were heard wrangling, and then came two shots. Johnston told his wife ae had learned she was unfaithful to him during a visit to Chicago in October. This seems to have unbalanced the woman's mind. The shooting created a sensation. Johnston is well known in business circles.

An Indian Murderer Hanged. DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 29.—Two Sticks the Sioux Indian sentenced for a leading part in the murder, of four cowboys on February 4, 1893, was hanged yesterday by United States Marshal Miller in the presence of fifty people. Four other Indians were engaged in the massacre. One of these was killed by a pursuing posse and the others are now serving sentences in the penitentiary.

Anarchist Mowbray Arrested.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Charles W. Mowbray, the English anarchist, became too inflammatory in his remarks last night in addressing a meeting here and the police arrested him on the charge of using incendiary language and inciting to riot.

A Domestic Tragedy.

VASSAR, Mich., Dec. 29,-Geo. Palmer and his wife were found with their throats cut lying dead on the floor. The couple had not lived happily and it is believed that Palmer killed the woman and then cut his own throat.

Mutiny Among Convicts! Columbus, O., Dec. 27.-A mutiny oc curred in the Ohio penitentiary yesterday. S. J. Temple, a guard in the foundry, was attacked by three convicts named O'Day, Burke and Bird. O'Day was shot and died soon afterwards. Temple was badly wounded, but will recover. The convicts engaged in the mutiny will be severely punished.

The Fatal Oil Lamp,

BUFPALO, Dec. 27.-Mrs. Cohn spilled some oil on the floor and over her clothing while filling a lamp in her home last evening. Attempting to light the lamp, the wasted oil was ignited and the woman was severely burned, her nine-months-old child was burned to death and the household effects damaged to the extent of

-Tried to Wipe Out His Family. BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 27.-W, H. H. Whiteman, of Winooski, shot and killed himself after murdering his wife and attempting the lives of their two children.

The Terrible Destitution Existing in Many. COULDN'T BUY THE JEW

New York's Police Inspector Offered Him a Bribe.

SOME MORE LEXOW SENSATIONS

A Green-Goods Printer Swears to Paying \$1,000 to Have Indictments Against Him Dismissed-He Was Rearrested and Again Paid That Sum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. - When the Lexow committee met yesterday, Inspector Williams took the stand. He denied that his wife had any money in United States bonds. He said that all the witnesses who swore to the existence of disorderly houses on the east side lied.

Morris Rosenfield next took the stand. He testified that he had visited Inspector Williams on September 7 last.

"I was standing by a soda water stand when a policeman came up and struck me without provocation. I went to headquarters to complain about the officer. I met Inspector Williams and he asked me how much money I would settle the case for I said I came to get justice, and did not want money. The Inspector said,

'Then you don't care for money?' "I said I did not, and he call d me a _ _ liar. The Sheenies, said he, killed Christ for a few pieces of silver. He then ordered me out of his room."

"But Inspector Williams," said Mr. Goff, "said that if you swore this, you would be telling a lie." "I am not lying, sir. Inspector Wil-

liams is a liar if he said so." Police Captain Timothy J. Creedon. who was the first police official to make a confession before the Lexow Committee, put in his application for retirement at police headquarters. It is not likely that the police board will grant Creedon's application. It is more than probable that Creedon will be brought up on charges next month and tried by the police board.

A most sensational witness came on the stand. He was Louis S. Streep, who once kept a printing house in Beekman street. He was indicted in June, 1889, for printing and sending out green-goods circulars, but declared that he was innocent, as the hired a room from him.

Mr. Goff produced two indictments which had been dismissed, and then came the sensation.

"I swear solemnly before God and man that I paid \$1,000, to Anthony Comstock to have these indictments dismissed, and I had to borrow \$300 from my brother, who saw me pay the money to Comstock." The indictments were recommended by

the District Attorney for dismissal and signed by Recorder Smyth. The man then told a rambling story of being rearrested on the same charges in the United States Court, and that he had

paid \$1,000 to Asst. District Attorney Mott to have the indictments dismissed. There was a buzz of suppressed excitement in the room when the man had finished. His brother Robert corroborated him as to the payment of the money to

Comstock.

The committee will sit again to-day. Assistant District Attorney John G. Mott, was seen after adjournment regarding the statement of Louis S. Streep to the effect that Streep and Beachtold had paid 1,000 each to Anthony Comstock and Mott to have an indictment against them for dealing in green goods quashed. Mr. Mott indignantly denied that he had ever been paid to quash any indictment and denounced the whole story of Streep as a foul falsehood.

BRAZIL STILL DISTURBED.

Peixoto's Soldiers Arrested for Shouting " Death to Moraes."

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-A special from Montevideo says: Rio de Janeiro is reported to be in a state of panic. The troops refuse to leave the city for the south. President Moraes has discovered that the army is devoted to Peixoto. The principal officers refuse to assume command to take the field in Rio Grande do Sul, and the whole country seems on the brink of rebellion again. More than 200 officers have been arrested and are imprisoned in

surrounding forts under heavy guard. It is rumored an attempt will be made by insubordinate military leaders to rescue their comrades from prison. Precautions have been taken to prevent this.

President Moraes is afraid to act energetically and order Peixoto's arrest, it is said, fearing to precipitate a serious con-A special from Rio de Janeiro says:

There was rioting here yesterday morning. Many soldiers have been arrested for yelling "Death to Moraes." -Word comes from Rio de Janeiro that

ex-President Peixoto's condition is such as to alarm his family. President Moraes' action in sending

troops under General Mourat to Rio Grande has roused fears that the revolution will continue. Telegrams from Riviera state that the rebel cavalry defeated the government troops near Arroyo Grande. The rebels at that point have concentrated for an attack upon Porto Alegre.

An Historical Building Doomed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-The gloomy oldbrick mansion on Lafayette square, in

which the murderous assault was made on Secretary Seward and his son on the night of President Lincoln's assassination, and in which James G. Blaine and his son and daughter died, is to be torn down and a handsome fire proof steel opera house to cost at least \$250,000 is to be erected on the site by a Chicago syndicate.

The Officials Escaped With Their Lives. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 24.—The private car'of General Manager Robinson, of the St. Joseph and Grand Island road, was burned between Davenport and Edgar. while en route to this city. The occupants, Superintendent A. M. Morey, General Solicitor M. A. Reed, Chief Engineer Howe, and Judge J. R. Cessna, of this city, barely escaped with their lives, losing all their clothing, valuables and papers. Mr. Reed had to be taken out through a window. The fire is supposed to have started from the overturning of an oil stove in the observatory car.

A Station Agent Clubbed and Robbed. HOWARD CITY, Mich., Dec. 29.-When Station Agent Gilluly went out on the platform last night with the express money for the Detroit, Lansing and Northern train, he was knocked senseless, dragged under the platform and robbed of his watch and \$100. There were 15 passengers

at the depot, but the highwaymen escaped. The Plymouth brethren have engaged a room in the old collegiate institute for a year for their services.