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n eyes could bear no more, when tions from a score coused Somers to torpor that was rapidly benumb-faculties, again he felt himself grasped, a he found himself standing in again he felt himself standing in he found himself standing in with at least two score, many of were gazing wildly toward the

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Somers behave the speak, but in start. He tried to speak, but it was vain. His tongue clove to for his mouth. Fight that rendered Somers less burned itself into the brains less burned itself into the brains how witnessed it. The vest quantion of the bridge away. The houses against the bridge were simply against each other until the entire was reduced to a vast net-work of onts. Beams, logs, trees, fragments user, fraight cars, and passenger sere ground up in that tremendous re. The pile of debris grew until hed thirty feet above the water. now a flame leaped up; tongues of seched out here and there; they hed themselves serpent-like up to the indescribable mass of mand licked up human lives. Men not the indescribable mass of man and licked up, human lives. Man omen and children held fast there, long since.cold.in death, others en-g agony unspeakable, were to fall se to fire after surviving the perils se to fire

flood.

people around Somers could see a fortunate wretches buried remorsein the debris, writhing in the midst

a flames.

The this that made some men moan y, while others uttered awful impress, while women fainted outright, a to endure the horrible spectacle. From the history of the world eath reaped such a harvest.

To be continued.

You Cannot Count a Trillion.

is impossible to count a trillion.

Adam counted continuously from Adam counted to the present day, he do not have reached that number, twould take him over 9.512 years, to rate of 200 a minute there could bunted 12,000 an hour, 288,000 a 105,120,000 a year.

RECEIVER FAY'S REPORT.

ing Evidence of Fraud Against Bay tate League Officers.

ox, Feb. 13.-C. K. Fay, Receiver ne Bay State League, an independ-orders has made his report to Judge er in the Supreme Court.
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e says the evidence of traud and dis-esty on the part of the present Su-ne officers is startling. These are: I. Harlow, Supreme President; J. W. hilton, Supreme Secretary and H. B. ach, Supreme Treasurer. These men a valuable consideration paid to the inal officers, were allowed to take rolares.

gnal omcers, were anowed to take ir places. The original certificate holders," he report, "consisted largely of a working people, a majority of them men with little knowledge of money letters who have been wantonly and elly cheated by those who took their ney, but who as trustees were bound use it honestly even if the vissionary leme which they presented so plausified mainten bought their official positions this corporation for the express purse of plundering the certificate hold-

r. Fay has recovered assets amount to \$294,600.

FT HER CLUTHING BEHIND.

Girl Is Thought to Be on Her Way Here in Male Attire.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Miss Kate Evanson Reading, 18 years old, has suddenly ad mysteriously disappeared, and her mily and friends are in great distress. eking her in all directions, so far with

tate left her home ostensibly to return school at Bristol. She has been traced far as Gloucester, where she left the ain. On the arrival of a later train at itcheldean, ten miles from Gloucester, e guard found a complete suit of girl's tire on the floor of a first-class car

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The police have learned that Kate purhased men's clothes at Gloucester, and atted that she was going to Hereford, is believed that she was making her ay to Liverpool where she intended taking a steamship for America.

Her schoolmates say that Miss Evanson as of a wild and adventurous disposion, a great reader of romances, and biged to see the world; but it is not nown that she confided to any one of hem her present intentions.

The police are watching the steamships t Liverpool. No one answering the irl's appearance, even in her disguise, as been discovered. The police are onddent that she has not left the ountry and that they will soon be able o find and restore the missing girl to er distracted parents.

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DENVER, Col., Feb. 15.—In the case of H. H. Dudley, capitalist, of New Hamphire, against the county of Custer, the plaintiff was awarded damages in the um of \$3,847.50. If sustained, the fiect will be to compel the several counties of the State to pay oftenerity \$2,000,500. When they organized at various times, the counties issued county warrants to raise funds, and the securities were placed upon the market. Custer county repudiated her debt, hence the suit. Many Eastern capitalists are interested in similar suits.

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EASTON, P.R., Feb. 15.—Rev. Charles bliott, D. D., L. L. D., born in Scotland, arch 15, 1815, graduated at Lafayette 1840, and for the past decade instructor. Hebrew at that institution, is dead of segrip. His home is in Chicaga, his utter requiring his presence as Lafay-te but three months in the year.

Resolution in the House to Investigate the Slums.

to make exhaustive inquiry.

Labor Commissioner Wright to Have Oharge of the Work

He Will Examine Into the Breeding Places of Poverty and Crime in All the Big Cities of the Land The House Com mittee on Labor Thinks Much.Good Cas Be Accomplished By Informing the Public of the Extent of Misery in the Slums. .

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.subject of the interests of labor will receive a good share of attention before the House of Representatives at an early day,

and probably this week.

Very few labor bills have been presented to the committee, and as a rule these were on inconsequential subjects.

But the very conservatism of the committee promises to bring about results out of the usual line of labor commit-tees. As a result of several meetings of the committee of late it has about been decided to present a resolution to Con-gress asking Labor Commissioner Car-roll Wright to inaugurate an extensive investigation of the "slums" in the great

ities of the country, and particularly New York, Chicago, Boston, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Baltimore.

This would be a far more comprehensive investigation than that of Sherman Hoar's special committee, which will look into the "sweating system" as that system deals only with a special case of labor, mainly in ready made clothing, but there are "slums" in all great cities, and Mr. Tarsney's associates are of the opinion that much good can be accomplished by informing the public of the extent of misery in the "slum" districts and by recommending to State Legislatures means for overcoming the evils of the "slums."

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surroundings of human beings than it did to cattle which are the subject of interstate commerce or foreign shipment. There are rigid laws to see that cattle have sufficient room, air. food and water while being shipped, but there is less attention paid to the huddled condition of the poor in the "slum" districts.

This is the opinion of the Labor Committee. and it will be presented to the House by a resolution after the committee's meeting next Wednesday. Mr. McCann of Chicago, who is one of the members of the committee, thinks much good will come out of the "slums" investigation. He says that the government can do no better service to citizens than to see that they are brought up in surroundings which will make them sturdy and muscular, rather than a people stunted by slum surroundings. The cheap lodging houses, which have become such an element of life in large cities, will receive special investigation. The tenement house will also be investigated.

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tigated. In short the purpose of the resolution will be to inaugurate the most extensive investigation that has thus far been undertaken of the miseries and evils of those whose lives are spent and spoiled in the tenement house districts of Nsw York, and whose children may become a menace to the peace and prosperity of that city in the future.

WANTS INFORMATION.

An English Officer Inspecting Our Millitary and Naval Resources.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Major Barter of the English Royal Engineers has been in Washington for the past week and has called on the heads of the War and

Navy Departments here.

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He is making a tour of inspection of the United States for the purpose of learning as much as possible about the military and naval resources of the country, and what is being done in the direction of preparing war material.

He has been given considerable information of the kind usually published in the departmental annual reports, but not much in addition. Some of the things that he would probably prefer to have, such as as plans of the coast fortifications and of the submarine mines in the principal harbors, have been withheld from him.

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who has been in the United States in
search of information recently.

Mexico and the Fair. Mexico and the Fair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The World's
Columbian Exposition has established an
office in the City of Mexico for the promotion of the work of interesting the
people of that Republic in the fair, and
Mr. H. C. Payne, the special commissioner in charge of it, reports a growing
interest in the subject. Senor Miguel
Sierrano, who was appointed by the
Mexican government as a special representative to visit Chicago on its behalf
has just returned and presented a report mas just returned and presented a report which surprised even the most sanguine frinds of the fair by its enthusiasm and its evident appreciation of the immense amount of work already accomylished. has just returned and pre-

For the Relief of Starving Bussians

Bedford, Pa., Feb. 15.—An appeal for money for the relief. of the Russian sufferers was made yesterday from every pulpit in Bedford county. A movement is on foot among the public schools to take steps towards raising money, for the same cause.

Carnegle Increases His Subscription Caregie increases his substitute of the authorized an increase in his magnificent \$1,000,000 library fund to the extent of \$100,000. The additional mum will be used in the establishment of the interior of the library building.

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ROSSINI'S CENTENARY

It Will Be Celebrated Throughout Italy and the Continent London, Feb. 15 .- On the last day of

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A committee of leading musicians, including Marchetti, Terziani, Finelli and Maldura, has been formed in Rome to carry out the arrangements.

The Government has decided to mark the occasion by the publication of the composer's correspondence. To this end a special commission has been allowed to search the archives of the of the Paris Opera and the French Ministry of Fine Arts for any interesting documents, especially if likely to throw any light upon the puzzle and mystery of Rossini's life—his thirty-nine years of absolute silence in composition after the completion of "William Tell."

In this connection it is worthy of remark that in a recently published musical work by an English writer, Mr. Weber, organist of the German Chapel Royal in London, the explanation is given that Rossini made a vow never again to write a note of music, because he despaired 10f ever attaining the height of musical perfection reached by Beethoven and Mozart.

It will be interesting to see whether his letters confirm this explanation of the problem.

At Pesaro, the maestro's birthplace, the festivities will last a week or more. The townspeople of Pesaro have resolved to purchase the cottage where Rossini was born and convert it into a museum.

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At Venice, where many of the master's works were first produced, besides operatic representations, there will be a water

At Turin a grand performance of the "Stabat Mater" is announced.

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Paris will observe the centenary by a performance of "William Tell." felt that no Some disappointment is felt that no move has so far been made in London to mark the occasion.

THE KING OF SIAM'S YACHT.

He Will Make a Tour of the World in the Maha Chakrike. LONDON, Feb. 15.-The keel has been

laid at Messrs. Ramage & Ferguson's ship yard, at Leith, for a new private yacht, to be built entirely of steel, for the King of Siam, and which is intended e anything else afloat.

Though this vessel is called a yacht, she will really be a private armed cruiser of 2,600 tons, in which the King of Siam proposes to make a tour of the world, including a visit to America during the

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Her dimensions are 275 feet over all, 40 feet beam and 20 feet moulded depth. She will be armed with the most improved broadside guns, pernitting a wide range of fire.

Her internal fittings and the deck woodwork will be most expensive and elaborate. Polished teak has been specially shipped from Bangkok, selected to resist the ravages of white ants and other insects which are a scourge in Siam. Electric lights and marble baths are included among the luxuries.

She will be a twin-screw vessel, with triple expansion engines capable of being driven at the highest rate of speed. She will have double funnels, which will not show much above the deck. She will have no bowsprit, but her plumb stem will be carried out under the water into a formidable projecting ram.

This stout yacht will be named Maha Chakrike.

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The intention of the King is to cruise around the world, calling at all-important European, American and Asiatic

END OF A RECLUSE.

Henry Gamage's Death Apparently Duc to Natural Causes.

New York, Feb. 15.—Henry Tenbroeck Gamage, 87 years old, a recluse, was found dead in his room in the building of the University of New York, where he had lived a lonely life for forty-nine years, his only companions being a col-lection of paintings and other works of

years, his only controlled to art.

Death was apparently due to natural causes, but the body, when found, presented a horrible appearance. The old man probably sat alongside of a lighted oil stove just before death overtook him, for when found, his face was resting against the stove, the flesh of which had been burned away to the bone.

Gamage was a classmare of ex-Senator Evarts, but beyond this fact very little of the man is known. His barn-like apartments, which was illuminated only by a skylight, was filled from floor to ceiling with paintings and portraits, many of which are said to be rare genus. Besides these, dust-covered statues, placques and medallions were scattered about the apartments.

The only known friend of the old recluse is the Rev. Dr. H. S. Gardner, of Milford, Pa., with whom he corresponded every month or so.

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Threatened With Annihilation.

Mystic, Iowa, Feb. 15.—This prosperous mining town is threatened with annihilation by the action of the Iowa Central Railway in raising rates on coal to a point where it cannot be shipped at a profit. Heretofore 1,200 car loads a month have been shipped to Mason City, St. Paul and Minneapolis, but since the new rate went into effect the mines bave shut down and over 500 inen are out of work. The matter will be laid before the Stale Railroad Commission. Threatened With Annihilation.

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ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N. J., Feb. 15.-W.
Coe, an engineer on one of the steam dredgers, here, had a dispute with a man named Peterson, resulting in the latter drawing a knife and cutting Coe's face open from the temple down about four inches. Although weak from the loss of blood Coe knocked Peterson down and gave him a terrible thrashing.

BAD FOR PLAYERS

Baseball Magnates Working on a New Contract.

WILL BE NO ADVANCE MONEY.

Brooklyn Meu Will Have to Accept Considerably Reduced Salaries.

Gotham's Giants Seriously Handicapped by a Lack of Funds-Active Management of the Cincinnati Club to be Left to a Committee of Three-Fresh Gossip of the Game.

New York, Feb. 15.—When the mag-nates of the United League gather at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, a few weeks hence, they will devote several hours to the consideration of the contract prob-

Many forms of contract will be submitted to the gentlemen who run the game, and one of them will be adopted as the official contract of the League.

game, and one of them will be adopted as the official contract of the League. Just now the contract most in favor is the one used by the Chicago Club last year. This paper, stripped of its legal dressing, calls for twelve monthly salary days in every year. In other words, the player receives his princely stipend in twelve, instead of seven divisions.

Jim Hart. of Chicago, says that the new contract is a gem, and that he will do his .best to have it adopted at the coming meeting. The Western delegates will vide as a unit in its favor. By the wise provision of the Chicago contract a player will have no opportunity to "touch" his club for advance money. This will prove a pleasant novelty for club owners. Of course the players will object, but this is certainly not the players' year, and their objections will count for naught.

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There are players, and their names are many, who always insist that \$500 or \$1,000 of their salary be paid white the snow is on the ground and the active season is two or three months removed.

Mr. "Buck" Ewing has always asked for \$1,500 or \$2,000 in advance and has never been refused. Just how he will take to the new condition of things time alone can tell.

Apropos of "advance money," the an Apropos of "advance money," the announcement that the Brooklyn Club intends to make a liberal cut in salaries attracts more than passing interest. John Montgomery Ward has been instructed to sign his stars and to sign them cheap. He will find it no easy task. In the first place, the new Brooklyn team is made up of high-salaried men.

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Brouthers has liberal ideas of his own financial value as a ifirst baseman. He will insist on having big money. There is that new man at short field, young Corcoran. He will ask for \$3,500, but will probably be signed for \$2,500. Joyce has already affixed his signature to a Brooklyn contract. He draws big money. The outfield is a gilt-edged one, financially speaking. Hub Collins and Tom Burns are \$3,000 men, and Mike Griffin pulled in nearly \$5,000 last season.

As to the pitchers, Haddock and Lovett draw big salaries. Young links and Hart can be signed at reasonable terms, and Dave Foutz. if signed at all, must consent to a liberal reduction. Caruthers will be in the same box. Tom Daly and Con Dailey will draw big money, but Kinslow will suffer a cut in his wages.

There is nothing new to chronicle in the camp of the giants. Manager Powers is handicapped by the lack of money, and the work of "shaping up" the team progresses slowly.

The active management of the Cincinnati Club affairs will be left to an executive committee of three—Messrs. Brush, Lloyd and Ellison.

Jack Sharrot started in like a cyclone last season, but his arm snapped, and the Giants, who had led the League, dropped down, down, down. Now they say that Sharrot is all ready to jump in and duplicate his good work.

Pittsburg's club house is to be remodeled and the small rooms converted into one big apartment. It is charged that some of the players used one of the rooms for beer storage when the manager wasn't about last season. men.

Brouthers has liberal ideas of his own

WILLIAM AITKENS' DEATH.

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TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 15.— William Aitkins, a boy only 13 years of age, committed suicide last night.

He resided with his parents at 31 Lamberton street, and while his mother was getting supper he went up-stairs and, taking a scarf and a piece of rope, he tied them together and fastened one end to a clothes hook on the wall and the other about his neck.

He then jumped from his bed and was strangled to death. His parents incline to the belief that he was playing at trapeze performance and became entangled about the neck.

The authorities/believe it to be a case of premeditaetd suicide. No cause is assigned, however, except that the boy was of a romantic turn of mind.

Peter Dawson's Return.

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 15.—Peter Dawson, the colored coachman, who deserted his wife and four children last December, has returned. Dawson says he left the city with a young colored girl. and that they went to Tarrytown, M.Y., and New York city. Dawsen's with refuses to have anything more to do with him. He will be arraigned in the police court on a charge of adultery.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 13.—Minister to Italy-A G. Porter, in an interview, states that he will not return to Italy until ordered ta do so by the Department of State. When asked if he anticipated this order he said that he believed his return was contingent upon the return of the Italian Minister to this country.

GALVANIO ACTION.

Supposed to be the Cause of the Destriction of the Cruisers' Boiler Tubes. Washington, Feb. 15.—Several days ago mention was made of the unaccountable destruction of the brass tubes in the

ago mention was made of the unaccountable destruction of the brass tubes in the condenser of the cruiser Baltimore.

Bines then the same deterioration of fron tubes in the boilers of the Charleston has been reported to the Bureau of Steam Engineering of the Navy Department, and the subject is being most thoroughly investigated to determine, if possible, how the defect may be avoided. Chemical analysis of the affected tubes are being made, but what they will reveal is, of course, a conjecture.

The developments respecting the Charleston's boiler tubes show that the deterioration is not due, as had been at first supposed, to the impact of steam on the interior of tubes, and the engineers are coming to the conclusion that the cause is galvanic action, and that the remedy is the introduction alongside the tubes of some weaker metal, like zinc, for the galvanic forces to exhaust themselves upon.

ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN. Miners Considering a Proposition Con-cerning the Briceville Mine.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—The labor people at Coul Creek have been holding numerous conferences during the past few days.

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One thing which has caused some of the conferences was the proposition made by the Tennessee Mining company, viz: To conduct the mine at Briceville on the co-operative plan.

The miners have not fully decided yet what they will do, but the indications are that the offer will be accepted. It is said now that if the offer is not accepted the company will sell its property to the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Rail-way company, the penitentiary lessees, who will put convicts to work.

The State has the larger part of her standing army encamped on the hill at Coal Creek and the expense is heavy. It is certainly true that if the troops are withdrawn the convicts will be released again.

SUSPECTED OF KILLING DUNHAM The Police Are Now on the Track of

Another Man. NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 13.—A detective from New York has given information to the local police about the Dunham murder, and they have been searching for Patrick Byrnes, a man about 30 years of age, who has been living with Mrs. Dunham since the murder of her husband

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He is of medium height and wears a heavy mustache, and is supposed to be the man who called at the side door of the Belleville road-house on the night of the Dunham murder to see Mrs. Dunham. It may be that Mrs. Dunham will also be arrested, but if she attempts to leave this will also be done, as she is almost imprisoned now, a detective being on guard all the time.

Fuller, who is held at police headquarters, is no longer regarded as the man who shot Dunham, and he may be released at any time.

IMMIGRANTS DETAINED.

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Russian Hebrews Seut to North Brother Island for Examination. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The steamship City of Berlin is detained at Quarantine for examination of Russian passengers-

forty in number.
Etmia Zurialenko, aged 48, a Russian Etmia Zurialenko, aged - 18, a Kussian Jewess, was taken sick February 9 with, it is supposed, typhus fever. The patient was transferred to Riverside Hospital on North Brother Island by the quarantine boat. The steerage passeugers, in all 203, will be transferred to Hoffman Island for observation.

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The steamer Belgenland has seventy-The steamer lengthment of the steerage passengers who are from Russia. They will be detained until the quarantine officials can learn whether or not they came from infected districts. The steamer Russia has a large number of Russian immigrants who are also

detained.

Protest Against the Bills.

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TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 15.—In all the churches in New Jersey there was read yesterday the appeal issued by the Citizens' League of New Jersey, urging all law-abiding citizens to meet in Trenton at noon to-morrow, to protest against the passage of the race track biffs which are now pending. Arrangements have been made for the running of excursion trains from all parts of the State, and the indications now point to a general invasion of the State Capital by at least two thousand poeple. Delegations are expected from Paterson, Elizabeth, Newyard, Jersey Cily, Trenton, and Camden.

Joe Bartlow's Claim.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Joe Bartlow, who is of a dark complexiou, claims to be a full brother of Jack and Mary Bartlow, who are white. He alleges that by a mere unaccountable freak of nature he was born with a dark skin, but that he was recognized during the life of his parents. K. C. and Lokie Bartlow, as a lawful son and was treated as a member of the family. He now claims that be cause of his dark skin his brother and sister are attempting to defraud him of his share of his father's estate. brought suit.

Defends the Keeley Cure.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 15.-Dr. WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Dr. Hayner of the Keeley Institute in this place ridicules the statement that young James G. Fair, the son of ex-Senator Fair of California, whose death occurred in San Francisco, died from the effects of the Keeley treatment Dr. Hayner says that young Fair might have had organic heart trouble or other disease from which he was likely to die at ony time. Of the 55,000 persons who have taken the Keeley treatment, Dr. Hayner says the death rate has been much less than under other treatments.

Signed by Gov. Flower. ALBAYY, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Gov. Flower has signed the bill providing for the extintions of a signal service corps in the State National Guard.