Behest of the People With Considerable Alacrity.

Political Pruning Kaives A!ready at Work on the Tariffand Taxes.

Two Eminent Nebraskans Rewarded With Government Office.

A Large Number of Miscellaneous Patriots Provided For-

NOMINATIONS.

#### CAPITAL NOTES Special Dispatches to THE BES.

Washington, December 6.- Nominations sent the senate by the presi-dent to-day: John, W. Garden. of California, register of the land office at Shasta; Frankly Ward, of California, receiver of public moneys at Susauvilie; Vac Rauda, of Nebraska, receiver or public moneys at Niobrara;

Jas. P. Luse, Indiana, register land office at Deadwood Indian agents—
Tom C. Connell, of Ohio, Umatilla agency, Oregon; D. M. Riordan, of Arizona, Navajo agency, New Mexi-co; Jno. Clark, of Michigan, Colorado river agency, Arizona; A. H. Jackson, of Nebraska, Pima agency, Arizona; Brigadier-General John Pope to be major-general; Colonel Ronald S. MacKetzie, Fourth cavalry, to be beigadier-general; Major William A. Rucker, paymaster, to be lieutenantcolonel and deputy paymaster general; Major George H. Elliott, corps of enginears, to be lieutenant colonel of engineers; Commodore Earl English, to be chief of the bureau equipment and recruiting department. Also a large number of army promotions.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC. The president approved the report of the government commissioners accepting the newly completed section of the Northern Pacific railroad, comand including the bridge across the Missouri river.

BUTLER AND ARTHUR.

The president entertained Bon Butler at a dinner at the soldiers' home last evening.

Among the bills which have been presented to congress on the subject of civil service reform is a bill introduced by Mr. Norcross, of Massachu-setts, to create a house of electors to consist of one from each state elected by the people and eligible the resentatives. The term of office is six years. The country is to be divided into postal districts, and postmasters shall be elected by the people of the respective districts, subject to the confirmation of the house of electors, or by the postmaster general. All other civil officers as provided for in article 2, section 2 of the constitution except members of the embassadors, ministers and United judges shall by elected or confirmed cabinet, embassadors, other forand examined or confirmed by the house of electors. The house of electors shall make all rules governing its confirmations, elections or examinations of civil officers. Congress shall determine what class of postmassers shall be confirmed by the house of electors and what by the postmas-ter general, and shall designate what officers shall be elected, examined or confirmed by the house of electors, and also who shall make appointments of minor officers. Congress shall also have power to provide by law for the filling of vacanies that may happen when the house of electors is not in session. The election or appointment by the president as provided shall be for a term of five years. The president shall have power to remove any officer of the civil service for any reason except political.

THE ALABAMA CONTEST.

At the last session of congress the seat of Representative Shelly, of Alabams, was contested by J. Q. Smith. Smith died in April, 1881, before the termination of the contest, which resulted in unseating Shelly, who was elected to fill the unexpired term. Smith was never seated because of his death. Shelly is now raising the question whether, under section 51, revised statutes, he is not entitled to pay from date of the death of Smith, although he has already received pay for two months time.

NEWSPAPAPER LYING. Judge Wylie in his charge to the grand jury said: Newspapers were constantly containing scandulous libels on public men and on private 64. One of the arguments in favor of character. That was a species of of- this measure is that in case of the refense that created more unhappiness tirement of Sherman, as the law now and misery in society and did more provides, the command of the army injustice han any form of come and will devolve upon Lieut. Gen. Sheriin all probability a printed lie. dan during what may prove a critical He rather suspected the writers for presidential campaign. periodical newspapers had smong them more than the usual proportion on the part of the democratic memof liars. They were paid for lying, bers is the remembrance of his cele-The more sensational the lie was and brated banditti dispatch sent at the the more calculated it was to blast the time he was in command in New Or peace of families, and the spicier it leans. was the more the paper would sell, and the newspaper men would laugh in derision at anybody who undance k to talk to them seriously about the injustice of a thing of that kind he knew where men of integrity and honesty connected with the news- to be general and Hancock to be lieupapers who entertained and cherished nonorable and Christian sentiments, and he thought on the whole there

remen. The in that prefer that the former shall retire next year as the law now provides; and when they have elected a demo-THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. was an improvement in that respect. If the public we have to patronize such papers as he alfuded to, such law, vice and calme would soon die out.

> CONGRESSIONAL SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, December 6 .- At the close of the morning hour Senator Piatt called up the resolution of yesprobable effect upon it if the pending bill to increase the pension of persons who lost an leg or arm in the service, or are suffering from equal disabilities, is passed. After discursion and amendment directing the commissioner to furnish a complete major. list of persons borne on the roll, the

resolution was adopted. Senator Sewall gave notice that he

would call up at an early date the bill or the reliet of Fitz John Porter, The senate then took up the bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy, and Smator Ingalis proceeded

In concluding he submitted certain minor amendments agreed upon by the aub committees, which were ordered printed. After the discussion the bill went over as unfinished business. Several bills on the calendar passed. In executive session the nominations were referred. Adjourned. inations were referred. Adjourned. HOUSE PROCEMDINGS.

inquire into the details of the alleged rails. The report on the tariff compolitical assessment made upon gov-

appropriations to embody in the postffine bill a clause reducing latter postage to two cents. Adopted.

Mr. Keily, (Pa.), offered the usual

resolution for distribution of the president's message and the house proceed in committee of the whole to its consideration. After discussion the resolution was adopted and the house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Waite, (Conn.), in the chair, on the state of the union.

Mr. Steel (Ind ) offered a resolution directing the committee on civil serprising 104 miles in Montana territory vice reform to enquire how much money was collected by the campaign managers of the democratic party from the Cobden club and from the free against. trade club for use in the election of

"Let it be adopted," cried several democrats, but Mr. Kasson objected

ways and means on the internal revenue bill. They were ordered printed. The minority report is signed by Mersrs. Kasson, Dunnell, McKinley, Haskell, Morrison and Russell. They say they are not prepared to recommend the entire abolition of the tax nor run the risk of reducing the revenue of the government below the amounts which will evidently be required to meet arrearage of pension in addition to other current expenses of the government by extravagant reduction in either source of public revenue. It is a much more agreeable duty and much more feasible to reduce the taxes from time to time as the unknown extent of our revenues shall be developed than to re-impose them to meet the expenses of the government. Any reduction which it now appears safe to make we believe should be effected rather by the abolition of

texes more closely related to the use and convenience of our people.

Messrs. Dunnell and Haskell filed a supplemental minority report, in which they favor the abolition of all internal revenue taxes except those on malt and spirituous liquors, tobacco, snuffs and cigars. It it becomes apparent the government does not require the entire amount taken from liquors and tobacco, a proposition reducing these taxes special Dispatch to THE BEE.

mry be favorably considered.

They believe, however, before this tax is abolished, there should be as base ball clubs awarded the championjourned

Curious Military Rumors and Projects.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 28. -We are told that a petition is now filed at a late hour this evening a civil quietly circulated asking congress to suit in the circuit court for \$5,000 repeal so much of the appropriation bill for the current year as makes the managing editor of The Post Despatch. retirement of Gen. Sherman compulsory upon his attaining the age of

On the other hand, it is averred that a combination of the friends of Sheridan and Hancock will ask that the grades of general and lieutenant general be revived, the understanding being that Sheridan shall be promoted

tenant general. Others, who are inimical to both Sherman and Sheridan, say that they loppe is dead.

cratic president, as they expect to do the following year, should Sheridan continue ebjectionable they will revive the grade of general, and promote Hancock to the place and the command of the army.

The advocates of the latter course claim that there would be ample jus-

Platt called up the resolution of yesterday, asking the commissioners of penaloas to furnish information in reference to the penalon roll, and the moted to be major general, he jumped Hancock, who ranked him as brigadier; and when, in 1869, Grant made him lieuteuant general, he over-slaughed Halleck and Meade, although the former was a full major general before Sheridan was even a

#### THE IRON MEN.

State of Trade and Tariff Revision.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE. PITTSBURG, Pa., December 6—A special meeting of the Western Iron association was held this afternoon for to explain its provisions.

In concluding he submitted certain minor amendments agreed upon by the aub committees, which were orers were not so eager to put their stocks on the market prices would be better. The steel trade was also look-Mr. Willis, (Ky.), offered a resolu-tion similar to that offered in the sen-ate yesterday by Bock directing the committee on civil service reform to mission next received consideration erament employes during election.

Mr. Caswell, (Wis.), offered a resolution authorizing the committee on prominent manufacturers present, stated to a reporter after the meeting that the iron manufacturers generally expressed themselves as entisfied with the report as a whole, but not with certain parts of it, especially the re-commendation for a reduction on enable England to compete with them even in New York. Before the adjournment of the meeting, a committee appointed to obtain the signatures of the manufacturers calling a general meeting, at which the tariff commission report will be considered, and some definite steps taken, either for or

### DAKOTA TERRITORY.

Bill Providing for its Admission as a

is the purpose of those having the contact, ten observers, average time.

intended to do all he could to secure | 15 slow.

the passage of the bill this session. measures which precedes it are some New doubtful can be passed this winter, and as the unanimous consent can not Sampson, Washington, 8 slow. be obtained to take the Dakota bill up out of its order, it is extremely be passed. The bill will have to come from the senate, and unless it is is possible that the democrats may bad weather.

defeat the bill by fillibustering to New York, December 6. — The prevent its being taken from the weather is clear and favorable for the

# The Base Sall Championship.

speaker's table.

comprehensive a revision of the tariff ship of 1882 to the Chicagos. The spmade as the length of the session will peal from the action of the Cleveland permit. That revision should be made club suspending Descher was disentirely independent of other sources missed. N. E Young was re-elected of revenue, and there should be such accretary. Worcester and Troy clubs adjustment of duties decreed as will resigned and made honorary members. fairly protect American industries A minute was made of the death of from rulnous foreign competition. Ad-

# The Widow's Price.

Sr. Louis, December 6 -The at torneys fer Mrs. Alica W. Slayback damages against John A. Cockrill, for killing her husband, Col. Slayback,

# Sour Mash and Moonshiners.

ecial Dispatch to THE BEEL CINCINNATI, December 6 .- The Gaette's Mt. Sterling (Ky.) special says Davis and Farmer, two deputy mar-shals who went to the mountains to setze illicit distillers, were attacked by a party of thirty moonshiners and driven twenty-five miles to French-burg. They escaped unhurt.

# TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

HARRISBURG, Pa, December 6,—The House of Representatives consists of 118 democrats and 88 republicans. New Orleans, December 6.—The com-

plimentary dinner given by the citizens to Captain James B. Eads was a great suc-

"SIC TRANSIT."

The Gal-grous Goddess Partially Hides Her Charms From the Vulgar Throng.

A Few Adairers Repaid With a Peep Through the Storm Doors.

The Result of Successful Observ tions and Photographs Taken.

## TRANSITORY JOYS.

al Dispatches to THE BEE. NEW YORK, December 6.—Clouds prevented Dr. Peters, at Hamilton college, getting satisfactory views. The observers at Yale are well satisfied with the results. The signal offices at Washington are pleased with their work. Professors at West Point tegard the results of their observations measurement or spectroscopic observations. At Meriden, Commecticut, bells announced the beginning of the contact and the public schools closed. Seven telescopes open to the public were set on the grounds of Ray, J. T. Pettee, a prominent local astronomer, and 6,000 persons looked through them. Dartmouth, Amherat and Maine state colleges were interfered with seriously by clouds. In taking observations at Harvard college all four contacts were satisfactorily observed. The spectroscope showed no perceptible absorption of atmosphere by Venus. Pyrometrical observation showed the disc of Venes darker than the sky

surrounding the sun.

The observing stations authorized by the United States government were at San Autonia. Tex.; Fort Seiden, N. M.; Cedar Koyes, Fia; Santa Cruz, Patagonia; Cordova, Chili; Cape of Good Hope, and Auckland, New Zealand. A dispatch says the observations at San Antonio were not wholly appeared the first two contents have

Dakota admission bill in change to 9 hours, 16 minutes and 29

Dakota admission bill in change person person bill in change person person bill in change as early as possible. The bill is the seconds fast, Frisbie, Washington, first on the senate calendar as unfin
20 fast; Sampson, Washington, 9 fast; New York 10 fast; Princeton, 12 fast;

New York 10 fast; Princeton, 12 fast; Chairman Burrows, of the House Haverford, 18 slow; West Point 4 Committee on Territories, said to your fast; Alleghany 18 slow; Hough, Chicorrespondent this evening that he cago, 23 slow; Burnham, Chicago,

Third contest, 8 observers, average The bill is the thirty-sixth in order time 2 hours, 39 minutes and 471 secon the House calendar. Among the onds, p. m. Amherst 6 seconds slow; York, 6 slow; West Point, 2 very important ones which it is very fast; Haverford, no error; Annapolis, 16 fast; Frisbie, Washington, 9 slow; MISCELLANEOUS.

Dublin, December 6 .- The transi probable that the House bill can not of Venus was plai ly visible at Cork. London, December 6 -The transit of Venus was favorably observed at buried on the speaker's table, will be Durban and Captown At Madrid passed by the House this winter. It the observations were prevented by

> satisfactory observation of the transit of Venus. Boston, December 6.-Notwithstanding the heavy clouds the Har-vard observatory made satisfactory observations of the first and second con-

tact in the transit of Venus. Offawa , Canada, December 6. The observer here took a successful observation of the transit of Venus at the interval between ingress and egress this morning.

clouds made useless the great preparations to observe the transit of Venus. LONDON, December 6. - In scientific circles no results are expected from the observations of the transit of Venus made in any part of the world, except so far as the success of observaions are concerned.

# Tyson Filled With Buck-

NEW ORLEANS, December 6 .- The Times Damocrat Jackson, (Miss) special says: Advices from Baldwin give a detailed account of the killing of Speaker Tyson. Domestic trouble in the family of Col. Tyson's brother culminated in an attack on Ed. Saunders, a merchant, by the two Tyson's and son of each, which resulted in Saunders being badly beaten. During his confinement he was repeatedly informed that Col. Tyson had threatened to kill him. Going out for the first time on Monday, he carried his shotgun and shot Tyson on sight, killing him instantly. Tyson had a pistol on his person when killed.

and a new contract made between the sephine White was supposed to have parties by which the Wabash yards been buried the bodies of Elizabeth will be supplied from all points west and John Gibbins were found. The of the Mississippi river at the rate less cometery authorities will aid in the than to the yards on the east side of prosecution of the despoilers of the England Protests Against Franch the river by an amount of actual cus- graves. tomary transfer toll on all shipments from competing points. The Wabash roads gives what concessions it wants to shippers, but pays the Union stock yards a toll of \$2 per car for all cars going through to St. Louis and over the bridge.

# THE PRIVACY OF MESSAGES.

The Western Union and Its Custo mers.

Special Dispatch to Tun Bus. NEW YORK December 6 -The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph company to-day

adopted the following:
WHEREAS, Unjust imputations have been made against the integrity of the management of this company in respect to the sanctity of private messages passing over its wires or through its offices; and Whereas, It has always been a car-

dinat pricciple with the company to guard the sacred privacy of telegraphic correspondence intrusted to its offices; the company having for this purpose expended many thousands of dollars in resisting the demands of courts, juries and legislation committees in cases where this company had no other interests at stake than its honorable obligation to customers; there-

Resolved. That the imputation that officials or other persons connected with this company have the privilege to inspect messages passing over its wires or through its offices is without foundation of fact.

Resolved, Tout any officer, clerk or thee employe handling messages who shall report or divulge the contents of such messages to any officer of the such messages to any officer of the company or other person shall be promptly dismussed from the service of the company and prescuted under Donald, of Indiana.

The general drift of feeling regard-the Governor Palmer was that the bable.

### FATAL DOG BITE

Terrible Sufferings of a Philadelphia Man From Hydrophobia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 4 .vations at San Antonio were not wholly James Cavanaugh, who has for several successful, the first two contacts have days suffered from hydrophobia, died ing been lost on account of clouds. at his residence, No. 2732 York A bill authorizing the extension of the Chesspeake & Ohio railroad to a point on military lands of Fortress Monroe was referred.

Mr. Kasson presented the views of the minority of the committee on the minority of the committee on the committee on the minority of the committee on the committee o thinks it is very important to the people of Dakota that there should which the different observations would worse, the spasms grew more frequent, be a division of the territory. He give for the contacts at Washington. and it was with difficulty that he was said that from a conversation had Observations received up to 11:30 kept in bed. At 3 o'clock his strength with senators he understands that it give the following results: Second began to fail, and at 4:30 he breathed his last.

During his illness the patient was approached by his wife, who attempted to soothe him one of his spasms. In reaching forth his hand his nail caught the back of her hand and made an ugly wound, which, although painful, is

n t serious. One of the physicians in charge of the case, Dr. Joseph Strawn, says he was called in to see Cavanaugh on Friday evening without having had any previous knowledge of the case. He found that although his patient had complained of dizziness in the head for several days, and during the last six months had several times before felt the same unusual sensation, nothing serious was apprehended by his family until Friday morning, when ne was obliged to take to his bed. He first complained of a strange feeling about the throat, which rapidly grew worse. When the physician reached he house he asked the invalid one or two questions as to his condition, and was informed that he could not swallow any fluid. Dr. Strawn then handed the sick man a glass of water and asked him to drink it. At the sight of the water Cavanaugh had a violent spasm, which contracted body painfully. He asked that the water be taken away, and seemed reliaved when it was carried out of the room. This and certain other symptoms familiar to physicians, immediate ly led the doctor to believe that the man was a victim to hydrophobia. He, therefor, asked him if he had ever Paris, December 6 .- The black been bitten by a dog. To which Cav-

ananch replied:
"Yea, twice. A little over a year
ago I was bitten by a dog on the calf of the leg, and a year ago I was bitten on the thumb by another dog; both wounds soon healed, and I have never been troubled with them able snow is falling here. since. You don't think it is hydrophobia, do you, Doctort'

The physician, convinced by this speech that he had read the symptoms correctly, endeavored to relieve the tck man's anxiety by assuring him that there was no fear of anything so terrible.

#### Kellogg Given's Certificate. pecial Dispatch to Tus Bas.

BATON ROUGE, La., December 6. The governor, after an examination of the law and facts in the Kellogg case, has given the certificate of election to Kellogg in accordance with returns from the Third district.

### The Lebanon Grave Robbers. PHILADELPHIA, December 6 .- A

PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER.

Conference of Western Democrats at Chicago.

#### Strong Points of Several Prominent Mon Presented.

special to The Cincinnati Commercial

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 4 —The Courier-Journal's Chicago special says: Within the past twenty-four hours a political conference has been held here. Its members comprised primarily the leaders of the democratic party in all Michigan, Iowa and Wis-consin, with a large delegation of the foremost members of the party from several other western and middle states. Its members represented not only the active political leaders of the party, but the editors of the principal democratic papers. The conference was of long duration, and the discussion was earnest, candid and generous, while the entire situation of the countries of the c try received thorough and careful con-sideration.

The chief importance of this con-ference lies in the fact that its purpose was to settle upon, as far as practicable at the present time, a democratic presidential candidate. It was the unanimous verdict that such a candidate must come from the west. In looking over the field and the men by states the discussion regarding Ohio the minister of commerce. During resulted in the conclusions that the October vote (Pendleton and Paine) put that state outside the pale of presidential possibilities. This settled upon, there were left the names of four men to be discussed. These were Palmer and Morrison, of Illinois,

while he is a man of irreproachable character, the highest and best nature, and at present thoroughly identified with the party, he was not a democratic veteran, and it was thoroughly settled that no man within the party who can not show a continuously perfect record as a democrat, and whose entire antecedents were democratic, written the progressiat committee say-

could be seriously considered. Owing to clouds, also, the first contact lost at Cedar Keys; 180 good photos were taken. The Belgian commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the constant of the contact lost at Cedar Keys; 180 good photos were taken. The Belgian commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the dread disease the sufferer has the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the commission at San Antonia made 120 with the commission at San Antonia made 120 REAR ADMIRAL NICHOLSON
will be relieved of command of the European station, in March next, by Commander Baldwin. Nicholson will probably be retired in March.

THR PANEL OF PETIT JURDES for services in the Star route trial was not yet complete, and court adjourned until to-morrow.

A HOUSE OF ELECTORS.

State to be Pressed to Passage.

With the dread disease the sufferer has soarcely had a moment's relief till last Saturday night, when he became devalue were obtained at good own statis for a standard bear recognition of their standpoint within the progressist party and domain the progressist party and down stating at the passage of Dakota, said to good own stating for a standard bear recognition of their standpoint within to object.

Washington, December 4.—Delegate to the Globe-Democrat.

Washington, December 4.—Delegate for a standard bear to sufferer has soarcely had a moment's relief till last Saturday night, when he became devalue were obtained at good own stating of the democratic party made it in good own stating for a standard bear.

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Regarding Judge Field, that gentleman was most favorably considered, but his present position on the su-preme bench, from which it would be necessary for him to retire, seemed an insurmountable obstacle.

Finally, when the name of Mc-Donald came before the conference for discussion, there seemed to be a spontaneous and unanimous accord upon his fitness. This reached a degree bordering upon enthusiasm. His record was thoroughly dwelt upon, and the different members of the conference discussed the same in all its bearings. His record upon the money question, and his consistent, honorable and patriotic course, during the war, his earnest and able support of all wise measures of reconstruction, his well known candid, manly and fearless position upon the tariff question, and the fact at all times, on all measures, affecting the good not only of the democratic party, but of the whole country, he had proven himself not only a democrat of lifelong consistency, but a statesman of safe conservative and patriotic methods. Another matter of importance and interest was torday communicated to the cabinet also informally discussed. This was in connection with the name of Colon-France in regard to Egyptian control. el Nitas, of Wisconsin, and it was gencrator and most able man made the race for governor of Wisconsin next fall, as it is believed he will, securing an election, as would certainty he would lead the Wiscousta delegation to the next democratic national convention, and take the second place on the presidential ticket so surely as he did so.

# The Sioux Commission-

pecial Dispatch to THE BEE. YANKTON, December 6 .- The Sioux commission has received the consent of 20,000 Indians to the cession of s portion of their reservation. Five thousand more Indians are to be interviewed on the subject. This will close the work of the commissioners. A strong wind is blowing and consider-

#### The Ruser Route Special Disputch to THE BEE,

Louisville, Ky., December 6.— John Trinler and wife, of Chicago, have been in this city several days, stopping at the residence of Fred Senning. The former having legal business at New Albany, this morning, Trinler cut his wife's throat almost from ear to ear and then did the same work for himself, being dead when found. The wife is still living, but death is a question only of a few hours. Insanity is the supposed cause.

# A Lumber Pool

CHICAGO, December 6. - The general freight agents of the roads running to Missouri river points met here tegreat throng of colored people were day and formed a lumber pool to these St. Louis Stock Yards

Special Dispatch to Tus Bas.

Sr. Louis, December 6.—The suit of the Union stock yards against the Wabash railway company for \$500,000 damages for breach of contracts have been compromised. The suit is withdrawn at the costs of the stock yards,

## THE OLD WORLD.

Protectorate Over Madagascar.

The French Expedition to Ceatral Africa Ready to Start.

German Politicians Splitting Hairs While the Ministers Increase the Taxes.

An Interesting Assortment Items.

## GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

MADAGASCAR PROTECTORATE. London, December 6 .- The Central News announces that the British ambassador at Paris informed France that England will not consent to her forcing a protectorate on Madagascar.

NOTED MEN FAILING. Von Fiatow, the well known com-poser of operas, has become blind from cataract of the eye. Trollope is now suffering from con-

gestion of the lungs and failure of ac-tion of the heart. Death is near. FRENCH PINANCES.

Paris, December 6 .- The chamber of deputies adopted the estimates of the dobate the minister of finances declared that the government felt it was time to stop the incessant increase of expenditure unless it was intended to jeopardize the financial equilibrium of the nation. THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Rome, December 6 - Bertani, the acknowledged leader of the radical party, has taken the oath of allegiance to the king. PRUSSIAN POLITICIANS.

Berlin, December 6. - The Prussian overnment will introduce in the bundarath a motion in favor of increasing timber duties, with a view to deriving a large revenue from forests. ing, though in regard to co-operation with other liberal groups, they remained in a minority against Richter, they would not seede from the party. They require, however, unconditional recognition of their standpoint within

ing vessel Digmphna. The govern-ments of Danmark and Holland propose an exploration with the object of assisting the Datch exploring vessels Varna and Digmphna.

THE CONGO TERRITORY. Paris, December 6 .- DeBrazza's expedition in Africa will include three hundred negroes who will embark on the gunboat Sagittaire at Senegal.

THEATRE BURNED. LONDON, December 6 .- The Royal Alhambra theatre burned to-night. The audience had just retired. Within half an hour the dome bell and building and neichboring house were soon gutted. Nothing was saved from the

· POSTMASTER-GENERAL FAWCETT btained some sleep to-day. His condition to-night is more satisfactory. WREEKS AT SEA.

The British ship Fiona was lost at sea with all on board. The Collier has foundered off Berwick. Ten persons drowned. PRANCE IN EGYPT. Paris, December 6 .- It is stated Duclerc, president of the council, yes-

It is pointed out in parliamentary cirerally conceded that if this brilliant cles that acceptance of the presidency of the debt commission would make necessary the maintenance of impartiality which would debar France from defending her interests. GENERAL AMNESTY. CAIRO, December 6 .- In view of

the disposition of Arabi's case, it is expected that all the leaders in the rebellion except Suliman Pasha will be pardoned DUBLIN, December 6.—The number of agrarian outrages in Ireland during the month of November was

eighty-nine. This contrasts favorably with previous lists. UNPAVORABLE WEATHER. LONDON, December 6 .- In conse quence of unfavorable weather the transit of Venus is totally invisible

from the Greenwich observatory. GREMAN FLOODS. Berlin, December 6 .- The loss by floods in Rhenish districts amount to-millions of marks. The damage to the town of Danisbury alone amounts to a million marks. Sixty houses

sear Mayonee have been swept away. TRANSVAAL TROUBLE. DURBAN, December 6 .- The inteligence is received from Transvaal that the Caffres have been driven into Chief Mapoch's caves. One cave has been destroyed with dynamite and it. is supposed fifty natives were killed. The commandant and a Boer were

also killed. LONDON, December 5.—Stanford Court, Worcestershire, the country seat of Sir Francis Winnington, burned this morning, together with a lot of valuable fine state pictures and personal manuscripts.

A Raging River.

Special Dispatches to Tas Bar.

Cologna, December 6,—The Rhine has risen thirty-one centimeters since 2 o'clock Sunday morning.