

LONDON, Jan. 4 .- Five thousand pounds

James Speyer and Edwin Hawley of New Vork and H E Huntington of San Fran to £300 was taken at the Gatwick racecourse Saturday on Acefull to win the Derby. The bet caused a momentary sensation because Boston. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the winter betting on the Derby in recent the Southern Pacific Railroad Company are years has been wholly unimportant. It is the opinion of some persons that the bet | like two fingers on a hand; their interests are identical, and the great mogul of these was made for hedging purposes by some two great corporations is Edward H. Har-American. The opinions in Acefull's favor riman, president of the Southern Pacific are in no way unanimous at Newmarket, Railroad Company, who has in recent years although it is taken for granted that the been the potent financial influence with colt is a real racer or he would not have Gov. Odell. It was recalled yesterday that been sent to England.

they would give her a big dose of cya- sound; her body was not convulsed and nide of potassium, turn a current of elec- to all appearances there was no pain. tricity through her body and at the same time strangle her by a rope attached to a donkey engine.

The society's agents agreed that there was nothing inhumane about that plan. Death seemed to be pretty well arranged for, they said. As soon as the arrangements were finished the press agent told the reporters how everything was to be done,

"We would have shot her with an elephant gun, too," he said, "but we weren't able to get the right kind of a gun in this country. and we understand they are to be bought only in England."

In the meantime workmen were busy getting the platform ready for the execution. The ropes were rigged from a block at the top of the half-completed tower and then the most important thing of the afternoon's work was done. Four signs painted on cloth in letters a foot high, informing the public that the show would open next May, were ided to all sides of the tower, so that every ficture of the execution should contain the advertisement. At least a hundred cameras and a moving picture machind were trained on the platform when noon, the time set for the execution, came.

There was a delay for half an hour while the electricians strung the wires running direct from the plant of the Edison company. The company had arranged to shut down all electric lights on the Island in order to send the strongest possible current, 6,600 volts, into the park for the execution.

Two big electrodes, copper plates, each a foot in diameter, were nalled to boards. which were to be attached to Topsy's feet, and the wires were attached to the electrodes. Then the current was turned on for a test. The wood smoked and started to burn. Then the current was turned off. The electricians said it was working all right.

Everything seemed to be ready. The folice cleared all persons from the road and the bridge leading to the platform, and some one cried, "Here it comes!"

The spectators looked up the road to see two employees leading between them the fattest man in Coney Island. He was "Cupid" Langtry, a 300-pounder, and attached to him were two big chains and a wire by which he was led. He was marched to the bridge, where it was decided that he wouldn't do, and with a laugh the spectators shifted to the other foot and waited for the elephant.

By that time there were easily 500 per-Fors in the enclosure. All had come by invitation, the management said, so the show wasn't a money maker for them. But a saloonkeeper, whose place of business was just outside the grounds, profited by charging the curious of Coney Island 25 cents each to witness the execution from his roof. He did a good business, and the 8. P. C. A. people didn't make any effort to stop him.

Inside were nearly all the celebrities of Concy Island. Ex-Judge Southerland was there. So was "Doc" Chambers and "Doc" Pierce and "Doc" Beck, who were interested from a medical standpoint. Former Councilman Doyle brought his family and a number of women took the chance of viewing a revolting spectacle. Capt. Knipe and Gen. Howard had with President Lincoln the reserves from the Coney Island police just after Gettysburg, in which President zuelan affair is expressed by various news-

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The electrodes flashed fire and those near

the beast could detect an odor of burning hoofs. "Turn off the current," an em-ployee yelled just as Topsy lunged forward and fell on her side motionless. Sh had fallen before a man in a building nearby

had snapped the switch open again. Topsy was dead. Several veterinary surgeons, among them Dr. Smith from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Dr. Treadwell of Englewood, N. J., and Dr. Baker of Union, S. C., said that there was not a spark of life in her when she fell.

The show people were not taking any chances, however. A huge noose, which had been slipped around her neck before the current was turned on, was tightened up with a donkey engine and held tight for ten minutes. Then it was slackened up and a crowd gathered to watch some one take measurements

These showed that Topsy's extreme height was 10 feet, length from tail to tip of trunk 19 feet 11 inches and circumference

of the legs at the fetlocks 2 feet 6 inches. Immediately after death several veterinaries dissected the body. Hubert H. Vogelsang of \$11 East Fifty-ninth street, who bought the carcess, will tan the hide, while Topsy's heret and stomach are to by sent to the bology department of situation. Princeton University.

Topsy developed a bad temper two years ago and killed two keepers in Texas. Last spring, when the Forepaugh show was in Brooklyn, J. F. Blount a keeper, tried to feed a lighted cigarette to her. She picked him up with her trunk and dashed him to the ground killing him instantly. A little while later she was sold to the

establishment in Coney Island, where she behaved herself until about a month ago, when her keeper. "Whitey" Alt, let her out. Topsy followed "Whitey" to the police station, when he was arrested for drunken-

ness, and Topsy was arrested, though she was not put in a cell. Thompson & Dundy saw her value as an advertising medium, and every little while she broke into the newspapers with some

new trick. - Finally Alt was discharged and more stories came out about the "unmanageable" elephant. Topsy was eating about twenty-five dollars worth of hay a week all the time

and her keeper drew a salary of \$20. The clepha it was costly, even if she was to be relied upon for press agent uses, so it was decided to put her out of the way

FOR LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.

Gen. O. O. Howard Announces That \$200,-000 Has Been Raised.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I am pleased to announce to you that the directors have succeeded in obtaining subscriptions to the amount of \$200,000, as proposed, for endowment of Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

We feel very deeply grateful to you for the kindness which you have shown in calling attention to our worthy enterprise. Your publication of Gen. Swayne's letter was of the greatest assistance to me personally and to the institution. Wishing you every success, I remain, very

sincerely your friend. O. O. Howand, Major-Gen. U. S. Army, Retired, President Board of Directors, L. M. U. BURLINGTON, Vt., Jan. 3, 1903. The letter of the late Gen. Swayne re-

ferred to by Gen. Howard was written last October and called attention to the merita of the institution and of the work Gen. Howard had been doing in trying to secure the endowment fund of \$200,000 before Jan. 1. The institution for which this fund has now been secured is the outcome of a talk

resorting to physical measures of coercion. Castro was not popular with the Roosevelt Administration, but this victory over the insurgents was not disappointing because it was felt that he would be better able to deal with the more serious questions of international concern than new rulers of no experience in Governmental affairs. It was with some degree of encouragement, therefore, that the President and Secretary Hay undertook to placate the Powers and

induce them to agree to a ref. rence of their difficulties with Venezuela to in Lague ourt. Advices indicated that Castro was supreme in his country, and had virtually

nothing to fear from the scattered remnants of the rebel forces. Within the past week, however, the Government has received intimations that the venezuelan tebels were again active, having become emboldezed by the difficulties in which Castro had become involved with the three powerful nations of Europe. Every enort was made, therefore, to hasten the conclusion of the agreement to

arbitrate so that the blockade could be raised and diplomatic relations restored. before the revolutionary cause became so strong as to compel Castro to devote all the energies at his disposal to meeting the 'Castro himself, however, has been re

sponsible largely for the delays that have ensued. He was away from Caracas, engaged, as is now known, in arraying his armed forces to thwart a threatened attack on his capital by his domestic enemies. when the message from Secretary Hay, telling of the agreement of Germany, England and Italy to accept The Hague trabunal at arbiter was received by Mr. Bowen and several days elapsed before his answer

could be obtained. In that answer he laid the foundation for further delay by suggesting that the arbiter be the "head of an American Republic," virtually the proposition which the creditor Powers had advanced and been persuaded to withdraw. The views of Fermany, England and Italy on this latest proposal have not been received here and when they are received it will be necessary

to send them to Castro for consideration. Thus, a situation which would orginarily be adjusted without difficulty has become dangerous through being prolonged until a change in the control of Governmental affairs in Venezuela is threatened. A new national administration at Caracas may mean the undoing of all that has been ac-

complished toward peace between Venezuela and the Powers. Should Castro be overthrown his triumphant successors may repudiate all that has been done by him to bring about a cettle-

ment of the international questions. Naturally the Administration in Washington is concerned over the news sent to-day by Minister Bowen. It sees a prospect of all its earnest work for peace coming to naught at the moment when success was practically assured.

Every additional day's delay in the signing of the arbitration protocol means additional danger to the endeavor of the United States to get European war vessels out of Venezuelan waters, and it may, therefore, be predicted without other basis than this knowledge that President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay will immediately

proceed to the extremes of diplomacy to secure a quick consummation of the understanding that the Venezuclan dispute shall be referred to The Hague tribunal.

GERMAN TONE CHANGES. Press Now Criticising the Monroe Doctrine

-Angry at Delay.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Jan. 4 .- General impatience over the delay in the settlement of the Vene-

HAD WARNING OF DEATH.

Bishop of St. Albans, Though in His Usual Health, Felt That HIs End Was Near. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 4 .- The Dean of St. Albans, preaching in the Cathedral to-day, an- Governor on the ticket headed by Mr. nounced in connection with the recent Odell, Mr. Odell turned to Mr. Sheldon and death of the Bishop of St. Albans, that the said: latter a few months ago, when apparently in sound health, declared that he had a presentiment that his death was not far not half as much a Morgan man as you are distant. It was so real that he set his a Harriman man." affairs in order to the minutest detail, investing his arrangements with special Company, it may be said that in November, solemnity.

Then he resumed his duties in his diocese, of this company was acquired by Speyer which continued unremittingly until the & Co. of New York, who immediately transday of his fatal seizure, which the dean ferred to the Southern Pacific Railroad and others ascribed to overwork. Company. The capital stock of the Pacific

WILL FIGHT FOR BRITAIN NOW. is 39%.

Boer General Viljoen Offers to Lead Force Against the Mad Mullah.

Special Cable Despatch to TEE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 5 .- The Daily Mail has received a telegram from Gen. Viljoen, the Boer leader, who is now in New York, expressing his willingness to command the Boers who have volunteered for cervice against the Mad Mullah in Somaliland has served less than a year of a twenty-year if he is asked to do so.

BET YOU YOU GET ON THE FORCE,

Says Cop to Would-Be Fireman, Who "Bets 8400"-Cop Arrested.

Max C. Penisch of 428 East Fifty-first street, who was appointed a probationary policeman a few days ago, was arraigned in the Tombs police court yesterday charged with violating section 53 of the code, which makes it a misdemeanor to accept or agree to acceptmoney for procuring a public office. He pleaded not guilty and was held for examination Tuesday. Thomas B. Gavin of 93 Bedford street. the complainant, says in an affidavit that on July 29 last Benisch agreed to secure him an appointment in the Fire Department for \$400. Gavin says that he agreed to

put \$100 in the Lincoln National Bank obeyed and Doyle made no further effort to get away. Ladders were procured and he under their joint name and that Berlisch signed this agreemen .

The \$100 deposited in bank is the property of Thomas B. Gavin. Money not to be handled by either party unless both signatures appear on check, but in case Mr. Gavin falls to be appointed in Fire Department he to draw the money without my signature. Appointment must be made by Nov. 1, 1902.

The money was deposited. Gavin failed prison. to pass the examination. Banisch never

attempted to collect the \$400. In court Benisch said that he simply agreed to put Gavin in physical condition to pass the examination.

Benisch, who is only 25 years old, says he is a phyiscal culture instructor at-845 tober, 1901, S. H. Brown was conductor on and was filed in the Superior Court yes-

1,000 a month. For five years the total cisco and T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., of expense would be \$50,000. This leaves the Alderman a tidy sum of \$250,000 or \$50,000

"You are a good deal of a Morgan man."

To which Mr. Sheldon replied; "I am

Concerning the Pacific Mail Steamship

NEARLY GOT OUT OF PRISON

Made at Trenton.

TBENTON, N. J., Jan. 4.-Thomas Doyle

sentence for the murder of an old farmer for

roof Doyle became too bold and ran from

one end to the other. His footsteps were

heard by a guard on the wall and an alarm

Doyle was found crouching behind

kylight and two guards covered him with

"Take down those guns or I'll jump and

kill myself!" shouted Doyle. The deputies

whom he worked in Union county.

prison yard.

was given.

their rifles,

a year profit. The fixtures at Kenna's saloon are worth \$400.

been \$310.000. His expenses are about

DUEL OVER A WIFE. Injured Husband in South Carolina Kills

the Man Who Wronged Him.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 4 .- Charles Hutto and Wesley Speares fought a dual in Lerat the Saratoga Convention on the night ington county on Friday. Huito had been that Gov: UA:Il visited Senator Platt's too attentive to Mrs. Speares. The husband cottage (this was the night before the ordered that these attentions should cease. convention) and found there George R. Hutto refused and they agreed to meet Sheldon, who had been slated by Gov. Odell, Senator Platt and other Republican in a grove of woods near Speares's home and fight with guns. Hutto selected a leaders for the nomination of Lieutenantrepeating rifle. Speares a double-barrelled

shotgun. The two men approached each other among the trees. Suddenly Hutto brought up his rifle and fired. The shot missed Speares's head by an inch.' It had hardly passed before Speares's gun cracked. Before Hutto had time to fire again a load of buckshot reached his breast. It was fatal.

but to make sure, Speares shot the contents 1900, a controlling interest in the stock of the other barrel into the body. Speares surrendered to the Sheriff of Lexington this morning and is in jail awaiting the action of a Coroner's jury. Pub-

lic sympathy is with him. Mall Steamship Company is \$20,000,000 all issued. The present price of the stock OLD WOMAN STARVES TO DEATH

> A Search for Money to Be Made in the Rafters of Her Hovel.

MOUNT VERNON, Jan. 4 .- Coroner Ulrich Murderer Doyle Detected in Attempt Weisendanger of Yonkers began an investigation to-day into the death of Mrs. Patrick McDermott, 95 years old, who was found made an. unsuccessful attempt early this morning to escape from State prison. Doyle

dead to-day from exposure and starvation in a dilapidated cottage at North Pelham, in Westchester county. For two weeks the old woman had been

so weak from illness and the lack of food About 6 o'clock, Doyle, who is employed that she had been unable to leave home, in the prison kitchen, eluded the keeper and as a result she slowly starved to death in charge of the kitchen squad, sneaked to in her hovel. the engine room and crawled through a It is said that she had considerable money coal hole, by which he gained access to the

secreted in the rafters of her home and to-morrow a search will be made for it. By means of doors and a water pipe

he succeeded in climbing to the roof of the TWINS NOT-BORN IN SAME YEAR main building, his movements being concealed by a heavy fog. Upon gaining the

One Came on Dec. 31, 1902, and the Other on Jan. 1, 1003.

CHICAGO, Jan 4 .- A difference of about three hours in the birth of sisters has led to the strange situation of twins having birthdays on different days and different years. Mr. and Mrs. John Stift, 190 Sheffield avenue, are the parents of the twins, and every one in the neighborhood is commenting on the curious circumstance. One of the twins was born at 10:30 P. M.

was taken back and placed in the dungeon. on the last day of December, 1902, and The murderer was well equipped to about an hour and a half after midnight the make good his escape. With the canvas used in the prison for the manufacture of second child was born. Her birthday is mail bags he had made for himself a shirt, therefore Jan. 1, 1903. while with cloth smuggled from the shop by fellow prisoners he had made a suit WANTED HER TO BLACKMAIL. f clothes which he wore under the prison

stripes. Wound about his waist was a This is the Answer of Paul Blackmar's Wife to His Divorce Petition.

rope, with which he had planned to lower bimself over the high outer wall of the CHICAGO, Jan. 4 .- Paul Blackmar, who was secretary to Ferdinand Peck at the COURTESY'S REWARD \$1,000. Paris Exposition, is accused by his wife Luck of a Conductor Who Paid Fare of a of trying to force her into blackmailing schemes against several rich men in Paris. Woman Who Had Lost Her Purse. This charge is contained in an amended cross bill to Blackmar's sult for divorce, NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 4 .- In Oc-

Raines law at hand. We counted the rooms measured the kitchen space and made a general examination to ascertain if the conditions of the law were being met."

Commissioner Greene declined to say where the hotels were.

"Did you find anything on which you have based or will base complaints?" he was asked.

"I must decline to say," was the reply. CALL'AT A HOTEL IN MURPHY'S BAILIWICK. One of the hotels which Commissioner Greene and Inspector Brooks called at early in the afternoon is at the southeast corner of Nineteenth street and Third avenue. within the bailiwick of Charles F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany Hall. The hotel is kept by Patrick Craig.

Corner loungers who discerned the gold braid and glittering badge of Inspector

Brooks far away, heralded the approach of the explorers. Men who were in the barroom were hurried into a side room curtained off from the bar. A parcel of tried and true sandwiches were hauled from the darkness of the ice box and distributed on the tables.

Before the puffing automobile could be prought to a standstill a crowd had collected around it. Inspector Brooks led the way into the hotel. Proprietor Craig met

"What'll you have, gentlemen?" he asked. "Bring us three whiskeys," said Inspector Brooks.

Craig poured with the generosity that marks a sailor just touched port.

Commissioner Greene lifted his glass and then set it down again. A hand less steady would have spilled the liquor, so liberal was the allowance.

We don't care to drink now," said Comnissioner Greene. "Is this a hotel?"

"It is," said Mr. Craig shoving a plate of sandwiches across the table toward the Commissioner.

"Show us through the hotel," commanded the Commissioner,

"Follow me," quoth the proprietor-CAREFUL COUNT OF THE BEDROOMS.

Commissioner Greene pulled out a copy of the Raines law. He carried it in his hand and referred to it from time to time as Mr. Craig led the way. The house had more than the prescribed number of bed-rooms. Commissioner Greene looked out of the windows for fire escapes, he paced off the length and width of the kitchen;

he calculated the air space of each chamber, and all the while Secretary Coursey made notes.

Emerging from the hotel the Commis sioner discovered that his automobile was surrounded by more than two hundred people. In the crowd stood Policeman Young of the East Twenty-second street station.

It was quite clear that the Commissioner wasn't delighted at the sight of the crowd. He called to Policeman Young, "What are you doing here?

The policeman had been watching openmouthed with the rest of the curious. Apparently it had not occurred to him, as it occurred to the Commissioner, that it wasn't nice to have so many spectators at the

"I'm doing police duty on this post,"

"Oh, you are?" said the Commissioner. Inspector, please take that man's name and number

PRAISE FOR POLICE STATIONS.

The red wagon toured over to the East Iwenty-second street station. Capt. Fitzpatrick was out and Sergt. Stahl showed the way through the building "Very neat," was the Commissioner's

At the East Thirty-fifth street station

Commissioner Greene found Sergt. John

"This is the best station we've seen on

Daly in command. He spent ten minutes

at inspection.

