

CONFERENCE ON ARMY



Washington, Jan. 5 .- An important conference which covered a wide range of discussion of the internal manage-ment of the war and navy departments was held at the White House tonight. It was participated in by Secys. Root, Taft, and Bonaparte, and Atty.-Gen. Moody, and lasted from 9:30 o'clock to 11:30. None of the cabinet officers present was willing to say specifically just what matters were under discus-sion, but Secy, Taft, in response to questions, admitted that any conclu-sions which may have been reached were not matters for legislative action, but were such as would require only executive approval. The proposed changes in the navy personnel bill af-fecting the promotion of officers which is now before Congress were mentioned during the evening's discussion. From the length of the conference it is be-lieved that matters affecting the Fhil-ippines, Panama, San Domingo, the generation board of the new conditions. of discussion of the internal manageippines, Panama, San Domingo, the general board of the navy and the gen-eral staff of the army also may have been brought up.

## REPORT ON JEWISH RELIEF FUND DISTRIBUTIONS.

New York, Jan. 5 .- The national committee for the relief of the Jewish sufferers in Russia received yesterday from the international committee in London a copy of the report the com-missioners sent to Russia to distribute the relief fund collected in the United

States and in Europe. The report covers the commissioners' work from Nov. 22 to Dec. 10. Up to that date the emissaries had granted for distribution \$2,292,652 in the cities of Odesan Maccow Formatichus Eliza Odessa, Moscow, Krementchug, Eliza-bethgrad, Rostof-on-Don, Kieff, Homel,

bethgrad, Rostof-on-Don, Kieff, Homel, Poltava and Ekaterinoslav. The Odessa district, according to the report, suffered more severely than any of the others, 48 massacres having oc-curred there. In the Kieff district out-breaks occurred in 40 towns and vil-lages, ruining about 11,500 families. The commission believes that a recurrence of the outrages on the Jews is not un-likely. It was agreed with all local committees that Christians who had tome to harm in defending Jews should be assisted on the same basis as the co-religionists of the commissioners. Important rules were adopted by the commission to guide it in its work, commission to guide it in its work, three of which were: As far as possible, the prevention of emigration emigration.

No purely elymosenary assistance. Immediate grant of sufficient assist-ance to make the sufferers self-support-ing.

## BIG CLAIM FOR SALVAGE.

BIG CLAIM FOR SALVAGE. San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Never in the maritime history of the Pacific has such an enormous libel been placed on any vessel as the suit filed in admirality today against the steamer City of Pu-ebla by the owners of the steamer Che-halls, who claim \$100,000 as reward for towing the distressed steamer safely into port. The Puebla is estimated to be worth about \$255,000, and it is said that the contest over salvage just be-gun will be stoutly contested by the marine underwriters.

## ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER. Portland, Or., Jan, 5.—Charged with murder in the first degree for the shoot-ing of aged Thomas Flemmings in the holdup of the barroom of the Centen-night of Dec. 15 last, Tattoo" D. C. Kelley and "Hiney" Rossman are un-der arrest, the former in this city and Rossman in Tacoma. Kelley and Ross-man tally well with the descriptions of the men who held up the Centennial barroom and murdered Flemmings, who

for the purpose of hiring laborers to work on the canal closed their offices today by orders from Washington, ow-ing to Gov. Swettenham's attitude in refusing to allow laborers to go to Pan-ama without a deposit of \$5 each. Mr. O'Connell, who was in charge of the offices, sailed for Colon tonight. the active support of the conservative classes, was forced in self-protection to adopt repressive measures. The policy it is now following is solely for the purpose of making possi-ble the holding of the elections and accelerating the convocation of the na-tional assembly. The government is yet uncertain as to what the The policy it is now following is solely for the purpose of making possi-ble the holding of the elections and accelerating the convocation of the na-tional assembly. The government is yet uncertain as to what the results of the elections will be, but it is con-fident that the parties of law and order will be a materia. PUBLIC LANDS WITHDRAWN. Washington, Jan, 5.-By an order is-sued Dec. 30 last by the secretary of the interior and made public today,

more than a million acres of public lands in Arizona and New Mexico were withdrawn from all forms of dis-

were withdrawn from all forms of dis-posal except under the mineral laws, for inclusion within forest reserves. The distribution by acres is as follows: Arizona, Navajo reserve, 39,516; Black Mesa reserve, 39,0000 Buachuca reserve, 345,000; New Mexico, Magdale-na reserve, 148,000; San Mateo reserve, 450,000

per printed dispatches from San Fran-cisco today stating that troops were being sent to the islands to quell a will have a majority. All the rumors that Witte's position is shaky are characterized as pure in-ventions. The writer of the article ventions. says. "Witte is as firm in the saddle as ever. His health is good and he is proceeding on the conviction that at least three-quarters of the Russian people approve of his struggle against the revolution."

DR. WISE REMAINS.

possible uprising of the natives. Both the military and civil officers say that the conditions were never better, and all the troops could be withdrawn from the islands without danger.

## A NEW UNNAMED PLAY.

accept decorations of the Order of the Legion of Honor, conferred on them by

PEACE IN THE ISLANDS.

Manila, Jan. 5 .- The local newspa-

the French government.

Milwaukee, Jan. 5.—A new unnamed play was presented for the first time at Davidson theater tonight in which all characters are Indians. It was written Portland, Or., Jan. 5 .- Rev. Dr. by Donald MacLaren of Milwaukee, for

ware were gone into at some

length by several merchants. One of the principal witnesses for the government during the hearing of the cose has been William Burgess, who represents the American Potters, a union organization. According to one authority Burgess went to Europe on a secret mission to investigate the subject of the prices of Dutch earthenware. The Borgfeldt company, it is said, bought its earthenware mainly of two manufacturers in Holland and the Amermanufacturers in Holland and the Amer-ican Potters claimed that the firm paid 50 per cent less for the merchandise than their competitors. The potters have demanded that the Borgfeldt con-cern should pay duty on their importa-tions at the prices they had to pay in the open market. The Borgfeldt people protested against such valuation on the ground that potters could get equally favorable prices if they bought in as large quantities. large quantities.

In this wonderfully progressive age of art, literature and science, of the automobile, the wireless teleg-raphy, and the X-ray, what is there that is impossible? Why should not science accomplish further success in improving the defects of nature? It has. The slow acting, long treat-ments and imperfect results of Face Bleaches Complexion Washes, etc., heretofore used will be discarded when you become ac-quainted with the quick, prompt im-provement that results from using Curious Complexion Cream-the new and better method. Try it. At all druggists, PRICE 75 CENTS. Doull Drug Co., DISTRIBUTORS. Main, corner Market and the Postoffice is next door south.

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