

room at the rear of the Ryan block fell, precipitating several firemen to the ground. Lieut. Omera was quite seriously hurt.

The guests of Ryan Hotel adjoining the annex were badly frightened by the fire but the hotel was almost uninjured.

ASHTUBULA, Ohio, Dec. 19.—At Sheffield, seven miles from Aشتubula, at an early hour this morning Mr. and Mrs. Alon were awakened by neighbors and informed that the house was in flames. Both got out of the burning building but went back to rescue a grandchild. The floor fell in and the three were burned to death.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Hermann, the magician, died today of heart disease in his private car at Great Valley near Salem, on his way to Bradford. The remains will be forwarded to New York.

Hermann completed his engagement at the Lyceum theater in this city last night, and later was entertained at the Genesee Valley club.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—The Commercial Tribune special from Key West says: Havana advices tonight are that common rumor in that city states that Gen. Weyler had been commanded from Madrid to take the field again, supposedly to attempt to stop Gen. Gomez in his march through Matanzas and Santa Clara provinces, where Gomez is overrunning the country and keeping the Spanish garrisons uncomfortable.

Near Garcia and Caberos an engagement between about two hundred Cuban insurgents and 300 Spanish guerrillas under Captain Murrillie is reported. The Cubans ambushed the guerrillas and put fifty of them to the machete. Murrillie was among the killed. The Cuban loss was over thirty.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Mark Lane Express, referring today to crop prospects, says: While the wheat is somewhat late in growth, this is no drawback; for a favorable growth of the autumn-sown wheat and rye is reported from all the districts of Central Europe; but in France matters are not nearly so satisfactory.

The weather in Russia is very unsettled, frost and thaw reigning in rapid succession, with bad effect on the autumn sown grain.

The Argentine crop is not thought to be very large; but advices conflict.

Foreign wheat does not sell well, even at a decline, but everybody expects an inert trade until after Christmas and brisk business during the first fortnight of January.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 21.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred this afternoon in Baltimore shaft No. 2 of the Delaware and Hudson company. Over twenty miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour only fourteen had been rescued alive, and there was still hope of reaching the others before the deadly after-damp claims them as victims.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.—The Russian ambassador, M. de Nelldoff, had an hour's audience with the sultan on Saturday, at which he urged the introduction of reforms and granting amnesty to the imprisoned Armenians. His majesty asserted that the reforms agreed upon by the powers already had been executed and prom-

ised to issue an amnesty in a few days. Subsequently the ambassadors exchanged views relative to the new reform proposals to be submitted to the sultan.

BRIDGETOWN, N. J., Dec. 21.—At Jerco, a religious fanatic who murdered his father near Vineland last week, lies in the court house here with two bullets in his arms and a gaping wound, five inches long, on his head. He was shot by Sheriff Cheeseman while trying to murder Keeper Watkins, but could not be subdued until Watkins felled him with a club.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 21.—Governor Morton has refused pardon or commute sentence of John Y. McKane.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—William J. Bryan arrived in Chicago today from Lincoln. He stated his visit was purely one of business connected with the publication of his book. Bryan will go to Atlanta, Ga., tonight where he will lecture on Thursday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that it is semi-officially announced that the Brazilian government is in possession of documents of the greatest importance in relation to that part of Guiana which is now in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela.

These documents, it is stated, give satisfactory proof that the territory in question is properly within the domain of Brazil.

It is also declared on the authority of persons in confidence that when the dispute between England and Venezuela is settled, Brazil will formally present her title to the territory and expects to triumph over all claimants.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The Yakima Investment company of Washington, which Paul Schulze had wrecked before he committed suicide, is to be reconstituted. A new corporation is to be formed, and one of the largest irrigation enterprises of the Pacific coast, is once more to be placed upon its feet. A. G. Booth has just returned from Boston, where he went as an attorney for the Safe Deposit and Trust company of this city to consult with the Electric corporation. He reports that the plan of reorganization met with favor and has now been practically agreed upon by the principal parties interested. The property involved is estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 in value. It is located in the Yakima valley. Thirty thousand acres of land were bought from the Northern Pacific road and a main canal with laterals and ditches of a length of 320 miles were built at a cost of \$700,000.

From time to time land, water and water rights were sold. An issue of \$450,000 in bonds was made secure by mortgage, in which the Safe Deposit and Trust company was named as trustee. The hard times came and Schulze could not raise money to complete his scheme. Suit for foreclosure was brought by the trustee, receivers were appointed, of whom Paul Schulze was one, and soon after he committed suicide under sensational circumstances. During the interval receivers' certificates to the amount of \$450,000 were issued and it is said the holders of these and the bondholders who are interested in the reorganization plan which the Safe Deposit and

Trust company has taken the initiative.

The London and San Francisco bank and the Electric Corporation of Boston, are also largely concerned as holders of bonds and certificates.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 22.—The Commercial Tribune having asked by telephone of Judge George J. Hoadley of New York to give his opinion in regard to the exclusive right of the President to acknowledge the independence of Cuba, replied as follows:

"NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Legislative powers granted by the Constitution are in accordance with article 1, section 1, vested in Congress. Plenary powers over the relations of the United States to foreign governments is committed to Congress by the power granted in section 8, clause 3, to regulate commerce with foreign nations; also to the President and Senate by article 2, section 2, clause 2, to make treaties, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the senators present, and by like advice and consent to appoint ambassadors. By the express terms of article 6, section 2, the laws of the United States and all treaties are the Supreme law of the land. From this it follows that the power to recognize foreign states, and to determine which of the two contending parties represents the foreign states, is lodged in the President and Senate, by virtue of the treaty power, and in Congress, subject to the veto of the President, the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations. Both these powers necessarily involve the right to determine which is the law of the foreign state with whom to treat or carry on commerce, because both are laws of the United States.

"By article 2, section 2, clause 3, resolutions and votes in which the concurrence of the Senate and House are necessary, except on questions of adjournment, must be presented to the President and if approved by him or passed over his veto, become laws as effectually as in the case of a bill.

"From the character given the foregoing laws of the United States it follows that they take precedence in authority over any executive order receiving ambassadors, which is the power referred to in support of the claim that the President has the right to recognize foreign states without consulting Congress.

"I desire to accompany the foregoing opinion with the expression of a strong conviction that the proposed action on the part of Congress would be in the highest degree unwelcome, though not illegal."

"(Signed) GEO. J. HOADLEY."

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A special from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the powers most interested, offer their services in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States and terminate the revolt.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Dec. 22.—A delegation of Sioux Indians from Crow Creek agency, with White Ghost, their head chief as chairman, have left here for Washington to collect a bill of about \$200,000 from the government.

PAULEBORO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The Dupont powder mills at Carvery's point and Gibston, are working night and day to fill large orders, said to be for the government.