IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Indictments Already Returned by the Grand Jury Include Speaker Adams, Land Commissioner French and Book Agent Pratt—Gold in Sebewaing.

Murder and Suicide at Stockbridge.

The village of Stockbridge is greatly excited by a double tragedy that occurred there on the afternoon of the 23d. Frank and George Bailey, two brothers conducting a bicycle and jewelry repair shop, are the victims. George was shot from the rear by Frank just as he was entering the room, the bullet from a 32-caliber rifle entering the back of his neck, coming out at the mouth. Frank was killed by a bullet from the same gun, which entered between the eyes, coming out at the back of the head. A letter was found on Frank's body written to his sister in Detroit telling her that he feared something was going to happen to himself and George and requesting that they be buried in Dexter or Stockbridge, for he owned a lot in both places. No reason is given in the letter why the deed was done. When found, Frank was just breathing his last. It is thought that insanity was the cause of the tragedy, for Frank had been under a doctor's care for some time for this complaint. He also stated in his letter that he had not been in his right mind for some time. Both parties were well and favorably known.

Shot His Divorced Wife and Suicided.

George W. Brooks, of Detroit, after firing three bullets into the body of his divorced wife on the 24th, rushed from the house and ran several blocks down the street to the railroad track. Here he halted, and on seeing an officer giving chase, he hastily pulled his revolver and placed the muzzle back of his ear, pulled the trigger. When the officer reached him he was just breathing his last. Although the woman has a bullet wound in the neck, shoulder and hip physicians think she will recover unless blood poisoning sets in.

That New Fruit Law.

There is great excitement at Benton Harbor among fruit buyers. The law that all commission firms must give a bond of $5,000 in each county where they do business, so that dissatisfied growers can sue them, has brought word from the leading Chicago firms that they will not give a bond, but rather keep out of the state. There is likely to be a reconstruction of the fruit business in this state, and the fruit will be brought direct instead of being bought on consignment.

Calhoun County Official in Trouble.

At the October session of the Calhoun county board of supervisors a committee of three was appointed to investigate the accounts of the superintendent of the poor. The committee was in session nearly two weeks, and in consequence it was deemed expedient to call a special session of the board. This was done and a number of discrepancies were found in the way of overdrafts and duplicate bills, which brings the total shortage up to nearly $1,200.

$300,000 Fire in Detroit.

The building occupied by A Krolik & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, on Jefferson avenue, Detroit, and several other firms adjoining were more or less damaged by fire and water on the evening of the 24th. The total loss is estimated at about $300,000, which is well covered by insurance. Owing to the inflammable nature of the stock carried by Krolik & Co. it required much hard work on the part of the firemen to get the blaze under control.

Three Indictments Returned.

The grand jury which is engaged in investigating the charges of fraudulent legislation by the last legislature has already returned three indictments against the following persons: E. A. Adams, speaker of the last legislature; Wm. A. French, state land commissioner, and Chas. H. Pratt, whose story brought about the charges that convicted the above officials of felonies. W. A. French has been admitted to bail in the sum of $3,000.

Gold Found at Sebewaing.

While digging a well at Sebewaing the other day the digger discovered a mineral that looked like gold quartz. Gathering some specimens he sent them to Saginaw to be tested, and has received word that they contain pure gold. If the vein is extensive enough a shaft will be put down and mining commenced in the near future.

Hollanders at Holland on the 25th donated $300 for Red Cross aid for the Boers.

Claud North, of Homer, got 90 days at the Detroit house of correction for stealing $15.

A hoop mill at East Tawas was destroyed by fire on the evening of the 21st, entailing a loss of $20,000, with only $2,000 insurance.

Mt. Pleasant is to have an independent telephone exchange, a franchise having been granted by the council to the Union Telephone Co.

Kalamazoo's street fair was a financial success. All premiums and expenses have been paid and there is a snug sum in the treasury.

The interior of the large double grocery belonging to John H. McAniey, of Manistee, was destroyed by fire on the 26th, entailing a loss of $10,000.

There is at present 176 vacant houses in Ann Arbor. Last spring there were over 290, and 100 new houses have been constructed during the past summer.

A Brighton farmer thinks the coming winter is going to be an open one because one of his turkeys has just hatched out a brood of 14 little ones.

It is feared that Carey Dunham, of Lawton, manager of the Southern Michigan Fruit association, has met foul play at Minneapolis. He went there the first of the present month to settle with the different commission merchants and nothing has been heard of him since the 10th.

Charges against four supervisors of Roscommon county for willful neglect of duty and official misconduct have been filed with Gov. Pingree, who on the 21st signed an order for an investigation, which will be conducted before the judge of probate or circuit court commissioner of Roscommon county.

STATE GOSSIP.

Dogs are killing sheep at a good rate in the vicinity of Niles.

Tawas City was scorched to the extent of $10,000 on the 22d.

The new opera house now in course of construction at Sheridan is fast nearing completion.

Wreckers made two attempts to wreck trains on the Michigan Central near Mason recently.

Now that Caro has a sugar factory, she is on the hustle to get a chicory factory to go with it.

Geo. Kerns, a Dalton saloon keeper, has paid a fine of $50 for keeping his place open on Sunday.

The Methodists of Saline dedicated their fine new edifice with appropriate ceremonies on the 26th.

The annual reunion of the 3d Michigan infantry will be held at Grand Rapids on December 13.

Four carloads of stock were shipped from Bad Axe, Huron county, to eastern markets on the 25th.

The magnificent Catholic church of St. Thomas the Apostle at Ann Arbor was dedicated on the 26th.

The Tamarack Mining company will build a miners' hospital at Calumet next summer which will cost $25,000.

Many farmers living in the neighborhood of New Haven, Oakland county, are plowing for their spring crops.

A $10,000 brick manufactory, with all the modern appliances, will be a new industry at St. Joseph next spring.

The Michigan Salt Manufacturing company, of Marine City, has sold and delivered over 2,000 tons of salt this month.

A white swan was shot and killed by a hunter near Cadillac recently, the only bird of the kind ever seen in that county.

Grand Rapids Hollanders have raised $650 for the Boer Red Cross fund in the Transvaal, and expect to make it $1,000 or better.

Reuben Steinberger, of Eagle, has caught 1,165 black bass not counting little ones, with hook and line since May 1 last.

Free rural delivery out of St. Johns will be put into operation on December 1. The route lies north of the village, and covers 22 miles, over 4,100 people being served.

A Benton Harbor man captured a six-legged rabbit recently, and has just sold it for $500 to a collector of freaks for a dime museum.

It costs Calhoun county $3.87 per week to care for her paupers, double the amount paid by any other county in southern Michigan.

Minnie Palmer, aged 12, of Berrien county, got a judgment of $5,000 against Sylvester Parks on the charge of assault and battery. Parks is 75 years of age and is wealthy.

The farmers' granges in Clinton Ingham and Eaton counties are now organizing a Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance company. The officers of the organization will be at Lansing.

The original shingle roof of a store at Rochester which was built 55 years ago has just been replaced with a new one. Not many shingle roofs made now a days that will last that long.

Of the 200 heirs of the estate of the late Jacob Baker, of Germany, which, it is alleged, amounts to $36,000, principally in real estate in Philadelphia, 42 or 43 are living in Huron county.

The Ithaca council has taken a long step in the right direction by buying a 70-acre gravel pit near the city, the gravel from which will be used in improving the roads leading in from the country.

Hersey has 400 inhabitants and claims to have more professional men than any other town of its size in Michigan, namely, seven ministers of the gospel, four doctors, three lawyers, all of whom are making a living.

An event of wide interest in Michigan religious circles will be the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Episcopal diocese of western Michigan. The celebration will be held at Grand Rapids, Dec. 6-7.

Louis H. Beck, president of the board of poor commissioners of Detroit, while in a melancholy mood on the 23d attempted suicide. He severed his windpipe and gashed his arm with a razor, but is still alive, although in a critical condition.

Diphtheria now exists at White Pigeon in malignant form and the school and churches have been closed for the time being. One little girl who was in school on the 20th died of the disease on the 23d, and about 400 pupils were thus exposed.

Corunna has a bread war started by a new baker in town named Hayes. He has cut the price to three cents a loaf and another baker has gone him one better by offering the same price and a rebate of one cent when the paper sack is returned.

Farmers around Farmington have become so exasperated at the depredations of chicken thieves that they have formed a vigilance committee and sworn to shoot the next chicken thief they find on their premises after dark. In some cases recently as many as 50 chickens have been taken from one farmer.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, neuralgia, tonsilitis, bronchitis and diarrhea, in the order named, caused the most sickness in the state during the past week. Consumption was reported at 207 places; typhoid fever, 95; scarlet fever, 70; diphtheria, 34; measles, 28; whooping cough, 25; smallpox, 7, and cerebro-spinal meningitis, 4.

Owing to a charivari by a gang of hoodlums, Mrs. Calvin Webb, of Marshall, recently married, became a raving maniac, and an application was made and granted to have her placed in the Kalamazoo insane asylum.

In the new park which Farmington is going to have will be placed what is probably the most historic band stand in the state. It formerly stood on the site of the Detroit city hall and from it Seward, Douglas and many a prominent speaker of 40 years ago addressed Michigan audiences, and from it all Michigan soldiers were reviewed on their way to the front in '61.

Chas. R. Mains, the attorney recently barred from practice in this state, has started a suit for $200,000 against nine persons, whom he claims have either individually or collectively ruined the business of the Homer Steel Fence Co.

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

A Wisconsin Member of the Republican National Committee Recommends a Change in the Representation at Conventions—Other Items.

Proposed Change in Representation.

Henry C. Payne, the Wisconsin member will present at the meeting of the national Republican committee in Washington, Dec. 12, a resolution recommending a change in the basis of representation in future Republican national conventions. Mr. Payne's plan provides that each state be entitled to four delegates-at-large, and one additional delegate for each 10,000 votes, or majority fraction thereof, cast at the last preceding Presidential election for Republican electors; and four delegates from each organized territory and the District of Columbia. If the plan be proposed by Mr. Payne be recommended by the national committee and adopted by the convention, Alabama would have 9 delegates; Arkansas, 8; Florida, 5; Georgia, 16; Louisiana, 6; Mississippi, 5, and South Carolina, 9, as at present, instead of 124, as under the present apportionment. The other decreases would be Colorado, 3; Idaho, 1; Montana, 4; Nebraska, 2; Nevada, 1; North Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 5; Texas, 9; Utah, 1; Virginia, 6, and Wyoming, 1.

The increases would be California, 1; Connecticut, 3; Illinois, 17; Indiana, 7; Iowa, 7; Maryland, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Michigan, 5; Minnesota, 5; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 6; New York, 14; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 16; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 13; Vermont, 4; West Virginia, 2, and Wisconsin, 7. The representation of the other states would remain as now. The total number of delegates would be 901 as at present.

Division of Samoan Islands Rejected.

The United States has declined to accept the agreement as to the disposition of the Samoan islands, reached by Great Britain and Germany. It was possibly the leaking out of some information to this effect that gave rise to the report circulated in European capitals recently of the development of a serious hitch in the negotiations. As a matter of fact, there is no serious hitch, and the reasons which influenced the state department at Washington in rejecting the British-German arrangement when it was submitted for approval, related entirely to minor matters, and touched rather upon the form than the substance of the arrangement. Having rejected the tentative treaty submitted by the other two powers, our government has in turn, and at the instance of the other parties prepared and submitted a draft of a treaty which it is hoped will be acceptable to all three powers.

The Kentucky a Speedy Boat.

Against tide, wind and a heavy sea, for at least half of her course, the new battleship Kentucky made a speed of 16.87 knots an hour on her official speed trial over the government course from Cape Ann to Boone island on the 24th, and by her work showed that she is a worthy daughter of her sister ship, Kearsarge, which recently was put over the same course. The trial satisfied her builders that she can justly be rated a 17-knot vessel, although her contract speed only calls for 16 knots.

The Treaty Killed.

A special from Tahlequah, I. T., says: The Cherokee council on the 23d by a vote of 16 to 22 declined to extend the time for congress to ratify the late Cherokee agreement. This kills the treaty for all time to come and leaves the Cherokees at the mercy of the Curtis bill in all its details. An attempt will be made to create a new treaty commission, but no hope is entertained that such a measure will be successful.

THE NEWS CONDENSED

All hope of saving the Charleston is now lost, as she has disappeared from sight.

Sir Francis Wingate, in the battle with the Khalifa's force, near Gedid, captured 9,000 men, women and children. Osman Digna, the principal general of the Khalifa, is still at large.

The horribly mutilated bodies of a woman and three children were found at their home on a farm near Williamsport, Pa., on the 23d. From all appearances the murderer must have used a club in his fiendish crime.

The Pollak-Virag rapid automatic telegraph invention was given a thorough trial on the 23d. The trial was made from Chicago to Buffalo and back over a loop, a distance of 1,500 miles. At one time the rate of words sent was 155,000 per hour. The demonstrations were accepted, meeting every expectation.

Gov. Brady, of Alaska, in his annual report, pleads for statehood, government establishment and operation of cable and telegraph lines and persistent branding of fur seals and cessation of killing them for at least 10 years. An appropriation of $10,000 is asked for a public library and suitable public building at Sitka.

Regarding the battle of the 23d a later dispatch says 81 Boers killed are accounted for. Sixty-four wagons were burned. A large quantity of powder, 50,000 rounds of ammunition and 500 shells were blown up. The British loss was 21 killed, 88 wounded and five unaccounted for. Lieut. Fryer was also killed and Col. Crabbe and six other officers wounded.

Word has been received of a terrible engagement between the Boers and British which took place near Graspan, about 10 miles north of Belmont, on the 25th. It is known that 31 Boers were killed and 45 wounded.

In accordance with a cable order to report in Washington at the first opportunity, Gen. Wood, military governor of the province of Santiago de Cuba, accompanied by Lieut. Brooks, started for New York on the 24th by the transport McPherson. He says he does not know why he has been summoned, but suggests as probable a conference based upon his recent suggestion that the American troops should be withdrawn and replaced by Cuban troops, officered by Americans.

It is reported that 10,000 troops will soon leave Odessa to reinforce Russian garrisons in the far east.

WAR NOTES.

In summarizing the situation in Luzon on the 24th, Gen. Otis says: Claim to government by insurgents can be made no longer under any fiction; its treasurer, secretary of interior and president of congress in our hands; its president and remaining cabinet officers in hiding, evidently in different central Luzon provinces; its generals and troops in small bands are scattered through these provinces acting as banditti or dispersed, playing the role of "amigos" with arms concealed. Indications are that Aguinaldo did not escape through the lines of Lawton or Wheaton, but fled westward from Bayombong railway station. Telegraphic communication to Dagupan established, probably to San Fabian. By relaying nine miles of track with material at hand, railway communication to that point can be established. Labor of troops must attend maintenance.

Bautista, president of the Filipino congress, presented himself to Gen. MacArthur on the 24th and formally renounced all further connection with the insurrection. Only one other of the influential Filipinos who hesitated at the beginning of the war as to which side to cast his lot. He was offered a judgeship of the supreme court, but declined. He now announces that he desires to accept the position and says that the Filipino congress and cabinet are scattered, never to reassemble. Some of the members, he adds, have returned to their homes while others are flying for safety. Many of the congressmen have resigned and he believes the Filipino soldiers will lay down their arms everywhere as soon as they learn the truth.

Three hundred Spanish prisoners who escaped from their captors before the Americans arrived, including civil officials of rank, who had been in the hands of the Filipinos for more than a year and many officers, have arrived at Manila during the past week. Franciscan friars brought two of them from Gen. Wheaton. They were a motley clothed and bearded company. Some were ill and had to be carried from Tayug to San Fabian in army wagons. A delegation of these former prisoners visited Gen. Otis in order to thank him for his hospitality which included the furnishing of food and clothes. Senor Jamarillo, the Spanish commissioner, is making arrangements to send them to Spain on board of a Spanish transport.

The following dispatch from Gen. Otis was received at the war department on the 27th: A steamer from San Fabian on the 26th brought 115 Spanish prisoners, $75,000 in insurgent government money and other property captured by Gen. Lawton's troops near Tayug on the 25th. Gen. Wheaton's troops, Fowler's company of the 33d, drove the enemy westward from Mangatarem, a few miles southwest of Dagupan, and captured five 3-inch muzzle loading guns, 12 rifles, 12,000 rounds of Maxim cartridges, 1,000 shrapnel, 800 pounds of powder and other property, also 94 Spanish and seven American prisoners. Col. Bell, with the 36th infantry, is in pursuit, and will march down the western Luzon coast.

Officers and soldiers arriving at Cabanatuan from Gen Lawton's force describe the campaign as one of great hardships. Many men dropping out sick were left in the mountains without adequate supplies and attendance, some of them making their way back across the terrible roads. A number of the soldiers and horses have died, and even some of the officers are marching on, half naked, their clothes having been torn to pieces in getting through the jungles. Some of them are reduced almost to breech-clouts, and hundreds are barefooted, their shoes being worn out, and all are living on any sort of provisions. Bread is rare and carabao meat and bananas are the chief staples.

A Spanish corporal captured by the Filipinos has arrived at Manila from Parlac. He says that Aguinaldo, accompanied by a prominent leader and 15 men, arrived at Bayambang (Dayamban) during the night of Nov. 13, hatless, his clothes torn and spattered with mud, and his horse exhausted. Aguinaldo, it appears, rested a short time, seemed anxious, consulted with his companions and the villagers as to the nature of the roads, secured fresh horses and proceeded immediately toward Mangatarem, in Pangasinan province, west of Bayambang.

The last Filipino council of war was held by the retreating leaders at Bayembong on Nov. 13, in the house now occupied by Gen. MacArthur. It was attended by Aguinaldo, Pio del Pilar, Garcia, Alejandrino and some members of the so-called cabinet. Information has reached Gen. MacArthur from several sources to the effect that the council recognized the futility of attempting further resistance to the Americans with united forces, and decided that the Filipino troops should scatter and hereafter follow guerrilla methods.

The navy department has about concluded arrangements for bringing to this country the bodies of the 166 sailors of the Maine now interred in Colon cemetery, Havana. It is proposed to assign a warship to this duty between December and February next. The bodies will be brought to Washington and interred in the Arlington national cemetery with suitable honors.

Severe fighting in the north of Luzon began on the 21st. Four Americans were killed and 25 were wounded, including three officers. The insurgents are retreating to Santa Barbara but the fighting continues. Insurgents from the north of Luzon are concentrating at Montalban and San Mateo, where it is expected they will make resistance.

The latest news from Gen. Young is that there are 10 cavalrymen and 200 Macabees with him, most of the horsemen who started having been compelled to drop out because their horses failed them.

The wreckers working on the sunken Spanish armored cruiser, Almirante Oquendo, on the 23d discovered a chest containing $19,000 in Spanish gold, which the embassy and the firm employing the divers will retain. The estimated amount the wrecking companies have thus far found aboard Spanish wrecks is $500,000.

A solid silver loving cup was recently at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, on the 22d, for Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley. It came from the citizens of St. Louis, and was sent out to the admiral's flagship, the Chicago, which is lying off the government anchorage.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Mr. Macrum, the United states consul at Pretoria, has been instructed by cable to impress upon President Kruger that in the view of the U. S. government the usages of all civilized nations sanction the ministration of a neutral representative in the interests of the citizens and the captives of one of the parties to a war, and he must further insist upon performing the sacred duties imposed by all considerations of humanity. This is practically an announcement of the insistence of our government upon the execution of the trust it assumed to look after the interests of British citizens in the South African republics.

Enlistments for the Boer army, it was learned on the 27th, are making some progress in New York, though more men are volunteering in Philadelphia and other places. The regrets are given chiefly among the Irishmen, although Germans and many other nationalities are also volunteering to fight under the Boer flag. Some dozens of young Irishmen have already left New York for the Transvaal, but the largest recruiting is done in Chicago and other western cities. San Francisco sending her quota.

British Ambassador Paunceefote has informed the secretary of state that he has been directed by Premier Salisbury to say that a state of war has existed since Oct. 11 between Britain, the South African republic and the Orange Free State. The notice will probably not materially affect the United States, except to enable the government to deal rigorously with any persons who attempt to recruit in the United States for either of the parties to the war, Boer or British.

Callers at the United States embassy in London on the 21st were informed that the United States was no longer able to forward messages or secure information regarding the British prisoners. President Kruger having refused the request to permit Consul Macrum to transmit a list of British prisoners. Though Mr. Macrum is nominally still remains the nominal agent of Great Britain, he is practically deprived of all powers pertaining to the position.

A severe battle was fought at Belmont on the 23d, Gen. Methuen, of the British army, claims a complete victory. The British losses were 58 killed, 158 wounded and 10 missing. The Boer casualties are known to have been heavy and 40 were made prisoners. It is also reported that the Dutch in the Broken Nail district continue to rise, and a body of armed Dutch have already joined the Burghers in the field.

The British transport Kildonan Castle, said to be the largest transport in the world, which left Southampton, Nov. 4, with 3,000 men, their kits, weapons, machine guns, ammunition, balloons, pontoons, wagons, etc., arrived at Cape Town on the 22d. About 35,000 of Gen. Buller's army corps have now arrived.

Gen Snyman, who is outside of Mafeking, reports heavy fighting on the afternoon of the 20th. The British briskly fired on the French ambulance Boer forts. The Boers replied, bombarding the British forts with good effect. The loss of the British is unknown. One Boer was wounded.

United States Consul-General Stowe has received information that the British prisoners in Pretoria are well fed and that there is no truth in the statement that they are suffering from scurvy.

The official returns of the Transvaal casualties since the outbreak of the war show that 90 men have been killed and 200 wounded, of whom a number have recovered and returned to the front.

The Boers have cut the telegraph wires between Durban and Estcourt, making it impossible to get direct communication.

An official message from Gen. White at Ladysmith, dated Nov. 22, says the situation is unchanged and that the troops are well and cheerful.

From another source it is learned that in the battle at Belmont the Boer losses was 500 killed and 150 wounded.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades	$5.25@5.75	$4.00	$5.20	$4.65
Lower grades	2.25@4.90	2.00	4.25	4.25
Chicago—				
Best grades	5.30@7.00	4.40	5.25	4.00
Lower grades	4.30@4.75	3.60	4.00	3.72
Detroit—				
Best grades	3.75@4.00	3.50	4.60	3.96
Lower grades	2.50@3.75	2.50	4.25	3.73
Buffalo—				
Best grades	3.75@4.50	4.00	5.00	4.10
Lower grades	2.75@3.60	3.80	4.80	3.50
Cincinnati—				
Best grades	3.20@3.65	3.75	4.25	3.95
Lower grades	2.60@4.50	3.00	4.10	3.60
Pittsburg—				
Best grades	3.70@4.00	4.25	5.00	4.65
Lower grades	4.25@4.90	3.75	4.75	4.00

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2	Oats, No. 2 white
New York	72@72½	50-1@50½	29@29½
Chicago	70@70½	40@40½	23@23½
*Detroit	68@68½	42½@42¾	27½@27¾
Toledo	68@68½	42@42½	26½@27
Cincinnati	70@70	43½@43¾	29@29¼
Pittsburg	70@70¼	44@44½	29½@29¾
Buffalo	69@69¼	48½@48¾	28½@28¾

Rye, No. 1 Toledo, $1.00@1.02. Hay, Potatoes, 55c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 9c per lb; fowls, 6c; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 7c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 18c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 20c per lb; creamery, 26.

Maj. Spence, with 50 men of the 32d regiment, surrounded a village near Bautiston during the night and attacked at daybreak, killing and capturing a Filipino captain and 15 men, with seven rifles.

Senor Buencamino, a former member of the so-called cabinet of Aguinaldo, was recently taken to Gen. Otis a prisoner on board the transport Rubi. He had sought refuge in a village near San Fabian with Aguinaldo's mother and son. The natives disclosed his identity to Maj. Cronin, who captured him.

The military authorities have given permission to the Canadian contingent, on its arrival at Cape Town to march through the city, which will be beautifully decorated and the day will be observed as a holiday.

Secretary of the Navy Long on the 26th received a cablegram from Admiral Watson, dated Cavite, informing him that the entire province of Zamboanga, Island of Mindanao, had surrendered unconditionally to Commander Very of the Castine. The surrender was made on the 18th, and the delivery of all guns is promised.

METAMORPHOSIS OF ITALIANS

Contrast of Newly Arrived Immigrants and Their Americanized Relatives.

There was a meeting outside the barge office. A batch of immigrants had come in, and Giulia and her man were in waiting to receive some newly arrived relatives. Giulia was brave in her finest and most gorgeous raiment, combining a reckless love of bright colors with an ardent desire to look American. Her hat was a marvel of Third avenue millinery. Her bright dress was after the most approved autumn model, always, of course, from the Third avenue standpoint, and the pendant earrings, great yellow brooch, and jingling bracelets were dazzling to behold. To crown all, and as an irresistible finish, she has squeezed her plump hands into a pair of yellow kid gloves, momentarily threatening to burst. Pietro's scarlet necktie, generous expanse of shirt front, low-cut mottled waistcoat, and highly gilded watch chain limited his powers of self-adornment, but his little wife cheerfully made up for all he lacked. Shrill cries of "Ecco! Ecco!" turned the dull eyes of three persons in their direction, and, extricating themselves from the excited crowd, they withdrew to contemplate each other at their leisure. The contrast was painful on one side, pathetically ludicrous on the other. Francisco and his sisters gazed blankly at their changed and resplendent relations. The man had arrived in a black broadcloth, homespun, a gray flannel shirt with a red cotton handkerchief knotted at the throat, and was a picturesque specimen of Tuscan manhood. The women wore three-headed, covert glances had been exchanged over Giulia's starting headgear. They wore huge, roughly cobbled boots, and short petticoats displaying striped, blue and yellow stockings, and knit worsted shawls of variegated colors were tightly drawn about the shoulders and fastened at the opened throat with monstrous coral brooches, the crowning glory of their attire. But Giulia! Truly she was a queen in comparison! Never mind! Americanisms are quickly acquired, and if the brother is lucky six months may see their metamorphosis.—New York Sun.

BOER COURTSHIP.

Needle Mark on the Candle Limits the Women's Stay.

Philadelphia Record: "While here," said the traveler in the Transvaal, "I saw how the Boers come courting. The girl was the daughter of my employer. The young man dashed up to the house on horseback, wearing new clothes, with an ostrich feather in his hat. He made his fine horse prance and caper before the house ere he dismounted. Then he gave the lines to one of the Hottentots standing near and walked up and down in front of the windows of the house, well knowing that the eyes of his sweetheart were peeping through the blinds at him. Then he strutted up to the house and first shook hands with 'Tante,' the mother, and said 'Guten tag' (good day). The same he did with 'Oom,' the father, and then at last spoke to the girl and her sisters and brothers. Tante ordered Kaffir (with a seat), and then there was complete silence, which lasted until the bowl of coffee was brought in. Then each in turn spoke a few words. Oom said how everything was at the 'huis' (home), and then we heard all about the health of each one in the family, how the cattle and the crops were doing, etc. All this time we were drinking coffee. At last the suitor rose and presented his chosen bride the 'Lachen goot' (confectionery), which she, blushing and laughing, accepted. This was the critical moment, for if she had refused the gift that would have ended the courtship. Now there was a prayer said, until at last the man left the room, for it was the right of the suitor to remain in the front room alone with her of his choice. But so that he should not stay too long, 'Tante,' according to custom, stepped up to the wall and made a mark on it with a needle, saying that the visit might last until the candle burnt thus far. This was a command that the most lovesick swain dare not disregard."

The Pendulum.

By a curious coincidence I had read Poe's story of "The Pit and the Pendulum" that morning out under a tree in Sussex, says Kenneth Herford in the Detroit Free Press. "Get your hat," said my host, after luncheon, "and we'll drive over Rye." In that quaint little old-world town, one of the cinque ports of England, you remember, there stands a moss and ivy covered church, tucked away between the houses, and surrounded by the yard filled with tipping, tilting tombstones, from whose faces time has erased the written words. It was inside this church I saw the pendulum. I had never thought Poe's affair could have been genuine, but the Rye church pendulum is its counterpart. The clock to which it is attached hangs against a beam away up in the arch. The face is no larger than the bottom of a pail, but the arm of the pendulum stretches down to within two feet of the people's heads. It must be twenty-eight feet in length. As it swings it marks an arc of the width of the nave by one great swoop, like that of a huge bird. The ticks of the clock are forty seconds apart and long enough to break up a political meeting. Tourists are constantly visiting the old church just to see the pendulum, and the caretaker told me that not one out of ten of them but had been drawn there to confirm the story of Poe's pendulum.

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