Briefly and Tersely Told. The hospital ship Relief has arrived

Prairie fires are doing much damage in Nebraska.

Governor Roosevelt has returned to Albany from Michigan.

Thirty cases of smallpox have been reported in Windber, Pa.

Assistant Postmaster General Reath has arrived in Porto Rico.

In North Dakota freshets have done damage estimated at \$100,000.

Eli Thayer, originator of the Kancas grusade, died in Worcester, Mans.

The Boston museum has been damaged by fire to the extent of \$75,000. The north Atlantic squadron has sail-

ed from Port of Spain for Barbados. The United States furnished Argentine Republic 2,500 bicycles last year.

The Fire Chiefs' National association has decided to meet May 1 in Syracuse. Rufus King, a prominent Chicago lawyer, died of congestion of the brain. Four mills are closed in the Pawtuxet (R. L) valley, and 2,000 weavers are on

The Arkansas legislature has passed a bill for a new state capitol to cost

Rear Admiral Schley has been appointed a member of the naval examining board.

The postoffice at North Enid, O. T., was looted by thieves and the postmaster murdered. Mayor Van Wyck of New York an-

nounced that he has signed the Amsterdam avenue bill. Elder John A. Hock, a widely known Advent preacher and missionary, died

at Concord, N. H. The Illinois senate has appointed a committee to investigate the municipal

affairs of Chicago. The cruiser Raleigh, now at New York, will be at Philadelphia from April 27 to May 1 inclusive.

In New York city a house was set on fire by the sun's rays focused through an electric light bulb.

Hans Balatka, the famous western musician and orchestra leader, died in

Chicago of heart failure. The Bridgeton (N. J.) Glass works has signed the union agreement. It will start up immediately.

The transport Ohio has arrived at San Francisco from Manila. She brought two dead soldiers.

Mrs. Margaret Kelley has bequeathed \$2,000,000 to St. Patrick's cathedral in New York city for a chapel.

The Right Rev. John Ambrose Watterson, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Columbus, O., is dead.

Boston is undergoing a smallpox scare, and fears are entertained that the disease will become epidemic. The Jefferson day banquet of the

Monticello club of Chicago has been abandoned because of Democratic dis-A gift of \$6,000 to Barnard college has

just been made by Emily H. Bourne for the establishment of two scholarships of \$150 each. An express train plunged into a torcaused by the overflow of two

streams at Sheridan, Wy. Six passengers were drowned. Five thousand Indians, dissatisfied

with conditions existing in the reservations in the Indian Territory, have left in a body for Mexico. The Greater Chicago project, having

in view the consolidation of the municipal and county government in that district, has been defeated. The secretary of state has directed

return to their posts in Spain of the United States consuls who were obliged to leave on account of the war.

The auxiliary gunboat Vixen has been ordered to proceed to Manila in response to Admiral Dewey's request for light draft ships to police the Philippine archipelago. The large summer residence of Rob-

ert S. Bradley of Boston near Beverly. Mass., has been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. fully covered by insurance. J. H. Hanan's steam yacht Sagamore has arrived in New York harbor from a

cruise in the West Indies with the rescued crew of the brigantine Caspian. abandoned at sea. Governor Roosevelt of New York has

decided to appoint three new managers for the state reformatory in Elmira, and the power of Superintendent Brockway is to be broken Brigadier General Guy V. Henry,

commanding the department of Porto Rico, has asked to be relieved of his present duty on account of ill health. It is probable that General Henry's request will be complied with.

A private cablegram from London says W. S. Stratton has sold his famous Cripple Creek gold mine, the Independence, to the Venture company of London. The price is not stated, but it is believed to be not less than \$2,000,-

Eastman Cotter of Philadelphia, convicted of conspiring to aid and abet William N. Boggs in the latter's theft of \$107,000 from the First National bank of Dover, Del., of which Boggs was paying teller, has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$5,000 and be imprisoned for 18

A Santiago dispatch reports the disgovery of the body of William O'Neil of Prescott, A. T. This relates to the famous Buckey O'Neil of the Rough Riders, who fell in the assault on San Juan hill. He was sheriff of Prescott and resigned his office to join Colonel Roosevelt's regiment,

The United States torpedo boat Somers is on board the steamer Manhattan, which left London for New York on April 16. The Manhattan picked up the little craft at Plymouth, where the torpedo boat was towed after breaking down in her recent trip from Falmouth. The boilers and fittings had previously been removed.

The war department has decided to make a material reduction in the milltary strength in Porto Rico. There are now about 5,000 regular troops on the island, and it is believed that not more than 3,000 are needed. It is more than likely that the Eleventh infantry and or more batteries of the Seventh artillery will be relieved from further duty in Porto Rico.

The unidentified dead of the Windsor hotel fire have been interred in Kensico cemetery, at White Plains, N. Y. Rev. Parker Morgan, D. D., of the Church of the Heavenly Redeemer, this city, conducted the services according to

Episcopal observances. There were in all 16 complete bodies and the bones of

eight other bodies. Governor Roosevelt has indicated his position on the New York city police bills by signing the first of these meas-The bill signed is that of Senator Raines, which authorizes the governor to direct the attorney general to prosecute viola ons of the election franchise in New York city by designating one of his deputies to act as special counsel to the superintendent of elections in the metropolitan district.

The cruiser Chicago has sailed on her first important voyage in four years. A cruise of 22,000 miles is to be total The Chicago will go first to the Aran then to Gibraltar, where a stop of ; days will be made, and then throu the Mediterranean and the Suez of and down the eastern coast of Antito Johannesburg and Cape Town. stop will be made at St. Helena, It expected that the Chicago will return to the United States next October.

Idle Hour, the country seat of William K. Vanderbilt at Oakdale, N. Y., where Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., have been spending their honeymoon, has been burned to the It is believed that the fire was started by an incendiary, whose motive was robbery. The fire spread with great rapidity and seemed to have been set in several places at the same time. Mr. Vanderbilt and his bride escaped, clad only in their night clothing.

Thirty union miners at Pana have entered pleas of guilty to holding up a Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern train bearing 100 negroes from Washington, Ind., to Pana on Sept. 29 last and have been fined \$20 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail each. The jall sentence was remitted on promise of good behavior. The union paid the fines, \$1,000 in all, and the men were released. The cases of 100 more miners indicted for the same offense were continued until June.

Secretary Alger has issued orders for reorganizing the army departments in Cuba. The number of departments is reduced from seven to five, the two eliminated being the department of Pinar del Rio, commanded by Brigadier General Hasbrouck, and the department of Matanzas, commanded by Brigadier General Bates. The department of Pinar del Rio is consolidated with the department of the province of Havana, and Brigadier General Lee, now commanding the latter department, is assigned to the command of the two combined departments. The department of Matanzas is consolidated with the de-partment of Santa Clara, and Brigadier General Wilson, now in command of the last named department, is assigned to the command of the new department.

FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

Violent earthquakes have occurred in Greece.

Hon. James Service, ex-premier ictoria, Australia, is dead.

Marble equal to that of Carrara has been found in German South Africa. A fire destroyed 150 houses at La

Pointe-a-Pitre, island of Guadaloupe. Hyde Park court, Albert Gate, London, has been partially destroyed by

Twenty-one fishermen were drowned during the recent gale on the French coast.

Four thousand candidates are contesting for 400 places in the Spanish

Lieutenant General Correa, chief of the Spanish queen regent's military household, is dead. The Spanish tribunal of honor has ex-

pelled from the army Colonel Zamora. who participated in the Cuban campaign. Many Finlanders are coming to the United States to avoid the recent decree of Emperor Nicholas regarding Finland,

which provides for an increase of the Russian military and naval forces and the extension of construction. The steamer Laurada, which became famous as a Cuban filibuster during the war, has been ordered seized and confiscated should she ever enter Canadian

ports. Her offense is dumping stow-

aways and paupers at Bella Bella. During the debate in the German reichstag on the meat inspection bill Dr. Wielhaben and Herr Roesicke made an attack on American importations. The former accused the Radicals of placing their services at the disposal of American contractors. For this remark Dr. Wielhaben was called to order by presiding officer. He also asserted that the Americans went to enormous lengths in adulterating food. Herr Roesicke declared that the most inferior and most questionable meat is used by the Americans for canning purposes. The bill was referred to a committee.

General Rios, the principal Spanish commander in the Philippines, has telegraphed to Madrid that Major General Otis has granted him a safe conduct for his chief of staff and another officer, whom he is sending to Aguinaldo with a letter demanding the lib eration of the Spanish prisoners in the name of humanity and international law. In the event of a refusal the commissioners will ask Aguinaldo for a definite decision in order that they may acquaint the civilized world with his attitude. General Rios has empowered them to offer to surrender to Aguinaldo 1,600 Filipino prisoners, who have been placed at the Spanish commander's disposal by General Otis.

General Markets.

New York, April 18. FLOUR—State and western firmly held at a slight advance; winter patents, \$3.75a4; winter straights, \$3.55a3.65; Minnesota patents, \$3.50a

RYE-Steady; state, 6la62c.; western, 66c., o. b., affoat, CORN-No. 2 opened firm with wheat and

ruled dull all the morning; July, 40 9-16c.

OATS-No. 2 inactive and steady; track, white, state, 25a39c.; track, white, western, 35a PORK-Quiet; mess, \$8,75a9.50; family, \$10.50 LARD-Quiet: prime western steam, \$5.50

BUTTER-Steady; state dairy, 14a18c.; state reamery, 15 gaile. CHEESE—Firm; large, white, 12a124c.;

CHEESE-Firm: large, white, 12a134c.; small, white, 124a13c.; EGGS — Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 144c.; western, 144a144c.

SUGAR-Raw irm: fair refining, 44c.; centrifugal, 38 test, 4 9-1dc.; refined firm; crushed, 54c.; powdered, 54c.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 484a4c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 32a37c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, 44a7c.; Japan, 5a 54c.

TALLOW-Easy; city, 44c.; country, 496

THE RALEIGH AT HOME.

Enthusiastic Crowds Greet Cruiser In a Pouring Rain.

The celebration attending the return of the Raleigh from Manila occurred Sunday afternoon. The Raleigh, accompanied by two small war vessels captured from the Spaniards last summer and a fleet of about 25 excursion steamers and tugboats, paraded from Tompkinsville to Grant's tomb and from there back to anchorage in the North river off Thirty fourth street. It would have been dimcuit to have selected more inclement or disagreeable weather than that which prevailed all the time that the Raleigh was passing in review before the thousands of enthusiastic people who line l the river banks and gave her their hearty welcome home.

The Raleigh lay at anchor off Tomp kinsville all Sunday morning, and no special excitement attended her pres ence there until about 10 o'clock, when several excursion steamers arrived from the city, ran alongside of her and

About 11 o'clock the steamer Glen Island arrived, carrying the citizens' reception committee, headed by Mayor Van Wyck, and a nurfeer of invited guests. A delegation from the commit-tee boarded one of the police boats and went to the Raleigh on her. All hands on the cruiser were called to quarters, and Mayor Van Wyck and the other committeemen were received with nava formality, Captain Coghlan stood at the gangway and received the visitors and escorted them immediately to his cabin. The ceremonies there were very brief consuming not more than five minutes. The mayor welcomed the Raleigh to New York, extended the freedom of the city to the officers and men, apologized for the disagreeable weather and assured Captain Coghlan of a hearty welcome, telling him that the citizens of New York hoped soon under more favorable climatic conditions to give a great demonstration in honor of the return of all of Admiral Dewey's fleet. Captain Coghlan replied briefly, thanking the mayor for the expression of New York's hospitality and declaring the satisfaction of himself and the other officers and the crew of the Raleigh in having been able to serve their country in Manila and their happiness in the re-

turn to their native land. Preparations were made then to get under way for the parade. The Glen Island led the procession of vessels, and the Raleigh followed just astern of her. The Alverado and Sandoval took position off either bow of the cruiser, and police boats, tugs and excursion boats followed in a double column. From the time the Raleigh left the Battery until she reached Grant's tomb her whistle and fog siren were blowing almost constantly in response to salutes from vessels lying at their docks or moving up and down the river. Captain Coghlan was on the bridge nearly all the way up the river, with the executive and navi-gating officers. All were bundled up in rain coats and received the full force of the storm in their faces. The captain was obliged to bare his head to the rain a great part of the time in waving his cap in response to salutes and cheers of passing vessels. Officers and men alike expressed the greatest surprise at the demonstration and wondered what they had done to warrant all the enthusiasm

which was being displayed. Just before arriving off Grant's tomb the cruiser slowed down preparatory to turning, and while the cheering and whistle blowing and other noises were at their height two 6 pounders on the Raleigh commenced their salute of 21 The last shot had hardly died away when the Alvarado and Sandoval a battery on shore joined in the tribute to the dead president.

THE MAZET INQUIRY.

Richard Croker the Star Witness at Three Sessions.

Richard Croker was before the Mazet investigating committee on Friday, Saturday and Monday. The Tammany leader has broken his long silence and has talked with much freedom of his relations to the municipal government of New York. He admitted at Friday's session that he was practically ruler of the city and that he was not in politics for his health. He said that judges elected by Tammany were expected to turn over judicial sales and references to Tammany men and that his firm got most of the sales. Mr. Croker vehemently denied, however, that he had ever made any money out of the city in an illegitimate manner. At the Saturday and Monday sessions Mr. Croker was less communicative and refused to answer many of Mr. Moss' questions on the ground that they referred to his private affairs. He will be put on the

stand again next Monday. Judges Daly and Pryor have been on the stand to testify of the large contributions made to Tammany's campaign fund by judicial candidates John F. Carroll was an important wit-

ness, but he refused to answer most of Mr. Moss' questions. Strong testimony has been introduced to show the existence of corruption in

the police department.

The commission adjourned Monday to meet again Friday. Assemblyman Hoffman offered a resolution to have certain prominent men summoned before the committee, be cause of a rumor that a certain law firm, "by and with the assistance of other persons, by corrupt methods secured the passage through the assem-bly" of the Astoria gas franchise, whose real purpose "was to enable the Consolidated Gas company to force a consolidation of all the gas interests in the city, to the end that the supply of gas might be controlled and the price regulated by the so called consolidation." Mr. Hoffman wanted to subpoena the law firm of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, Elihu Root, the incorporators of the Astoria Heat, Light and Power company, Thomas C. Platt, Benjamin B. Odell, Lemuel Ely Quigg and John D. Crimmins. The resolution was defeated, however, five Republicans opposing it

and two Democrats standing by it. Wireless Telegraphy at Sea.

The P. & O. and other steamship lines have questioned Signor Marconi concerning the feasibility of adapting his system of wireless telegraphy to vessels. Signor Marconi replied that excellent results followed his experiments on French warships, the vessels being able to signal each other for a distance of 80 miles. Signor Marconi is contriving an apparatus by means of #AY—Steady; shipping, 45a55e.; good to from a railway train running at full sholes 65a75c. which messages may be dispatched

Decision in a License Case

The supreme court of Pennsylvania has affirmed the decision of the court of McKean county in the case of the Rick Donovan license of Kane. The features of the case are substantially as follows: The Kane estate sold a piece of property in Kane inserting in the deed a restrictive clause forever forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquors on the premises. Rick Donovan leased the property of the present owner and opened a liquor store on the premises. Suit was brought to annul Donovan's license under the restrictive clause. The McKean county court decided in Donovan's favor, holding that the restrictive clause was void. An appeal was taken and now the supreme court sustains the lower court. This decision, it would seem, invalidates the restrictive clauses in all the Kane deeds containing them.

Regulating Pullman Car Rates.

A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature regulating the fare to be charged by corporations operating sleeping cars, palace cars or dining cars, as follows: For a seat in a palace or a chair car, not more than 25 cents for the first 125 miles, and an additional charge of 25 cents for distances in excess thereof up to 350 mues, and an additional charge of 25 cents for each addditional 100 miles thereafter; for each birth in a sleeping car, 50 cents for a distance of 350 miles, and 50 cents for each seat in a sleeping car, 25 cents for the first 150 miles, and 25 cents additional for the next 200 miles, and 25 cents additional for the third 25c miles.

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A bill has been introduced in the state senate by Mr. Mitchell making further regulations for life insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth. It provides that insurance companies issuing policies on the life of any citizen without a certificate or a previous examination by a duly registered physician must pay the policy within thirty days after proof of death. Such insurance companies shall make a monthly return to the insurance commissioner, showing in detail all such insurance in force, and opened with their national salute, and companies which fail to comply with this act are debarred from doing business in this state.

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