MAINE AT HAVANA.

Every Naval Courtesy Extend. ed to the Battleship.

PAPERS SARCASTIC

They Regard the Visit As Likely To Encourage the Insurgents-A Report Current In Havana Of a Slight Misnnderstanding Between General Lee and Dr. Congosto.

The United States battleship Maine, com manded by Charles D. Sigsbee, which left Key West, Fla., on January 24, arrived in Havana at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and was saluted by the forts and war vessels.

A naval lieutenant of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII, the Spanish flagship, visited the Maine early in the afternoon, as did also an officer of the German crusier Guneisnau, the schoolship. Both visits were returned by Captain Sigsbee, who at 6 o'clock called upon Rear-Admiral Vincente Manterola at the admiralty office, and upon Vice-Admiral Pastor, after which he had a prolonged conference with Counsul-General

The Maine came to Havana to receive or ders from Consul-General Lee and will probably remain for some time. Captain Sigsbee has expressed himself as much gratified by the reception tendered him and the courtesy and cordiality shown. The Maine bears a peaceful mission. The American Newspaper correspondents will give a banquet to Captain Sigsbee, Consul-General Lee

and a number of Spanish officers. A report is current that the United States counsul-general, Fitzhugh Lee, and Dr. Congosto, secretary-general of the government, have had a slight misunderstand-

After forwarding the bulletin referring to the report in circulation of a slight misunderstanding between Gen, Fitzhugh Lee and Dr. Congosto, the correspondent of the Associated Press called upon the United States consul-general and was informed that nothing unpleasant had happened at the interview between himself and Dr. Congosto. when, rumor had it, the misunderstanding

took place. Shortly after the arrival of the Maine Lieut. Albert Medrano, representing the captain of the port, Vice-Admiral Jose Pastor, visited the United States battleship and extended the customary courtesies. The arrival of the warship caused much surprise and excited considerable curiosity.

At night all the wharves were crowded with people anxious to get a glimpse of the American warship by night. The Maine played her searchlight on the arsenal and fortifications.

RECEIVED EVERY COURTESY.

Consul-General Lee's Report To the State Department.

A telegram was received from Consul-General Lee by the Washington State Department and was taken by Assistant Secretary Day to the White House for the information of the President. General Lee said that the Maine had been received with every courtesy. The commanders of the German and Spanish ships of war in the harbor had cailed upon the commander of the Maine, who had returned their calls; the Spanish forts had fired salutes, and all the ceremonies demanded by naval etiquette had been observed. In addition the Consul-General stated that everything was tranquil in Havana. .

SHIP ORDERED HERE,

Spain Returns the Compliment of the United States.

After a meeting of the Madrid Cabinet Wednesday orders were sent to Admiral Chacon to have the battle-ship Nizcaya, one of the largest vessels of the navy, made ready at once for sea.

She can be coaled in about 24 hours, and then she will be ordered to visit American

Just what officials will be assigned to her has not been decided upon as vet.

Senor Sagasta, the Premier, read to the Queen Regent what is described as a very "satisfactory dispatch" from Washington. It is probable that Sener Moret, Minister for the Colonies, will announce at the next part of the stolen goods was recovered. Cabinet council a project of political and administrative reforms for the Philippines.

Admiral Bermejo, Minister of Marine, has authorized the officers of the Spanish squadron at Havana to attend the naval banquet to be given by United States Consul-General Lee.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The late Charles A. Dana was a connoisseur in Oriental pottery and porcelains, and at the time of his death owned the largest and most valuable collection in America. with but one exception, the Walters collection in Baltimore.

It is not generally known that Ex-Senator Tabor, who has just been appointed Postmaster of Denver, sold to the Government for \$1 the land on which the Denver Postoffice stands.

Ex-Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson isto be the orator at the unveiling of the monument to the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, in Charlotte,

N. C., May 20. Miss Phoebe C. Edgar, of Rahway, N. J. has been a teacher for 60 years in the Sunday-school of the Second Presbyterian Church of that place. Recently the officers and teachers commemorated the event, and presented her with a set of engrossed resolutions reciting the good work she has per-formed, and expressing the universal esteem in which she is held by the community.

Henry Charles Fischer is about to resign the controllership of the Central Telegraph office, in London, which he has occupied ever since the telegraphs were taken over by the State. He is a German by birth, but has

lived in London for 40 years. Augusta Evans Wilson's work as an authoress ceased with the death of her husband, and the author of "Buelah," "St. Elmo" and "Vashti" says she will never resume

Queen Victoria has created 284 new peerages during her reign. Of these Lord Melbourne was responsible for 26, Sir Robert Peel for 5, Earl Russell for 21, Lord Palmerston for 22, Lord Derby for 15, Disraeli for 31 Gladstone for 74. Lord Rosebery for 9. and Lord Salisbury, who holds the record, for 8. There is little to choose between Liberal and Conservative administrations in

this matter. Elenore Von Wiegant, who is now living alone in Chicago, is the widow of Prince Von Petraff, and was, before her marriage, one of the greatest operatic singers of

THE NEWS.

Frederick Cook, who, with Captain Hedgdon, was accused of having set fire to the Tontine Hotel, at New Haven, Conn., and who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to seven years in the State prison.

Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl, of Grand Rapids Mich., was elected president of the National Federation of Musical Clubs at its final meeting in Steinway Hall, defeating Mrs. Theodore Sutro, of New York.

The miners in the Northern Colorado coa district, who have been on strike severa weeks, resumed work, and will depend upon the State board of arbitration to settle the question between the miners and mine

The contract for the construction of a jetty at Gray's Harbor, Washington, has been let by the government to Hale & Kern, a contracting company of Portland, Ore. The contract price is \$770,000.

Thomas McCaffery was shot and mortally wounded by Joseph Byrneson, in the former's saloon at Tracy. Cal. Five shots were fired, three taking effect, one in either arm and one below the heart.

The will of the late Jacob G. Neafle, the founder of the Neafle & Levi Ship and Engine Building Company, was admitted to estate is estimated at between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

Henry Starr, leader of the daring gang of train and bank robbers which has been ter rorizing the citizens of the Southwestern States for the past ten years, has been recelved at the Ohio penitentiary to serve eight years for robbery and one for manslaughter.

Eli Blake, postmaster at Tongawa, Okl. was waylaid and beaten to death, presumably by a gang of local toughs. Blake, who was a deacon of the Baptist Church, had been a leader in an attempt to drive the saloons out of Tongawa.

All the people on board the steamer City f Duluth, wrecked off St. Joseph, Mich. were rescued. Mrs. William Tryon, one of the women rescued, is dying from the effects of the exposure, being badly frozen in the passage from the wrecked vessel to the dock.

President McKinley delivered a speech at the banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York, in which he declared that the gold standard must be maintained until an international agreenent has been secured.

The stockholders of the Chestnut Stree National Bank, in Philadelphia, voted in favor of voluntary liquidation.

Alexander Ciaramello, who confessed in Baltimore to the murder of Natale Brogno, was remanded in New York.

An accident occurred on a new tweive story building in course of construction on Broadway, in New York, which will probably result in the death of three men. The njured are George McNamara, John Hamnond and Michael Seaman. Scaman was on a scaffold over an elevator shaft. He suddenly lost his balance and fell down the shaft. On the fourth floor McNamara and Hammond were standing on a slim scaffold Lake Michigan during the storm. already erected over the elevator shaft Seaman carried the scaffold with him, and the three men crashed down to the sub-cellar below.

An ice blockade has again closed St.

The Shipmasters' Association has decided to hold the next annual meeting in Toledo Ohio.

William H. Watson, the student of the New York Trade School, who shot and killed Joseph Miller, a fellow student, was exonerated by a coroner's jury. The jury decided that the shooting was entirely accidental.

At Mount Sterling, Ill., the Bloomfield Hotel burned with almost the entire block adjoining. Albert Pieper was killed by a falling wall. Constable Snodgrass and two other men were injured. Loss, \$100,000.

John Donnelly died in the Cincinnati Hospital from the effects of a blow administered by Ben Green. Donnelly and a friend had refused to pay for sandwiches ordered at several miles. Trees were uprooted and Green's lunch stand. Green knocked Don- roofs of several buildings carried away at nelly down, his head striking the curb stone.

In St. Louis, Mo., Emile Urfer, aged 22, who has been in the employ of the Bolland Jewelry Company for 10 years, and who was one of its most trusted clerks, was arrested charged with stealing jewelry and silverware said to exceed \$10,000 in value. A greater

Helena, Ark., was startled by a severe earthquake shock. Houses were shaken to their foundations.

Mrs. Patrick Crowe, while at an entertain ment in Taylor's Opera House, Trenton, N J., was striken with heart disease and died in a few moments.

Hon. John D. Long. Secretary of the Na vy, was unanimously re-elected president of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society at its annual meeting at Boston.

Daniel R. Hanna, the only son of Senator Mark A. Hanna, was sued for divorce at Cleveland, Ohio, by Mrs. Carrie May Hanna, The decree is asked on the ground of neglect and cruelty. The couple were married in

1887. They have three sons. The annual report of Wells Fargo & Co. of precious metals produced in the States and Territorties west of the Missouri river during 1897 shows in the aggregate: Gold. \$69,830,597; silver, \$37,184;034; copper, \$36.

645,694; lead, \$99,775,144. A. A. Heard, of Buffalo, N. Y., one of twelve heirs who are joint owners of a sugar plantation near Havana, Cuba, has filed with the State Department at Washington a claim of \$91,000 against the Spanish government for property destroyed and loss o

The difficulty existing between the miners and mine operators at Lafayette and Louisville, Col., which has caused a strike to exist for 10 days, has been submitted to the

State Board of Arbitration. John E. Redmond, M. P., who has been lecturing in this country on the "Irish Re-

bellion of '98," sailed for home Wednesday. on the steamer Majestic. A premature explosion of dynamite on the

Duluth and Iron Range extension, north of Two Harbors, Mine., instantly killed Frank Burrows, Foremen Vandergrift and Jacobs and injured several other persons.

Rev. Prof. George L. Robinson, who for about a year and a-half has been professor of Old Testament literature and exegesis at Knox College, Toronto, Ont., has decided to accept a similar post in McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago. The Iowa Supreme Court upholds the anti-

cigarette law in the case brought by Donaid C. McGregor vs. John Cone, Sheriff of Linn county. The sales were not original pack-The miners reiterated their demand for a

ten cents advance and a uniform base of weights, at the Interstate Convention of Soft | or sent \$25, and Lord Stratcheona pre-Coal Miners and Operators, at Chicago.

STORM EASTANDWEST.

Blizzard Raged in Michigan and Wisconsin.

RAILROADS BLOCKED

Telegraph Wires Prostrate, Houses Unroofed, Trees Uprooted and General Havoc in Many States-The Gale Furious Along the Coast-Vesselmen Say it was the Worst Storm in Many Years.

The most severe blizzard which has visited Milwaukee in years continued in its fury until about six o'clock Sunday. Snow to the depth of eighteen inches has fallen, and, with the wind blowing at the rate of fifty miles per hour, great drifts were formed in all parts of the city, making travel almost an impossibility. On several lines of street railway traffic was at a standstill early in the night, and only the most important probate in Philadelphia. The value of the thoroughfares were kept open with the aid of powerful sweepers until an hour before midnight, when these, too, were stalled, so rapidly did the snow drift.

> Railroad trains came in very irregularly. and only passenger trains, each with the aid of several locomotives, attempted to get through, those carrying freight being abandoned. Every telegraph wire in the state was crippled, and news from the outside world was received over the long distance telephone wire.

None of the boats of the different lines entering Milwaukee ventured out. So far as known, no mishaps in the line of navigation are known to have occurred.

Reports from railway officers are to the effect that all lines have been cleared of the big snow drifts and trains of all kinds are running on time.

Detroit, Mich .- A blizzard has been ragng throughout Michigan for more than twenty-four hours past. Saturday night and Sunday morning the heavy gale was accompanied by fine snow. The weather is colder and clearing. Saginaw street cars were completely tied up. Trains were stalled on the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central and on the Flint and Pere Marquette road.

The gale was equally flerce on the east and west sides of the State. At Benton Harbor, considerable damage was done by the blowing down of smokestacks, store fronts, etc., and nearly the entire sheet iron roofing of the courthouse was blown off. The steamer Frank Woods broke from her moorings, and several smaller boats drifted into Lake Michigan and were jammed in the floating ice. The Graham and Morton steamers were ordered to remain in port at the fifth floor superintending the building of Chicago and Milwaukee. At Muskegon, Petoskey, and all other northern points, the storm was violent, but none of the winter steamers are known to have been out on

Cleveland. Ohio.-A flerce gale raged here. It started Saturday night. At Sunday the wind had reached noon a velocity of seventy-one miles an John's (N. F.) harbor. The worst arctic hour, but after that it abated. No damage floes in years are reported from the northern has been done by the storm aside from the owing down of shade trees and the demo

ition of signs. The car ferry Shenango, No. 1, from Port Dover, Ont., for Conneaut, Ohio, was caught in a gale and drifted helplessly for half an hour. She was then run into Erie harbor for shelter. The captain says the barometer was very low during the blow and he feared for a time that the boat would founder. It was the worst gale he ever saw on Lake

Erie. At Mount Vernon, Ohio, the roof was blown from the Raymond building, and the Steeple of the Disciple Church fell, crashing big hole in the roof.

At Bucyrus flat cars were carried from side tracks on to the main line, and blown Coshocton.

FIELD OF LABOR.

America has 302 tinplate mills. Albany negro caterers organized. Iowa Unionists want the poll tax abol-

Cipcinnati hasn't a non-union cigar fac-

New York union housesmiths and bridgenen get \$2.75 a day.

Detroit Single-Tax Club has compiled a list of 70,000 vacant lots. Boston's Merchants' Association demand that fire insurance rates be reduced.

Virginia's Legislature passed a bill to provide seats for women workers in stores. Some Denver people want bill boards abolished. An ordiance has been prepared.

The office of financial secretary of the Window-Glass Workers' Association has been abolished. A bill to prevent the manufacture of all classes of goods in prisons is before the

Ohio Legislature. The constitutionalty of Colorado's law remiring horseshoers to pass an examination will be tested.

All the factories controlled by the cement trust are closed, and the few independent mills are running overtime. Chicago Milk Shippers' Union has fixed

the price of eight-galion cans at 90, 85 and 80 cents, respectively, for the months of February, March and April. Twenty-five delegates to the joint conven-

ion of the Workingmen's Assembly and the Federation of Labor stopped at a non-union hotel at Albany. A jury of farmers acquitted a Utica barber

who worked on Sunday. This shop is the only non-union place in Utica, and the only one that has defled the law. The Typographical Union has entered the Chio Legislature with a proposition to have

all school books manufactured within the State. This is aimed at the Book Trust. Bellaire (O.) Central Union requested the Butchers' Union not to hire a band until one of it members, who took a factory strikers'

lace, is expelled from the band. Washington's State Printer has sued the Seattle Typographical Union for \$10,000 damiges. It circulated a card charging him with making the plant an unfair non-union office, &c.

The Young Men's Business League, of

Chattanooga, declined to adopt the resolu-

tion calling for a constitutional amendment to exempt manufacturers from taxation for a certain time Montreal Knights of Labor held its 15th annual banquet the other night. Several aiderman attended. The May-

M'COMAS SENATOR.

Chosen United States Senator to Succeed

Gorman Amid Enthusiasm. After a seven days' contest and taking ten votes the General Assembly of Maryland, in joint convention, Tuesday elected Judge Louis E. McComas United States Senator to succeed Arthur P. Gorman, whose term expires March 4, 1899. The vote was: McComas, republican, 63; Shaw, republican, 4; Gor-

man, democrat, 47; necessary to a choice, 58. All the plans made by the Republican leaders to win success for the now victoriou candidate were carried out successively in detail, the first step toward their final consummation being the change of the votes which had up to that time been cast for Gen. Thos. J. Shryock, who retired from the field of battle and gave his strength in behalf of the Judge to reach an early conclusion of the fight. Next, those of the Eastern Shore votes which had stood out against the Sixth district man fell into line, and last came the break in the ranks of the "Faithful Eleven," which left only four of them to refuse to 'come into camp," as Senator Randall ex-

pressed it, before the vote was announced. It may be wondered why the Democrats did not effect a combination with the Shaw men before the caucus and thus elect some Republican other than McComas. There were several Democrats who said that they would not vote for any Republican, no matter what were the surrounding circumstances. Consequently, as the entire num ber of Democrats-47-(there being two absentees) and all the "Eleven" were required to give the 58 votes necessary to elect, such a plan could not be carried out. Hence, all the members of the minority party voted solidly for Senator Gorman until the end, and he received the vote of every Democrat

REV. DR. TALMAGE MARRIED. The Bride is Mrs. Elenore McCutcheon

Collier, of Allegheny City, Pa. Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, the noted divine of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Elenore Mc-Cutcheon-Collier, of Allegheny City, were united in marriage at the McCutcheon resi-

dence, 47 Irwin avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the First Unied Presbyterian Church.

The wedding, which came as a great surprise to the many friends of the couple, was on account of a recent death in the family, an extremely quiet affair. The only guest outside of Mrs. Talmage's mmediate relatives was Dr. L. H. Willard,

who was making a professional visit to the house, and remained to witness the ceremony. The bride was arrayed in her traveling gown, and when the ceremony was concluded the party sat down to a wedding breakfast, after which Mr. and Mrs. Talnage took a train for Cleveland. Mrs. Talmage is the daughter of the late

James M. McCutcheon. She was the widow of Charles W. Collier, only son of Judge F. Collier. She is 40 years of age, while her husband celebrated his 66th birthday several months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Talmage met during the past

wo summers at East Hampton, Long Island, where the courtship, which cul-minated five months ago in a formal engagement, was carried on. The engagement was kept a profound secret, and it was only within the past few days that Mrs. l'almage's most intimate friends were apprised of the coming marriage.

The present Mrs. Talmage is the reverend gentleman's third wife, his second having died several years ago.

GOV. GRIGGS NOMINATED.

The President Chooses Him as Successor to Attorney-General McKenna. The President Saturday sent these nomi-

nations to the Senate: -State-John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, to be Attorney-General; Selah Merriil, of Massachusetts, to be Consul at Jerusalem, Syria.

The New Attorney-General. Gov. John William Griggs will bring a strong personality into the Cabinet. He a native of Sussex county, N. J., where he was born in 1849. He inherits the hardy qualities of Scotch blood. He is a lawyer

of wide reputation, and studied law under the same preceptor who instructed the Vice-President, Socrates Tuttle, who was the father of Mrs. Hobart. Mr. Griggs is an independent and stalwart man of pronounced individuality, with

great positiveness and firm convictions. He is the first Republican Governor New Jersey has had for 30 years. As a member of the State Senate he gained considerable reputation by his forceful advocacy of reform movements, and he finally won the Governorship by a successful fight against corruption in politics and local govern-

ment In 1888 he was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, and made the nomination speech for William Walter Phelps, who was a candidate before the Convention for the Vice-Presi-

dency. Governor Griggs' family consists of his

wife and two sons and four daughters PENSION PUBLICATIONS.

Senator Cannon's Bill Providing for Printing the Entire List. Senator Cannon introduced a bill in the Senate providing for the publication of pen-

sion roll by January 1, 1899, and thereafter as Congress may direct. The bill provides that the list shall be in the form of pamphlets, and that there shalbe one pamphlet for each State and Terri tory and one for the District of Columbia.

Each pamphlet is to contain, arranged in alphabetical order both as regards the names and the postoffice addresses of the pensioners, a list of all the pensioners resident within the State, Territory or District cov-

ered by it. It is also to show in addition the relationship of the pensioner to the person and the full name of the person who performed the service, where the title is derivative; the company and regiment, or other arm of the military or naval service; the date and place of his muster-in and the rank then held, and the date and place and manner of terminatian of service and the rank then held; present rate of pension, and from what date pension was originally granted, with dates and amounts of increase, if any.

The Secretary of the Interior is directed to mail to each newspaper in the United States a copy of the pamphlet for the State, Territory or District in which the newspaper

BISMARCK'S HEALTH.

Physician of the Chancellor Says He Has

a Number of Years to Live. Dr. Schweninger, Prince Bismarck's physician, in an interview with the corresponden of the Associated Press, at Berlin, said the condition of the former Chancellor's health was not serious, provided he is cautious in exposing himself to the weather and follows

strict hygienic rules. The recent trouble of the Prince, Dr. Schweninger added, was mainly swelling of the veins of the feet and legs.

Hawaiian President Comes to Promote Annexation.

AS NATION'S GUEST.

The Hawaiian Executive Says That His Visit Is For The Purpose Of Studying The Annexation Situation And That He Is Prepared To Supply Any Infor mation That May Be Desired.

A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: President Dole, of Hawaii, arrived here at 2.20 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and, in behalf of the government, was welcomed to the national capital by Secretary Sherman and Assistant Secretary Adee. A crowd of several hundred had assembled on North Capitol street and three platoons of mounted

policemen were on hand to act as an escort. As the train came to a stop, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Adee stepped on the rear platform, and were met by Assistant Secretary Cridier. who conducted them inside for the first greetings to President and Mrs. Dole. There was a brief and informal exchange and then the party filed out to the waiting carriages and proceeded to the Arlington, where the Hawaiian executive will be the nation's guest.

THE PRESIDENTS EXCHANGE COURTESIES. President McKinley called soon after Mr. Dole's arrival, and remained about fifteen minutes. He was accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Porter, and Colonel Bingham, and was met by Assistant Secretary Cridler and Mr. Hatch, the Hawaiian minister, who introduced them to President Dole, Mrs. Dole and the other members of the party. After a mutual exchange of courtesies President

McKinley returned to the White House. At 4.15 o'clock President Dole returned the visit of President McKinley. He drove over to the White House in a magnificently appointed carriage in company with Minister Hatch and Assistant Secretary Cridler. His private secretary. Major Iaukea, with Major Heistand and Lieutenant-Commander Phelps and Dr. Day, followed in another carriage. At the entrance to the White House the visitors was met by Colonel Bingham and conducted to the library on the second floor. There President McKinley was in waiting aud gave his guests a greeting. The call was very brief, and it is said the talk was purely unofficial and personal.

TRAVELED IN A PRIVATE CAR. President Dole, with his wife, made the trip from Chicago to Washington in a private car, tendered by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He was accompanied by representatives of the United States government, including Assistant Secretary of State Cridler, Lieutenant-Commander Phelps, of the United States Navy, and Major Heistand of the United States Army. With President Dole is his secretary, Major Iaukea, who was lord chamberlain under old King Kalakaua. Dr. F. R. Day is also with the party, as the physician to President Dole. At Cumberland the party was taken in charge by Mr. J. H. Maddy, press agent of the Baltimore and Ohio, and District Passenger Agent Hege,

of Washington. In the trip from Chicago to Washington President Dole and his party were greeted at almost every station. At Mansfield, Ohio, about two thousand people welcomed the Hawaiian executive in a flerce rainstorm. President Doie appeared on the platform of greeting. Nearly every passenger on the train went to President Dole's car to pay his respects.

APPEARANCE OF PRESIDENT DOLE. The striking personality of President Dole caused considerable comment. He is tall, with a dignified carriage, and a face, the lines of which indicate candor and strength of purpose. His forehead is high and his eyes a lustrous brown. The nose is sensitive and the square-set jaws unite in a chin which shows determination and strength of purpose. A full beard, whitened by President Dole's fifty-five years, accentuates the striking face. In manner he gives the impression of a man who stands for a cause which he thinks is a great one, carrying with

it the happiness of a nation. CAME HERE TO STUDY THE SITUATION. While frank in replying to questions, he seems to weigh carefully his words, and declines to talk directly on the question of annexation. He said that he came to this country to study the situation here on the question of annexing the Hawaiian Islands. and was prepared, if called upon by the administration at Washington, to supply any information that may be asked. It is his purpose to confer with the Hawaiian delegation to the United States. He said that he would probably remain in Washington about ten days and return via New Orleans to the Pacific coast, preparatory to returning to

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Hawaii.

It is regarded as settled that the naval appropriation bill now being framed by a House sub-committee will contain three important items, namely, \$1,000,000 for smokeless powder, \$500,000 for reserve ammunition and \$93,000 for the establishment of a

Government powder factory. Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, introduced in the House a resolution for a constitutional amendment to increase the length of the President's term to six years, and to make Presidents hereafter inconsciousness. elligible for re-election.

Commissioner Evans, of the Pension Office, has issued an order stating that hereafter the requests of attorneys for consideration of title to fees will not be entertained unless the same are filed in the bureau with. in three years from the date of issue of pension upon which such fees are claimed. The Senate Committee on Military Affairs

reported favorably a bill providing that cadets to West Point should not be appointed unless they are bona fide residents of the districts represented by Congressmen making the appointment.

The Treasury Department has received a cablegram announcing the safe arrival of the McCulloch at the Azores. The Porter has arrived at Mobile and the Machias, which is on her way home to the United States from Chips, has arrived at

Ville Franche.

couraging its deposit.

Donald D. Herr, of Mifflinburg, Pa.; Hor ace C. Cope (alternate), of Greensburg, Pa ... and John K. Herr, of Flemington, N. J., have been appointed cadets at West Point, The gold reserve has reached \$163,670,000 the highest point in about seven years. The accumulation is becoming somewhat of a burden, and the government it no longer

The Chinese dress in white at funerals and in black at weddings and old women always erve as bridesmaids.

DOLE IN WASHINGTON. THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Latest News Gleaned from Various Parts of the State.

FIRE AT ALDEN.

Property Valued at \$40,000 is Destroyed and Arson is Suspected-Lightning Destroys a Barn-Two Structures are Burned and Four Cows Perishin Midwinter-Killed on the Track.

The small town of Alden was almost destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock the other morning, the high wind carrying the flames rapidly. Nine buildings were destroyed and the loss amounts to about \$40,000. The screeching of the whistle at the colliery of the Alden Coal Company awakened the citizens of the town. The local fire company was unable to cope with such a fierce fire, and all that could be done was to save household furniture wherever possible, and then stand idly by and watch the flery element greedily devour everything within reach. The fire first broke out on the exterior of the saloon occupied by George Sarver, and the fact lends color to the theory of incendiarism. The wind blew a steady gale and the flames soon enveloped the building. Houses on both sides of Sarver's saloon were soon burning rapidly. At last there were no more houses near enough to ignite, and the fire died out for want of fuel. The buildings burned are George Sarver's saloon, John Kennedy's hotel, John J. Jones' wholesale liquor store. John Searfoss' shoe store. double block and barn owned by the Alden Coal Company, James Young's barber shop, W. M. Scott's general store and dwelling. James Muraman's saloon. The barber shop of John Richards was torn down in order to prevent the fire spreading to the large double store owned by Belle & Gleason. The

insurance amounts to about \$25,000. Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin, aged 98 years. died at her home, at East Mines, Mrs. Mc-Laughlin came from Ireland in the early 40's and had resided in this section ever since. She had been in excellent health up to two months ago and was able to do housework, read papers by the aid of spectacles and occasionally walked to Pottsville and St. Clair to attend church. She walked to Pottsville and back home five weeks ago. Her husband died two years ago, aged 86

Two barns, belonging to William B. Guinnip, in Damascus Township, were struck by lightning and entirely destroyed by fire. Four cows were burned to death. The loss

s partly covered by insurance. Philip Grey, a Councilman from the West Ward of Schuylkill Haven, met a tragic death. While walking along the Philadelphia & Reading Railway toward his home in a heavy wind storm, he was blown over a steep sixty foot embankment, breaking his neck. He was 60 years of age and single. and the only support of his mother, who

a widow. George Schreffler, of Bockefeller Township, was instantly killed on the Pennsylvania Rafiroad in Sunbury. In company with two other men, he was in the act of loading several hogs on a two-horse wagon, when the horses burame frightener started to run away. Schreffler ran after them and caught hold of the reins. The horses then left the road and ran along the ratiroad tracks with Schreffler clinging to the reins. Just then the Shamokin passenthe car and expressed his thanks for the ger train rounded a sharp curve. The engineer saw the danger, but was unable to stop, and the unfortunate young man was

struck and ground to pieces. The horses escaped injury. Keen-eyed William Rice, a watchman employed at the Crum Lynne Iron Works, on Ridley Creek, prevented incendiaries from burning down the works. He observed two men acting suspiciously at the building. When he started toward them they ran. He fired at them, but apparently without effect. An investigation revealed that they had piled a quantity of rags and paper against the works and saturated them with coal oil.

They were about to apply a match when discovered. The body of Charles Kehler, of Mt. Carmel, was found in a stone quarry on the mountain. He had been loading stone during the morning, and, as there are no marks of violence or injury on his person, it is sup-

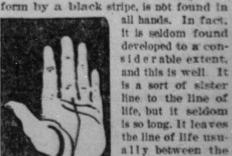
posed that he died from heart failure. The Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company suspended about 100 of the hands employed at the repair shops at Palo Alto and St. Ciair, near Pottsville, The local officials of the company say there is nothing surprising in the suspensions, as those taken off were only temporarily employed during the past year to assist in repairing cars that had accumulated.

Coroner Shindel, of Sunbury, has rendered his decision in the case of Lucas Homiak, of Excelsior, who, it was claimed, had been shipped from the Miners' Hospital at Ashland to his late home in an ice box while still living. The Coroner announces that an inquest is unnecessary. He fully exonerates the hospital physicians, as he believes that Homlak was dead before his body was placed in the ice box.

William P. Wharton, a farmer of Spruce Hill Township, Juniata County, while putting his buggy in his barn, was knocked down by a heavy barn door which was torn from its hinges by the high winds. He was fatally injured, and died without regaining

LESSON IN PALMISTRY. The Line of Mars Indicates Deceit, Policy and Tact. The line of Mars, which the drawing

indicates in a somewhat exaggerated



ally between the thumb and forefinger and starts across the Mount THE LINE OF MARS. of Venus, rarely ex-

tending more than half the distance. This line indicates deceit, policy and tact. Society favorites usually have the line, and it enables them to smooth matters and to always avoid trouble. When it is fully developed the person is tricky, but usually deceives the persons deceived into believing that every-