#### THE NEWS.

The Cuban Junta in New York announced officially that they would not accept autonomy in the island.

at Napa, Cal., and she is supposed to have been killed by her companion, a young man, whose lifeless body was found a short dis-

The list of dead by the Chicago fire, has been swelled to seven by the discovery of additional bodies.

John P. Crum, special commissioner of the Postoffice Department, is at Spokane Washington, to establish an Alaskan postal service.

A return miner from the Klondike, says there is food enough to last the population two years.

Walter Sanger Pullman, son of the late G. M. Pullman, was married at San Francisco to Miss Louise L. West.

A semi-official note was issued in Madrid to the effect that investigation showed that the Maine explosion was due to an internal explosion, and that should the United States repelled by Spain.

Honore Laine, the correspondent expelled from Cuba publishes a letter alleged to have the former captain general of Cuba is reported to have said that he had prepared the harbor of Havana for the visit of American warships, and that the Americans knew the terrible punishment that awaited them.

The Cuban Junta issues a proclamation to cept, or even discuss, proposals for autonomy. The American flag was hoisted on the new

cruiser Amazonas at the English shipyard It is reported that Italy has sold the armored cruiser Varez to Spain.

The cruiser Montgomery sailed from Havana for Key West. One thousand gold hunters were reported to be snowed in between Wrangle and Glen-

Officers of the American and the Pacific Express Companies are taking steps looking

to consolidation. John Reed was sentenced to eight years in state prison for buncoing farmers in Massa-

Eleven hundred operatives of the Whittenton Cotton Mills, Taunton, Mass., re-

Robert N. Frenger was acquitted in Staunton, Va., of the murder of Edward Merritt. The wife of Senator Thurston died on board the yacht Anita, in Sagua harbor,

By a fire in the Bowery Mission in New York eleven were burned to death. Many prominent labor leaders were pres-

ent at the union conference of railroad workers in Chattanooga. The weavers in the big cotton mill strike refuse to come to terms with the manufac-

turers and no settlement is yet in sight. A new line of steamers is to be placed on the ocean run between Seattle and Dawson. The British ship Corsair went ashore on Harn Island, Miss., and will prove a total

After seeing his brother convicted of highway robbery, Frank Hill, at Chicago, confessed to the crime and was sentenced to the penitentiary.

George W. McCoy has been arrested in using the mails with a view of booming a proposed Klondike expedition.

orado silver mine and by it became a millionaire, died at Denver. Reproductions of the McKinley and Bryan

homes will be on the grounds of the coming Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaba, The smallpox situation at Middlesborough,

Ky., has become so dangerous that the United States government sent Passed Assistant Surgeon Dr. Wertheimer, of the United States Army, to take charge of the pesthouse. The State medical authorities surrendered only on orders from Frankfort. The county refused to support the pesthouse and the inmates were on the verge of starvation. There are 70 smallpox patients and 400 suspects. This entire community is alarmed and almost demoralized.

The 1,100 operatives of the Whittenton Cotton Mills, Taunton, Mass., returned to work after a strike lasting five weeks. Ten of the loom-fixers, who organized the strike, will not be given employment.

The State Supreme Court of Pennsylvania affirmed the decision of the Dauphin County Court, which refused to grant an injune tion to restrain the Capitol Building Com mission from awarding contracts for the erection of the State capitol.

Hon. W. J. Bryan spoke at Atlanta, Ga. in the Auditorium to 10,000 people. His address was along his usual line of argu-

# FIELD OF LABOR.

Paint is made of seaweed. Dresden has a paper watch. Idaho has two daily papers. Longshöremen have eighty-six unions. One woolen mill in Mississippi. Japan boasts commercial schools. Detroit waitresses may organize. Savannah police work eight hours. Indianapolis barbers will reorganize. Detroit makes stoves for South Africa. New York has 500 union shoeworkers. Utab florists have a State association. Springfield has a needle workers' union. Milwaukee is to have a school for cash

Detroit Manufacturers' Club debated single tax. Springfield (Mass.) lathers want 16 cents a

bunch. Pittsburg structural iron workers will or-Cleveland sailors and freight handlers will

organize. Illinois and Wisconsin coal dealers held a convention. Chicago and Indianapolis have no idle union printers.

New Jersey unionists want company stores abolished.

Chicago F. of L. wants swimming tanks in public schools.

Colorado unionists will hold a State convention May 2. Detroit cigarmakers' union pays idle members \$1 arweek.

Southeast Lancashire, England, has 75,-900,000 cotton spindles. A mass-meeting to denounce blacklisting

was held at Chicago. Ohio commercial travelers favor the 2-cent railroad fare bill.

Toledo unionists want a new office created - city sealer of weights. Duluth Chamber of Commerce asks citi-

zens to buy home-made goods. Wages were advanced in Japan recently when machines were introduced. When employes of the Union Pacific road

are sixty years of age they are dis-

# SPAIN HAS OBJECTED.

The body of a girl was found in a buggy Presence of the Key West Fleet a Subject of Protest.

# NO CHANGE OF POLICY.

The Approach of the Elections Is the Reason Advanced for the Sending Away o the Ships-The Opinion in Congress Is Against Any Change in the President's Policy.

A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: Definite representations have been submitted by the Spanish Government to the State Department concerning the assembling of a large fleet of American warships at Key West, the war preparations, and demand indemnity, it would be indignantly the influence which they have bad on the approaching elections in Cuba. While these representations cannot be properly regarded as a protest against the attitude and acts been written by General Weyler, in which of the United States government, it may unquestionably be set down as a remon strance calculated to have an effect in European court circles. Not, however, being a technical protest the statement has not called forth any official rejoiner on the part of the State Department, for it is lacking in the American people that Cuba will not ac- tangible accusations, being rather an argumentative presentation of alleged Spanish

grievances. Stated in detail, the representations proposed that if the United States fleet was withdrawn from Key West, the Spanish troops would be sent home from Cubs, and then an opportunity would be afforded to all the citizens of the island to participate in the approaching elections, when the plan of autonomy would be put to a test. It was argued that the presence of the fleet was a menace to the Cuban government, because it was considered a valuable aid by the insurgents, who would not lay down their arms as long as there was a possibility of a demonstration in their favor by this government. The suggestion has been met with the statement that this country has nothing whatever to do with the troops in Cuba, and if Spain desires to keep them or withdrawn them, it is a question entirely for that country to decide. On the other hand it is not conceded that Spain has any concern in the disposition of the American fleet, especially when the ships are assembled in American waters and are not upon hostile mis-

## A Topic of General Comment.

The suggestion of the Spanish government caused much talk in all official circles. This was especially true in Congress, where for several hours it was not believed that Spain had seriously put forward such a proposi tion. The most conservative men in Congressional circles were united in declaring that under no circumstances could the Pres ident afford to accede to Spain's demand Senator Elkins stated that the position which ought to be assumed in the matter, namely, that the United States had no con cern in Cuba, and that Spain had no ground for questioning the disposition of our ships. was a perfectly sound one, and would be upheld in Congress. All the interviews gath-Portland, Ore., on a charge of fraudulently ered during the day were in one direction. Senator Chandler said that under no condition would the fleet be removed, while Sen-E. C. Bassick, who located a famous Col- ator Mason, of Illinois, remarked that the suggestion was in line with Spanish diplomacy which, during all history, has been nothing but a record of duplicity, deceit and delay. Sanator Kyle, of South Dakota, remarked that any suggestion made to this thought that Spain had emphasized her inasincere or practicable.

It is understood that copies of the informal protest which the Spanish govern- render the situation still more difficult from ment submitted to the State Department, have been sent to all the capitals in Europe for the purpose of influencing European sentiment against the United States, the purpose being to place the responsibility upon the United States for any failure that may follow the attempt of Spain to establish self-government on the island. This effort to create an anti-American sentiment in Europe is not giving the officials of the State Department the least concern.

# NO WARSHIP FOR CUBA.

#### Cruiser Montgomery Ordered to Join the Fleet at Key West.

It was determined by the Navy Department to recall the Montgomery from Havana. The cruiser will be replaced by the dispatch boat Fern, which has sailed from Key West for Havana. She goes to relieve the Montgomery as a home for the officers engaged in supervising the wrecking operations in Havana harbor. It is asserted at the Navy Department that the Montgomery is not withdrawn owing to any suggestion from Spanish sources that her presence is not desired. It was the announced intention of Secretary Long when the cruiser was long as the Fern should be engaged in the work of distributing relief among the sufferers in eastern Cuba. This task having been performed, and, owing to the return of the court of inquiry from Havana, there being fewer persons to accommodate, the Fern, which is better equipped than the Montgomery to assist in the wrecking operations, is returned to her position,

A brief telegram from Admiral Sicard announced the arrival at Key West of the Mangrove with the court of inquiry aboard. Up to the close of office hours the Navy Department, though it knew officially that the court of inquiry had come over to Key West from Havana, was not informed as to the findings or plans of the court.

# GOLD IN UNCLE SAM'S PURSE,

# A Total Available Resource in That Metal

of \$250,000,000. Henry Clews' financial circular save; "It is fortunate that the trade balance should stand so largely in our favor in the face of banks and \$169,000,000 of gold in the treasury, which, with the current imports of \$15,-000,000, after deducting the one hundred

able supply of \$207,000,000. "To this may be added, on a very moderate estimate, \$50,000,000 represented by foreign ereditor balance still due to us; which, in the face of war possibilities, gives us total available gold resource amounting to over \$250,000,000-to, say nothing of the of humanity should lead the United States other stocks of the metal in this country amounting to over \$450,000,000. These facts blown up by external or internal explosion show an ample financial preparedness for whatever may come."

### BOLD MOVE BY SPAIN.

## Her Torpedo-Boat Destroyers Sent to Cuba

Threaten the American Navy. Great concern is shown in Washington at Spain's sending a flotilia of torpedo boat destates that another flotilia will start soon The flotillas are believed to be capable of destroying almost any fleet which the United States could present in Cuban waters, and the American navy is weak in this class of vessels.

The United States naval court of inquiry left Havana for Key West. A member o the cabinet expressed the opinion that the findings of the court will be received by the President this week. He says the President has no information as to what will be the nature of the court's conclusions.

War drills are held daily on the battle ships Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas, stationed at Tortugas. The crews are trained to checkmate attacks by torpedo boals.

The United States government is said to be negotiating for the Brazilian battle ship 24 de Maio, formerly the Aquidaban, which has been reconstructed in England.

It is reported that Spanish residents of Vera Cruz, Mexico, will present a warship to Spain.

A number of Spanish sailors who enlisted n the American navy before the present troubles between Spain and the United States began deserted while the San Francisco Helena and Bancroft were at Lisbon 1e

Lieutenant-Commander Sobral, former naval attache of the Spanish legation at Washington, praised President McKinley in an interview at Barcelona, and said that but for the President's strength of character the House of Representatives "would have voted the jingo proposals."

Reports that Emperor Frances Joseph of Austria, who is a first cousin of the Queen Regent of Spain, will extend aid to that country have created a great deal of comment.

A Rome dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette, of London, states that the Pope is ready to do everything in his power to prevent hostilities, "which might be fatal to the Spanish dynasty.

#### MAY BUY A BATTLE-HIP.

#### United States Said to Be Negotiating For The Reconstructed Aquidaban.

The United States government is negotiating in London for the purchase of the Brazilian battleship 24 de Maio, formerly the Aquidaban, the flagship of Admiral Mello, which has lately been reconstructed in Eng-

The Aquidaban was a double-turreted, twin-screw ship built in 1885, with citadel and turret armor ten inches thick, and with a complement of 356 men. Her proportions were much like the Maine's. She was sunk in Port Bello Bay, Brazil, by a torpedo charged with 125 pounds of gun cotton, but was afterward raised and reconstructed.

It is reasserted that the Spanish govern ment has secured the warship O'Higgins, which was built by the Armstrongs for Chill.

WASHINGTON. -- Information in possession of the government is to the effect that up to this time Spain has not consummated the purchase of the Chilian warship O'Higgins. The indications, it is stated, seems to be that this ship also will be added ultimately to the United States navy.

Secretary Long denied that the United States government was negotiating for a Brazilian battleship.

# WILL NOT PAY INDEMNITY.

#### Loss of the Maine Held to be Due to a Internal Accident.

The following semi-official note was issued in Madrid Thursday: "The report of government based on a renewal of schemes the Spanish Commission on the Maine is not of autonomy ought not to be considered, be- | yet known; but the statements of several cause they were extremely visionary. He technical officers who have made a close examination of the scene of the disaster show bility to govern the island, and he did not it was indisputably due to an internal accithink that these new promises were either dept. American assertions to the contrary are, therefore, deplored in official quarters as tending to mislead public opinion and the standpoint of maintaining friendly relations between the two countries. It may be regarded as certain that, should the American technical Commission present a report declaring the disaster to be due to an external explosion, the public will refuse to accept such a flading, and any demand for an indemnity based thereon will be indignantly repelled by Spain."

Admiral Bermejo, the Minister of Marine, has wired the commander of the torpedo flotilla at the Caparies not to proceed to Havana,

# SOUADRON OF NAVAL VESSELS.

#### The Battle Ships Massachusetts and Texas to Go to Hampton Roads.

The latest event in official circles at Wash ngton was the issue of an order for the formation of a new squadron of naval vessels to be stationed at Hampton Roads. The squadron in the beginning will consist of five ships, all the best of their types. Two of them, the battle ships Massachusetts and Texas, are withdrawn from the present North Atlantic fleet at Key West and Tortugas. It would be a grave mistake to suppose that in ordering this movement the Navy Department is animated by any purpose of yielding sent to Hayana to keep her there only so to representations or intimations that may have come from the Spanish Minister as to the mischief caused by the gathering of so large a naval force as Admiral Sicard's fleet in the vicinity of Cuba. On the contrary the formation of the new squadron was brought about by purely strategic considerations, although it appears from the nature of the force so far under orders to gendezvous at Hampton Roads, that this strategy is of a defensive nature.

# New Freight Terminal.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has opened a new freight terminal with yard facilities at the foot of West 26th street on the Hudson River, in New York City. large plat of ground between 26th and 27th streets, fronting on 13th Avenue was secured and tracks were laid to accomodate 100 feet was built. Tracks have been laid across 13th Avenue to the pier, and a new bridge and other necessary adjuncts have been built to facilitate the handling of cars from floats to the land. The establishment of this the possibilities of a foreign war. We have terminal enables the Baltimore & Ohio Railnow \$123,000,000 of specie in the New York | road Company to gather business from the extensive lumber yards and the piano, structural iron, boiler and other manufac turing industries in that vicinity. The de millions of reserve gold, makes a total avail- livery of freight for firms in that neighborhood is also facilitated by the improvement

# Strong Words from a Minister.

Dr. E. A. Warfield delivered a strong sermon on Cuba at the Methodist Protestan Church, Lynchburg, claiming that the law to take some action, whether the Maine was a disbonorable and selfish peace is.

# FIRE VICTIMS.

## stroyers to Cuba. A cablegram from Cadiz Lodgers in a Bowery Building Lose Their Lives.

## UPPER FLOORS BURNED.

The Building Was Run By the Bowery ission, With Booms At 15, 20 Or 25 Cents a Night-Those Who Escaped Lost Much of Their Clothing And Some Lost

A despatch from New York says: Fire early Sunday morning destroyed the Bowery Mission House, at 105 Bowery, and burned to death eleven men, who were among those odging there for the night.

The Bowery Mission House was one of the best-known cheap lodging houses on the thoroughfare and was conducted by the Christian Herald. In the basement was a cheap restaurant, while the ground floor was used for mission purposes, Gospel services having been held there daily for several years. The four upper floors were fitted up with accommodations for one hundred and fifty men, who paid 15, 20 or 25 cents, ac-

cording to the location of the rooms. Saturday night almost every bed was upled. At half-past one o'clock Sunday norning a lodger discovered flames coming from a washroom on the third floor, but before he had time to alarm the house the fire was noticed by passers-by on the street. By this time the flames had eaten their way to the top and were bursting through the roof.

When the inmates were aroused a wild cene of excitement resulted. Many lodgers became panic-stricken, rushed into the hallways and fell over each other in their efforts to reach the street. Those on the lower floors reached the street safely by the stairways, while those on the upper floors groped their way through blinding smoke to the metel fire escapes in front of the building. The majority of them saved only portions of their clothing and several were naked.

Three alarms of fire had been sent in, and n a few minutes the firemen were busy deinging the building with water. They succeeded in confining the fire to the three upper stories.

Many of the naked and injured were cared for by persons in the vicinity, and about 50 were accommodated at the Everett street police station, about three blocks away. Several of the most destitute were brought to the station house in patrol wagons and were partially clothed by members of the force and kind-hearted neighbors. After the fire had been extinguished sufficiently that a search of the place was possible, the police and firemen entered the building. Several bodies were found near windows on the upper floor, where they had been stricken down while attempting to make their way to the fire escape.

So many bodies were found in the early stages of the search that it was estimated that over forty persons must have been killed. Of the eleven bodies found some were discovered in the small rooms they had occupied, while others were found in the hallways and on the stairs of the fourth and fifth floors. All were without clothing, and most of them were burned and charred beyond recognition.

The loss on the building by fire is estimated at \$7,000 and the contents damaged to the extent of \$5,000 more.

# LOOKS PEACEFUL.

### Both Governments Holding Back the Dogs of War.

A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: -There were many smiles and shrugs among the peaceful inclined people when it became known that President McKinley. acting through Secretary long, had ordered the withdrawal of "the battleships Massachusetts and Texas from the North American fleet at Key West and Dry Tortugas. Almost simultaneously came the news from Madrid that Admiral Bermejo, the Spanish minister of marine, had wired to the commander of the torpedo flotilla, at the Canary Islands, not to proceed to Havana,

Considering that the Spanish government has protested informally against the assembling of so large an American fleet in Cuban waters, and that the United States government has protested formally against Spain sending a formidable fleet of torpedo-boats and torpedo-boat destroyers to Cuba, where they could by no possibliity be of any service in carrying on war against the insurgents, these two simultaneous orders were seemed by the peace-at-any-cost-persons to have a great deal of interesting significance.

# MORE TORPEDO BOATS.

# The House Naval Committee Has Decided

on an Increase. A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: The House Committee on Naval Affairs has disposed of the question of increases in the vessels of the navy, unless there is some change of disposition among the members. The committee by unanimous vote adopted the motion of Representative Foss, of Illinois, to authorize the construction of six new torpedo-boats, and six new torpedo boat destroyers, and the provision

for this has been incorporated in the naval bill. It has not been decided what appropriation will be made for this purpose. It is said to be likely that the torpedo boats will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 each, though it is possible that the sum given may exceed that,

A member of the committee stated that the torpedo-boat destroyers may cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000 each.

# TIME EXTENDED TO MAY 1.

#### United States Expects Spain to Establish Peace in Cuba by Then. The Madrid correspondent of the London Morning Post says:

"I am able to assert on the best authority that United States Minister Woodford origicars, and in addition a warehouse 300x25 pally intimated that the United States hoped and expected that Spain would re-establish peace in Cuba before March 1 of this year. ecently, in response to Spanish representations, the United States extended the time to May 1. Both governments refuse to describe this intimation as an ultimatum to

"It has been given," continues the correspondent, "entirely irrespective of the Maine affair or of any other complications which may arise in the meantime. There was no suggestion as to what action the United tates would take on May 1, should, as is certain to be the case, the rebellion be still unsuppressed."

245,000 Troops In North Carolina Governor Russell, of North Carolina, reeived a message from the War Department asking how many troops the State could furand that war is not an unmitigated evil, but nish in case of hostilities. The reply of th Governor gave 245,000 as the number.

## NEW MINISTER PRESENTED.

## President McKinley and Senor Polo y

Bernabe Exchange Greetings. A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: -Senor Polo y Bernabe, the new Spanish minister, who succeeds Senor de Lome as the representative of Spain at Washington, was formerly presented to President McKinley. The reception took place in the Blue Room. The introductions to the President were made by Secretary Sherman. The ceremony was such as is usual on such occasions and passed off without incident.

#### Spanish Minister's Address. Senor Polo y Bernabe, on being presented,

"Mr. President: I have the honor to present to your excellency the credential letters which accredit me in the capacity of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of his Majesty the King of Spain in the United States of America. The principal object of my honorable mission is to endeavor, so far as possible, to maintain and draw closer between our two countries the most friendly relations

"In order to attain this end, so much in harmony with my own personal feelings, I am ready to omit no effort whatsoever on my part, and I doubt not that I shall succeed if, as I hope, I shall be fortunate in gaining the benefit of your excellency's good

wishes and your effective co-operation. "In obedience to the special charge of her Majesty the Queen Regent of the Kingdom have the honor to express to your excellency the wishes of my august soverign for your personal happiness and for the prosperity of the people of the United States of America,

#### Reply of the President. President McKinley's reply was as fol-

"Mr. Minister: I am happy to receive from your hands the royal letters whereby her Majesty the Queen Regent, in the name of his Majesty, the King of Spain, accredits you in the capacity of his Majesty's envoy extraordinary and minister pienipotentiary,

in the United States of America. "It is very gratifying to me to receive the assurances you have just made of your purpose to endeavor to maintain and draw closer in all possible ways the most friendly relations between the two countries, and in response I assure you that my own efforts and those of this government will no less earnestly be directed toward the same high

"You come bither, Mr. Minister, with the prestige of a distinguished name, borne by our honored father, whose services in pronoting good-will between Spain and the United States have already passed into the domain of history. To this you add the qualification of a personal acquaintance with this country and its people, derived from your previous official sojurn at this capital, so that you have a double title to our confidence and sympathy.

"I offer you my personal good wishes and would have you convey to her Majesty the Queen Regent my sincere appreciation of her Majesty's friendly greeting and my own desire that happiness may be her portion, and that Spain and the Spanish people may enjoy the tlessings of peace and pros-

There was an avoidable air of constraint during the entire progress of the interview. Both the President and the minister breathed a sigh of relief when it was over, and the latter hurried as soon as possible to the legation, where he could calm himself without being observed. It was a particularly tryperience and training as a diplomut stood in the chain that they could supply. him in good stead.

# ABOUT NOTED PROPLE.

The contributions to the James Russell Lowell memorial fund in Boston now

amount to \$22,078. Elisha W. Keyes, who has been appointed postmaster of Madison, Wis., served in the same capacity under Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Grant and Hayes.

Miss Alice Cook, a fellow in history of Victoria University, has been elected to its convocation or governing body-the first time that a woman has held such a position

in England. Dr. Pagleio, the young Italian doctor, whose part in the unpleasant episode between Georges Sand and Alfred de Musset at Venice, was made public in several books two years ago, died recently at Beliuno at

the age of 91 years. Princess Theresa, daughter of the Prince Regent of Bavaria, is a member of the Royal Bavarian Scientific Academy, and is the first woman who ever has received the doctor's degree in science from the University of

Munich. Count Tolstoi is preparing what will be his most widely read book. "I do not feel well at present and cannot write just now," he recently said to an interviewer, "but I hope before I die to say a good deal about women. Before my death I shall say everything that I have at heart about them.'

Emperor William, referring to the colors of the German flag, said not long ago that the black represented work, the white represented rest and peace, and the red represented blood, which was necessary to cement the others together.

The Duke of Abruzzi, the nephew of the King of Italy, who recently ascended Mount St. Elias, will start next summer on an exploring expedition to the Arctic regions. Ida Kahn, a Chinese woman who recently graduated from Ann Arbor University, after

six years of study, has just returned to her native town, Kin Kiang, to practice medicine. She is China's first woman doctor. The Christ Church Historical Association of Philadelphia will soon erect in Old Christ Church, of that city, a handsome tablet commemorative of the clergymen who were

active in the work of the Protestent Episcopal Church during Colonial days. Herbert Spencer, who is now living in Brighton, England, a sufferer from heart disease, is said to be the only living writer whose name is included in the long list of authors inscribed on the walls of the new

Congressional Library at Washington. George W. Vanderblit proposes to continue the development of the model village of Biltmore, N. C., by the erection of a schoolhouse for white pupils, the building of several handsome dwellings and the establishment of an electric light plant.

Sir John W. Maclure spent \$350 in replying to telegrams of congratulation when he was made a baronet.

His Honor Judge John Wyckliff, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, is languishing in jail at Vanita. I. T., on the charge of cattle stealing. Justice Wyckliff is a full-blooded Cherokee.

Mrs. Martha B. Conine, of the Colorado Legislature, in the course of an address made to a woman's audience in Brooklyn the other night, said: "My legislative experience has been pleasant throughout, and I have never found anything more disagreeable than women meet in getting up a church

### DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Senator Hoar introduced a bill probibiting the importation into the United States of birds or their feathers for ornamental purposes, and imposing a fine of \$50 for each

offense. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones was before the House Committee on Appropriations and urged the adoption of a provision in the general deficiency bill vesting discretionary authority in the Commissioner to ship Indian supplies throughout the country either by contract or direct shipment at current commodity railroad tariff rates.

Representative Henderson, of Iowa, has introduced a bill to prevent the use of the United States flag as a business advertisement or the use of any government publication as advertising mediums.

Senator Lodge gave notice of an amend-ment he will offer to the naval appropriation bill appropriating \$25,000 for making soundings for a cable line from the Hawaiian islands to Japan and also to Australia.

Senator Foraker introduced a bill providing for the awarding of public lands in the arid land States to individuals or corporations which may provide for their reclamation by irrigation, not more than 100,000 acres to be patented to any one person or company. Representa ive Newlands, of Nevada, in-

troduced a bill creating a public land commission, to consist of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Director of the Geological Survey, and three other persons whose appointments are made subject to confirmation by the Senate. Its duties are to construct a contoured topographic map of public land areas.

The Secretary of the Treasury sent to the House a report on the reforms needed to check smuggling in the Mexican free zone. Among other things he says: "No doubt there is opportunity for the perpetration of frauds on the revenue by the continuance of the free zone of Mexico. Until the privileges pertaining to the zone are abolished by the Mexican government the danger to our revenue will continue to exist.'

## COURT LEAVES HAVANA.

#### Starts for Key West on the Mangrove-Members Make No Prophecy.

The Mangrove with the United States naval court of inquiry on board, sailed Tues-

day night for Key West. Captain Sampson said that the decision to leave Havana was not reached until after a long consultation of the members. It was decided that, while further testimony might be obtained in Havana, this was not sufficiently to justify a longer stay. The court can return if the divers or wreckers make discoveries that add to the stock of knowl-

edge already gathered. The plans of the submerged wreck, in the preparation of which Ensign Powelson has had a large share, are elaborate, and Captain Sampson says the testimony and records of the divers are full.

Captain Sampson hopes the court will be allowed to resume its sittings on the battleship Iowa, now near Key West, with the flagship New York. All the officers of the court except Judge-Advocate Marix are stationed on the Iowa or the New York, and on the former the court could be free from interruption.

The greater part of the investigation that remains will consist, unless the court returns to Havana, of a careful study of the plans. It is not believed that it will be necessary again to summon the survivors of the Maine. Captain Sampson said, however, that they would be summoned if the revising occasion for the minister, and his ex | jon of the testimony showed missing links

The court has no prophecy to make as to the further duration of its sittings or as to when and where its findings will be promulgated. Captain Sigsbee will probably remain in Havana, with Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, to superintend the work on the Maine. Chapiain Chidwick is expected to remain to care for any bodies that

may be recovered. The court called upon Consul-General Lee to bid him farewell, and subsequently Captain Sigsbee said adieu to the members.

# LATE INVENTIONS.

A Southern man has designed a new resilent tire for wagons, which is made of an inner section of rubber tubing surrounded by a layer of rubber-coated linen or canvas and covered by a vulcanized, comparatively hard, rubber tube, which is, in turn, covered by an outer rubber tube.

the dry calcium carbide being placed in a ve sel in the upper portion of the buoy, to which a small quantity of water is admitted as it sinks, causing sufficient gas to generate to lift the buoy to its proper position again. A Pennsylvnia woman has invented a fly escape for attachment to window screens. which is formed of a wire cone, with the large end connected with a passage along

the bottom of the screen, in which the flies

crawl and pass out through the small end

'Acetylene gas is to be used for the pur-

pose of inflating marine buoys and floats,

of the cone, thus clearing the house of the A noiseless and more efficient flame for incandescent gas burners is produced by giving the air and gas a rotary motion to thoroughly mix them as they are admitted to the bottom of the burner, the mixed air and gas then being heated by means of corrugated rings in the burner, which draw

heat from the flame above. Carpet sweepers are being made with a brush mounted on a flexible shaft and surrounding a circular disk to revolve toward the dust collector in the centre of the disk as the sweeper is pushed along, motion being imparted to the flexible shaft by a system of gears connected with the central

wheels, on which the sweeper runs. Sunken iron ships which are too deeply submerged to permit the descent of divers to make connections for raising them can be lifted by means of a powerful electro-magnets attached to lifting ropes, the magnets being lowered until they strike the wreck when ar electric current is applied through wire) to cause them to grip the

boat. Envelopes cannot be tampered with to remove their contents in the mails without revealing the theft if a new safety is used, which consists of a piece of material to be inserted in the envelopes directly under the address, which becomes damp and blurs the writing when the back of the envelope is steamed or soaked to open the flan.

# Making Axles for Cannon Trucks.

A large order for tubular axles for cannon trucks has been placed by the government with the National Tubular Axle Works, of Emigsville, Pa. The works are running lay and night and are employing a large force of extra hands.

# Parliamentary Election In Japan.

The Japanese parliamentary elections are proceeding quietly, and it is expected that the government will have a majority.