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Grave Difficulties Confront the Government on Venezuelan Question.

EUROPEAN POWERS THREATEN

A False Step May Arouse Great Britain, Germany, France and Belgium-Bayard Unequal to the Mosquito Troubles-Powers Want Cash.

Washington, March 20.-The prospect of serious complications which threatens the United States through probable encroachment on Venezuela and Nicaragua has assumed a phase of such danger to the principle laid down in the Monroe doctrine, that a special cabinet conference was held at the The Scranton Boy Retires in the Second white house this afternoon to consider the subject. There is no doubt whatever that these subjects are considered the president and Secretary Gresham as of much greater import to this country than the Allianea incident, or the recall of Minister Thurston, and must be handled with unusual delicacy, and with the knowledge that a misstep may plunge the government into embarrassing complications with not one, but several of the principal European nations.

The conference was attended by the president, Secretary Gresham, Secretary Carlisle, Attorney General Olney and Secretary Lamont. It lasted several hours, but Mr. Lamont withdrew after a brief attendance. Mr. Gresham took with him to the white house the official copies of much of the recent correspondence on both the Venezuela and the Nicaraguan situations, and he remained with Mr. Cleveland some time after his colleagues had left. It cannot be learned whether any additional information in the matter reached the state department today, but it is said that Mr. Bayard has failed to arrange the Mosquito troubles with the British government in a manner satisfactory to the United States.

Great Britain's ultimatum to Nicaragua demanding an indemnity for the expulsion of Mr. Hatch, the Briffsh consular agent, from Bluefields, and the report that a British warship is on her way to enforce the demand, is the latest known serious phase of the difficulties growing out of the Bluefields affair, and as action by this government may involve a new construction of the Monroe doctrine, it can be seen how slowly and carefully the president and his advisers are obliged to feel their way to prevent any possibility of blunder or to neglect any advantage that towards England as against Russia in might weaken the practical sponsorship which the United States govern- affairs in Europe. ment holds over the South American and Central American republics.

Strong Adversaries Appear. In the Venezuelan affair the United Great Britain to certain Venezuelan territory will send warships to collect a large amount of money guaranteed German contractors for the construction of the Central Venezuelan railroad.

France and Belguim have a common French and Belguim ministers from protested against the expulsion, and France will send a naval vessel to take their envoys home. The Monroe doc-trine and its ramifications contain authority, It is said, for the United States to display an active interest in the threatening attitude of Great Britian and Germany, and while the probable action of France and Bel-gium does not seemingly come within lives were lost. the scope of the doctrine, it is understood to be the belief of this government that all four of the powers involved will foin issue in oppothe United States to secure their severa, ends, and such amalgamation is likely to beget a desire on the part of all to extend their dominion

The conference at the White House today was necessarily of a strictly secret character, but it is learned to night on good authority that no definite action was agreed on.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Arthur Speyd Kills His Sweetheart and Shoots Himself.

Cellna, Ohio, March 20 .- A team belonging to a livery stable keeper at Monticello, five miles from here, came into the stable yard last night with the body of a girl named Annie Frisch sitting in the vehicle stone dead. There was a bullet would in the right temple and another in the left arm.

Later in the evening the body of her lover, Arthur Speyd, who was known to have gone driving with her, was found in the roadside. Speyd had killed the girl and committed suicide, probably as a result of a lover's quarrel. Speyd was 22 and the girl 19.

TRIAL OF THE ROBINSONS. Their Fate Is Now in the Hands of the Jury.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 20.-The case Buffalo, N. Y., March 20.—The case agreed upon \$1.000 in prizes for the state of Clarence and Sadle Robinson, who firemen's tournament. have been on trial for the murder of Montgomery Gibbs, a young lawyer, Montgomery Gibbs, a young lawyer, cense fund is \$30,596, but the county will was today concluded and given to the not pay it over, owing to a financial disjury. Counsel for the Robinsons made pute. no defense and moved for the dismissal of the defendants on technical grounds, The motion was refused.

At 9.30 o'clock the jury had not re ported and court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENTS TO MEET.

Schedule of Coal Percentages to Be Revised if Possible. Philadelphia, March 20.-The meeting

of the presidents of the anthracite coal roads will be held tomorrow afternoon in New York.

It is understood that an endeavor will be made to reach an agreement of some kind to bring production down to the demand and to revise the sched-

ule of percentages. The officials of the Reading company, however, did not seem to think much however, did not seem to think much after a service of twenty-five years, and will take charge of the Pennsylvania Rall-from what could be learned this after- (Cleveland and Ashtabula.

noon he will be strongly supported by the Olcott-Earle committee in his claim for 21 per cent, of the output.

STRUCK A BURNING MINE. Much Excitement at Panther Creek Val-

ley. Allentown, Pa., March 20.—Miners at work in Shepps mine at Spring tunnel, near Summit Will, have struck the burning mine about one and one-half miles distant from where this farfamed underground conflagration was

first started thirty-seven years ago. There was much excitement throughout the Panther Creek Valley region, and sternous efforts are being made by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company to prevent the fire from attacking this mine, which is at present producing a large amount of coal.

TIGUE DEFEATED.

Round. Pittsburg, Pa., March 20.-The semifinals and a few preliminaries in the seventh annual boxing and wrestling championships of the Amateur Athletic union of the United States were concided on Friday night.

In the 135 class, boxing Jameso'Con-Excelsior Athletic club, of Scranton, W.

THURSTON'S RECALL.

The Demand for the Removal of the Hawaiian Minister Now Appears to Be an Assured Fact.

with the course of Hawaian affairs in \$60,000. sult. call. The principle on which this gov- Harris is under bond of \$20,000. ernment is said to have asked for Mr. Thurston's recall was laid down by whose recall was demanded by this investigation. government principally because he was cusing the United States of leaning former. the then complicated aspect of political

Mr. Fish held that every government has the right to have the representative of another power an acceptable person, and no government has the States government finds itself opposed | right to expect of another the retention to such strong adversaries as Great of a representative who indulges in Britain, France and Germany, with personal abuse of the head of the gov-Belgium as an incidental factor. The ernment to which he is accredited as from and it is said his stealings will are constitutional, it would decrease are constitutional, it would decrease are constitutional, it would decrease the banking firm of Pierpont Morgan & action of the Harvard faculty provoked the taxes of some corporations and in-the banking firm of Pierpont Morgan & action of the Harvard faculty provoked the taxes of some corporations and in-tenant Colonel George Nox McCain, Mr. Catacazy had done

After considerable delay Russia acis the main cause for alarm, and to this knowledged the principle, and Mr. Catis added the prospect that Germany acazy went home on leave and failed to return. Opinion of such members of the senate foreign committee who are in Washington is divided on the question of Mr. Thurston's action. Some believe that he was well within the ground for action disturbing to the rights of his official position in giving beace of the little South American re- such Hawaiian news as he did to the public, namely, the expulsion of the papers, and others believe he committed a breach of grave impropriety, and that country. Both governments have warranting this country's demand for

Simoon at Dennison,

Dennison, Tex., March 20.-A terrific simoon, filling the air with sand, swept over this section last night. Houses were unroofed, trees blown down and great deal of damage done. It was the most violent wind storm ever experienced in this sec-

Cyclone at Augusta.

were wrecked, mostly small, occupied by negroes. A number of negroes were slightly injured.

Died from Grief.

Johnstown, Pa., March 20,-Mrs. Fred-erick Lavely died of grief over the fact that her husband is a prisoner in Ebens-burg jail, charged with misleading his ousin, Lizzie Drummond, and being the father of her child.

Budd's Big Barn Burned.

Lebanon, Pa., March 20.-The large barn of Captain Richard Budd, near Tower City, was destroyed by fire at midnight, together with sixteen horses and mules four cows, four hogs, farming implements, etc. Loss, \$8,500. Origin unknown.

The Target Salls Away.

man-of-war fired several solid shots off the Cuban coast on March 8, sailed at 1 o'clock today for Colon.

She Played with Matches. Harrisburg, March 29.-A 3-year-old daughter of Morgan Thomas, coal inspector of the colliery at Wiconcisco, was burned to death. She played with matches

during a brief absence of her mother. CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

Reading's Firemen's union has already Lancaster city's share of the liquor li-

Republicans marched out and broke the

quorum of common council in Reading, thus preventing the election of a city

A maiden sister inherits the entire halfmillion-dollar estate of the late Lawyer A. Herr Smith, of Lancaster, who died intestate.

W. W. Pettingill, a traveling doctor, wa yesterday arrested at Williamsport for malpractice on the person of May Hilton, of White Deer Valley.

Weaver John Esterly, an Eman octogenarian, who foretold the snow storm of foril 10 last, says there will be good shighing up the state on April 16 next. The Monroe County Mutual Insurance

company has been compelled, on account of its heavy losses, to apply to the court for a dissolution and ask for the app ment of a receiver to settle up its affairs. Superintendent H. M. Kimball, of the Eric and Pittsubrg railroad, has resigned

Nine Thousand Cases Go Off at Amsterdam.

BOATMEN ARE BLOWN TO ATOMS

The Cargoes of Two Crafts Explode with Terrible Effect-Twenty-five Persons Are Killed-Nearby Towns Shaken.

Amsterdam, March 20,-While 9,000 cases containing 225,000 kilograms of dynamite destined for Maaslius were being transferred by boats on Rhine from German territory near Lobith, yesterday evening, the cargoes of two of the boats exploded, blowing the boast and bontmen to atoms.

Reports of the disaster are conflicting. Some have it that only ten of the men engaged in the work were killed, while others assert that at least twenty-five persons lost their lives. Taking into consideration the fact that 1,600 tested for in Cyclorama hall, Alle- of the cases exploded, the damage done gheny, tonight. The finals will be de- in Lobith was not great.

The inhabitants of nearby towns felt two violent shocks and recovered. A nor, O. L. A. C., won from James Tigue, girl was found dying in a pile of ruins. She lingered three hours in agony. The R. C. E., who retired in the second cause of the explosion had not been ascertained this evening.

MINT SHORTAGE.

Eighty Thousand Dollars Worth of Gold and Silver Lost in Nevada Crucibles.

Washington, March 20.-Mr. Preston, director of the mint, confirms the Washington, March 20.-Now that the United Press dispatches that a shortage demand of the government for the re-call of Minister Thurston appears to dispatch places the shortage at \$80,000. be an assured fact, persons familiar Mr. Preston's information places it at

congress express no surprise at the re- The fact that a shortage existed was Members of both houses, who made known to the treasury in Februsupported the policy of the administra- ary. Mr. Preston at once ordered Antion, made no secret of their dissatis- drew Mason, of New York, to investifaction with the alleged course of Mr. gate the matter. He reported that 3,000 Thurston in furnishing information to ounces of silver and 3,000 ounces of gold the friends of his government for use were missing. Hirsch Harris, melter in debates. Secretary Gresham refused and refiner at the mint is responsito make any comment whatever on the ble for the loss. He was appointed by report concerning Mr. Thurston's re- President Cleveland last June. Mr.

from Inspector Mason before he takes Secretary Fish in 1871, in the case of official action in the matter. Mr. Har-Constantin Catacazy, Russian minister, ris will be suspended pending further "The loss," said Mr. Preston, "Is the

the author or source of an article appresult of either theft or carelessness, pearing in a New York newspaper ac- and from my present light I fear the

ROBBED THE MORGANS.

Collection Clerk Appropriated Ten Thousand Dollars. New York, March 20.-Harry Mines,

stolen several thousand dollars from firm of \$10,000.

money in small sums from time to time. He has been an employe since 1881. Mines is a member of the Kill Von Kull Yacht club, and was a member of the defunct Staten Island Ath-

CONTRACTORS INDICTED.

They Are Held Responsible for the Fall of New York Tenement Houses,

New York, March 20.-Four persons have been indicted by the regular grand jury as a result of the fall of tenement houses in Orchard street, by which five men lost their lives on March 1. Those indicted are: Timothy J. Ormsby, Inspector of the building department; Augusta, Ga., March 29.—A cyclone passed over the southwestern portion of the city this morning doing considerable damage to property. About fifty houses with manslaughter in the second de-

All the men were arrested at the instance of the coroner, when the disaster occurred, and are now under \$5,000

OSWALD OUT OF JAIL.

The Youth Who killed His Father Is Under Bail.

Reading, Pa., March 20.-Charles Oswald, the 16-year-old boy who killed his father at Oley Line on Tuesday night, was lodged in jail here at 2 o'clock this morning. When the officers arrived at the Oswald home late last night, the family had retired, but the lad agreed to accompany them. At noon the youthful prisoner was

New York, March 20.—The Columbian brought to the courf house. A consul-line steamer Alliance at which a Spanish tation followed between the cunsel and judges and ball in \$2,000 was agreed upon. The accused will be tried in June, Late this afternoon the boy returned to his home by stage.

THE KNIFE WAS DULL.

Hester Pitts Unable to Shuffle Off the Mortal Coll. Philadelphia, March 20.-Hester Pitts.

olored, who was arrested yesterday in Harrisburg, on the charge of stealing \$4,000 from the home of her empolyer. Mrs. Brooks, in this city, was brought to Philadelphia today.

In her cell this morning the woman attempted suicide by cutting her throat with a table knife, which had been given her with her breakfast. The knife was dull, however, and only a slight wound was inflicted when a detective wrenched the knife from her. She has confessed to stealing the money.

ADAM BADEAU DEAD.

The Well Known Soldier and Author

Passes Away. Ridgewood, N. J., March 20.—Brigadier General Adam Badeau died suddenly in the Herbert House here at 9 o'clock last night. He appeared to be in his usual health and spirits up to the time of his death, which was caused

by apoplexy. General Badeau was born on Dec. 29, 1831, at New Rochelle, N. Y., and be-longed to one of the old Huguenot familles which settled that town. When the rebels made their attack upon Fort Sumper he had just made his debut

But young Badeau followed the popu-

volunteers for the defence of the Union, and while serving as a lieutenant he had the good fortune to attract the attention of General Grant, who adopted him into his military family as his secretary; and in that capacity he rendered important service. After the war he continued to act as secretary of the general of the army and rendered another service by writing the biography of his chief, and in the meanwhile had been advanced to the office of a brigadier by brevet, and was ap-

pointed consul general for Great Britain. He retained that lucrative position until March, 1881, when he was appointed charge d'affaires to Denmark. That appointment he declined, and in May, 1882, he was made consul general at Havana, where he remained until April, 1884. In May, 1869, he was placed on the retired list of the army with the rank of captain, in consequence of incapacity wounds received in the assault on Port Hudson. In addition to his military history of U. S. Grant, General Badeau was the author of "Conspiracy," "A Cuban Romance," "Aristocracy in England," and "Grant in Peace, a Per-

MISTAKEN AND ILL-TIMED. College Boys Are Still Anxious to Die on

sonal Memoir."

the Ball Ground-They Acknowlege Wisdom of Faculty, However. letter in the Crimson today, regarding

the action taken yesterday by the faculty of the college against football: Whether last evening's vote of the faculty is wise or not is to be seen in future years; whether they have really acted toward the prosperity of our beloved college

remains to be proved.

For the present, at least, the deed is done, and, as we think, perhaps, one of our most manly sports has been torn from us. But are we actually in a position to question the wisdom of this action? Stop a two years does not include the bonuses moment and think; do we, as undergrad- and delinquent taxes of all kinds of uates only in this college, consider that we record in the auditor general's depart. at \$1,000, was possibly the highest priced can judge with that judgment that comes from experience? Is it not better to trust to the foresight of our elders in experience, at least; surely they realize the importance of the step they have taken, and are willing to accept the result, which they must sincerely believe will be only to our advantage.

Is it not more discourteous to the fac-Mr. Preston is awaiting a telegram ulty, our intended benefactors, if we tear to pieces their opinions and criticize them plecemeal—we only undergraduates who have scarcely reached our twentles? Surely we are not so vain as to believe that they carry enormous weight with them, Let it be for others to criticise; let it be for those who justly believe themselves capable; but let us at least prove ourselves gentlemen, courteous and manly.

> A. H. Brewer. pressed the same idea that lince there is nothing to be done the best way is

this morning that Mines has robbed the been gathering opinions from Yale partment, and has been taking the in the football matter. The News will say tomorrow that Yale grieves over short, perhaps, a half million dollars. It is the same old story. He collected the apparent loss of the annual footmoney and appropriated it to his own ball game with Harvard, but that it has no desire to criticize the wisdom of

the Harvard faculty. Professor Richards, of the Yale faculty, said tonight that he was in a position to state that the Yale faculty decided not to place any restriction upon the game, but to leave the matter of revision of the rules to the students and graduates.

MURUAGUA ALL RIGHT.

Has Simply Followed the American Custom and Talked Through His Hat.

official proprieties.

Salaries to Be Reduced. eral reduction in wages and salaries. per cent, cut will be made in salaries up be affected by the cut.

Fifteen Murderers Indicted. New Orleans, March 20.-The grand jury presented fifteen indictments charging twenty men with murder mitted on last Tuesday morning in the levee troubles. All have been in custody, but were released from the recorders'

court on bonds. Firebug Hanged.

Nashville, Tenn. March 20.woman named Henrietta Taylor was hanged by a mob near Petersburg, Lin-coln county, last night. She was accused of burning a house belonging to a Mr. Bayless a few months ago.

Prohibition's Pa Is Well. Portland, Me., March 29.—General Neal Dow, "the father of prohibition," today elegrated his ninety-first birthday. He is in excellent health.

SPARKS BY TELEGRAPH.

Decoy letters sent through the Yonkers (N. Y.) postoffice caught in theft W. H. m, who had been superintendent of carriers eleven years.

Chasing his wife and paramour, William Chandler, from Arkansas to Oregon county, Mo., William Allen shot Chandler dead from ambush and escaped. Otto B. Paulini, a wealthy resident of Indianapolis, Ind., who had brooded over

the divorce of his wife a few years ago, blew his brains out Monday night. The famous stallion Ralp Wilkes, owned by Colonel John E. and Bayard died at Lancaster, Mass Thayer Bros. had refused \$75,000 for him. Just as John Chamberlain stepped forth

fro Klifgs county penitentiary a free man

he was arrested by Detective Williams, of Santa Fe, N. M., for a murder committed in that territory. After twenty years' litigation, John and Robert J. Gray won a suit in New York's supreme court against the Jersey Central railroad for breach of contract, get

THE NEW REVENUE MEASURE

It Would Produce \$200,000 Less Funds Annually for State.

THE ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

Religious Garb Bill Under Consideration. It Is Certain to Be Approved by the Governor - Superior Court Bill Amendments.

Harrisburg, March 29.-The state's scal officers cannot figure out more than \$19,000,000 state revenues for the next two years. They have carefully gone over the estimate submitted at the conference last Thursday night at the executive mansion between Governor Hastings, his cabinet and Chairmen Fruit and Marshall, of the senate and house appropriations committee, and find that their figures were substantially correct. It is believed that this estimate is rather high and that the revenues will not reach \$19,000,000.

The capital stock tax for the next two years is put down at \$3,275,000. This amount is greater than the revenue from this source the past two years. The capital stock of corporations has depreciated considerably on account of the hard times and it is thought the revenues from this source will not ex-Boston, March 20 .- Captain Arthur ceed three millions. The revenues the Brewer, of the Harvard eleven, has this past two years were materially increased by the tax arbitrarily assessed by Auditor General Gregg against

corporations, out of which grew the faus "riser cases." Before the lecision of the supreme court upsetting this scheme many cor- announcement that thirty dogs, being porations paid the increased tax under protest. Under this decision the tax of these corporations will hereafter be much less than under the auditor general's ruling. The estimate for the next two years does not include the bonuses ment. They aggregate about \$350,000. but it is uncertain whether they can be

collected. The advocates of the new revenue bill formulated by the state tax conference are using the falling off in the state receipts as an argument in favor of the measure. They claim it will not decrease the revenues and at the same time time distribute more equitably the burdens of state taxation. Ex-State Treasurer Boyer, the framer of the present tax laws, disputes these claims He says if the bill will work more satisfactorily than the present system he will cheerfully give it his support.

But it is on a new basis entirely, said Mr. Boyer, " and would have to re-The editorial in the Crimson also ex- ceive the sanction of the supreme court. It taxes the funded debt of corporations held by non-residents. to submit in peace. It, however, sticks is an entirely new feature and will no 32 years old, was committed to prison to its previous opinion that the action doubt be contested so that some years this morning on a charge of having is "mistaken and ill timed."

Make the contested so that some years might clapse before a final decison. New Haven, Conn., March 20.-The Assuming that the principles of the bill fente; Lieutenant Colonel James M. the banking firm of Pierpont Morgan & action of the Harvard faculty provoked are constitutional, it would decrease Reed, Connellsville; Lieutenant Colonel firm and it is said his stealings will The Yale News, in response to a crease others. It would produce, ac tenant Colonel George Nox McCain, reach \$10,000. J. Pierpont Morgan said query from the Harvard Crimson, has cording to the statements of its friends. Colone George Nox McCain, reach \$10,000. J. Pierpont Morgan said query from the Harvard Crimson, has \$200,000 less revenue annually. If the Color Sergeant Jacob Greene, Comathletic leaders who express their deep | features of taxing manufacturing cor- pany F, Third regiment, Philadelphia. He was a cierk in the collection de- regret on the Harvard faculty action porations and building and loan asso-

clations are eliminated it would fall "Of course, all these figures are hypothetical. It would be hard to tell what the bill would actually produce until tried. To sum the whole thing up, if the bill is all that its friends contend for it, it would surely not be safe to pass it without an increase of millage. I should say five mills instead of four, for the one corporate tax it levies will have to take the place of the three now levied-capital stock, corporate loans

and gross receipts."

Religious Garb Bill. under consideration by the senate education committee. It will be amended commit suicide by jumping in the river Washington, March 26.-It is author- so as to impose the penalty for viola- or had made his escape. itatively stated that there is no founda- tion upon beards of school directors and tion for the report that Senor Muruagua controllers appointing teachers who will be recalled by his government upon wear any religious garb or insignia in the suggestion of Secretary Gresham. the schools. Senator Flinn and Chris. Minister Muruagua, it is said, has been | L. Magee are urging this change, and guilty of no imprudences which would there seems to be no doubt of it being guilty of no imprudences which would there seems to be no doubt of it being such an end in view are now under way, make him persona non grata to the done. Senators McCarrell and Gobin and if they can be satisfactorily carried government of the United States. While have charge of the measure. Senators out the public will again see the old he has spoken his mind freely with rehe has spoken his mind freely with re- Crouse and Becker, of Philadelphia, spect to the Allianca affair, his friends | members of the committee, believe the may he has not violated any of the bill ought to be reported in the form it

passed the house. Representative Smith, of Philadelphia, the framer of the bill, is satisfied dito had on board the Cuban rebel, Genwith the proposed change and will eral Antonio Maceo, or his brother Jose, Montreal, March 20.—The Canadian Pa-with the proposed change and will eral Antonio Maceo, or his brother Jose cific railway directors today decided as a make no effort to prevent it. The legislative committee of the Junior Order of American Mechanics will take the to \$2,000 per year, and above that 10 per matter into consideration at a meeting cent. All officers without distinction will to be held this week. The committee matter into consideration at a meeting has made a careful canvass of the senate and declares the bill will go through

and receive the governor's signature.

Amendments to Court Bill. The bill establishing a superior court for the relief of the supreme court ary show \$11,818 income tax-the first repassed second reading in the house to- port. day after much discussion. Mr. Kunkel, of Dauphin, who has the measure in charge, had it amended so that with the first election for the five judges, which it provides for, each elector shall vote for but four. This will give the Democracy a representative court. Mr. O'Malley, of Lackawanna, followed with an amendment to include Scranton and Williamsport in addition hands, to Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg, as the places to which the court is to sit once a year, Mr. Collins, of

Lycoming, endorsed this and expressed

a hope that it would pass. The amendment carried notwithstanding the objections of Messrs. Kunkel and Fow. The member from Dauphin said the proposition embodied in the amendment was carefully considered by the general judicary committee, and the State Bar association, and it was deemed advisable to require the court to sit at but three cities-Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg. To provide otherwise, Mr. Kunkel con-tended, would hamper the work of the court, and interfere to a considerable in this country. extent with the services which it would extent with the services which it would be required to perform. Good work W. H. Richard, the alleged British subcould not be obtained from a court which was required to move from place toplace, away from its libraries and live A dispatch from Seville says the Spanish in hotels. Mr. Fow provoked much laughter by a remark that if he was in order he would like to amend the bill so as to provide the court with a he wagon with which to travel over the state and dispense justice at every fence corner. Speaker Walton ruled the amendment out of order.

he amendment out of order.

Mr. Niles wanted to amend the bill to coast; increasing northerly winds,

limit the jurisdiction of the court to \$500 instead of 5 The amendment was defeated. '1 same fate befell an amendment offered by Mr. Bilss, of Delaware, to strike out the provision which gave the court jurisdiction of cases involving the construction and application of the constitution. Mr. Kunkel said it was the uniform judg-

ment of all who had been consulted about the bill that this provision was proper and ought not to be changed. He thought constitutional questions ought to be passed upon and decided by the state supreme court. The state custodian bill passed finally with only seventeen votes against it. The measure now goes to the senates for concurrence in the amendments changing the title of the office

> The administration is behind the bill because as it is claimed it will save the state \$20,000 a year in the pur-chase of supplies for the departments. It legislates out of office Major John Lockart, of Philadelphia, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, It is believed that simultaneous with his approval of the bill Governor Hastings will appoint Major John C. Delaney, of this city, to the position which

from "custodian" to "superintendent."

it creates. The order of business at both sessions of the houses was the consideration of bills on second reading. Little interest was shown by the members in the proceedings and, as a rule, the bills went through without discussion.

THIRTY DOGS POISONED.

English and Irish Setters Intended for

Bench Show Die. Waynesburg, Pa., March 20.-A sensation was created here today by the conditioned for the Pittsburg bench show, were poisoned and all of them have died. They were English and Irish setters of the best breeding.

Among them were four dogs owned by Pittsburgers. Sallie Mack, owned by Frank McClure, and valued by him dog in the collection.

The owners have enlisted a prominent

detective agency to ferret out the authors of the poisoning, and have gone so far as to ascertain what druggist in Waynesburg supplies the poison from which the dogs met death. What inspired this plot to kill so many valuable dogs is unknown, and as yet suspicion rests upon no one

GUARD APPOINTMENTS.

Official Announcements from Military Headquarters.

Harrisburg, Pa. March 20.—An order was issued from National Guard head-quarters this ev ning announcing the following appoir Colonel Ezra H. ..., 'e, commissary general, Scranton; Colonel Thomas J. Hudson, chief of artillery, Pittsburg, Aides-de-camp, Lieutenant Colonel William Frederick Reynolds, Beiletenant Colonel George Nox McCain,

HODGES ARRESTED.

The Murderer of His Brother Caught at

Chicago. Philadelphia, March 20.-A dispatch was received at police headquarters tonight from the police of Chicago, stating that Joseph Hodges, who is wanted this city for the murder of his brother, Willam, had been arrested in had a quarrel on the night of March 1 last over the refusal of William to loan Joseph a dollar, and the latter shot and killed the former.

Joseph disappeared after the shoot-The Smith religious garb bill is still ing and the police were in doubt inder consideration by the senate edu-whether he had carried out a threat to

Old Rivals Will Box. Baltimore, March 20.-It is probable that Jake Kilrain and John L. Sullivan will soon be brought together in a boxing match in New York. Arrangements with

Had a Jonah on Board. Havana, March 20.—The Lucha asserts that the steamship Allianca when fired on by the Spanish cruiser Conde De Vena-dito had on board the Cuban rebel, Gen-

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Small-arm target practice has been re-

Postmaster General Bissell says he is 'ready to move out." Admiral Meade's fleet yesterday sailed from Laguayra for San Domingo. The internal revenue receipts for Febru-

Garfield's former home in Washington will be razed and an apartment house built on the site. Secretary Gresham, who was 63 on St.

Patrick's Day, is the oldest member of

the cabinet, and Secretary Smith is the baby. Pages in congress will hereafter be summoned by touching an electric button on the desk instead of noisily clapping the

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

The Duke of Aosta has been formally betrothed to Princess Helene of Orleans. The corner stone of a Garibaldi monument was laid at Rome before a great gathering of people.

Leinster, the noted beauty. J. & P. Coats & Co., the Scotch and American thread manufacturers, have reduced the prices of their product 20 per cent. The terms of the new United States in-

The Yorkshire Post announces the death

at Mentone yesterday of the Duchess of

come tax were published in a London paper for the benefit of British investors who has been sentenced to prison at

Hawaii as a rebel.

steamer Carplo, which sailed hence for that port on Feb. 27, is supposed to have been lost in the recent heavy gales. It believed all of her crew have perished.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; possibly

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Extraordinary value in Fast Black Hosiery. While they last we will offer the following

THREE NUMBERS

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