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THE WARFARE ON HARRITY

Prospects of Triumph for the Kerr Porces Are Very Bright.

DISAFFECTION IS WIDESPREAD

Prominent Democrats Everywhere Revolt from the Autocratic Ways of the Present Boss, Who It is Believed Is Nearing His Waterloo.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, March 31.—The anti-Harrity Democrats have finally agreed on James Kerr, clerk of the national house of representatives, as their capilidate for chairman of the state continittee. President Cleveland prefers that Mr. Kerr take up the work of feorganizing the demoralized party in Pennsylvania. It would be inconsistent for Mr. Cleveland to aid his candidate, but the knowledge that the sympathies of the president are with Mr. Kerr, it is thought, will greatly strengthen him. Mr. Kerr's friends are making an active canvass for him. They claim forty of the committeemen elected for the ensuing year, with twelve or fifteen yet to be selecte. This would put Kerr on Easy street, as this is about half of the

votes in the convention. There have been many surprises since the war was started against Harrity. The latest is the acquisition to the Kerr ranks of ex-Insurance Commissioner Luper, of Meadville. Luper was a ther member of the Pattison cabg'th Harrity. The ex-insurance oner is now outspoken for retion, and prefers Kerr for

Strong Opposition Arising.

en Harrity was in Pittsburg a days ago," said a leading Demo ratic member of the house today, "he claimed that there were but three committeemen east of the mountains who were against Robert E. Wright for chairman. He was mistaken, There are two in York, two in Northampton, two in Berks, instead of one a week ago; one in Dauphin, one in Franklin, one, and possibly two, in Luzerne, and one These are known to be against Wright, not to mention six or eight others who may be safely placed on the doubtful list. Dr. A. S. Rave-nold, of Allentown, a member of the many. committee from Lehigh county, is op-posed to Harrity, and can only be held in line for Wright because of local is another direction toward which fng Democrats there are violently op-

his county he will vote against Wright. many. Mr. Tingle adds: Harrity appointed Nash to a clerkship "The three committeemen from cities of Germany." Adams, Camberland and Milli

e Ninth district, who will expect them holders must not take part in the meet-

ing may keep them away." Other Elements of Danger.

"Ex-Senator McAteer, deputy sur-veyor of the Philadelphia port, who holds his position by the grace of Harrity, will have all he can do to hold the Huntingdon county member in line. Surveyor Meek will not be able to control N. R. Spangler, of Bellefonte, the member from Center, as he is an opponent of Harrity, and will vote against

his candidate. When Pension Agent Skinner, of Pittsburg, was here last week he suc- from her wound. ceeded in straddling the political fence. To one person he announced that the mber from Fulton would vote for Harrity, to another the committeeman was to favor whoever Kerr desired. To prominent politician at the state capitol, Skinner declared whenever he could, with good grace, come out openly for party reorganization he would do so. He says he is now somewhat hampered by Harrity assisting him to get his present position in the federal gov-

An Anti-Harrity Appointment. "The anti-Harrity power in the west nas been greatly strengthened by the oppointment of Bigler as collector at Pittsburg. The collector has been an rtspoken opponent of Harrity from the day the latter made his debut into Pennsylvania politics. The methods of the Democratic boss have not been to the liking of the man from Clearfield. Although the collector took a conspicuus part as an adviser at the state adquarters during the last state camip for Harrity. Candidate Singerly. who is a personal friend of Mr. Bigler's, requested him to be here. Anything done during that campaign toward getting efficient service out of the anti-Harrity element in the state was done by Bigler without the knowledge of and consultation with the Philadelphia

*Colonel Cuffey, of Pittsburg, is doing all he can to strengthen the Kerr side in the western end of the state. He has secured the assistance of ex-Semrepresent this county in the convention. Payette, Green and Westmoreland, the latter having two votes, will support the reorganization scheme. Members from these counties are now doing efficlent work in these districts and the maries are reporting more than rogress, As for Allegheny county both sides claim they will get delegates.

Stranahan's Unsuccessful Work. "In the Northwest many Democratic wapapers are favoring Kerr. Chairnan Stranahan has been working in the Vest, particularly in Mercer county, his home, in the interest of Harrity. But his efforts are not being crowned with success. While in the West Mr. Stranahan has perched on the Harrity fence, in the East he has been on the opposite roost. By this straddling his ments have become but threads and the clothing of other students. patches, and it is probable that he will rest with Stranahan, he would have to with Harrity, who managed to don, an increase in salary during his corn as deputy attorney general.

line by Revenue Collector Herring. The sentiment there is against Harrity, Ex-Lieutenant Governor Black is in the fight against Harrity up to his eyes He denies the claims made by Harrity that he said Wright should be chose

and Same runton

Cleveland Sore on Harrity. "What transpired between President Cleveland, Judge Gordon, of Philadelphis, and Mr. Kerr last week in Wash ington, has not yet been made public. It is intimated by mutual friends that Cleveland, in plain language, gave the callers to understand Harrity had disappointed and displeased him, and here after appointments are to be made in Pennsylvania without seeking his advice. Some months ago Judge Gordon was summoned to Washington at the request of the president, and they had a long talk on political affairs in Pennsylvania. Since that time Mr. Cleveland has been following the advice given him by the Philadelphia jurist."

Kerr's Friends Enthusiastic. Kerr's friends at the state capital, including all the Democratic members of the legislature, are anxious and confident that he will win, and are enthuslastic in their hopes as to the result of that here has centered from the start the opporition to Harrity. It has been led by The Patriot of this city, which has never desisted in the opposition to him for four years past. Even when cal glory that newpaper continually pointed out his defects as a leader, and his various weakness.

Early in Harrity's career The Patiot predicted that the vaporal chairman would bring, in a few years, the party to precisely the position in which it is now. Had it not been for the persistent and able opposition of The Patriot, well versed politicians in the state agree that there would not now be even a nucleus around which the opponents of Harrity could cluster.

GIVE THEM HORSE MEAT. The United States Consul Recommends

That American Packers Ship Ancient Steeds to Germany. Washington, March 31 .- One of the most striking novelties in recent con-

sular reports received at the state department is the deliberate recommendation of a United States consul that American packers should turn their at-

"In view of the prohibition of Gerpride, Allentown being Wright's home. American packers might well turn their "The sentiment in McKean county is attention. That is the preparation and strongly against Harrity, and the lead-sale of horse meat."

This is the opening paragraph of a posed to him. If Committeeman Thos. report just received from Consul Ed-D. Nash represents the sentiment of ward W. S. Tingle, at Brunswick, Gor-

"While exact statistics as to the conin the office of the secretary of the sumption of horse meat are difficult to commonwealth, and the remembrance obtain it seems it is almost as great as of this may hold him, but it is doubtful. that of beef or mutton in the large

"can be says Mr. Tingle. ies are deputy revenue collectors. They | raised in the United States much cheape appointed by Collector Shearer, of er than cattle. They can be slaughtered by any of the American packing o vote for Wright. President Cleve- houses as easily as cattle, and can be land's intimation, however, that office- shipped alive across the sea much more easily than eattle, and can be sold either on the hoof or dressed at a price certainly greater than seven cents per pound. The meat is consumed in Germany in both a salted and smoked state."

John Brown Buried.

Philadelphia, March 31.—The body of John A. Brown, who on Friday shot and attempted to kill his wife and then blew his own brains out, was buried today at Mount Moriah cemetery. Only two initmate relatives of the suicide attended the funeral. Mrs. Brown is rapidly recivering

Fourth Trolley Victim. Hazleton, Pa., March 31,-Mrs. Joseph Evans, of Hazieton, died here tonight. This makes the fourth death resulting from runaway car on the Lehigh Traction ompany's road at Jeanesville yesterday.

Koyama Sentenced.

London, March 31.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Central News says that Koyama, the young Japanese who shot Li Hung Chang, has been sentenced to im-prisonment for life at hard labor.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS. Andrew Fedowitch, a 79-year-old nihilist

exile, blew his brains out at Denver, Col. Nearly \$600 has been subscribed by Fedration of Labor unions to help defend The state capitol of Minnesota will re-

main at St. Paul, the legislature having so Texas cotton growers are expected to reduce their cotton acreage 20 per cent. this year.

For \$200,000 creditors of the Akron (O.) Iron company bought in the plant, and will start with a full force.

In a political dispute near Selma, Aia., Jerry Dumas and Scott Wilson, both colored, fatally shot each other. Directors of the Shoe and Leather bank

of New York, which Seely robbed, have der. appointed John I. Cole cashler. Crazed by liquor, Noraski D. Boone, aged 23, a descendant of the famous hun-ter, shot himself at New Orleans.

Graeco Martino, the champion broad swordsman, fell from a horse at Cincinnati, O., and was seriously injured. tor Dunlap, of Beaver, and John C. On the ground of self-defense, Turner Bane, of Washington. Dunlap will McAllister was acquitted of murder at

Macon, Ga., for killing Judson Hyatt. Ten weeks after disappearance, the body of W. B. Lamprey, of Chicago, was found in the river, and murder is the theory. Boston friends of W. E. Gibson, the a Nova Scotia steamer and thrown over

Inhuman treament of prisoners and dishonest management were proven against Deputy Warden Hoyt, of the Buena Vista (Col.) reformatory by a legislative David M. Stone, for forty years editor of

the New York Journal of Commerce, who retired from active newspaper work last year, lies in a precarious condition at his tome in Brooklyn.

Henry Hoppe, of Boston, aged 18 years, a student at the Harvard Medical school, was arrested and confessed stealing let-ters containing checks and money, from

patches, and it is probable that he will be in comfortable condition for dress parade on April 17. Should a tie vote arise in the convention and the decision

Charles Cohinson died auddenly at his residence in New York city on Friday morning in his seventy-fourth year. He was born in Fishkill Plains, N. Y., and was born in Fishkill Plains, N. Y., and was engaged, for a time, in the paper business at Poughkeepsie. He afterward became interested in the Eric railroad and was associated in it with the late Jay Gould and James Fisk, being treasurer, general manager and receiver for the road.

STRANGE MURDER MYSTERY

Body of an Unknown Negro Woman Is Horribly Mutilated.

ANOTHER JACK THE RIPPER

The Corpse of a Woman Who Had Evidently Been Strangled Found on Sixth Avenuel-Evidence of a Carefully Planned Murder.

New York, March 31 .- The body of a negro woman, strangled to death and with both legs cut off at the knees, and a large gash at the right hip, was found at 6 o'clock this morning in front of 75 Sixth avenue. Both legs were cut off at the knees and were placed alongside the hips.

Around the neck was a piece of pipk rauge of cheese cloth, about five feet ong, which was twisted to serve as a rope. This was drawn so tightly that the skin was broken and a few drops of blood oozed out. The tongue was his reorganization scheme. The fact is protruding and it was evident that death was caused by strangulation. At the outer side of the right hip and extending to the lower part of the abdomen was a large and jagged gash. The skin was drawn away from the Harrity was in the height of his politi- borders of the wound and the severed muscles stuck out as though cut in a rough manner. An examination of the legs showed that they had been cut off just below the knees. In both cases the knee remained on the trunk. The instrument used to amputate the legs was undoubtedly a saw. Apart from the severing of the legs, the gash at the hip and the strangling, there was no other evidence of violence.

Bloody serum oozed from the mouth of the dead woman. Her eyes were closed and looked as though the lids had been pulled down after death. The arms lay across the breast, the right hand crossed over the left and tied with section of ordinary clothesline. A slip noose was made over the left welst. then passed around to the right wrist. The rope was then passed around the body once, pinioning the arms closely to the chest, the end secured in front in t double knot. On the body was a tightly fitting white cotton chemise, the lower part of which was saturated with blood where it had come in contact with the severed limbs. The other garments on the body was a cheap black cloth shirt.

No Clue to Identification.

There was nothing to indicate the identity of the dead woman. She was apparently about 28 or 30 years old. There was a dent over the right eyebrow as though she had received a severe injury there a long time ago.

When found the body was wrapped in r large piece of flannel, of old gold colors, such as is sometimes used as a plano cover. Inside this was a piece of wormout carpet and a cheap rug, evidently having been long in use. On the chest was found a piece of silicia, of a purple color. To this adhered a thin chip of bloodstained bone.

A more important discovery, in the estimation of Captain Delaney, of the Charles Street station, was that of a small bag of common table salt, and a small bottle of fluid of a dark color. These, the captain thinks, may lead to the detection of the murderer.

Soon after the body had been brought to the station house a crowd gathered and was allowed to view the remains. After looking at the corpse each inlividual would pass out, but without throwing any light on the dead woman's identity. Meanwhile Captian Delaney had gone to police headquarters and reported the matter. He also detailed several officers on the case. He enlized that he had a most difficulty task to find the perpetrator of a murler committed with apparent premeditation and cool calculation. One thing seemed evident; that was that the crime had been committed some distance from the place where the body was found.

Body Drained of Its Blood.

The murder, the police reason, was done in a house. The absence of blood at the spot where the body was found. the fact that clothes about the body were not bloody, go to show that the killing was done at some other place. The police say the body was drained of ts whole supply of blood. The object of cutting off the legs, the police believe, was to place the body in a trunk, box, or other small space, for the purpose of carrying it away from the scene of the crime. It was thought that the murderer had intended to send the body to some distant point. It seems certain that he calculated upon having the body pass under observation without exciting suspicion. This is shown by the bag of salt and the bottle of fluid. The salt he expected to prevent decomposition and the bottle is supposed to contain some fluid to conceal the presence

The colored people around the Ninth ward are greatly excited about the mur-

Coroner's Opinion.

Deputy Coroner Weston made a postmortem examination of the body during the afternoon. He said that the examination showed that the woman dled of strangulation. The cutting on the legs and hip, he said, was done after death.

A close examination of the severed legs showed that they had been cut off just above the knee joint, instead of just below, as was first thought on a

A striking point in the post-mortem examination was the fact that the tomach was practically empty. woman's body was well nourished and apparently she had not suffered for ack of food during the recent part of her life time. She must, however, have one six or more hours previous to death without taking any article of food. This was considered somewhat unusual by the deputy coroner. Dr. Weston said the body had not been dead twelve hours when found. The police were not idle during the day. They got several slight clues and started out to trace their connection with

It is said a piece of brown paper bearing the name of Jane E. Surtindell. was found on the dead woman's clothes. The police went to Rahway, N. J., to se if they could run out a clew they had from there. They ascertained that about ten days ago a negro domestic named Mattle Ivory left Rahway for has been heard of her. It is claimed itentiary for firteen me

the murder

that the description of Mattie tallies pretty close to that of the murdered victim. Among Mattie's lovers, it is said, was a member of a colored minstrel troupe, which recently played in Rahway, and who is believed to be at present in this city.

WAR ON FALLEN SISTERS.

Women of Pittsburg Ask That the Unfor

tunates Be Driven Out. Pittsburg, March 3L-Thirteen wo nen representing the Women's Protective league called on the mayors of Pittsburg and Allegheny today and asked them to close all houses of ill fame in the two cities. Mayor W. M. Kennedy, of Allegheny, said all such houses in his balliwick were closed, but promised to close any the women could find. Mayor B. McKenna, of Pittsburg, told the committee he had no power under the city charter to order the lice to close resorts. He referred them to Public Safety Director J. O. Brown.

Director Brown did not meet the women, but said tonight: "I refuse to be a party to a step that will throw on the streets the 500 unfortunate Magdalenes of this city. If the Women's Protective league will furnish the unfortunates with homes I will close every house they may designate. I refuse to turn these women on the streets and drive them to suicide, as Ada Hathaway was driven to death because she could find no honorable employment when she had repented of her life of

WOES OF AN AGED LOVER.

Samuel Dutton, Aged 62 Years, Lies at the Point of Death and the Woman Whom He Loved Is in Jail.

Philadelphia, March 31.-Suffering from a fractured shoulder and internal injuries that promise to end in his death, Samuel Dutton, aged 62 years, of Chester, occupies a cot in the Pennsylvania hospital and Mrs. Josephine Ibbetson, aged 45, is in a cell of Moyamensing prison, charged with responsibility for his injuries.

Dutton came to the city from Chester yesterday afternoon and called on Mrs. Ibbetson, who occupied a front room The pair spent the afternoon together and parted at 6 o'clock Saturday evening after a quarrel.

The aged lover returned to the house about 10 o'clock. He disappeared upstairs and that was the last seen of him by any of the inmates of the house except Mrs. Ibbetson's son until the policeman aroused them and called their attention to a man on the pavement In front of the house. An open window in the room occupied by Mrs. Ibbetson indicated that Dutton had fallen from that point to the pavement. When he recovered consciousness shortly after his arrival at the heapital, he said he had fallen from the window. He followed this with a statement that he lbbetson was taken to the second district police station, where she was given a hearing this morning and was while the Victoria hotel has 2,000 colheld to await the result of Dutton's

COLOR DOCTOR DEAD.

He Hadn't Taken a Bath for Twenty-five Years. St. Louis, Mo., March 31.-Dr. William Hotchkiss, alleged to have reached the age of 140 years, died here suddentor." In his peculiar practice of medicine he termed his patients' members take a train for Aumuehle, of his "circles," and claimed to treat them by a magnetic process. His Masonic record has been traced back 100 tacle. Fireworks of all colors and deyears, showing conclusively that he was at least 121 years old. A letter r ceived from his old home in Dinwiddie

was born there in 1755. Dr. Hotchkiss had a natural aversion to water, and is said to have not taken a bath for over twenty-five years, but scoured himself with dry sand.

county. Va., over a year ago, says he

He claimed to have discovered the elixir vitae. At regular intervals he stood over a smoking brazier and allowed the smoke to envelop his body.

ELOPED WITH AN ACTOR.

A Wilkes-Barre Lass Captured in Company with a Barn-Stormer. Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Wilkes-Barre, March 31.-Minnie Davis, aged 20 years, a resident of 78 Loomis street, and a stranded Thespian, thought to have been a remnant of Gilbride's "City Government" company. of Scranton, left the city suddenly on Thursday last. They were located at Mauch Chunck last evening, and were brought back to the city today on the milk train under arrest.

They had evidently intended to sta the country in imitation of Mrs. Potter and Kyrle Bellew. On Miss Davis' return to Wilkes-Barre, she appeared to have been partially cured of her mal-

Snow Storm at Denver.

fall of Saturday disappeared rapidly today under a warm sun and the railroads,

Denver, Col., March 31.-The heavy snow

though threatened with washouts from the flood, are moving their trains nearly on time. The snow was a phenomena one, the heaviest fall-42 inches- being reported at Lander, Wyo. The storm ex-tended into northern New Mexico and

Texas.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS. Pottsville policemen who enter saloons will be dismissed from the service. A train at Pittsburg cut to pieces Dennis Hurley within a few yards of his home. Sitting in a chair at his home at Lan-

While walking on the railroad track at South Easton, Peter Roder was struck dead by a locomotive. The Lewisburg Journal, a stanch Democratic weekly newspaper, has been pur-chased from Mr. Whitman by W. L. Kurtz, of Centre Hall.

caster, John Shoemaker, who lived alone

The senatorial investigating committee in Northampton county examined 200 wit-nesses in Allen township, Bangor, Bath and Bethlehem. All the four suspects in the Barney Reick case at Wilkes-Barre, Fisher, Rob-inson, Hendricks and Kearney, are now in

tall awaiting trial. Dr. A. H. Herriman, of Hughesville, convicted of causing Miss Alma Trainor's death by malpractice, was sent to the pen

Prince Bismarck.

READY FOR THE CELEBRATION

Admirers of Bismarck Gather at the Friedrichsruhe Park and Vainly Endeavor to Catch a Glimpse of the Hero-Today's Festivities.

Friedrichsruhe, March 31.-A beautiful sunny afternoon brought thousands of people to the castle gates, where they vainly sought admittance to the park in the hope of catching sight of the exchancellor. Dr. Chrysander, in view of the great crowds that have recently thronged the park, was firm in his decision not to admit the public. Prince Bismarck did not take his customary walk today, but had a short stroll around the park to gather strength for tomorrow. Palisades have been erected behind the park to prevent marauders from intruding upon the privacy of the ex-chancellor. Beer and champagne booths have been put up on the right and left of the station for the accommodation of visitors. Along the triumphal way to the castle gates are numerous beflagged poles surmounted by garlands of fir.

Numberless presents of all conceivable kinds continue to arrive from all

parts of the world. ,.
Prince Bismarck will rest tomorrow until 10 a. m., when he will take breakfast alone with his family. At noon he will receive the culrassiers of Madgeburg, the rectors of the universities, and other officials who will come to offer congratulations. He will not make an address. After 7 o'clock no one will be received. At 8 o'clock the torchlight procession will take up its

Prince Bismarck's sons, with their families, arrived last night and Dr. Schweninger came today.

suddenly at 2 o'clock made the roads tory over which it assumes control. It on the third floor of 1221 Kater street, almost impassable. The crowds quick- will be remembered that Admiral dely dispersed, but a small knot of the exchancellor's admirers remained steadfastly planted at the castle gates. Six Thousand Students Will March.

Hamburg, March 31,-At 6.39 this evening, notwithstanding the rain and per currency, in the hope that by commud, the streets were a black mass of plying with the usual forms the muchpeople, in which here and there could be seen many colored dots, these being him. It so happened, however, that he the caps of all hues worn by the 6,000 had fired upon one of our ships, and he students gathered here to take part in tomorrow's procession. On all the overthrow of the Brazilian republic and houses in the city flags are already dis- the establishment of a monarchy. For played and on most of them wreaths these reasons his claims were not favorand garlands add to the decorations. Many of the shop windows are converted into small temples for the glorification of Bismarck. Lombards bridge government would be placed upon exknew nothing from the time he fell is illuminated with 68,000 jets of gas. asleep on a chair in the woman's room The Disconto bank is made brilliant until his arrival at the hospital. Mrs. With 12,000 gas jets, and the Deutsche in itself, is a high stake worth playing H. A. KINGSBURY bank displays 10,000. On the Rathaus are 10,000 candles, on the Bourse 5,000, ored lamps. In the center of the Inner Alster 100 barges are stationed, from which fireworks will be set off. The special feature of this display will be Bismarck and the Bismarckian coat of ments in store. arms in brilliant fire. More than 2,000

The police will stop all traffic after 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. At that hour 4,000 students from the universily yesterday of heart disease. He has ties will assemble in the Moorwelde, always been known as the "color doc- and at 8 o'clock they will start on their march to the station, where they will make some decided changes in the pres-

scriptions are being set off.

WILKES-BARRE'S CLUB.

Fifteen Directors.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 31.-The directors of the Wilkes-Barre Base Ball club met on Saturday night and while in session increased the list from nine to fifteen directors. They will meet again tomorrow night for the purpose of electing a president and other officers for the ensuing year. The club starts out this year with good financial back; cal roads operated at present. Elecing and a strengthened team. An earnest effort will be made to land the pennant in this city.

manager; he will also play second base. The team is supposed to be stronger in pitching talent this year than any in the Eastern league with Campfield, Meekin, Keenan, Bauswine and Me-Laughlin.

DEATH OF A STRANGE MAN. Supposed Swedish Political Refugee Dies

in a liovel in Iowa. Clinton, Iowa, March 31.-"Old Pete," a well known character about the city, was found dead in his small hovel this morning. He had not been seen for several days, and on search being made he was found dead. It is not known what his last name was, but some think it was Shaulcey.

He was a Swede, and claimed to have been private secretary of the king at one time. His life here was very lowly, he doing janitor work, mowing lawns etc., though he was finely educated and a good musician. He wore an iron chain about his neck all the time, and there is a story that he was banished from Sweden for some political offense.

GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE.

Judge Jacob Klein, if a man wants to commit suicide he must not make the attempt in the presence of his wife. If he does and fails, the fact furnishes

good grounds for divorce. This point was decided when Mrs. Laura Buetner took the stand in Judge Klein's court to tell why she could not live with Julius H. Buetner

The Old Times Building Badly Wrecked by Flames

Chleago, March 31.-Shortly after 2

The loss will not fall much below \$40,-000, the building being damaged to the

Thousands Gather to Honor the

Count Herbert and Count William.

A heavy rain storm which came up

rockets will be fired from the quays

At 9.30 o'clock the rain ceased and

Base Ball Organization Burdened with

Daniel Shannon was again made

Attempted Suicide All the Excuse a Wife

St. Louis, March 31.-According to

BIG FIRE AT CHICAGO.

cleck this afternoon fire broke out on the afth floor of the old Times building/ and in less than fifteen minutes the top floor was a mass of flames. A general alarm was sent in and after a the building was flooded with water.

extent of \$10,000

It is probable the Times presses are wrecked, and in this event the loss will be heavy. The fire is thought to have originated in a pile of rubbish from spontaneous combustion.

PLATT'S LOVE FEAST.

Confers with Republican Leaders at Fifth

Avenue Botel. New York, March 31.-In accordance with an expressed wish of ex-United States Senator Platt, a number of state senators and Republican political lead-ears called upon him at the Fifth Avenue hotel this afternoon for the purpose of talking over the various reform measures now before the senate for final disposition, as well as other political matters.

The outcome of the conference is said to be that orders were given by Mr Platt to his respective leaders present to use their influence and pass the bills referred to and see that seventeen Republican senators were constantly in their seats, that number being sufficient to carry them through.

MAY ASK RECOGNITION.

The Cuban Rebels Want the Support of This Country-Their Cause Is Gaining

Washington, March 31.-The sucsses which are attending the operations of the insurgents in Cuba will, if they are continued, soon lead to a determined effort to secure recognition from the United States. While no communication, either formal or informal, has yet been received at the state department, its arrival is not unex pected.

It has always been the policy of the

United States to recognize de facto governments. If, therefore, the Cuban insurgents can create a provisional government they will have taken a long step forward in the direction of securing recognition as belligerents. This country also demands, as a general rule, that the new government shall issue currency and shall be in possession of a considerable portion of the terri-Gama, when he led the revolt in Brazil, made the most strenuous efforts to se cure recognition from the United States. He even organized a provisional government and issued some padesired recognition could not be denied was also known to contemplate the

ably considered. If the Cuban insurgents should receive recognition as belligerents their actly the same footing as Spain in all for, but in addition to this the ship ment of arms to Cuba would be no longer filibustering, but would be legitimate procedure. It can easily be seen therefore, that unless Spain speedily crushes the Cuban rebellion the future may have some interesting develop-

ELEVATED ELECTRIC ROAD. Proposed Freight Line Between New Yor

and Chicago. Chicago, March 31.-The Inter-Ocean Electric Railway company, incorporated at Springfield yesterday, purposes to ent method of freight trasportation. The company has a capital stock of two the city presented a fairy-like spec- hundred million dollars, the largest ever incorporated in the west, and a number of Chicago, New York and San Francisco capitalists are interested in the corporation. The intention is to construct an elevated electric freight railway between Chicago and New York for the transportation of coal and The plans and specifications grain. have been drawn, and the company will

> own a number of patents by electrical devices used by the road. John W. King, one of the incorporators and the attorney for the new company, said yesterday: "The road is decided step in advance of the electritricity is cheaper as a motive power than steam, and renders a much higher rate of speed possible. By elevating our road we expect to do away with the necessity of buying a right of way, and all delays incident to surface traffic will be avoided. At present it takes six days for freight to travel from Chicago to New York. On the new road the trip will take one. The road will have its own telephone and telegraph lines, and it is proposed in time to extend the line

to San Francisco." Li Hung Still Improves. the Central News says that Doctor Scriba of the Imperial university, today examined Li Hung Chang's wound and found that the patient was making excellent progress. His pulse and temperature were

normal and he was able to walk about his WASHINGTON WAIFS.

Secretary Hoke Smith left Washington several days. The gunboat Castine left Suez yester-

day for Aden, 1,310 miles away, on her cruise to Zanzibar. When the cruiser Chicago goes out commission her long-term men will be transferred to the monitor Amphitrite. Among the promotions in the patent of-fice is that of William E. Schoenburn, of New Jersey, to third examiner, at \$1,400

FOREIGN WIRINGS.

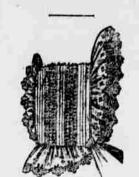
Spanish Liberals will support the new abinet on the budget, thus avoiding other crisis. M. Chautemps, minister of colonies in the French cabinet, will soon withdraw to become director of the mint.

The steamer Fuerst-Bismarck, with its load of American excursionists, passed York. In receiving a deputation of English Ar

that the government would make a thorough inquiry into the outrages, and would certainly secure reforms in Armenia. WEATHER REPORT.

menians, the Earl of Kimberley declared

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