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# CONGRESSIONAL FORECAST

Programme of Proceedings of the Coming Week.

LIGHT ON MONROE DOCTRINE

Mr. Davis Will Address the Senate Upor the Subject-Committee Favorable to Dupont-An Early Adjourn ment Is Hoped For.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The com-ing week in the senate will be devoted to action on appropriation bills and discussion on our relations with foreign powers. The better part of the week, not counting unexpected matters that may be injected during the morning hour, will be given over to the consideration of the military academy bill, which now has the right of way, and the pension and consular and diplomatic appropriation bills. These will exhaust the appropriations so far reported to the senate by the committee, but ed to the senate by the committee, but ed to the senate by the committee, but inasmuch as the consular and diplo-matic bill may cause the general dis-cussion of foreign affairs, it is as-sumed that the entire week will be consumed in disposing of the appro-

priation measures now on the calendar.
It is doubtful if Mr. Morrill will call
for the tariff bill again this week. Refor the tariff bill again this week. Re-publicans who pegacefully canvassed the situation say that a motion would tend to complicate matters and that no good can grow out of it until they have brought about a cohesion of sentiment in their own ranks and secured the necessary one vote from the ranks of the Populists. This, at present, seems impossible and Mr. Morrill, it is be-lieved, will not renew his motion until he is sure of its success.

Tomorrow Mr. Davis, of the foreign

relations committee, and author of the

relations committee, and author of the resolution reported from the committee concerning the Monroe doctrine, which has not yet been passed and possibly never will be passed, will address the senate upon that resolution. This speech has been anticipated for some time with a great deal of interest owing to the advanced ground taken by Mr. Davis and his well-known familiarity with the whole subject. Mr. Davis is one of the closest students in the senate and his speech is expected to set forth the position of the ultraradicals on the subject in a clearer light than has yet been cast upon it. light than has yet been cast upon it. The resolution, supplemented recently by an additional report from the committee on foreign relations that the opinion of congress is that this gov-criment should remain neutral and grant all parties in the struggle now pending in Cuba, equal rights, has the right of way as the unfinished business, temporarily displaced by the appro-priation bills, then it will doubtless call out a number of speeches during the time that appropriation bills may not be under consideration. Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on privi-leges and elections, will tomorrow submit to the senate the majority report on the Dupont-Deleware contest in fa-vor of seating Mr. Dupont. The minority report, in the hands of Mr. Gray, will soon follow, and this matter, involving a nation of the black privilege, will be called up for consideration.

An Larly Adjournment

An early adjournment is already talked of. A few senators are hopeful that congress may get through by the first of June. Among some of the Re-publican lenders an effort is being made to accomplish this result so that nothing may interfere with their at-tendance upon the national conven-tions and the campaign that will immediately follow.

There is nothing in the house but ap-

propriation bills. When the house adjourned Saturday afternoon general debate had just been concluded on the bill making appropriations for the agri-cultural department for the next fiscal year, but Chairman Wadsworth exyear, but Chairman Wadsworth ex-pects that a day or two more at least will be consumed in the discussion of the bill under the five minute rule with, it is understood, other members than those who expressed their opinion Saturday, who desire to say thin about Secretary Morton's refusal expend the appropriation made in the

expend the appropriation made in the bill for the current year for the distribution of seeds. Besides the argricultural bill there is on the calendar the army appropriation bill, and the Indian bill is ready to be revorted.

Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee on elections No. 2, before the week closes may call up the report of his committee in the case of the Vanhom Tarsney contest from the Fifth Missouri district, but as this case is sure to lead to a somewhat extended deto lead to a somewhat extended de-bate, the probabilities are against its consideration at present. So, too, with the resolution from the foreign affairs committee regarding Ambassador Bay-ard's speeches, which will also not be brought forward so as to antagonize in any way the progress of appropriation bills.

### BIG 'POSSUM RANCHES.

Bounty Paid for Their Ears.

Riverhead, L. I., Feb. 16.—The Riverhead town agricultural society, more widely known as the Northville club, has made the discovery that 'possum ranches are being conducted in Suffolk county. The industry is carried on fo, 'the purpose of raising stock for bounty, 'ping. A few years ago the board of supervisors offered a bounty on certain wild animals which were an annoyance to farmers. Twenty-five cents is paid for 'possums' ears, and a like bounty on woodchucks, weasels and minks. Since this law was passed, members of the Northville club say, there has been a distinct increase of the animals instead of a decrease.

The other day a school boy named

The other day a school boy named Rice, of Patchogue, was convicted of counterfeiting possums with the aid of cat skins and obtaining the bounty, but members of the club say that is nothing compared with the fraud and deceit practiced by others to obtain the bounty. Last year about \$2,500 was paid out by the county in bounties, to say nothing of the fee of ten cents al-lowed to the supervisor who issues a

#### MINE INSPECTOR'S REPORT. G. M. Williams, of the Fourth District Gives Statistics for 1895.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 16.—Mine In-spector G. M. Williams, of the Fourth district, anthracite region, has just completed his report for the year 1895. It shows the total production of coal shipped to market by rail as 7.194,855 tons, local sales at breakers, 228,644 tons; estimated fuel consumed at the mines, 642,872 tons; total, 8,066,412 tons. mines, 642,872 tons; total, 8,066,412 tons.
The number of accidents occurring durling the year were as follows: By explosion of gas, 10 fatal, 45 non-fatal; by fall of roof, 33 fatal, 45 non-fatal; by fall of roof, 33 fatal, 45 non-fatal; by sallow of ground, 12 fatal, 35 non-fatal; by explosion of powder and blasts, 5 fatal, 21 non-fatal; by various other causes underground, 7 fatal, 32 non-fatal; by various causes on the surface, 4 fatal, 35 non-fatal; total, 74

fatal, 221 non-fatal; number of widows left, 38; orphans, 97.

The report also shows that after adding a loss of 30 per cent, in mining, hauling and preparing the coal for hauling and preparing the coal for market, the production during the year of 1895 is no less than 11,526,446 tons. Of the number of persons employed in and about the various collieries one in every 333 was killed and one in every 15, was injured. The total production in tons by the various companies. by the various companies were as follows: Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, 2,273,877; Delaware and Coal company, 2,273,877; Delaware and Hudson Canal company, 1,249,907; Sus-quehanna Coal company, 1,431,093; Kingston Coal company, 783,008; Dela-ware, Lackawanna and Western Rall-road company, 356,476; Lehigh Valley Coal company, 356,464; Red Ash Coal company, 221,628; Parrish, Coal com-pany, 262,403; miscellaneous companies, 924,758.

#### SENATOR QUAY IN EARNEST.

Chairman Frank Willing Leach Throws Further Light Upon Senator's Candidacy-In the Fight to Win.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Chairman Frank Willing Leach, of the Republirank Willing Leach, of the Republican state executive committee, returned yesterday from Washington, where he had been since Thursday, visiting many roliticians, including Senator Quay. Being asked to throw further light on the announcement of the senator's candidacy for the presidency. Mr. Leach remarked that his business in Washington was to get that infor-mation. "I have returned home," he said, "with a full understanding of the programme of Senator Quay's friends throughout the country. For three months a score of the Republican lead-ers of the several states have been urg-ing his ing him to permit the use of his name, but it was not until a few days ago that he gave his assent.."

That he gave his assent...

To the question whether there would be an aggressive contest in support of Senator Quay. Chairman Leach replied: "Yes: the battle is on; and it is a fight to the finish, so far as Senator Quay is concerned, What I learned in Washington was in the restricted. Washington was in the nature of a revelation to me. I came in contact with a good many of the leading members of both houses as well as with a number of national committee men and other Republican leaders outside of congress, and I am satisfied that Col-onel Quay is the choice of many of them, and the second choice of nearly all. Governor McKinley is likely to have the most votes on the first bal-lot, but no candidate can come anywhere near a nomination on that ballot. From what I learned I am convinced that there will be a concentration of forces in behalf of our Junior senator. upon one of the subsequent ballots."

Mr. Leach emphatically denied that Mr. Leach emphatically dealed that the senator's candidacy was merely for the purpose of holding the Pennsylvania delegation together. "Of course it is not," he declared. "Fully sixty out of the sixty-four delegates would have stood with the senator in any event, and in behalf of any available, acceptable candidate. He certainly would not have entered the field simply for the purpose of getting the other for the purpose of getting the other four delegates into line. He is carn-estly and aggressively a candidate, and will remain so until the end. I honestly think he will win. For the first time since the organization of the party I believe the Republican candidate for the presidency will come from this greatest of Republican states, Pennsylvania, Ordinarily I am the reverse of a political enthusiast, and the con-clusion I have reached in this case has been arrived at only after coming in contact with scores of the party's leaders throughout the several states-north, east, south and west."

#### ROENTGEN OPERATIONS.

Professor Bergmaun Extracts Bullets from a Man's Hand.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Professor Bergmann, the eminent German surgeon, performed the first surgical operation in the hospitals here through the use of the Ro-entgen rays. The professor extracted a number of pellets which had for a long time imbedded in the hand of a long time imbedded in the hand of a young man. The position of the pellets, which had previously been probed for without success, was made known through the medium of the rays. Professor Bergmann told the medical

students who witnessed the operation that while the discovery of the rays was a welcome addition to surgical diagnosis, it could not be compared in respect of usefulness to the recent achievements attained by the use of the antiseptic discoveries of Professor Esmarch. Foreign objects in the hu-man body which were not a source of trouble, he said, ought to be left there. especially in cases where an operation for their removal was dangerous.

#### BONES OF STUART EXHUMED. Identifying the Skeleton of the Great

Portrait Painter.

Boston, Feb. 16.—The skeleton of the great American portrait painter, Gilbert Stuart, who died sixty-eight years ago, was exhumed in tumb No. Gl. of Boston Common, today. The tumb was first used in 1802, and up to 1828, the time of Stuart's burial, six bodies had been placed in its narrow limits. It is peen placed in its narrow limits. It is built of brick, is arched, and measures about ten fect in height, eight feet in length and seven feet in width.

The skull of the artist was identified by its remarkable size, the compara-tively perfect condition of the teeth, the square-set, powerful jaws, the projecting brows, the lack of hair on the top of the head, the presence of the side locks of hair and the whiskers, which came to the lower part of the cars and there stopped. There was no sign of hair on the upper lip, nor anywhere else on the skull, save the sides and

## MURDERER'S INSANITY.

McDarby Crazed, It Is Said, Over Foar of

the Electric Chair, Hudson, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Charles Me-Darby, 30 years old, who is in the prison here charged with the murder of Caroline Proper, has shown signs of in-sanity during the past few days, and Sheriff Connor has removed him from the main corridor of the jail to an isolated cell. His insanity was super-induced, it is said, by the faunts of his fellow reference over the killing of fellow prisoners over the killing of "Bat" Shea at Clinton prison a few days ago. McDarby exhibits no violence, but expresses great fear of the electric chair. The medical attendants at the prison think that his reason may be restored by his being isolated from

the other prisoners.

Caroline Proper was \$9 years old, and McDarby, it is charged, after having criminally assaulted her, murdered her in order to conceal his crime. FRENCH RAILWAY SCANDAL

# The Crisis Growing Out of the Troubles

Linble to Create a Revolution.

### THE REVOLUTION IN COREA

tle Seeks Safety with Subjects of the Czar-New Cabinet Orders the Excention of Former Ministers. Other Poreign Topics.

London, Feb. 16.-The news of a revolution in Corea, attended by the mur-der of the prime minister and several other officials, has excited the foreign office, where the movement is regarded as a coup d'etat in the interests of Russia. The revolution in Seoul last October, in which the queen was murdered, removed the greatest enemy of Japanese influence in Corea The Japanese envoy, Viscount Miura, virtually nominated the ministers, who kept the king already a rejectory.

the ministers, who kept the king almost a prisoner.

The counter revolution, the destruction of the ministers, the anti-Japanese movement and the fact that the king has sought refuge at the Russian legation have caused intense excitement in Japan. This, coupled with Russia's efforts to secure a naval station in Corea, is likely to lead earlier than was ex-pected to a conflict between Russia and Japan.

Marines Ordered to Scoul.

Yokohama, Feb. 16.—Detachments of Egitish, American and French marines have been sent to Seoul, the capital of Corea, to guard the interests of their respective countries. The king of Corea still remains at the Russian lega-tion as a measure of personal safety. tion as a measure of personal safety.

News has been received here that the new cabinet which has been formed in Seoul has decreed the execution of a number of the foreign ministers. A conference of foreign diplomats has been opened at the Russian legation in Seoul to consider the situation

New Minister Not Alarmed. Washington, Feb. 16.—Pom Kwang Sob, the new Corean envoy extraordin-Soh, the new Corean envoy extraordin-ary, accompanied by his secretary, Bong Sun Pak, arrived in Washington this afternoon, forty-seven days after leaving Seoul. He was rather surprised on reaching the legation to learn of the reported overthrow in the last few days of the cabinet of which he was until recently a member; but he de-clared that if the news was verified it would not alarm him, for no harm other would not alarm him, for no harm other than momentary ever came to Corea from such affairs. There was a long from such affairs. There was a long sten in advance on each occasion, and it was eventually found that revolu-tions did not go backward. When he left the country on the last day of the old year, the whole people were show-ing the beneficial results of wise re-forms, and he did not believe any back steps would be taken. steps would be taken. Mr. Soh, who sper

Mr. Soh, who spent ten years in Washington and speaks English flu-ently, is about 35 years old, and re-markably like an American in his carn-

#### DR. BARTH'S ASSERTIONS.

Cleveland Would Vote Silver Bills.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—In connection with the silver debates in the Reichstag Herr Von Kardoff as president of the bi-metallic league of Germany, has sent a letter to President Cleveland asking whether the statement of the sent of the sent

a lefter to President Cleveland asking whether the statements recently made by Dr. Theodore Barth the eminent German Monometallist member of the Reichstag Filbettin, that Mr. Cleveland had assured him that he would yeto any silver bills that congress might pass were true. Dr. Barth, Herr Von Kardorff wrote to President Cleveland, had pretended that he had received the authority of the president upon one of the visits which he had made to the United States of late, to express his views up-on the silver question and he was desirous to know whether or not this was the fact. Hedd Von Kardorff's letter was forwarded to Washington through the United States embassy here Freiherr Marschall Von Rieberstein, minister of foreign affairs,has informed the Turkish, ambassador here that Germany will recognize Prince Ferdi-nand of Bulgaria as the rightful ruler of

Bulgaria. The Duke Wants to Fight. Rome, Feb. 16.—The duke of Aosta, nephew of King Humbert, has begged his majesty and General Mocenni, min-ister of war, to allow him to take command of the men of his regiment, the Fifth artillery, who have been selected to reinforce the Italian army operating against the Abysinnians.

#### BOLD ROBBERY.

Foreman of a Printing Establishment Is Assaulted by a Bandit.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.-H. S. Garner, foreman in the printing establishment of W. B. Buford, received \$400 yesterday afternoon with which to pay employes. While passing through one of the rooms, a stranger struck him heavily upon the head, felling him to the floor. The man then presented a revolver, and held it against Garner's head while he pocketed the money. Telling his victim if he moved he would telling his victim it he moved he would kill him, the robber started to the street. As soon as he passed out of the room Garner rose and cried for help, and the employes ran in pursuit. On the lower floor one of them struck the revolver from the hand of the robber as he passed him, and he was over-powered and bound. He had another revolver in his pocket. The man is unknown here and is believed to be from Cincinnati.

#### RUSSIA ALONE OBJECTS. Only Opposition to the United States

Despatch Bont at Constantinople. Constantinople, Feb. 16.—The representative of the United Press in this city learns that Miss White, a member of the family of Rev. George F. White, an American missionary at Marsovan, has died from small pox. It is reported that Pusses along chiecks to the United that Russia alone objects to the United States having a despatch boat here. The Hon. A. W. Terrell, the American

minister, has referred the matter to Washington for settlement with the government at St. Petersburg. Miss Clara Barton and her colleagues of the Red Cross society have arrived TAR ON THE HEALER.

#### An Imitator of Schlatter Is Driven from North Platte.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 16.-Rev.

William Bailey was tarred and feath-ered and ordered to leave town by a rigilance committee consisting of 150 citizens last night Bailey is an imitator of Schlatter, the Denver healer, and has been work-ing his so-called miracles all winter.

GIRL STUDENTS IN A RUSH. seniors and Juniors Help Out the Boys at Wesleyan In Ohio.

Delaware, O., Feb. 16.—At chapel last night the juniors of Wesleyan college wore straw hats decorated with their class colors in place of the mortar-

boards stolen from them by the seniors. The moment the services were over the It May Lead to a Conflict Between
Russia and Japan.

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ing one, tore her clothing. A policeman was assaulted and another kept off the crowd with a revolver. There are nearly 200 rulned suits of clothes and scores of broken heads as evidence of the fight,

#### QUESTION OF THE FIGHT.

itzsimmons Says That the Jig Is Up. Small Fights Are Declared Off and Forfeits Will Re Paid.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 16.-The question of fight or no fight has been off for one more day. After having dragged Maher's representatives down from Las Cruces today, Martin Julien refused to go into conference, contending himself with the oft-repeated statement of, "We will make known our position to-morrow," just as for two weeks before the Ozark flasco, he chirruped: "We will be in Hot Springs on Oct. 31." Pitzsimmons privately expressed him-self this morning to the effect that he regarded the jig as up, and this is taken as forecasting his attitude tomorrow. Both Dan Stuart and Maher, the latter having been telegraphed for tonight, will have something to say on the ques-tion of forfelt, and the chances are that the Cornish man will not find himself able to carry things his own way. Maher's eyes have improved wonder-

fully during the past twenty-four hours. The catharthic discharge has been arrested and spots within the lids have vanished, and very little blood remains about the eyeballs.
Tonight Dan Stuart announced that

the Everhardt-Leeds, Walcott-Bright-eyes, Marshall-Dixon and Barry-Mur-phy contests were officially declared off and that he would pay the forfelt of 5500 in each contest tomorrow. Some complications between the

fighters are likely to arise as the result of the abandonment. Leeds and Ever-hart who were to have fought on Tuesday should weigh in tomorrow under forfeit of \$1,000. Everhand, however, recognizing that the game was up, has been taking that the game was up, has been taking things easy and gaining flesh with the result that he tips the beam tonight at 140, or eight pounds overweight. Captain Glori Leeds' backer, insists however, that the weighing in shall take place and says that he will claim the forfeit if Everhart fails to appear or if he is overweight. fails to appear or if he is overweight. The concensus of opinion among the expert sports remaining here is that the

expert sports remaining here is that the fight having been declared off in advance of the weighing in, Glori's position is untenable.

Dixon and Marshall are matched to meet before the Long Island City club March 8. "Bright eyes" and Walcott before a Boston club March 15. The Olympic club of New Orleans, has wired for the Leeds-Everhart contest and other details will be settled tomorrow.

#### SITUATION IN CUBA.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the utak Havana, Feb. 16.—The aif is full of rumors. One is that 24 political prisoners in Cuba were shot Wednesday night. General Weyler says he river Lena. From Yakutsk to Ust day night. General Weyler says he knows nothing of it. It is also said Gomez has notified Weyler that if Cubans in the cities are shot, he will re-taliate by shooting Spaniards in the interior of the island. Gomez and Maceo are both in Hayana province and parties have come even to the outskirts of the city of Havana, taking the horses of milkmen in the suburban towns of Juburbana, and exchanging shots with the garrison in the block houses at Jesus Monte. Gomez probably has 16,-000 men under arms operating in Hav-ana province. Skirmishes between the outposts are of daily occurrence. The Spanish officers of minor grades generally magnify these into battles, but since the arrival of Weyler the official reports are much nearer the truth than formerly. Volunteers are being sent from Havana to the field and the Cubans in the city are alarmed over the rumor that Weyler intends to order them to enlist in the army to show their loyalty. The order forbidding correspondents to accompany the col-umns of troops is strictly enforced. umns of troops is strictly enforced making it difficult to obtain reasonable news. Very little is given out officially.
The American correspondent Mannix,
ordered to leave owing to having published obnoxious news, sailed for the United States yesterday. Mannix filed a formal protest with American Consul Williams.

#### NEGRO LYNCHED.

Action of the Mob So Quick That Officers

Had No Time to Resist.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 16.—Robert Williams, the negro who shot and killed Hodman John F. Suggs Friday night, was lynched in the suburbs of the city was synched in the suburys of the chy last night. Williams was arrested at Cowles station, about thirty miles from here, on the Western road. He was brought to Montgomery in charge of Deputy Sheriff Young and local policemen. To escape a mob arrangements had been made to take the prisoner from the train at the Savannah. Americus and Montgomery railroad rossing about a mile and a half out. When the train stopped and the officers appeared with the negro they were confronted by a large crowd who immediately seized the negro and hurriel him away some distance to a tree, to which he was strung up and his body riddled with bullets. The action of the mob was so quick the officers had no time to offer resistance.

#### LAST LINK IN THE CHAIN.

George Jackson Confesses to Having Driven Pearl Bryan and Her Murderers to Fort Thomas.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 16.-George H Jackson, colored, who was arrested last night, confessed to having driven Scott Jackson, Alonzo Walling and Pearl Bryan across the river to Fort Thomas, on the night of the Pearl Thomas, on the night of the Pearl Bryan murder. Jackson says the girl was crying all the way and he did not want to go with them but they compelled him to drive. He says when he get over the river he junped from the vehicle and ran away.

This confession proves the last link in the chain of cyldence which has been developed against the accused.

Kentucky Dendlock. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 16.—There seems to be good grounds for the story that the hunter forces are on the stampede and it is expected that mother break in Fis ranks will occur tomorrow or Tuesday. The name of ex-Chief Justice Holt will be use for several days, to see if there is any chance for his election.

Shaw Pays His Fine.

Reports of His Discoveries Have Now Been Confirmed.

NEWS FROM ST. PETERSBURG

Greely and Peary Are Still Skeptical on the Subject - Nansen's Associate Belleves That There Is Land at the North Pole.

London, Feb. 16.-A dispatch from

London, Feb. 16.—A dispatch from the British consul at Archangel, in which the report that Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer has discovered the North Pôle and is now on his return from his successful voyage is confirmed has been received at the foreign office.

The correspondent of the St. James Gazette at St. Petersburg telegraphs that the report of Dr. Nansen having discovered the North Pole is confirmed. Washington, Feb. 16.—The reported confirmation from Archangel of the report of the return of Dr. Nansen does not really amount to a confirmation in not really amount to a confirmation in the opinion of General Greeley and of Lieutenant Scheutze. The latter is, with the possible exception of Commodore Melville, who is temporarily ab-sent from Washington, better posted than any other official in Washington on the characteristics of the North Si berian coast, which he has visited on a government mission, being charged with the distribution of rewards to the natives who aided the survivors of the unfortunate Jeannette expedition. He said: "This confirmation of the Irkutsl story from Archangel is as if we had a telegram from Portland, Me., confirm-ing a story from Sandy Hook.

General Greeley took a similar view and held that it was conceivable that the story could emanate from two places so remote from each other as are Irkutsk and Archangel. He knew of no way in which news of Dr. Nansen's approach to the northern mouth of the approach to the northern mouth of the Lena Delta should also reach Arch-angel. With the aid of a chart, General Greely indicated the vast distances be-tween Archangel and Irkutsk, the lat-ter point being that where the first re-port of Nansen's return started. He showedthat if it was really true that news of Dr. Nansen's movements had reached the mouth of the Lena, and had so worked up the river to Irkutsk, then so worked up the river to Irkutsk, then it was improbable that the same infor-mation could have reached Archangel. Greely's Disbelief Unshaken.

Greely's Disbeller Unshaken.
General Greely called attention to another point, which was that, if Nansen has really emerged from the Polar regions anywhere off the Siberian coast, then he has himself disproved the correctness of the theory on which his expedition was embarked. It would have the coast of the theory of the correctness of the theory of the correctness of the theory of which his expedition was embarked. It would be the coast of th show, he said, that instead of there existing a current across the pole, there was a current that swept him up from the neighborhood of Bennett Island to the pole and then turned back and re-turned him to his starting point. General Greely thought this state of affair was hardly possible.
Lieutenant Scheutze made the point

that has apparently escaped observa-tion, that if the first story from Irkutsk was true then Nansen was sighted or Claims to Have Had assurances That Mr. Cleveland Would Veto Silver Bills.

Cleveland Would Veto Silver Bills.

That He Will Retaliate on Spaniards if Scheutze is thoroughly familiar with mings. that country. He says that from Irk. utsk to Yakutsk, which is the most northerly Russian post of any signifi-Yansk, at the mouth of the Lena, where the Russian trader is said to where the Russian trans-have heard from Nansen, is a distance of 1,500 miles through an unbroken wil-derness, and the means of communica-tion are reindeer or dogs. The only tion are reindeer or dogs. The only travel between Yakutsk and Ust Yansk is confined to a few half-breed traders, who go up to the latter point early in the winter and stay until the next spring. Many months are required for the trip, and so any news of Nan sen coming from Ust Yansk must be very old.

Lieutenant Scheutze referred to dif Lieutenant Schedize referred to dis-ficulties that might be encountered in the attempt to trace such a rumor as that in question. He said that the na-tives who might have sighted an Arctic explorer would not conceive the nature of his undertaking, and owing to their dense ignorance it would hardly be pos-sible for them to transmit an intelligible account through many such na-tives, and after that through half-breeds, who knew little more, to civilization. In illustration he cited the ex-perience of Nordenskjold, who passed out of the Siberian islands in a fog while a hunting party of natives was on it. The natives could not see the steamer Vega owing to the fog, but hearing the churning of the screw they were stricken with terror, put out their camp-firs and hid themselves in the ice, and not till months afterward was it finally wormed out of them by a half-breed, who had been fortunate enough to have once seen a steam ves-sel, that the explorer had actually passed in the neighborhood.

Nansen's Courage and Resource. Leonhard Stejneger, a former asse clate of Dr. Nansen when the doctor was curator of a museum in Norway and who is now one of the curators o United States National museum thinks there is nothing intrinsically improbable in the story, and bears high tribute to Dr. Nansen's indomitable courage and fertility of resources.
"If," said he, "Dr. Nansen found land north of the New Siberian islands, it would be a comparatively easy matter for him to proceed northward, for the distance is not so great; the extreme difficulties experienced in traveling over the frozen sea make the task one of greater hardship and immeasurably increases the apparent distance. We know that there is land further north than anyone has yet been, for the rea son that birds fly north of the limit of explorations, raise their young and re-turn with them. These birds do not breed their young on ice; they must have land, and because they do go north and breed is very good reason for believing that land is to be found

BROKE THE RECORD. Marvellous Feat of Joe Donoghue, the

Champion Skater.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Joseph Donoghue, the champion skater, last night at the ice rink broke the five-mile skating record of 14 minutes 59 seconds

skating record of 14 minutes 59 seconds, made by Neilson at Minneapolis on a quarter mile track. The track here had ten laps to the mile, and Donoghue's time was 14.47%.

Yesterday afternoon he broke the two-mile record of 5.42 3-5 made at Red Bank, N. J., last winter on a third of a mile track by Olaf Rudd, Donoghue's time was 5.32½.

#### STATE SNAP SHOTS.

Fire in the Heraki Publishing company's building at Erie yesterday entirely detroyed the box factory and some valuable machinery. The newspaper department was not injured, but the damage to the stock was about \$70,000. Robert W. Ryers, president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals died suddenly at his home, in Philadelphia, yesterday.

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#### WEATHER REPORT.

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New York, Feb. 17.—Herald's forecast: In the Middle states today fair, colder weather will prevail with brisk and fresh northwesterly winds, shifting to north-casterly, followed by condiness in this section and possibly by snow and dangerous easterly gales on the coast.

On Tuesday, cloudy weather will probably prevail, with snow or rain, slight temperature changes and dangerous eastery winds, becoming variable.

Eight Persons Killed. London, Feb. 16.—A lodging house in Soho, this city, was destroyed by fire this morning and, eight persons were killed.