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THE POWERS MAY MEDIATE

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WAR PREPARATIONS GO ON

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It Has Been Decided to Extinguish Torches in All Light Houses on the Gulf of Smyrna During the War. The Porte Has Undertaken to Provide Guards for the Protection of American Missions in Asia Minor. Greeks in Turkey Must Become Naturalized or Leave the Country.

Athens, May 2.-Reports are current here today that the powers are about to mediate between Greece and Tur key. The Italian and Austrian ministers have had a long interview with M. Raili and M. Scoulodis.

London, May 2.—It is semi-officially stated that Lord Sasilbury's proposal to the powers for a conference at Paris discuss measures with a view of ending the war between Turkey and Greece has already been under consideration for several days at the various foreign offices, and may now be considered definitely abandoned.

Constantinople, May 2.-War prepa rations go on with unabated vigor. Two commissions composed of officials of the ministeries of the public work and of war have been formed for the purpose of inspecting railways and facilitating the dispatch of troops to the

It has been decided to extinguish the torches in all the light houses on the Gulf of Smyrna as far as Karaburun during the continuance of the war. It is officially announced that the Greeks, resident in Turkey may become naturalized as an alternative to leaving the country. That will be compulsory for all Greeks officially

employed in Turkey. The porte has undertaken to provide guards for the protection of the American missions in Asia Minor, and has promised that these shall not be

American legation Arta, May 1 .- After remaining inactive for two days the Greek troops vesterday (Friday) reinvaded Epirus. The Sixth regiment advanced and ocwithout fighting. The Turks are still at Pentepigadia and Imaret has been fortified, the military bridge over the river Arta (Aracht) having been de-

The streets of Arta present a strange scene, with the continuous exodus of citizens and the steady in-coming of the peasantry, who camp out in the streets, around fires, with thousands of sheep and cattle.

THE PORTE'S DEMANDS.

London, May 2.—The Berlin corre spondent of the Daily Mail learns that the powers will not consent to the levying of indemnity upon Greece, and that both Austria and Germany are trying to induce the porte to modify its de-

Canea, May 2.-Ismail Pasha, governor of the island, has protested against the decision of the admirals allowing food to be supplied to inhabitants in the interior. He demands cessation of the blockade or its complete re-establishment.

Athens, May 2 .- A dispatch from Lamia, dated Saturday, says:

Since yesterday the whole body of Greeks near Pharsalos and Domokos has been drawn up in order of battle but at this hour (noon) there has been no fighting. The inhabitants of Pharsales have abandoned the town in fear of a Turkish attack, and an exodus has begun from Domokos in the direction of Lamia, the refugees pitching their tents in the open country.

VOLUNTEERS FOR GREECE.

London, May 2 .-- A despatch to the Daily Mail from Paris says that 200 American volunteers for Greece have arrived and gone on to Marseilles. They were all Greeks and all wore ribbons bearing the inscription "War, for victory or death.

London, May 2.—Captain Rabbek, of King George's personal staff wired here from Athens yesterday that the right wing of the Greek army had repalsed the Turks, but that the left wing had retreated behind the old fronter line to avoid being circumvented. Captain Rabbek adds:

'Greek army in Epirus, after defeat at Pentepegadia, has retired to Arta. All hope of continuing the war is now virtually abandoned. The fleet has returned to Volo for the protection of the inhabitants."

A MODERN "JOAN OF ARC." London, May 2.- The Athens corres pondent of the Daily Mail will say tomorrow:

Both the fleets remain idle. populace continues indignant at the filling of the railway carriages with Crown Prince Constantine's baggage in the flight from Larissa, despite the protests of the railway officials. The people say that they have been cheated and betrayed.

They are also angry at the neglect of the government to call out the exempted reserves, who are for the most part relatives of ministers, deputies aristocrats.

band of 2,000 irregulars is about start for the front, their standard rer, a 19-year-old girl. Helen Conatinidis, dressed in the same unim as the men.

he correspondent of the Times at will say tomorrow: Communication with Volo still re-

mains uncut. Locomot. S have pushed cut a short distance of ard Larissa, and they report that the line is apparently little damaged. The authorities are distributing rifles and bayon-ets to civilians indiscriminately, thus increasing the panie.

"The British warship Dryad has arthe main body of the Greek fleet off Skiatho."

GREEK ARMY IN A PANIC.

Horrors of the Retreat -- Roads Filled with Frightened Villagers.

London, May 2.-The Times correspondent Patrias, giving further details of the fighting at Pentepigadia notes the neglect of the officers to provide for the timely arrival of re-inforcements, a matter so difficult in that wild section of the country and proceeds:

"When the Turks opened the attack I realized that their fierce onset might expel the mere handful of Greeks, but did not realize that this one blow would throw the entire Greek army in Epirus into a hopeless panic and cause the loss of all the positions gain-

"Six thousand Turks scaled the mountain, covered as it is with brush and rocks and in the face of firing which was rapid and continuous. They lost heavily in spite of the fact that two guns were inexplicably removed from action shortly after the fusilade began. The Evzones fought bravely but were compelled to retire.

The rest of the Greek positions have been abandoned. There has been apparently no stand anywhere and the whole army is crumbling without firing a shot. We enter Kumuzades, which 3,000 men with six guns had deserted, accompanied by the terrified villagers carrying 'heir property and 'hoa decended the rough pass where for hour. we met no one. The retreating and panic-stricken troops were far ahead. About midnight we and our mournful procession of villagers overtook the outed army on the road, crowded and n utter confusion, packed with a mass of humanity tumbling on through the darknesss, without hurry and silently, for it was a strange panic that had seized the men, a sullen, unexcited, stubborn determination not to fight, out to press on toward Arta in a sluggish irresistible way. The officers, like their regiments, walked with gloomy and shamefaced expression,

quite unable to get their men in hand "At Kanopoulo, Colonel Botzari and his staff vainly tried to check the route and to make a stand, but the mass, continually growing, kept rolling along. Presently their mingled with the troops the sacred inhabitants of the villages on the line of retreat, who, fearing Turkish vengeance for assisting the Greeks, were fleeing to Arta with their families and chattels, their cattle, sheep and goats, bellowing, bleating, trampling and killing each other, while the glare of the burning nomes behind them reminded them of

all they had lost." Athens, May 2.-There are numerous indications that the Ralli ministry intends to assume greater direct mil and naval control and no longer to divide the responsibility between the ministry and the court. The news of the victory at Velestino has increased General Smolenski's popularity, and he is now regarded as the real hero of the ampaign. An officer who saw the fight says that the Turks numbered 2,000 and the Greeks 8,000. It is believed that a decisive conflict will be fought at Pharsalos and probably to

norrow (Monday). A dispatch from Colonel Manos explaining the retreat of the Greek forces in Epirus, says that the morals of the army was somewhat affected by the news of the retreat from Larissa. The entire loss of the Greeks in Epirus is

London, May 2 .- A dispatch to the Times from Pentepigadia, dated Thursday, says that the Greeks are arming the population of the district and have occupied Turkish territory, many villagers are going through the Turkish lines and joining the ranks of the Greeks.

WENT TO JAIL FOR LOVE.

Bell Paid for His Girls Winning Votes with a Confederate \$5 Bill.

Kansas City, Mo., May 2.—Earl Bell' admiration of a pretty girl in Chilli-cothe, Mo., caused him to be found has arisen. The proposed sermons were guilty of passing fraudulent money in to have been delivered under the genthe federal court here today.

At a voting contest at a Chillicothe phia." church fair last November Bell spent his money freely to prove that the niece of a hotel keeper there was the prettlest and most popular girl in town. It Will Not Be Given to the Finance It cost him five cents each time he ceted. He voted often, but in spite of all he could do other candidates were getting more votes than his favorite. Finally he grew desperate. He bought 100 votes in a lump and his girl won, but he paid for the votes with an old confederate \$5 bill. The trick was discovered and he is a United States prisoner. He will be sentenced

BARCELONA ANARCHISTS.

Monday.

Twenty-six Condemned to Death for

the Bomb-Throwing Outrage. Barcelona, May 2.-The court martial yesterday concluded the sentences of the eighty-four anarchists who were convicted of participation in the bombthrowing outrage upon the occasion of June, in which twelve persons were killed outright, and fifty others were wounded, some of whom died from their injuries.

Twenty-six, including the five sentenced yesterday, were condemned to death, and the remainder to various terms of imprisonment.

Four Days' Grace for Dunlop.

Washington, May 2—The president to-day ordered the suspension for four days of the mandate sentencing Joseph Dun-lep, proprietor of the Chicago Dispatch, to two years in the pentientiary for send-ing obscene matter through the realis, Dunley made a personal appeal to the Dunlon made a personal appeal to the president for this length of time, in which to arrange his business affairs before going to serve his term in Joliet.

Oil Struck at Shallow Depth. Bolivar, N. Y., May 2.—Oil was struck at a depth of ninety-six feet in a well that was drilled two miles north of her. The well pumped yesterday at the rate of 100 barrees per day without having been shet. This shallow well is regarded as a marvel, the average depth in the Allegany field being 920 feet.

FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Vote Will Be Taken on the Arbitration Treaty on Wednesday.

CONSIDERABLE SPARRING EXPECTED

The Fate of the Important Measure Is In Doubt in the Senate -- It May Be Decided by Two or Three Votes Either Way -- Kentucky's New Senator to Be Sworn in-Programme for the House of Representatives.

Washington, May 2.- The senate will resume business in carnest Monday, and the week bids fair to be one of important results. According to agree-ment a vote will be taken on the arbitration treaty on Wednesday. It is also quite probable that the committee vacancies will be filled and that the ed since the opening of the campaign. tarift bill will be reported to the senate. For the rest. Senator Morgan will probably call up his Cuban resolution, the sundry civil appropriation bill may be passed, and Senator Hoar has given notice that he will move to have the committee on rules discharged from the further consideration of his amendments to the rules for the limitation of debate. There is great uncertainty as to the fate of the treaty, and it now looks as if the margin would not exceed two or three votes, whatever the result may be. There are a few unascertained votes which will decide the result. A canvass made yesterday shows forty the votes certain for the treaty and twenty-five certain against. Twenty-nine votes in opposition are sufficient to defeat it, but the opposition do not know just where these four votes can be found. There will be considerable sparring over the treaty before the vote is taken, but no prolonged debate is expected.

The consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill has been postponed until Senator Allison, who will have charge of it in the senate, could be If Senator Hoar fulfills his promise to oring up the question of the amendnent of the rules, his motion will be

proposed will not assent to them on the eve of the tariff fight.

stubbornly resisted by the Democrats.

A NEW SENATOR. The new senator from Kentucky, Hon, W. J. Deboe, probably will be

sworn in tomorrow, The house programme contemplates adjournments for three days, from Monday to Wednesday, Should the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill reach the house it will be considered. A suggestion to take action on the bankruptcy bill passed by the senate is being thought over and may reach some definite shape before the close of the week.

"THE DEVIL IN PHILADELPHIA."

Subject of Proposed Sermons to Have Been Delivered by Rev. Harcourt.

Philadelphia, May 2.-Rev. Richard Harcourt, D. D., pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, has become dissatisfied with his relations at the church, and, at a meeting of the quarterly conference, he announced his intention of asking the residing elder for a change of pastoral relations at the end of the confernce year. Dr. Harcourt's request will e made because of objections recently entered to a series of sermons he had announced that he would preach. He now in the second year of his pastorate at the church.

Dr. Harcourt was originally in the church, and has been in the ministry for twenty-five years. He was formerly church in San Francisco and later was pastor for five years of Grace chrch in | Life Saving station men. Baltimore. At the Park Avenue church he was the successor of the venerable Dr. Chapman, and at the recent conference in Bethlehem his service had apparently been so satisfactory that he was again appointed to the pastorate at the unanimous request of the conral head of "The Devil in Philadel-

AMENDED TARIFF BILL.

Committee Today. Washington, May 2.-The tariff bill as amended will not be given to the finance committee tomorrow. The neeting of the committee as originally intended will be held. The reason given for this is the absence of Senaor Platt, of Connecticut, a member of the sub-committee on tariff. Some questions have arisen in the past few days concerning which it is considered ecessary to consult the Connecticut senator and he found it impossible to reach the city until tomorrow afteroon, too late for the meeting. A meetng probably will be held Tuesday. The Republican members will in the meantime continue their efforts to have the Democrats fix a time for reporting the bill. The latter, however, persist in declaring that they will enter upon no the celebration of Corpus Christi last agreement on this point until they shall see the bill and have an opportunity to examine it. The Republican sub-committee spent

the entire day working on the bill. RAILROADERS MEET.

Representatives of the Brotherhoods

in Session at Trenton. Trenton, N. J., May 2.-Representaives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen held a public meeting in Taylor opera house today. Addresses were made by Mayor Sickel, ex-Congressman Buchanan, Chief Arthur, of the Engineers: Grand Master Sargent, of the Firemen, and Second Vice Grand Master Dodge, of the Trainmen. The addresses were mainly devoted to the benefits of or-

ganization. In the morning a secret session was held, but the men who took part in it were distnchined to impart any infor-

that the chief subject considered was the establishment of a central assoclation so that in any matter affecting either of the organizations the three could act as one.

TRINITY'S BI-CENTENNIAL.

The Church Congregation Celebrates the Event in a Fitting Manner. New York, May 2.-Trinity church today began the celebration of the bi

centennial of its foundation, and will continue the celebration throughout the Trinity today includes nine chanels in addition to the parish church, a large number of industrial schools, a ho pital, a number of guilds, clubs and

parish associations.

Old Trinity church was the scene of splendor today and was crowded to the The celebration began at 7.30 o'clock, the usual Sabbath morning services being performed. At 10 o'clock the rec-

tor, Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, preached a historical sermon. The solemn communion services were played one of eethoven's symphonics. The recessional hymn, "Sing with All the Sons of Glory," closed the services. The services were attended by reprentatives of many of New York's oldest families. The decorations, which were on a very elaborate scale, were chiefly symbolical. The afternoon services began at 3.39 o'clock and were argely musical. The sermon was by

the vicar, Rev. J. Nevett Steele, The evening services were of a speial character, and were attended by presentatives from the guilds of St. John's chapel, the Holy Cross, the St. Ambrose, St. Stephen, Good Shepherd, St. Agnes, St. Mary and St. Monica.

GRAVE NEWS FROM WA.

It Is Feared That Lieutenant Henderson's Mission Has Been Attended with Serious Disaster.

Cape Coast Castle, Gold Coast, Africa, May 2.-Grave news has been re ceived here as to the mission of Lieutenant Henderson, at Wa. It is reported that Chief Samory has attacked the mission. Authentic details have not yet been received, but a serious disas-Those of them who favor the changes ter is feared.

The object of Lieutenant Henderson was to make treaties with the chiefs in Hinterland. He had a large escort. Ferguson, a colonial official, who acompanied Lieutenant Henderson, known to have been severely wounded. Wa is considered to be within the sphere of British influence,

THE JUNIATA FLOODS.

Farmers Along the Valley Suffer from High Water -- Body Washed Out.

Huntingdon, Pa., May 2.-The incessant rainfall of the past twenty-four hours has overflowed the Juniata river thousands of dollars worth of destruction to growing crops. Farmers along the Raystown branch have suffered severe losses to buildings, fences and growing grains. The Juniata river is 16 feet above low water mark and is still rising.

The body of an unknown Italian rallroad laborer, who was knocked off a bridge, fifteen miles west of here two months ago was recovered in today's flood.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

E. F. C. Young, with Cargo of Wood Goes to Fieces at Sandy Hook.

New York, May 2.-The schooner E. F. C. Young, Captain Thomas, from James River, Va., for Burbank's Point, rvice of the Protestant Episcopal N. Y., with a cargo of pine wood, went ashore near Sandy Hook in a gale last night and was totally wrecked, going charge of the largest Methodist to pieces in a few hours. The crew were taken off by the Spermacetti Cove

The lost schooner hailed from Baltimore and registered 105 tons.

NO CRISIS IN MEXICO.

Statement Is False That Four Members of Cabinet Have Resigned. Mexico City, May 2.-The statement promulgated by the Associated Press that a ministerial crisis had occurred

by the official organ. Minister Leal, on the ground purely of ill health, wishes to resign to take a less onerous post under the govern-

Thought to Have Starved to Death. Perth Amboy, N. J., May 2.—Mrs. Caro-dae Springer, 70 years old, died nere this morning, and it is believed that her death was due to starvation. Several years and she was well-to-do, but her husband deserted her and took away with him all the money she had. Until three months ago she was supported by Harry Olmstel, a young man whom she had adopted. Final-by consumption forced him to give up work, and lately the two have been in extreme destitution. Olmsted is dying from corsumption.

Chance for Capita! in Mexico. Washington, May 2.—The consul-genera the United States at Nuevo Lared Mexico, informs the department of state that he believes there is an opening in Mexico for a commercial agency. None to the control of the commercial agency would at once have a clientage of American merchants whose American trade is constantly increasing, and a pat-conage of Mexican merchants who are more conducting their business after

English Military Changes.

London, May 2.-The Devon and Exete: azette rays that Adjutant General Si Redvers Buller will succeed the Duke of Connaught in command at Aldershot camp, that Quartermaster General Evelyn Wood will succeed Sir Redvers Buller as adjutant general, and that the Duke of Connaught will become quartermaster general of the British army.

Princess Anne Launched. Chester, Pa., May 1.—The Princes Anne, the tenth vessel bufit at Roach's ship yards, for the Old Dominion Steam ship company, was launched today at 12.40 o'clock. She is schooner rigged and will carry 120 first and fifty second class

passengers. Her speed will be fourteen Princess of Teck Improving. London, May 2.—The Duchess of Teck

CLEVELAND'S SHAM REFORM EXPOSED

The Manner in Which the Civil Service Law Was Violated.

REPUBLICAN CLERKS PERSECUTED

Confederate Veteraus Placed in Office Without Examination -- Dismissals Made Without Cause and for Political Reasons -- Testimony Before the Senate Committee.

Washington, May 2.-The senate ommittee which has undertaken the investigation of the workings of the civil service laws held its second meeting yesterday. Senators Pritchard, Lodge and Chilton conducted the investigation. The civil service commis-The solemn communion services were sion was represented by President then conducted while the grand organ Proctor and George R. Wales. Letters presented from Secretary Long and Postmaster-General Cary recommending that the civil service laws should be continued, but giving the opinion that they should be modified. although they recommended no chang-

> F. W. Palmer, the public printer, said that the only persons not included in the classified service in his office were charwomen and laborers, "As applied to this office, which is simply a great manufacturing plant, involving varied branches of skilled labor of high grade, the civil service rules are an obstruction rather than an aid to efficiency and economy," he continued. "The civil service rules as promulgated for enforcement here should be modified

> radically, suspended or repealed." H. E. Weaver, a clerk in the Sixth auditor's office of the treasury, and a veteran who had served throughout the war, testified that, although his rank had been high, he had been discharged under both Cleveland administrations, and no reasons given therefor. When he had complained to President Roosevelt of the civil service commission Mr. Recsevelt had told him it would be useless to make an investigation, as the department would trump up

> some reason for his removal, James M. Miller, a one-armed Union veteran, testified that he, with five other veterans, had been discharged in 1894 from their places in the treasury department under the auditor for the interior department without reasons given. Two of the vacancies made had been filled by F. J. Troop, a brotherin-law of Auditor Blackweil, and J. C. Orr, his father-in-law, the latter a Confederate veteran. Both of theze men had been placed in office without examination, contrary to law, and had been promoted to \$1,800 places. Mr. Miller produced testimonials from depart-ment officials, showing that he had been an expert on war history of the

highest grade of efficiency. LOGAN RAN THE DEPARTMENT. Senator Chilton inquired how the au ditor's relatives had got into office, and Mr. Miller answered: "Under the administration of Logan Carlisle, who seemed to run the department. Where there was a will there was a way for anything."

Carl Sterlin, another war veteran, 76 years of age, said that in 1895 he had been reduced by Assistant Secretary Hamlin from \$1,000 to \$900. He gave a testimonial from the late Register F. E. Spinner that he had worked his way from the lowest to the highest grades. Mr. Hamlin had said that he reduced the witness to enable him to promote another člerk not a war veteran, Francis M. Shell, a veteran of the Mexican war, recommended that veter-

lege accorded to veterans of the rebellion, of reinstatement in the civil service without examination. Solomon E. Holman said that he had been removed from his position as assistant messenger in the treasury under Secretary Carlisle for political rea-

John T. Morton, a colored minister, who had held a clerkship in the postoffice department since 1885, testified that he had been persecuted during the Cleveland administration on account of his color, and his resignation was finally demanded. A request to the civil service commission for an investigation had elicited no response. Some time was devoted to the affairs

of the Freedman's hospital, an instituhere and that four ministers had retion for colored people, maintained by signed, is entirely false and is denied the government in Washington, Dr. C. B. Purvis testified that after being in charge of the establishment for fourteen years he had been summoned by Secretary Hoke Smith, who told him that he was removed because he had made a speech in favor of the Force bill.

SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

Spicide of a Philadelphia Lawyer at Hotel Bartholdi.

New York, May 2.—Peter C. Burke, about 25 years old, supposed to have been a lawyer in Philadelphia, was found dead in a room in the Hotel Bartholdi today, having committed suicide by suffocating himself with illuminating gas in the bath room attached to the apartments he had occupied. The body was removed to the morgue. Burke appeared at the hotel Thursday evening and registered as from Philadelphia. He had no baggage and paid for one night only. The next day he asked the clerk to reserve the room for him. He did not call for his room again Friday night, and from that time was not see about the hotel until his dead body was found today. How he got into the apartments is unknown. From letters in the man's possession was learned that Philadelphia was his home. The Philadelphia city directory gives the address of one Peter C. Burke, 1126 Walnut street.

ACCIDENT TO THE JOHANNA.

A German Steamer Is Towed Six Hundred Miles.

Lewees, Del., May 2.-The German teamship Johanna of Flensburg with 1500 tons of sugar from Rosario for the Delaware breakwater, for orders, arrived tonight in tow of the Austrian steamship Pandora, from Santos, via Barbados, for New York. On April 21, the Johanna broke her tallshaft and lost her propeller. She lay for six days without sighting a vessel. While trymation. It is understood, however, is progressing favorably toward recovery, ing to make port under sail, she lost

all her sails in a northeast gale. Then she tay entirely helpless until the 27th, when the Pandora hove in sight and took her in tow. This was in latitude 29.24 N., longitude 71 W.

The steamers experienced very rough weather while towing, the hawser breaking three times compelling the Pandera to lay by and wait favorable opportunities to get it fast again. She finally succeeded in towing the dis-abled ship here six hundred miles to the breakwater, supplying her with provisions on the voyage.

BISHOP CURTIS RETIRES.

A Farewell Sermon to His Congrega-

tion Yesterday. Wilmington, Del., May 2.-Bishop Alred Curtis, of the Catholic diocese of Wilmington, preached his farewell sermon at St. Peter's church today, and retired to private life. His successor is Bishop Monaghan, who, upon his apointment last fall, came from Charleson, S. C., where he had been assistant riest. There was a large congrega ion today, and Bishop Curtis made a

ding valedictory. He cited as his reason for leaving the hurch his physical infirmities and hi esire to retire to private life. He said he was 60 years of age and had been in the ministry for a long term of years The Regina Coeli was recited in lieu of the Anglus.

PITTSBURG BLAZE.

Several Large Business Houses, Including the American Press Association Offices Are in Ruins.

Pittsourg, Pa., May 3.-The most de tructive fire which has visited this ity since 1845 broke out about midnight in T. C. Jenkin's wholesale gros ry house. The flames spread rapidly from Jenkins' and soon had consumeseveral large buildings in the vicinity. The total loss will be at least \$2,000,000. The insurance cannot be told tonight, but it is supposed to be well

The origin of the fire in the Jenkins building is not known, but it is suposed to have been smouldering ours in a dust heap at the foot of the levator shaft. The watchman tried to get the flames under control, but more pronounced formality than has gave up the attempt and sent in an attended any convention of either naalarm.

A general alarm followed and soon all the engines in the city were on hand. It was seen at once that the city fire department were not sufficient and that from Allegheny City was alled on and responded quickly, sending almost their entire force. At this hour (1.30 a. m.) some of the

otal losses may be stated as follows: T. C. Jenkins, wholesale grocer, occu-pying an entire block, running through rom Liberty to Penn avenue, between Fifth street and Cecil alley, loss fully \$500,000. Joseph Horne & Sons, dry goods house, corner of Fifth and Penn, ess over \$1,000,000, building and stock; Hornes' office building, adjoining their Grier & Co., china house, Penn avenus Mayer's glove store, Snaman's carpet house, Huck's eigar factory and Hall Brothers building, in which the American Press association has its office. The Methodist Book Concern building, in which are a number of offices, and Le-S. Smith's dental establishment, is partially destroyed. The Duquesne theater adjoins the Methodist Episcopal house and is now burning, and will be a total loss. The "Surprise" clothing house on the opposite side of Penn avenue from the theater is also in flames and will probably be ruined. A large number of buildings in the vicinity had windows broken and are being deluged with water. At 2 a. m. the fire is thought

to be under control. ans of that war receive the same privi-Five People Killed by a Waterspout, Louisville, Ky., May 2.-A dispatch to the Post from eMnticello, Ky., says that news of a disaster on White Oak Creek in Tennessee, several miles from that town, has been received. A waterapout struck the house of a farmer named Branlers, demolishing the house and killing the farmer, his wife and one child. Two farr hands, who were sleeping upstair; were so badly mangled that they died in

Fisherman Drowned.

Breakwater, Del., May 2 .- Joseph Driend god 22 years, of St. Peter's Cape, Broton fisherman on board the schooner Lizzie Smith, was knocked overboard three miles southeast of Cape Henforen yesterday and drowned. The crew of the schooner was unable to recover the body. Paralytic Burned to Death

Corning May 2.—William Bellis, a help-less paralytic, was burned to death last night in the house of his son, Delos Bellis,

prominent citizen of Pen Yan. Mr. Bei-a was alone in the house. An overturned lamp is thought to have caused the Naval Cadets, Washington, May 2.—Lieutenant Gunio grade) A. N. Mayer has been promoted to

e a full lieutenant, Lieutenant H. K. White, Marine Corps, has been promote to be captain. The orders of Captain C M. Chester to command the Monudacek have been revoked. Col. Hay's Credentinis. London, May 2.—Colonel John Hay, the iew American ambassador, will present

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

is credentials to the queen to

Pelme Minister Salisbury.

Weather Indications Today: Showers: Southerly Winds,

(General)-Powers Contemplate Mediation. Meeting of the Universal Postal Union. Sham Cleveland Reforms Exposed.

(Sports)-Eastern, National and Atlan-tic League Bars Ball Games, Boxing on the Increase.

1 (State)-Work Before the Legislature, Ball Players Arreste³

Forecast of Week in Congress.

Editorial. Washington Gossip.

5 (Story)-"The Wedding of Kate Car-

Victoria's Record-Breaking Reign 6 (Local)—Semi-Centennial of dence Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dr. Giffin's Eulogy of Grant. 7 (Local)-Dun's Hat Store Damaged by The Case of Washington Davis. 3 (Local)-West Side and City Suburban,

9 (Lackawanna County News, 19 Neighboring County Happenings, Financial and Come

MEETING OF POSTAL UNION

Universal Congress Convenes at Washington City on Wednesday.

THE NATIONS REPRESENTED

All Governments Save China, Corea and Orange Republic.

Have Sent Delegates to the Meeting. The Sessions Will Be Held in the Historie Corcorna Art Gallery. Will Be Composed of Men of the Highest Rank in the Postal Service -- Leading Diplomats Have Been Sent from Many Countries. Question of Universal Postage Stamp Will Be Discussed.

Washington, May 2.-The postal operations of the world will pass in relew before one of the most distinsuished bodies that ever met in this country when the Universal Pestal ongress convenes in this city next Wednesday. It is the first time that the Universal Postal union, now comprising and controlling so far as the malls are concerned, every organized government save three-China, Corea and the Orange Free state—has had its delegates assemble in America and the deliberations of its fifth sextennial convention will be marked by perhaps tional or international scope that has gathered in this country for a long eriod. Sixty odd countries and provnces will be represented by about 120 delegates, each country having but a ingle vote. The sessions will be held in the historic old building, which until ecently was the home of Corcoran art rallery. The delegates who will form the congress are men of the highest rank in postal service. The postmasters general of several nations are among them, while leading diplomats have been sent by some of the coun-

tries. At previous gatherings the congress has been extended usual courtesies by the rations whose guests they were and, while this government is hampered by lack of satisfactory funds, the postoffice department will do every. thing possible to make this country an agreeable host. It is among the probabilities, based on precedent, that the delegates will be entertained by both the president and the postmaster general, and the district commissioners will, in case the appropriation they desire is granted, give an official recention and a water trip probably to Old Point Comfort and Richmond. delegates, before the close of the congress, also will be taken on a fourney n the west, returning by way of New

MEASURES FOR CONSIDERATION.

Many measures will be brought for-

ward for consideration. The new treaty or general convention and several minor ones, and adopted in substitution of old ones in order to cover new conditions. Perhaps the most important proposition will involve what is known as the intermediate transit system. This provides for compensation by the sending country to all coun-tries over whose domains its mails are transported. An agreement to carry the mails of all the countries in the union mutually free will be proposed, but probably voted down. Such conntries as Belgium, which sends out little mail but over whose lands much foreign mail is transported at a big profit to the kingdom, will object to cutting off this revenue. This practically decats the scheme as one well founded dissent kills a proposition. This country and a few others, however, have leclared in favor of the free transporintion. The ultimate action, it is said, probably will be the acceptance of the average weight statistics of the last six years as a basis of all intermediary transit accounts up to the assemblage of the next congress, that is, up to 1903, when the issue will be revived. The much-agitated proposition to

adopt a universal postage stamp, not good for domestic postage, but for convenient communication between countries and the universal return stamped envelope proposition, having a similar scope, also will be brought up, but the probabilities of adoption are said to be against both, with the Intter having the best chance of the two. There will be no upset of postige rates but an increase of the allowable weight for letters is probable, thus making an ounce or three-quarters of an ounce the unit instead of the present half burnee, for which the charge is now five cents. The three countries still outside, China, Korea, and the Orange Free State, are expected to be admitted before the congress is closed, though the last named has not yet been heard from on this sub-

Wife Murderer and His Brother Shot. Prestonburg, Ky., May 2.—Dan Musick, wife murderer, and his brother, Ligo, was killed by a posse near this place. Musick's wite died of injuries indicted by her husband, and the posse had gone to arrest him. Musick resisted and his

The Hernid's Weather Forceast. New York, May L.-In the Middle states and New England today, partly cloudy

weather will probably prevail, winds shifting to northerly and northwesterly with lower, followed by slowly rising tem-perature and by fair conditions in mo-of this section. On Tuesday, in both of those sections, fair and warmer weakher will prevail with fresh variable winds newill prevail, with fresh variable winds be-coming mostly southerly and followed by cloubless in the lake and western dis-