

VISCAVA AT HAVANA.

MAINE INQUIRY DOINGS OF THE DAY IN CO THE

Chief Interest Centered Hogg, Gill and Ensign Colman, watch Weaver, Chief Engineer Parks, in Statements of THE KATAHDIN'S POWERS. The Katahdin, otherwise known as Secretary Long.

REGARDING RESPONSIBILTY

Secretary's Remarks The Were Misunderstood.

Explanations Are Given Concerning the Reason for Attaching the Maine to a Buoy in Hayana Harbor -- The Cabinet Stiff in the Dark as to the Evidence Given Before the Board of Inquiry .- Difficulties Encountered Securing Bodies That Have Been Buried on Spanish Soil.

Washington, March 1 .- The chief interest today in connection with the Maine inquiry centered in a statement anchoring, a fact that has been the base for some of the theories as to the by Secretary Long following the cabicause of disaster. It is stated that not net meeting, that in his personal opinonly is a man-of-war at buoy in much ion any official participation by the better place for quick service than when anchored, but it appears that if Spanish government in the blowing up of the Maine was now practically elima ship casts her anchor in Havana inated from the situation. This stateharbor that the mud which clings to ment was not of a formal or official character, and was made by Mr. Long it on being hoisted to the deck is so foul and polluted with yellow fever and as he walked away from the White other disease germs that the ship must

se. As usual the various cabinet irs were besleged with inquiries as any Florida port. the questions before the meeting, and in response to these importunities the secretary summed up the situation in a few words, stating that most of the time had been given to the outrages on colored postmasters in the south. Naturally the Cuban situation had been gone over, he said, but there were no actual developments and he felt that public excitement over the subject had materially abated. Then he added the statement in the same passing way, that any participation by the Spanish government in the blowing up of the Maine was practically eliminated in his judgment. This last remark was speedily given wide circula-

Among those examined were Past It immediately started much Assistant Engineer Morris, Assistant comment and discussion, and when Mr. Engineer Bowers, cadets engineer divison, Washington; and Crenshaw, and Long returned to the navy department after lunch he found that what he had enlisted men of the Maine. An adjournintended to convey was given the force ment was taken about four o'clock of an official declaration that Spain's until ten to-morrow. Admiral Sicard responsibility for the disaster had been has requested Dr. Maloney, the mayor eliminated. In order to make clear his of Key West, to prevent a local demeaning as a personal expression of monstration when the funeral of the

DAY IN CONGRESS Resolutions to Honor the Memory of the Dead of the Maine's Crew. LOUD BILL, DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Committee on Naval Affairs Agree Upon Items of \$1,000,000 for the Ammen ram, is a freak in naval architecture, and although opinions are the Purchase of Smokeless Powder divided as to her qualities, there is little doubt that her presence in any and Smaller Sums for Arms and harbor would make an enemy anxious. Equipments. She lies mostly under water, with a turtle back of steel varying in thick-

ness from 2½ inches to 6 inches. The theory of her designer, Admiral Am-Washington, March 1.-In the senate to-day a motion by Mr. Hoar (Mass.) men, was that this armor plate could to non-concur in the house amendnot be struck directly by a shot from another vessel and that such shot ments to the Bankruptcy bill drew a speech from Mr. Stewart (Nev.) In would be harmlessly deflected by the which he vigorously denounced the measure passed by the house. He desloping steel deck. In action the conning tower and smoke stack are about clared it was an atrocious measure, all of the ship that would present a diatelical in intent and could only remark. The former is made of steel 18 sult in grinding the poor debtor the inches thick. The Katahdin is a ram more deeply into the financial mire. The pure and simple, having in the way of Alaska homestead and rallway right weapons nothing except her sharp steel of way bill was under discussion durback and a few small rapid-fire guns ing the greater part of the session, Mr. to keep off torpedo boats. When she Rawlins (Utah) concluding his speech was designed her speed was placed at begun yesterday in opposition to the a very high mark, but she did not remeasure. The resolution of Mr. Bacon alize expectations, owing to her peculiar (Ca.) providing for a bronze tablet to obstructive under water model. The be crected in the capitol in memory two vessels have crews respectively of of the officers and sailors who lost their

150 and 90 men. lives in the Maine disaster was passed. It was learned at the navy department today why the Maine was tied up to a buoy in Havana harbor instead of IN THE HOUSE. The house to-day entered upon the

consideration of the Loud bill relative to second class matter. The bill is identical with the bill passed at the last congress but Mr. Loud, its author, gave notice of an amendment permitting the transmission at pound rates of sample copies up to ten per cent. of the bona fide circulation of the newspaper periodicals. This amendment removes much opposition to the bill. Only three speeches were delivered togo into quarantine upon her return to day. Mr. Loud made an exhaustive speech in its favor, claiming that the government practically paid a sub-sidy of \$40,000,000 to proprietors of pub-824 FUNERAL OF VICTIMS.

lications which now got access to the mails at pound rates as the cost of transporting mails and its handling averaged eight cents per pound. Mr. Moon (Dem. Tenn.) spoke in oposition to the bill and Mr. Perkins (Rep. Iowa) in favor of it. The debate will continue until Thursday when

the vote will be taken at four o'clock. FOR ARMY EQUIPMENT. The house committee on naval affairs this afternoon agreed on items of

\$1,000,000 for the purchase of smokeless powder; \$92,000 for the erection of buildings on government ground for the manufacture of smokeless powder with the necssary machinery and equipment and \$60,000 for arming and equipping the Naval Militia. The latter item is an increase of \$10,000 over the estimates of Secretary Long and provides for the arms, accountrements, signal outfit beats and their equip-

The Spanish Cruiser Warmly Welcomed--Proctor Calls on Blanco. Havana, March 1.-The Spanish crui-er Viscaya arrived off Morro Castle at 6 o'clock this afternoon, after a good voyage from New York. She was met by scores of steam launches and gally decorated yachts with bands, and

as she steamed up to her moorings welcomes were shouted from the quays, which were lined with thousands of people. The streets and plazas were gay with bunting, rockets were discharged and there was continuous

cheering from all the boats. The mayor of Havana, Marquis de Estaban, as director of the festivities, was the first to board the vessel, going out in General Blanco's launch

officers of the Viscaya will call The first upon Admiral Manterola and then upon the Spanish general. The Almirante Oquento is expected from the Canaries at an early day and she also will be given a public welcome

Senator Proctor with his friend, Colonel Parker, and Consul-General Lee | today to perfect the organization and ade a call of courtesy by appointment today upon Captain-General Blanco, Secretary Congosto accompanied the Carr, president; B. W. Snow, secreparty and acted also as interpreter. General Blanco received his visitors don, with cordiality and a pleasant talk on eneral matters ensued, Senator Proctor said he was glad to

visit the beautiful island and hoped see some of the interior. General Blanco referred to a visit he paid to the United States when he was a young man and could speak

was probably due to the opportunity he had of conversing with the handsome American women. To a suggestion by Senator Proctor that he ought to repeat his visit General Blanco smilingly replied that he feared he was too old now. The captain-general thanked the Americans for calling and said he would return Senator Proctor's visit upon the return of the latter from the interior. Thus ended pleasant interview.

The divers are much disappointed at not recovering any bodies today but hope to be more fortunate tomorrow The Spanish divers to whom Captain Sigsbee has furnished plans of the Maine will begin their work tomorrow riorning. The steamer Bache left late this evening for the Tortugas with the wounded.

OLEO FIENDS IN TROUBLE

Wilkins and Butler Convicted of Violating Laws Regulating the Sale of Boarding House Butter.

Philadelphia, March 1.-Joseph Wilkins and Howard Butler, wholesale and retail dealers in oleomargarine at Washington, D. C., were today convicted in the United States District court of violating the laws regulating the purchase and sale of oleomargar-The defendants have been freine. quent offenders against this law and have a number of times been arrested

to prison to await sentence.

pounds of oleomargarine.

on December 18, 1896, the defendants

vere acquitted in the United States

CARPET COMBINE.

Organ zed.

Thomas Bromley, of the

District court on a technicality, and on

the following Saturday they

leaving their seats.

effected.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING AMERICAN MAIZE PROPAGANDA Organization to Promote the Use of Indian Corn. THE PUBLIC WILL BE EDUCATED In Order That the People May Be Church. Editorial. Brought to a Realization of the Vir-

tues of Indian Corn the Propaganda Will Conduct Immeuse Corn Cooking Schools at Various Expositions.

Philadelphia, March 1 .- Meetings of sub-committees on organization, legislation and finance of the American Maize Propaganda, a national organization to promote the larger use of Indian corn in the United States and foreign countries, were held in this city mature plans for further action. Among those present were Colonel Clark E tary, both of Illinois; Andrew Langof Buffalo; Herbert Merrick, edi tor of the American Agriculturalist New York, and W. W. Gibbs, of Penn sylvania.

Plans were formulated by which it is expected to secure the co-operation of every farmer in the country, especially in the great corn belt, who produces corn, and of the manufacturers, who, more English than he can now, though, by all known processes, corn and stalks is he said, his greater fluency then for consumption and commercial use. The endorsement already from press to believe that the consumption of corn will be greatly augmented and add to a large percentage an increased crop. One of the things which will be asked will be an adequate presentation of strable. corn and its products before the peo-

ples of the world at the Paris exposition. This is in addition to the special purpose we have in view in conducting a propaganda at home to eduend our first object is to hold a great corn exposition cooking school, etc., in connection with the trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha this summer or fall, followed by some work at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo next year and a still larger enterprise at Paris in 1900. In addition to this, more- at a over, we are now considering arranging a circuit of corn cooking schools and corn food expositions in all the principal cities. We believe that in this

way we can bring the virtues of this crop directly to the knowledge of the masses who most need it.

Information has been received that state organizations in Indiana, Illinois and Nebraska are already being perfected and are well under way in other states, and will be extended throughout the country. The national organization will be incorporated under the laws of Illinois with its general office

in Chicago. WOMAN BRUTALLY MURDERED.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Variable Winds. 1 General-Tcpics of the Maine Inquiry, Sheriff Martin Testifies. American Maize Propaganda. The Sheriff of Luzerne Work of National Legislators. 2 General-Sheriff Martin on the Stand in the Lattimer Trial (Concludea.) County on the Wit-3 Local-Ministers Meet in Wyoming Comments of the Press. Local-Poor Board Candidates to Take Action Looking to the Ousting of the Present Board. Local-Receiver for Grocery Firm of TELLS OF THE TRAGEDY Gilmore & Duffy. Wyoming Seminary Dedicates a New Gymnasium. Local-Methods of Adjusting City An Interesting Story of the A Real Law Suit. Local-West Side and Suburban, Events at Lattimer. Lackawanna County News,

Whitney's Weckly News Budget, 'The Markets.

REPRESENTATIVE **FORD'S OFFER**

Is Willing to Serve Without Compensation at an Extra Session of the State Legislature.

Pittsburg, March 1 .- The Pittsburg Dispatch will tomorrow publish a special telegram from Harrisburg, which says Representative Thomas J. Ford, a leader of the last house, has sent a and people encourages the committee letter to Governor Hastings which will vanish the idea that the capitol muddle is in such a shape that an extra session of the general assembly to straighten out matters would be de-Realizing that the cost of such a session would be a principal objection to it, he expresses the belief that the legislature would agree to serve for a few days without salary and makes an offer to that effect, setcate our own people as to the virtues ting the example. A constitutional au-of corn in its manifold forms. To this hority for an extraordinary session of legislature says that Harrisburg estimated that an extra legislature session would cost the state \$200,000, and such an expense could of course be justified only by a very extraordinary circumstance indeed. But if a session could be arranged for at a cost much less than the figure named would not the extraordinary and complicated situation in regard to the construction of the state capitol justify such a session. It was provided by an act approved

April 14, 1897, that a commission be appointed to erect a new capitol building and said that commission should consist of the governor, auditor general a..d state treasurer together with the president pro tem of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

The commission was committed to the expenditure of \$550,000 for the erection of a building which was to be ready for occupancy not later than Nov. 15, 1898.

Detailed Account of the Gathering of the Deputies and Efforts on Part of the Sheriff to Keep the Peace--He Gave the Deputies Express Orders Not to Shoot Unless Their Lives Were in Danger .- When the Officer Was on His Knees, Being Roughly Handled by the Mob, the Shooting

Began.

ness Stand.

HIS STORY

Wilkes-Barre, March 1.-Lewis Melew, a blacksmith at the Harwood breaker, was the first witness in the Martin trial today, He testified that there was no work at the blacksmith shop from Sept. 3, when the Harwood men were driven out, until Sept. 10 the day of the shooting. Thomas Har-ris, paymaster for the Calvin Pardet company at Lattimer, said that he was sworn in as a deputy and armed with a Winchester rifle loaded with fifteen ball cartridges. On Sept, 7 he, together with William Kulp, was guarding the railroad approach to the breaker at Lattimer. When thestrikers approached Kulp fired his gun in the air and the strikers broke and ran, at the same time a striker fired a revolver and shouted: "You've got us today, but we'll come back tomorrow several thousand strong."

Continuing, the witness said: "Some nine or ten of us followed the fleeing strikers," and he added on cross-examination, "shooting and yelling and making more noise than did the strikers.'

"We chased them back to the road," said the witness, "and they then went home.'

The witness did not see the shooting on September 10, being stationed some distance away from the general line of deputies. He ran up as soon as he heard the shooting. The cross-examination was quite lengthy and brought out the fact that Mr. Harris had se-

opinion Mr. Long dictated the follow ing statement: "The main things we talked about i

the cabinet were the outrages on the postmasters, one white man in Georgia and one a colored man in South Carolina.

"In regard to the Cuban situation said I thought things were growing quieter every day and as far as my judgment went I was inclined to think that an official participation on the part of the Spanish government in the disaster was now practically eliminated.'

The foregoing conveyed all that Mr. Long desired to say on the subject and this much was given only to offset enlarged versions of what he said. Per- or Thursday morning bringing all the sons occupying the closest relations with the secretary said that the opinexpressed was such as any one Havana. The wounded will be left at might give with the facts now at hand. It was not in any sense, it was explained, a conclusion drawn from new evidence not made public either from the court of inquiry or any officer now concerned in the inquiry. Neither facts nor intimations have come from such sources, it is said at the department. which would serve as the basis for an opinion. The official declaration of Senor du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, that no mines or submarine interment will take place in the city defenses exist in the harbor of Havana had come to the attention of Secretary Long and this statement from the authorized representative of the Spanish government was felt to have been given weight in the opinion expressed by the secretary.

REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY.

It was pointed out by persons bearing close relations to the secretary that the language used was "official partleipation" on the part of the Spanish government. This it was said had no bearing on the question of Spain's responsibility. The "official participation" of Spain was one thing; while the responsibility of Spain in case the disaster proved to be of external origin was quite another thing. The secretary's statement was restricted, it was vana on the Mangrove.

explained, to exculpating Spain from Interest in the proceedings flagged direct official knowledge and particisomewhat today, owing to utter futilpation in the affair. In case it was ity of attempt to gratify curiosity. The shown that the act was due to some correspondent of the Associated Press fanatic or person connected with the placed before one of the members of government, then the question of the court the letter signed Maquinista Spain's responsibility would be still (Machinist), giving alleged details of open. Mr. Long was surprised that so the filling of Maine's torpedo holes with much attention had been given to his dynamite cartridges and their subsequent explosion by electric wire. The passing allusion. Aside from this incident the day brought forth few demembers of the court said that neither velopments of importance relating to the letter nor its developments had the Maine. No dispatches of any charbeen officially before the court. The acter from Key West, where the court Cubans here are constantly receiving of inquiry is sitting, were given out mysterious missives from Havana purduring the day, and as the rule of pubporting to reveal the method by which licity is still in force, presumably noththe Maine was sent to destruction, but ing came from that quarter. The vesas there are as many suggestions or sel movements announced during the theories as letters, little reliance is day were devoid of significance. placed on them.

cemetery.

Orders went out from the navy de The fleet has not moved, although partment late this afternoon to put the there are signs of activity which gave ironclads Miantonomoh and Katahdin rise to rumors that an important naval into commission on the 10th instant. step is contemplated. Admiral Sicard They are now at the League Island when questioned on this point this afnavy yard, where they have been laid ternoon, merely reiterated his remark up for a day or two past. The Miantonomoh is a formidable double turretted monitor, carrying four ten-Inch guns. In addition to her main battery she carries a good secondary battery of rapid fire guns and her turrets are clad with 11%-inch armor. Her commander has not yet been definitely selected, but the remainder of her officers will be as follows: Lieutenant Commander on, executive officer; Lieutenant denied in high official quarters. Underwood, navigator; Lieutenants

Maine's dead occurs. He has asked ments and the printing of the necesin the event of a parade being formed sary books of instruction for the Naval by the residents only American flags Militia of the several states under shall be displayed. navy department regulations. The item

Unburied Dead of the Maine Will Be

Interred at Key West.

Key West, March 1 .- A good part of

time of the naval court to-day was

devoted to verifying the testimony

given, stenographer reading the official

transcriptions of evidence of the wit-

nesse and confirming their correctness.

Apparently but few vital questions

were asked this morning being seem-

ingly devoted to routine work.

Mayor Maloney has promised to carfor the purchase of smokeless powder ry out Admiral Slcard's wishes as far is identical with the estimates. Several possible, but doubts whether the other items of less importance also were passed upon, strong Cuban and anti-Spanish sentiment can be suppressed.

All of the funeral arrangements will be under the direction of Commander McCall, of the Marblehead. As nov planned small details of marines will he landed from the vessels here and at

Government Still Without Definite News of the Maine Inquiry. the Tortugas and the artillery barracks Washington, March 1.-The meeting will join in paying the last honor. The of the cabinet to-day at which all of coast survey steamer Bache will return members were present disclosed the fact that the government is still

CABINET MEETING.

here from Havana to-morrow night without news regarding the cause of the disaster to the Maine. Up to this unburied dead and the wounded men who have been in the hospital at time the court of inquiry has not indicated in any way the trend of inthe Tortugas for about five days quar-The president and the vestigation. atine, and four wounded men who were members of the cabinet are as comleft at the Tortugas on Saturday last pletely in the dark as to what the eviwill be brought on here. Captain dence so far adduced discloses as they Sigsbee reported last night that only were on the day after the explosion one unidentified body was ready for The truth of this statement is vouched for on authority not to be questioned. shipment but it is expected that several more will be recovered from the wreck It is explained that under the peculair before the Bache is ready to sail. Funcircumstances of the case Captain Figshee would not communicate his eral services over the remains will probably be held on Thursday and the theories or knowledge of the facts to any one except the court conducting the inquiry, Consul Gneral Lee would The second day's sessions of the court be guided by the same considerations of inquiry are over and nothing new In any event neither of these officers is known regarding the fate of the has comunicated to the government Maine at all events outside of the membearing upon the vital question at isbers of the court, Some who confi-

sue. The court itself has been equally dentially declared a week ago that the uncommunicative and nothing is excourt had already found that the vesnected from this source until the insel was intentionally blown up have quiry is completed and the findings modified this conviction and for the sent to the secretary of the navy. Nor nost part admit that such reports must has any intimation been received as to have been based largely upon specuthe probable time which the inquiry lation. Even naval officers are apparwill consume. At to-day's meeting the ently as much in the dark as the civilcabinet discussed a number of theories ians as to what the court's opinion is which have been advanced as to th at the present moment. Excellent cause of the explesion but nothing appreparations have been made for ex proaching a definite conclusion was aminations and court will probably reached. Consul General Lee has made finish its work here tomorrow, when further explanation of the difficulties its members will be taken back to Hain the way of relatives who seek to secure the removal to the United States

of remains of such victims of the explosion as have already been interred. Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, re quested the state department to obtain permission for the exhumation and removal of the bodies of young Keyes and the request being submitted to General Lee called forth the following response: "Most bodies buried some veeks ago unrecognizable. Against Spanish law to exhume until expiration of five years. Neither steamers nor authorities permit shipment of bodies unless at once embalmed and in metallic cases. Cost of embalming and encasing from \$600 to \$500 each."

SAGASTA LOOKS FOR NEWS.

ipain Decides to Reduce Import Duties on Grain. Madrid, March 1.-The Premier Senor Sagast is guoted in an interview as saying that he expects very satisfactory news from Cuba before April. In

of yesterday: "There will be no move-ment today." The ships have steam the course of the same interview Senor Sagasta said: "In view of the in-creased price of grain in Spain the up always and they can go anywhere. The report that remnants of a subgovernment has decided to reduce the import duties." marine mine alleged to have been raised by the United States naval A decree on this subject is momen-

divers at Havana, with the electrical tarily expected. A meeting of the cabinet has been ar wires in which they had been entangled ranged for to-morrow. It is believd this step was taken owing to receipt of were brought here on Sunday by the Mangrove and are now in the warehouse of the lighthouse department, is more rassuring news from the United States.

of the country, but this is their first Miss Annie L. Edwards' Head Is conviction in court. They were today found guilty on all of their counts on

which they were indicted, viz.; Re. Doylestown, Pa., March 1.-Miss Anmoving the manufacturers' labels from nie L. Edwards, of Jamison, this counpackages of oleomargarine; the rety, was brutally murdered last night moving of the internal revenue stamps at her home. Her body was found in and removing the brand of the word a bed room. The head had been beat-'oleomargarine." Sentence was deen almost to a shaperess mass while ferred and Judge Butler refused to about the room there was every evigrant the request of the convicted dence of a struggle. There is no clew nen's attorneys that they be admitted to the murderer and no evidence as to ball pending argument on demurrer to the exact time of the crime. The which was filed. They were removed

The sections of the law under which Miss Edwards lived alone in Wilkins and Butler were convicted fixes the minimum penalty at thirty day night. From the appearance of days' imprisonment and a fine and the room it is thought the weapons the maximum at six months' imprisonment used were a chair and a water pitcher. and a fine for each package from which Both of these were found covered with the labels or stamps have been reblood and matied halr. The news of moved. They admitted having in this the murder has created considerable instance removed the labels and stamps excitement in the county, as it is the from 120 packages containing 7,980 second within a week, the other being the murder of Deputy Constable Mon-The defendants when arrested on

deau, by Adam Weaver, at Bursonprevious occasions, with one exception, The county commissioners today ville. had compromised on an amount of fine offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arto be paid the government and to which rest of Miss Edwarde' murderer, and increased the reward for the arrest the authorities acquiesced, owing to the difficulty in obtaining a conviction in of the Weaver from \$300 to \$500. leomargarine cases. In Washington

TRIAL OF GENTNER.

The Bogus Citizen-Maker Is Before were caught in Philadelphia by Agent Bowen United States District Court. in the act of removing the labels and Philadelphia, March 1.-The trial of Charles R. Gentner, ex-member of the state legislature and well-known Democrat politician, on charges of conspiracy with Richard W. Merrick and Eugene J. Lindsay to issue fraudulent naturalization certificates and aiding enue Scott and United States District and abetting Richard W. Merrick in is-Attorney Breck have steadfastly refused all offers of compromise and the suing 'the same, was commenced this case was brought to trial today. The afternoon before Judge Butler in the jury agreed upon a conviction without district court. The contention of the United States is that defendants last

autumn took a number of aliens to city hall where Lindsay made out first papers in naturalization for them. That week or ten days afterwards the The Manufacturers of Ingrain Have aliens went to Gentner's saloon and upon payment of a balance Gentner was Philadelphia, March 1.-The state furnished naturalization certificates The amount paid for naturalization by aliens in some case it is said run as

to combine were confirmed today by Some of these people who were Bromley aturalized said that they were never Brothers' Carpet company, of this city. in the postoffice building and therefor The union of manufacturers, he said, had never appeared in the United was necessary in order to assure fair States court to be properly naturalprofits. When all the manufacturers ized. have been heard from a meeting will

Engineer Rutherford Dead. Harrisburg, Pa., March 1.-William H. Rutherford, retired chief engineer of the United States navy, died here today. He

The present intention it is said is to make the capital stock \$10,000,000. This city with its 3,500 looms, Mr. Bromley he was retired for disability incurred during the war. He was born in Philawould contribute the largest sald. membership as there are only about 1,200 looms in the rest of the country.

be called in either New York or Phila-

delphia and a permanent organization

Gen. Gobin at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., March L-General J. P. S. Gobin, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, arrived here this morning to attend the state encampment which takes place tomorrow, he was met by a reception com-mittee of the local Grand Army of the Republic

Will Inspect Indian School.

Washington, March 1 .- The members of the house committee on Indian affairs have arranged to go to Carlisle, Pa., to-morrow to inspect the Indian school there

Without calling to your attention details with which you are more familiar than myself I think it is en-Beaten to a Shapeless Mass. tirely safe to say that it is now the

general opinion that the purpose of the capitol building act will not be realized within the time set. If the situation in your opinion jus tifies action, I believe the problem of expense is one that would be solved in

a patriotic spirit by the members themselves. Meeting with but one object in view and that already thoroughly discussed throughout the state, an extra session called for the purpose of arranging for

capitol construction should not be a lengthy one. Speaking personally, I am ready to agree to serve time as may be necessary without compensation. There are 254 members of the general assembly. Full salary for each one for an extra session would be \$185,000, exclusive of mileage, and there would be other expenses making a large sum. If each one will serve for actual expenses, a session might be held for less than \$50,000. I would therefore respectfully suggest to you the advisability of an extra session if it appears that the state capitol cannot be completed within the time limited by the act aforesaid and from an inquiry majority of each house is in favor of repeal of the Act of April 14, 1897, and if they

will serve the necessary time for actual expenses incurred. Very respectfully yours,

Thomas J. Ford." Governor Hastings has not as yet expressed any opinion concerning Mr. Ford's letter. An effort is to be made to ascertain the feeling upon the subject among the senators and representatives throughout the state. SQUADRON AT HONG KONG.

U. S. Warships in Position to Attack the Philippines.

London, March 1 .- A special dispatch from Shanghal says:

"The United States squadron is concentrated at Hong Kong with a view of active operations against Manila, Philippine Islands, in the event of an outbreak of war between the United States and Spain. The United States squadron, which is powerful, includes the cruisers Olympia, Boston, Raleigh,

Concord and Petrel." Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 1.-Cleared: La Brotagne, Havre; Germanic, Liverpool. Noordland, Antwerp; Paris, Southan p-ton, Sailed: Trave, Bremen via South-ampton, Liverpool-Sailed: Nomadiz, New York. Antwerp-Arrived: Western-Browhead-Passed: Ma and, New York.

jestic, New York for Liverpool, Harry Meredith Dead. entered the navy in 1849 and served through the Civil war and until 1874 when

New York, March 1.-Harry Meredith the actor who has played in all the principal cities of the United States, disc tere today, aged 68 years, of paralysis.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, March 2-In the Middle States and New England today fair to cloudy weather will prevail, with dightly cl dightly lower temperature and fresh northerly to easterly winds, followed in nome sections by snow or rain in the internoon. The wind on the coast is in-creasing decidedly in force tonight. On Phursday in both of these sections partig

Coal Company's Receiver. cloudy to cloudy weather and lower tem perature will prevail, with snow in the

New York, March 1.-Samuel S. Slater northern and rain in the southern dis-tricts and brisk easterly to northeriy winds high on the coasts, followed by was appointed receiver for the Natalle Anthracite Coal company today by Justice Price in the supreme court. A judg-ment was obtained against the company by George W. Mark on Jan. 29 for \$9,454. learing in the western parts of this "ac

cured his rifle at Mr. Pardee's office He could not tell, however, how many ifles had been furnished by that company or where they were obtained. Asked if the Pardee men were paid anything extra for their work on that day he said: "Not that I know of." George Thompson, superintendent of

the Lehigh Traction company, told how he had run a special car to West Hazelton for the deputies and taken them from there to Lattimer. At West Hazleton he said the strikers seemed determined and violent. He also said that he understood that deputies Hess and Price acted as captains under Sheriff Martin.

The witness did not see the shooting at Lattimer, but when it was over he helped to place the dead and wounded on the cars and saw them taken to Hagleton.

The defense for the purpose of con tradicting some of the prosecution's witnesses submitted some of their evidence delivered at the preliminary haring before Judges Lynch and Bennett last Sentember.

Sheriff Martin was not put on the stand as soon as the afternoon session opened. Instead a witness for the commonwealth, Dan Cleary, and one for defense, Bensberger, occupied half an hour in contradicting each other about an alleged statement relative to the road the strikers took in marching to Lattimer.

Thomas Hall and William Shoemaker mployes of the Pardee company at Lattimer, said that they did not know of any dissatisfaction among the men there or any demand for an increase of wages. Each said he had been driven from work by the strikers but on cross-examination admitted they had left work when they heard the strikers were coming.

SHERIFF MARTIN CALLED.

Then Sheriff Martin was called and as he entered the witness stand there was a rustle of excitement. It was just ten minutes to three. He was rather nervous, coughed frequently and could not keep his hands still. He was asked the usual questions about his position and said he was elected in 1895 and took office the first Monday in January, 1896. His commission and proclamation were read and placed in evidence. He then went on to tell his story and spoke for an hour without interruption.

"I was at Atlantic City on Sept. 4." he said, "when I received a telegram from Deputy Sheriff Hate saying I was needed at home. I came at once and met Mr. Fred Chase, General Superintendent W. A. Lathrope, of the Lehigh Valley Coal company and my attorney, Mr. George S. Ferris. I was told by Mr. Lathrope that the Hazleton strikers had damaged the company's prop-erty and interferred with the workmen, and he would hold me responsible for any further trouble.

"I suggested that General Superintendent Lawall, of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, be called in, and when he came I suggested that arbitrate the differences between the men and thus settle the strike. He agreed.

"Mr. Ferris, my lawyer, then suggested getting out a proclamation and this was done just before I went to Hazleton on the sixth.

"At Hazleton I met Superintendent of Lehigh Valley Coal company Mr. Platt and Thomas Hall. They told me there had been much rioting and that it ought to be stopped. I asked if they could get me up a possee, as I did not

Noted Preacher Dead. Reading, Pa., March 1-Rev. Dr. Z. Weiser, aged @ years, pastor of the Gos-benhophen Reformed church at East Greenville for 30 years, and one of the leading preachers of the denomination died this afternoon. He was well known as an author.

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ents contained in a despatch from Boston to the effect that all the ingrain carpet manufacturers purposed

stamps from a large consignment of oleomargarine. They were then arrested and since that time have endeavored to compromise with the government. They offered as high as \$8, 000, but Commissioner of Internal Rev-

motive is believed to have been robbery. the house and was last seen alive on Fri-