

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 4, 1898.

AN INTERNATIONAL BANK.

MORE RELIEF FOR

Killed on the Maine.

this was done.

About the Country.

SPAIN PREPARES DOINGS OF A DAY FOR THE WORST

Presence of a Squadron of United States Warships at Hong Kong Arouses Much Feeling at Madrid-Spaniards Threaten New York-Opinions of the Spanish Press-U. S. Naval Officers Go Into Active Service as Their Presence Is Required.

Madrid, March 3 .- The news of the | body buried last week was that of presence of a squadron of United Charles A. Scott, of Orange, N. J., States warships at Hong Kong has aroused much feeling here. It is presumed that the vessels intend to threaten Manilla, the capital of the Phillippine Islands, in the event of war with Spain.

A "high personage" is quoted by onot the newspapers as saying: "If the yankees go to the Phillippines the Spaniards will go to New York." The Globe says that the government is silently preparing for the worst.

THE ANTI-SAGASTA PRESS,

Fumings Against His Pacific Attitude to This Government. Madrid, Feb. 17 .- Fierce indignation characterizes the Spanish papers that are not supporters of the government at its weakness in replying in gentle terms to the American demand for extions about the Depuy de Lome

he Imparcial remarks: "It is the eight of weakness to suppose we are going to disarm the Yankees oy means of patience. From them we shall gain nothing by it, and, on the other hand, we shall lose the esteem, the dignity and bravery of Spain, obtained from the other nations. Paraphrasing the never-to-be-forgotten Spartan words of Mendez Nunes at Callat, 'Suffer it to be said Spain loves honor more without Cuba than Cuba without honor.' We have sacrificed our youth, we have sacrificed our millions. Must we also sacrifice our national honor? Not the great Antilla, not a hundred Antilles, would be worth so great a sacrifice."

It then argues that all Spain's conessions will be useless if the United States really seeks to break off friendly relations, adding: "If a pretext is sought it will be found, for instance, a hostile demonstration against the Spanish warships visiting American ports or a demand for a pension for has not been made known, the whow of the dentist, Ruiz"

"In Europe," it continues, "everyone has already perceived this. The universal conscience is with us, and it is Members Are Waiting Orders from really a shameful fact that the action the United States rouses more indignation in foreign minds than in some Spanish. We believe we inter pret better the spirit of the Spanish people and we energetically protest against what has been done in order that outside Spain it may be known that her rulers do not reflect the feelings of the Spanish people in such acts as the explanations to McKinley and also that this nation of brave men has not become a flock of lambs." The Correo Espanol, after recapitulating all the injuries it alleges Spain has suffered at the hands of the United States, remarks: "The last affair-that of Dupuy-has given the measure of our decay and sufferings. Any other government than that we endure-ancient mummies and she-men-when drawing up the note in yesterday's council in reply to the inadmissible, uncalled for, and ruffianly demands of the president of the republic of the United States, would have r companied it with Mr. Woodford's Jassports. For it is clear that neithe. concessions nor the humiliations of the Span ish government change in the slightest degree the plan drawn up by the American government and people. They want war, and war will come."

One of the features of the discussion was a speech delivered by Mr. Vest (Mo.), in which he ridiculed the idea carpenter's mate. It had Odd Fellows' inks tattooed on the arm. of homesteading any part of Alaska or constructing rallroads in that district The Spanish divers did not go down His motion to eliminate the homestead today but the American divers got some fixed ammunition out of the forfeature of the bill by striking out the first section was defeated. ward part of the wreck. The Loud bill to correct alleged abus-

General Blanco returned at the Hotel es of the second class mail matter priv-ilege, which last year passed the house Ingleterra the recent call of courtesy of Senator Proctor. General Hyde, by a majority of 144 to 104, was buried president of the Bath Iron works. under an overwhelming majority by Maine, called on General Blanco and the house today. The vote was not Captain Sigsbee today. He is on the taken directly upon the bill but on a way to Mexico, on a trip for health and motion to lay it on the table. By a vote of 162 to 119 the motion was carpleasure, and says his presence in Havana has no political significance. Forty-seven Republicans joined ried.

NAVAL OFFICERS HINT.

Says the Court of Inquiry Does Not Need to Depend on Divers.

Republicans. The refusal of Mr. Loud to permit a vote on an amendment at the last minute was responsible in a Havana, via Key West, March 3 .- A measure for the result but the strength naval officer here today, in reply to a of the measure, undoubtedly waned uggestion that it was a pity such an throughout the three days' debate. The following Republicans voted with important decision as the verdict of the the majority of the Democrats and court of inquiry into the Maine explo-Populists to lay the bill on the table; sion should rest solely upon the testi-Eeker (Md.), Barney (Wis.), Barrett mony of divers, who seemed men of (Mass.), Beach (O.), Bincham (Pa.), Soutelle (Me.), Broderick (Kas.), Brown only average intelligence, replied: "The (O.), Brown (Tenn.), Brumm (Pa.), Bull ourt of inquiry has not had to depend (R. L), Burleigh (Me.), Capron (R. L), upon divers' testimony alone," then re-Codding (Pa.), Cooper (Wis.), Curtis alizing that he had said more than he Davenport (Pa.), Davidson (Kas.), had intended, the officer resumed his (Wis.), Dayton (W. Va.), Dingley (Me.), Dovener (W.Va.), Gibson (Tenn.), Hophabitual reserve. It is believed that kins (Ill.), Howell (N. J.), Hurley (N. the testimony of Lieutenant Com-Y.) Kerr (O.), Kirkpatrick (Pa.), Knox mander Wainwright was highly im-(Mass.), Kulp (Pa.), Linney (N. C.), McEwa (N. J.), Olmstead (Pa,), portant as bearing on the question of Pitney (N. J.), Powers (Vt.), Pugh (Ky.), Robbins (Pa.), Russell (Conn.), the existence of submarine mines. If the Spanish court of inquiry under Sauerhering (Wis.), Southwick (N. Captain Peral has a definite plan of Y.), Stewart (N. J.), Sulloway (N. action, which seems doubtful, it has H.), Updegraff (Ia.), Walker (Va.), not been made public. The Spanish Weaver (O.), White (N. C.), Wilbur (N.

not been made public. The Spanish Y.), and Williams (Pa.) divers will, of course, report the result The following Democrats against the of their observations to the Spanish motion: Allison (Miss.), Davey (La.), court of inquiry, but when or where Fleming (Ga.), Heinrichson (Ill.), Howard (Ga.), Love (MIss.), Ogden (La.), Taylor (Ala.), Underwood (Ala.), and Young (Va.)

Consideration.

accomplishing this result and ten Dem-

ocrats voted with the majority of the

Buried on a Vote.

CAMPAIGN MANAGERS.

Plan for the Creation of an Institu-IN CONGRESS tion of National Importance. Chicago, March 3 .- The Daily News oday says: Alaskan Homestead Bill Is Under A financial corporation to be known

as the International American bank with branches throughout this country Cuba and South America, and with IT CAUSES VERY LIVELY DEBATE offices in London and possibly Paris, will soon be doing business on a capi-

tal stock of \$25,000,000. Mr. Vest Ridicules the Idea of Home-Private advices from Washington to ertain western organizers of the prostending Any Portion of Alaska ject indicate that the senate and house Lond Bill to Correct Hlegal Abuses committees on foreign relations will reof Second-Class Mail Privilege Is port favorably on a bill introduced in the senate within the fortnight by Sen-

ator Foraker to carry into effect a plan to create an association to be Washington, March 3 .- During almost known as the International American bank. The scheme is of international the entire session today the senate had under consideration the Alaskan homeimportance. The passage of the bill which, it says, favorable committee restead and railway right of way bill ports make assured, will imply, among other important features of its provis-ion, that the United States and the South American countries will no fully authorized to share its own movelonger be dependent upon European banks for monetary transactions on the western hemisphere south of the Canadian line.

SCHOONER SPEEDWELL CAPSIZED IN A SQUALL

Nine Persons Drowned Out of Thirteen on Board -- Three Small Children Among the Victims.

with the Democrats and Populists in Key West, Fla., March 3.-The chooner Speedwell, Captain Collier, from Marco, Fla., for Key West, was struck by a squall today while off Marquesa, eighteen miles from here, and

capsized. Nine persons were drowned, out of hirteen all told on board. Among the victims were the three children of Captain Collier, George, Tom and Wilbur, aged respectively 4, 6 and 8, and the entire Nichols family, Bradley Nichols and his wife, their son and the latter's wife and two grandchildren. The family was from Bridgeport, Conn. Those saved are Captain Collier. amuel Cates and Jesse Green, deck

hands, and R. W. Bate, of Myers, Fla. a passenger. The Nichols family is said to have een well-to-do. All had been staying

ville at Key West. The Mallory steamfor a month or two at a small hotel kept by Captain Collier at Marco, and er is expected to take about four days in the run down the coast, so that the they were on their way home. transfer to the warships and their The survivors say the Speedwell, which was a small vessel of about 25 start to Cuba cannot be made before next Thursday. The two warships are tons, was making slow headway this poorly adapted for carrying supplies, morning against a head wind. About o'clock Captain Collier was at the having scant quarters for their own supplies of cordage, provisions, canwheel and the Nichols family and the Collier children were in the cabin Suddenly a squall came howlsleep.

ing up abeam. Cates and Green rushed to take in sail. As the jib flapped loose, squall caught the schooner and blew her clean over on the port side. Collier, the deck hands and Mr. subject them to any damage. lates were swept into the seething sea,

but caught the rigging just in time to save themselves. The wind, rain and surges drowned the dying cries of the

and as for these poor people down be

of her. When we got off two hours

"Old Mr. Nichols was the only one

o get out of the cabin. I guess he was

washed out, for after young Mrs

Nichols waved her hand at me, I saw

hand and I knew it was not only a

"We did not see a thing of the chil-

VETERANS STAND BY M'KINLEY.

His Course in Connection With the

Maine Disaster Approved.

Atlanta, Ga., March 3 .- The tenth

nnual encampment of the Georgia de-

partment of the Grand Army of the

Republic was held here yesterday, the

Chlef General J. P. S. Gobin, of Penn-

sylvania. A business meeting was held

made a brief speech. In referring to

the Maine disaster, he said it was to

President McKinley on the policy he

had pursued in connection with the

investigation, and said no matter what

further course the president adopted

he would have the American people

A public reception was tendered the

ommander-in-chief last night, in which

the Confederate veterans of Atlanta

took part. Addresses were made by

Covernor Atkinson, Mayor Collier and

Ettner Placed on Trial.

Philadelphia, March 3.-Henry Ettner

Ettner'

incaster

deplored greatly. He complimented

st of honor being Commander- in-

latter they were all dead,

ccat.

swamped."

o'clock this afternoon.

GOLD LANDS STARVING CUBANS Weather Indications Today: Fair; Northwesterly Winds. Tons of Provisions Have Been Donated General-Spain's Attitude. More Relief for Cuba's Starving. Canadian Flag Floats Over Klondike. Day's Work of Our Lawmakers. THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION State-William A. Stone to Be Dropped from the Gubernatorial Race, Local-Gossip of the Play-Houses, Vital Statistics of Scranton. Difficulty in Carrying Provisions on Editorial. the War Vessels--Large Quantities Comment of the Press. of Quinine Will Be Distributed. Previously Averted War with Spain. Japan Desires a List of Subjects Local – Seventeenth Anniversary of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church. Mine Inspector Roderick Prevents Work at Richmond No. 3. Washington, March 3.-Secretary Local-Judicial District Boomers San guine of Sucess. Busy Session of Councils. Long said at the close of his day at the navy department that no word had Local-West Side and Suburban, been received from the court of inquiry and that no orders had been or would Lackawanna County News. Social Changes in Sixty Years. be given as to the movements of the court from Key West, as the court was

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Tribune. 10

Defense Closes in the Martin Trial. Financial and Commercial Reports. ments. The original orders to the court were issued by Admiral Sicard, rovided in the regular bill. Captain as commander of the fleet to which the rowninshield had been called in to Maine belonged, and it has the technidiscuss the matter of additional men cal status of an admiral's court reand apprentices which had been rec-

porting directly to him both as to its ommended. In no sense, the secretary movements and as to its final report said, had emergency questions come up. There was no need of considering on the cause of the disaster. The understanding here is that the court has not concluded its work but will return them now, he said, as no doubt exist ed that congress would act promptly to Havana to take testimony which should any emergency arise requiring has been delayed by the difficulties in the way of the divers. That Admiral supplies beyond those of the regular appropriation bill.

Sicard expects this movement back to The Hawley bill, for the creation of Havana was shown by a dispatch from two additional regiments of artillery, him a few days ago suggesting that will not be taken up in the house toarrangements be made for a vessel to morrow, as some of its friends had take the court back. As the lighthouse hoped. The Republican members of tender Mangrove has been doing this the committee on rules gave the matservice the treasury department was ter some consideration after adjournasked to assign the Mangrove for the ment tonight, but no conclusion was return of the court to Key West and reached, and for the present the least With these arrangements concluded, it is said at the navy not be given time for its consideradepartment, that the court will protion. ceed without consulting officials here.

Secretary Long today positively de-Arrangements are being made for nied the report that a partial or prethe trip of the cruiser Montgomery liminary report had been received by and gunboat Nashville to Cuban ports the government from the court of inwith relief supplies. The navy depart-ment was advised today that the Malquiry, indicating that the loss of the lory line steamer leaving New York Maine was due to an external explosion. He said that no report of any next Saturday would carry free of charge 75 tons of supplies to be transkilled had been received and that the public has all the information to hand. ferred to the Montgomery and Nash-

TROLLEY CAR WRECK.

Six Persons Badly Injured in a Collision Near Sea View.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 3 .- Six ersons were injured today near Sea View, Chelsea, by a passenger trolley cass and ships' equipment. It is only ar colliding with a gravel train ahead because they can make the run in day-All the injured were taken to the local light that any attempt is made to carhospital and cared for. They were: ry the 75 tons of supplies. These will SAMUEL STETZER, bruised leg. be stored on the spar deck and with MRS. STETZER, lacerated ear. good weather the daylight run will not ANTHONY A. OSTROM. bruised legs. JOSEPH SMITH, injured leg. JOHN R. MINNICK, injured internally. RELIEF MEASURES SUCCESSFUL. JAMES REILLY, cut head.

> The accident is attributed to a dense tog, the motorman not being able to

Canada's Flag Is Hoisted on Territory That We Claim.

TWO CENTS.

ARE SEIZED

MORTALITY IN KLONDIKE

The Climate Is Anything But Healthy.

Fortune Hunters Perishing at the Rate of Fifteen a Day -- Two Men Found Frozen to Death with \$160 .-000 In Their Pockets-- The Dyen Trail Strewn with the Bodies of Dead Mules -- Chilkoot Pass Railroad Opened.

Victoria, B. C., March 3 .- Passengers in the steamship Islander, which has just reached here from Skaguay, confirm the report that the Canadian flag has been raised at Summit Lake; also that the Canadians will establish a custom house at Carter Lake, Martial law has been declared at Skaguay and the committee on military affairs will the United States troops, who went up in the Queen, are enforcing law.

The death rate at Skaguay averages fifteen daily, one of the latest victims being the postmaster. It is said that the Dyea trial is strewn with dead mules

Port Townsend, Wash., March 3 ----Collector of Customs Huestis has received from the land office notification of the opening of the Chilkoot railway, and that the company is prepared to act as carriers of bonded freight and merchandise between the sub-port of Dyea and the British line, Victoria, B. C., March 3 .-- It is said that several days ago two Canadian mounted policemen came into Skaguay with two sleds in tow, over which were strapped the bodies of two dead men. The bodies had been found by the mounted police at Tagish, who were attracted by the dismal howls of a The men had been frozen to dog. death. It is said they were returning Klondikers and had in their possession \$160,000 in paper and gold dust. Their names are not known.

San Francisco, March 3 .- The steamships Walla Walla and State of Callfornia sailed for the north last night. The former had one hundred and fiftynine passengers and the latter three hundred and fifty. Many of them are bound to the Klondike, but some are going to take advantage of the reduced rates over the Canadian and Northern Pacific roads to the East. The steamship Tillamook is to leave today for Dyea and Skaguay. She is to take about one hundred passengers from here and seventy more are waiting for her at Seattle. Halifax, N. S., March 3 .- Twentyfive Englishmen bound to the Yukon gold field arrived here yesterday in the steamship Lake Huron. They brought with them twenty trained Belgian degs.

The Pais is not even so moderate for it declares that war is already raging. (Esta ya declarado.)

WELCOME TO THE VISCAYA

Officers of the Warship Will Be Given

a Grand tall. Havana, March 3 .- The divers vigorously resumed work today. The Merritt was anchored on the starboard side aft of the Maine, with a big barge opposite her, on the port side. The right arm directly astern of the wreck. The Spanish divers did not go down the early part of the day, alduring though the storm had passed away by

10 a. m. One body was recovered today. It yas that of a white man about 30 years

age. It was not identified. Captain Sigsbee does not expect the Mangrove here today with the court of inquiry aboard.

Senator Proctor passed the day writing letters.

The welcome to be extended to th officers of the Viscaya and of the Almirante Oquendo, when the latter arrives here, will consist of a grand ball at the Casino, which promises to be a brilliant affair.

The correspondent of La Discuscior at Matanzas says: "Senator Parker (possibly Senator Proctor or Colonel Parker, his traveling companion) gave a check for \$1,500 to the fund for the relief of the sufferers of Matanzas and its vicinity.

The steamer Segurana, which has just arrived here, brought additional supplies, consigned to Consul General Lee, from New York, for the relief of destitute.

General Parrado has assured the colonels on the volunteer batallions that the government had no intention of disarming them. A report to the effect that it was intended to disarm the volunteers caused considerable excitement among the latter and disturbances were apprehended.

It is believed now that the body remidnight for Pensacola covered last Friday and buried here was that of Quartermaster Robert Burkhardt, a German. It was identified by a description by a piece of cloth and a paper bearing his name. It is possible, but not certain, that another

Key West, Fla., March 3.-Judge Advocate Marix, of the naval court of equiry, said today that he did not know when the court will leave Key West. Che unidentified body was breinkt

COURT OF INQUIRY.

here today and was buried with the honors accorded a dead sallor. The survivors of the Maine were present at the interment.

Lupkin, Waters, Shea and Heffron, wounded men of the Maine, were brought here from the Tortugas on board the Bache today and were taken to the barracks. They are all doing well. The five additional survivors, who were left at the Tortugas by the Bache, are also making progress towards recovery. Judge Advocate Marix was the only officer of the court of inquiry on shore today. Captain Sampson remained on board the Iowa and Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Commander Potter on the New York. Even the stenographers took a holiday.

Some hitch has occurred in the plans of the court, though it has been understood that the members are waiting orders from Washington through Admiral Sicard.

KNEW EXPLOSION WAS COMING.

A Spaniard Asked a Friend to Prepare for the Tragedy. Portsmouth, Va., March 3 .-- Walter J.

Holland, representing Beaton & Holland, commission merchants, of Chicago, who was in Portsmouth today, said that he was in Havana the night the Maine was blown up and witnessed the explosion. "Just before the awful, dull roar,

which was followed by two sharp detonations," he said, "I heard one Spanlard remark to another: 'In two minutes all of the Maine's crew will be in The scoffing and laughing among hell.' the rabble while our poor sailors were struggling in the water was horrible

to my ears." ALGER IS ALL RIGHT.

Says He Will Pav for Ammunition

Himself If Congress Won't.

Washington, March 3 .- Secretary of War Alger has had several heated interviews with members of congress, who wanted to know why he made contracts for \$1,000,000 worth of ammunito seize the Philippines, tion without waiting for congressional

action on the appropriation bill. Secretary Alger said that the country was confronted with a grave emergency, and that statutory provision conferred authority on him to act without waiting for congress. "If congress should decide that I was wrong," said the secretary, "I will pay the bill my-

self.'

Mobile,

Mr. Bryan on Bimetallism. Ala., March 3 .- W. J. Bryan lectured here tonight to a large crowd upon bimetallism. He treated his theme upon bimetallism. the usual manner, declaring silver's position at present was due to adverse legislation and that favorable legislation would be of imm.ediate benefit to silver and all classes of population. After the lecture Mr. Bryan was entertained at

upper at the Battle House, leaving at Agriculture

Grain Elevators Burned.

Christiana, Pa., March 3.-Waiter's grain elevators and warchouse were completely destroyed by fire tonight. Loss,

Republican Congressional Executive Committee Announced Yesterday. Washington, March 3 .- The executive

ommittee of the Republican congresional committee was announced today as follows: Representatives J. A. T. Hull, of

owa; J. G. Cannon, of Illinois; D. H. Mercer, of Nebraska; Senators Redfield Proctor, of Vermont; J. H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire; John L. Wilson, of Washington, and Representative J. T. McCleary, of Minnesota; H. D. Loudenslager, of New Jersey, night, said: Captain Collier has been and Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina. In addition to the executive committee it was also announced that Rep-

resentative McCleary, of Minnesota, will have charge of the literary department of the congressional committee. lifted off our feet and in the water, This is an important post, as a large amount of Republican literature will be put out this campaign and circulated throughout the country. Chairman Babcock, of the congressional committee, said today: "The coming campaign will be fought out on the lines of the platform adopted at St. Louis. That will be our only guide,

save as new issues are created as contingencies arise and new policies made n congress. No committee has a right to make a platform for the party and so we will be governed by that adopted in 1896."

JAPAN'S EVE ON PHILIPPINES.

The Mikado Requests a List of Hi Subjects Killed on the Maine.

Washington, March 3 .- The Japanese minister today requested the state department to furnish him with a list of the names of the Mikado's subjects lost in the Maine. Nine Japanese were in the ship, and only two of them were saved.

The minister says that he desires the information to transmit to the families of the deceased, but it is thought by naval officers and state department officials that Japan may have a deeper

purpose in view. Japan has had her eye on the Philippine Islands for a long time, and they think it possible that she may seize on the killing of her subjects as an excuse for active interference in case trouble should arise between Spain and the United States, believing that with all the Spanish sea power engaged actively on the Atlantic it would be an easy matter for her

THE MAINE RELIEF FUND.

President Dole Hawaii Sends Five Hundred Dollars.

Washington, March 3 .- The battleship Maine relief committee, of which Mrs. Long, wife of the secretary of the navy, is chairman, received through Minister Hatch, of Hawaii, a check for

formerly a clerk in the postoffice at Lan-caster, Pa., was placed on trial before 500, the contribution of President Dole, This is by far the largest amount yet Judge Bytler in the United States district received. The amount of the fund so far is only a little over \$3,000.

Pare Food Congress.

Washington, March 3.-Secretary of Wilson addressed the pure food and drug congress today, indorsing

its objects, and discussion of the Broalus pure food hill followed. While the speak-ers generally endorsed the bill it was urged by the reports of many industries that it needed amendment in some partic-Machias and Essex will be made ready ulars, especially so as to make the pen for service at the Portsmouth yard at alties for food adulteration more

nprisoned Nichols family and the Col ning into the carloads and hundreds ller children. of tons. The men lashed themselves to th The state department has had notice

from the Cuban relief committee at rigging. After being there for two hours the sea subsided. Then they got New York that there were shipped on March 1 from New York to Santiago the dingy loose, baled her out with a hat, broke a thwart in two pieces, and 100,000 pounds of relief supplies; on the second, to Havana, 75,000 pounds; towith these for oars, rowed toward Marquesas. After going three miles they were picked up exhausted by a fish-

day, to Matanzas, 100,000 pounds, and to Sagua la Grande, 100,000 nounds, in these shipments are 500,000 grains ing sloop and brought here about 4 of quinine consigned to each of the Samuel Cates, one of the survivors ports except Havana. Chairman Barton, of the who was seen at his home here to-Cuban relief committee, had advised

the state department that "donations railing now for twenty-five years in are coming forward in great abundthese waters. He is not to blame for ance, not only in money but more parthis awful thing. The squall came up ticularly in the form of provisions from like nothing I have ever seen around all directions. The Oregon committee Key West. Before we knew it we were promises ten carloads and possibly twenty, and Omaha, Minneapolis and other western committees are offering low they were penned in like rats. The shipments by the carload. We had to wife of the younger Nichols, as pretty day upon the pier of the Manson line woman as ever stepped aboard a nearly one hundred tons ready for their ship, rose to the skylight. I was clingsteamer sailing Friday, which they had ing to the rigging. She waved her kindly offered to take to Matanzas and hand at me and that's the last I saw Sagua.

The relief measures are proving un-

expectedly successful, the supplies run-

The Maine relief fund, under Mrs Long's management, today reached a total of \$3,113. The only telegram relating to the

Maine disaster that came to the navy department during the day was the folwhat I thought was the coat of old Mr. owing from Commander Forsyth at Nichols floating by. Then I saw his Key West:

Bache arrived. Brought one body un identified, and Paul Loftus, private marine; Joseph Shea, coal passer; John Heff-ner, ordinary seaman; Thomas J. Waters, Gren or hear a cry. We had to bale with the hat all the time we were in rdinary seaman, wounded, from Tortugas. The wounded will be sent to the Army hospital. The funeral of the body the dingy and often came near being has started for the cemetery.

In the course of the inquiry into the naval resources of the United States an order has been issued to make a test of the machinery of the old war monitors at the League Island navy yard. These are single turretted craft that are armed with big smooth bore guns in turrets that could likely be pierced by the modern high powered rifles on the battleships, but they would still be of service in an emergency. There are eight of these moniin the morning, at which General Gobin tors at League Island and the govern nent owns several others that are now loaned to the naval militia organizations of some of the states. Those at League Island are the following: Canonicus, Mahopac, Manhattan, Catskill, Jason, Lehigh, Montauk and Nahant. They are all between 1,800 and 2,100 tons displacement and draw very little water so that they can take up advantageous positions on shoals commanding channel approaches. The intention is to turn over the old engines and work the machinery that is made to turn the turrets if it can be made to work at all.

INQUIRY FROM JAPAN.

During the course of the day similar nguiries to that made by the Japanese egation as to the number of her subjects aboard the Maine came to the navy department from the German and the Swedish legations, and it is expected that others will follow. Nearly every nationality was represented n the Maine's big crew.

There was a conference today be tween Secretary Long and Representative Boutelle, chairman of the house naval committee, in reference to the regular naval bill. It had no connection with emergency measures. Mr Long said they had gone over the question of docks, equipment, etc., as

discern the freight train ahead. The passengers and motorman were thrown heavily by the collision, but luckily no one was fatally injured. The front of the trolley car was badly damaged.

PIG IRON FREIGHT RATES.

Detailed Table Issued by Joint Traffic Association.

New York, March 3 .- The manager f the Joint Traffic association have issued a detailed table of rates on pig ron, billets, etc., from Uhrichsville and Dennison, O., to points in New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, These rates range from 15 cents to \$2.65 per gross ton. The rate on wire rods from Pittsburg, Pa., to Milwaukee, has been lxed at \$2.90 per gross ton. It was recommended by the man

agers in all cases where rates are published on iron or steel pipe subject to specified diameters, such diameters shall be construed as meaning inside neasurement.

New commodity rates on glassware articles effective on March 15, and expiring April 50, have been approved.

HALF A YEAR BEYOND A CENTURY.

Robert Elder Was Strong and Healthy Up to His Death.

Hammonton, N. J., March 3 .- Robert Elder, aged 100 years and 6 months, died at his son's residence last night after a short illness. Mr. Elder was born in Ireland and came to America. during Buchanan's presidency, settling n this vicinity. Notwithstanding his advanced age

he was active both mentally and physically until his death. He has always been an enthusiastic voter and took a lively interest in politics. He lived two miles from town, but whenever he wished to come here for any purpose he always walked, being proud of his ability to do so.

GULF COAST FORTIFIED WELL.

Gen. Merritt Satisfied With the Re sult of His Inspection.

Atlanta, Ga., March 3.-General Wesey Merritt, of the United States army, Lieutenant Strother, his aide, and Major James B. Quinn, of the United States engineers' service, passed through Atlanta yesterday on their way to Washington, General Merritt said that he was on his annual tour of inspection and that he came here to investigate the fortifications and report upon any needed improvements. "The Gulf coast is fairly well fortified." he added. "There is still some work to be done, but on the whole I am pleased with my annual inspection and I think that in the event of war we could give a good account of our-

selves." **REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA.**

rouble is Reported at Valencia, 200

Miles from Carneas. Washington, March 3 .- The state department has been informed that a mall revolution has broken out at Valencia, about two hundred miles rom Caracas, capital of Venezuela. No details are given.

This is evidently directed against President Andrade, who was only a few days ago inaugurated as the suc cessor to President Crespo.

TONS OF MERCHANDISE.

Portland, Ore., March 3 .- The steamship George W. Elder has sailed for Skaguay and Dyea with four hundred passengers. Her freight space was occupied by miners' outfits. Several hundred tons of merchandise had to be

held over until another vessel. Seattle, Wash., March 3 .- A letter has been received by the owners of the illfated steamship Clara Nevada, from Sanderson Reed, of Portland, who was sent north to search for the body of his friend, Purser George Foster Beck, and for the bodies of other members of the crew and passengers. Reed says in his letter that he has visited the scene of the wreck in the steamer Rustler and has made a careful examination. The wreck has slipped off the rock and at high tide is about twentyfour feet under water. The masts of the steamship are still standing. As far as Reed could ascertain, there is a big hole in the vessel's side. The boilers are intact apparently. Reed learns that a terrible gale was blowing at the time the fire on the Clara Nevada was observed. Suddenly there was a flash and all was dark. Heretofore it has been supposed that the flash marked the explosion of the bollers. Reed says that it probably came from the oil stores. His theory is that the bollers did not explode, but that the vessel was blown on Eldred Rock and that the fire was caused by the lamps being upset by the shock. Many of the bodies

of those who went down with the vessel are, it is thought, likely to be found near the wreck. Divers will be sent north to search for them.

MINSTREL JOHN WILD DEAD.

Old Popular Black-Face Comedian's Life Curtain Falls.

Troy, N. Y., March 3 .- John Wild, the popular black-faced comedian, whom every theater-goer knew as 'Johnny" Wild, died here at the age of 52 years today.

He was long associated as a minstrel with Harrigan & Hart, and was connected with Harrigan when he died.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 3 .- Sailed: Friedrich der Grosse, Bremen via Southampton Oucenstown-Salled: Britannic. Liver ool for New York. Rotterdam-Salied: Spaarndam, New York.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York. March 4 .- In the middle states and New England, today, partly cloudy weather, nearly stationary tem-perature and fresh northerly to easterly winds will prevail, preceded by fair conditions and followed in the eastern dis-tricts of this section by rain or snow, and ov a dangerous increase of wind force this evening on the coasts as far north an Long Island and Cape Cod, with the approach of the southern cyclone

today charged with robbing the This is his second trial, the jury matly. having previously disagreed. I counsel is J. Hay Brown, of La The trial will go on tomorrow. Outfit for the Laucaster.

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leneral C. A. Evans.

Portsmouth, N. H., March 2.-Orders have been received at the navy depart-ment to make the outfit for the United States ship Lancaster with the quickest possible dispatch. It is expected that the