

AGITATION

SPAIN'S WAR

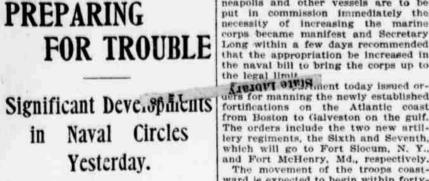
The Fall in Its Bonds

Has Evoked a New

Spirit.

THE ANXIETY IS INTENSE

Alarm in Financial and Com-



OFFICIALS HOPE FOR BEST

Yet They Are Actively Preparing for the Worst.

A New Military Department Created in the South -- Hendquarters Established -- Retired Officers Express a Willingness to Re-Enter the Service--Large Orders for Government Supplies Are Contracted for and Manufacturing Establishments Are Ordered to Work Night and Day.

Washington, March 11 .- Hoping for the best and prepared for the worst about represent the situation in the war and navy departments these days. The officials still profess confidence that there is to be a peaceful outcome of the present threatening difficulties, but meanwhile prepare with serenity to meet their duty if events should shape themselves otherwise. The most important and significant developments of the day were the decision of the house naval committee to place in the naval appropriation bill a provision for three new battleships and a conclusion on the part of the secretary of war to issue tomorrow morning an order creating a new military department, including within its confines that part of the country which would be in all likelihood nearest to the field of hostilities in case it should come to that. The order will create a commotion in the south. The present department of Texas is abolished and the quarters which have been at San Antonio, Tex., for so many years, are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one, the department of the south, /General Graham, at present commander of the department of Texas, will command the new department. This department will include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. All of these states save the last

the naval bill to bring the corps up to the legal limit **Algorithm 1911/98** ment today issued or-dets for manning the newly established fortifications on the Atlantic coast from Boston to Galveston on the guif. The orders include the two new artillery regiments, the Sixth and Seventh, which will go to Fort Slocum, N. Y. and Fort McHenry, Md., respectively. The movement of the troops coastward is expected to begin within fortyeight hours, The batteries of the Fourth artillery, stationed at Fort McHenry, near Baltimore, will be distributed between

Fort Delaware and Fort Mott, N. J., thus providing for the protection of Philadelphia, Trenton, camden and

other cities in that vicinity. Arrangements have been made by the chief signal officer of the army, by authority of the secretary of war, to establish immediate telegraphic and telephonic connections between all the new stations on the coast to which troops have been assigned. All the movements indicated above are to be nade without delay and are the results of the recent tour of inspection of General Merritt, commanding the department of the east, in which all of them are located.

HAVANA IS TRANQUIL

Captain Sampson Recovers from His Indisposition -- Miss Barton's Effective Work.

Havana, March 11 .- The weather con-

tinues to be delightful and the city is as tranquil as the skies are blue. Captain Sampson seems to have recovered from his slight indisposition and the United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine, over which he presides, is pursuing its usual course. The relief work of the Red Cross soci-

ety in the city and country is daily becoming more systematized, effective and regular. Miss Clara Barton and the collector of customs have had most pleasant in-

terviews, during which Miss Barton assured the official that the Red Cross people earnestly deprecated any attempt, no matter from what source, to evade or infringe the custom laws of Spain or Cuba, and the collector expressed his desire and intention to do all in his power to expedite the admission of legitimate relief supplies.

The American yacht Anita, which brought a congressional party here, has been fined \$500 for, it is alleged, not having her papers in proper order. The gentlemen who arrived here on the Anita, Senators Gallinger, Thurston and Money, and Representatives Cummings and William Alden Smith. accompanied by their wiver, were presented at the palace at 10 o'clock this morning by Consul General Lee and were cordially received by Captain General Blanco. A Spanish report says

put in commission immediately the PLANS PROPOSED FOR A COMPROMISE

The President Persuaded to Consider a Scheme for Autonomy.

CUBA TO ENJOY RIGHTS OF CANADA spain to Reserve the Right Such as

England Exercises Over Her Colonles. - The Arrangements Are Made to Secure Two Vessels Under Course of Construction for Brazil.

Washington, March 11 .- Most of the time of today's cabinet meeting was taken up in the discussion of measures which have been put into operation for the acquisition of naval vessels by the government. One of the members said after the meeting: "It is now altogether probable that we will secure two vessels that are under construct tion for the Brazilian government. It is not possible to say at this time just how many ships in all the govcrnment will be able to secure. It has options on a number that have been offered but nothing is likely to be definitely accomplished in the way of acquiring them until on examination is made into their condition, for which purpose a naval officer has been despatched abroad. We do not want a

lot of vessels that other nations contracted to be built and now find are not up to expectations. I should not be surprised but what the president would be able to get about five or six ves-sels in all. The fact is notorious that there are not a great many really good vessels to be had, but I should not be

surprised if we were able to get a half dozen formidable ones at least. Th \$50,000,000 appropriated for war preparations will be expended in this country, except such as may be expended in the purchase of ships and in the ac quisitions of munitions of war that are not obtainable here.

"Yes, 1 think the sympathy of the British government in this controversy is with the United States. At any rate she does not side with Spain. I do not mean by this statement to have you infer that the Englishmen will openly

advocate our cause and extend us substantial help but will give us their moral support. Projects for the settlement of the Cuban question are numerous, but most of them are regarded in official circles as unworthy of serious consideration. One plan, however, has been presented to the president which has received the approval in a general way of leading men whose counsels have weight with the administration and

there is reason to believe it is the subject of studious reflection in the cabinet. The proposed plan gives to Cuba all of the rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed by Canada, Spain reserving to herself only such rights as England exercises over her colonies.

THE SCHEME PRESENTED. inted to th

governing her. It is unwise and unnec-essary for the United States to assume political or financial responsibility in the case, either both of which most of the plans so far advanced involve. If it should be shown that the Spanish government and its officials are innocent of any complicity in the disaster to the Maine and a prompt disavort to the with an expression of regret, and an of-fer to arbitrate the question of respon-sibility and the amount of indemnity if any was found due, the United States could hardly resist the principle of arbi-tration for arbitration. The BUT tration in settling the question. The Maine disater, however, is a distinct in-cident and should be considered by itself.

COURT OF INQUIRY SILENT.

Nothing Whatever Has Been Received from Judge Advocate Marix. Washington, March 11.-The day

ussed again without word from the ourt of inquiry, according to the statement of Secretary Long, who says he has received nothing whatever from the court itself or from Judge Advocate Marix.

The secretary has determined that there shall be no wasteful extravaagreed on a maximum price of \$400 per ton for armor plate for our vessels, increased the force of naval marines by gance in his department in the expen-473 men and put matters in fair shape diture of the funds so generously profor a decision tomorrow on the locavided by congress and to this end he tion of dry docks, probably four in has addressed the following letter to number, capable of accommodating the the assistant secretary of the navy, the colonel commandant of the marine largest sized war vessels. The committee was in session practically all day orps and to each of the bureau chiefs and before the decision on the increase of the navy department: of ships was reached there was a long

Sir: Under the emergency appropria-tion of \$59,000,000 made Wednesday, you and interesting discussion. will incur no expense or liability except after written statements and estimate Georgia, while favoring an increase belleved that two vessels would be made by you and approved by the presi dent and secretary; all in writing. A special record must be kept of every such uisition. If any such liability of exavoided. nse has been incurred by you by oral rection make such written statement and estimate and submit it at once for uch appreval. By order of the president.

Very respectfully, John D, Long, Secretary.

RETIRED OFFICERS.

They Announce That They Are Ready to Enter the Service at Any Time in Case of War.

Washington, March 11 .- In anticipaon of a rupture between the United States and Spain, many naval officers on the retired list have notified the secretary of the navy of their willingness and readiness to perform any duty in the line of their profession that he for the construction was not fixed, bemay deem suitable for them. There seems to be considerable misapprehension on the part of the public as to the availability of officers on the retired is expected, will be about five million list for active duty, in times of war. dollars each, though for the fiscal year ction 1462 of the revised statutes, covered in the bill the amount of exbearing on this subject, provides as follows: ach.

"No officer on the retired list of the navy shall be employed on active duty. except in time of war." Under this section it is apparent that

f war should break out, all officers on the retired list, competent to serve, will be subject to the order of the secretary of the navy. Another statute aring on this subject is contained in

House for an Addition of Three to the Navy. ONE DISSENTING VOTE Mr. Tate Insists That Two Ships Will Be Sufficient .- The Committee Decides That One of the New Vessels Shall Be Called the Maine.

pattleships of the staunchest type

afloat were authorized by the house

committee on naval affairs today and

a provision for their construction was

inserted in the naval appropriation

bill. At the same time the committee

ressel afloat.

ly withdrew the motion

TATE IS STUBBORN.

PROVIDED FOR

NEW BATTLESHIPS

1 General-Hoping for the Best, But Prepared for the Worst. Spanish War Agitation. President Will Consider a New Schem of Government for Cuba. Three More Battleships for the Navy. The Tribune's Opportunity Bureau, Financial and Commercial Reports. Local-Present Aspect of the Coal Trade. Members of the Scranton Board of Trade, Editorial. Comment of the Press. Washington, March 11 .- Three new

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Showers; Variable Winds,

Weather Indications Today:

Local-Social and Personal. Religious News of the Week. One Woman's Views. Local-State Officers of the Odd Fel lows.

Excelsior Club's Model Quarters. Local-Partisanship Thrust Aside by the Joint City Estimates Committ Sol Goldsmith Arrested as a Spanish Spy.

Local-West Side and Suburban. Lackawarna County News.

Uncle Sam's Warships and Those of Spain.

Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow A Railway Journey from Cold Winter to Budding Summer.

2-General-New Spanish Minister Interviewed. Reports as to the Boundary Line of

Alaska. Dun's Review of Trade Representative Tate, Democrat, of

PLAGUE AT BOMBAY. ample and that further expenditure beyond the point of necessity should be Representative Loudenslager, of New

Two Soldiers Killed and Seventeen Jersey, protested that if the strength of the navy was to be increased at all Civilians Are Wounded -- Hinit should be to the extent of three new doos Close Their Shops. vessels built and armed to meet any

Representative Hawley, of Texas, Bombay, March 11 .- The total casunoved that a cruiser be substituted for alties resulting from the plagu riots me of the battleships, but subsequentare two soldiers of the Shropshire reginent killed, a municipal inspector, who accidentally shot himself, four European and four native policemen, with When the vote was taken there was but one dissenting voice; Mr. Tate inrs kill.d and twenty-two injured. One sisted that two battleships would be nundred and nine arrests were made. sufficient to meet present needs. The The Hindoos and Mohammedans closnew war ships provided for will be of

the finest pattern. It will be two years, ing their shops yesterday as a protest doubtless, before they can be placed in against the plague measures; and the commission. One of them, the commitmovement is spreading. ee decided, should bear the name of About 15,000 dockers, railway laborthe ill-fated Maine. The appropriation

ers and others have struck work. The city is guarded by infantry, cavalry, ing referred to the sub-committee on marines and armed police, appropriation, which will report to the full committee tomorrow. The cost, it

CUBAN CONSULS AT POSTS.

None Have Resigned, but One Will penditure may not exceed two millions Be Given Leave of Absence.

Washington, March 11 .-- It is realized An important question was raised as at the state department that the lot to whether the expenditure for the new battleships should be defraved out of of the American consuls in Cuba is a the \$50,000,000 emergency bill, but this very hard one; it has been difficult for many months, and is no better now

subject was passed over. The committee also agreed on a pro-Still, the department is gratified at the manner in which these officers have vision authorizing the secretary of the navy to purchase armor plate by condischarged their duties and remained or otherwise at a cost of not exby their no

mercial Circles. Demand by the Press for Ressoring Statements by the Government. Assertions That No Cause of War Is in Sight -- Favorable Disposition to

Spain of European Nations Reported from Spanish Source.

Madrid, March 11 .- The anxiety as to the relations between Spain and the United States which has pervaded financial and commercial circles for several days, culminated on Thursday in a heavy fall in funds, all securities of the exterior and interior debts declining one per cent. Treasury bonds declined one to two per cent., Cuban bonds going down three per cent., bank of Spain shares dropping from 413 to 411 and tobacco shares going down from 255 to 240. Foreign exchanges have risen in an unprecedented degree. seventeen civillans injured. Nine riot- the prices on Paris being at a 38 premlum and London at a 39 premium. All the newspapers call upon the government to stop the panic by a prompt and a sar statement as to the real conditions existing in Cuba and also defining the international relations.

The newspapers re-echo the profound sensation and displeasure caused by the United States sending the Montgomery to Havana, and by the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the national defense

On the other hand it is said in official circles and announced by the papers that while nothing fresh has occurred in Cuba or in the relations between Spain and the United States to justify alarm. Senor Castillo, the Spanish ambassador at Paris, has "brought favorable impressions of the disposition of the European press and governments towards Spain."

United States Minister Woodford, hile returning from his drive toda alighted at the cemetery at the moment of the interment of the remains of the celebrated Toreador Frascuelo, died last Tuesday, General Woodford distributed numerous alms among the poor who surrounded his carriage. There was a great crowd, but no demonstration of hostility toward the American minister, and the incident is much commented upon. The cardinal archbishop of Vallado lid has published another long letter refuting some of the comments upon his recent pastoral, in which blamed America for the prolongation of the Cuban war, and said that "the hypocritical friendship of the United States wastes Spain's resources in order the better to attack her when weakened." He now affirms his attachment to the queen regent and his obedience to the pope El Heraldo's statement that America will indemnify Spain for giving independence to Cuba is regarded here as a balon de'essai but also as displaying recognition of public sentiment in Spain, where it would be impossible or any government to propose a sale of Cuba Senor Leon Castillo, the Spanish ambassador to France, had a conference with the queen regent today and af-terward lunched with her majesty.

are at present attached to the department of the east under command of General Merritt, of New York. It is said at the department that General Merritt is fully compensated for the strength of the command which passes away from him by the addition to his forces of the two regiments of artilwounded. lery now recruiting. Headquarters of the new department of the south will be at Atlanta, Ga., chosen because of its fine strategic values, from its excellent railroad connections. At present the government has no accommodations in Atlanta for the headquarters of the department, so it will be obliged to hire the most available buildings. the Montgomery.

GEN. WILSON TO REPORT. General Wilson, chief of engineers who has been in Florida, is expected back tomorrow to report to Secretary Alger upon the progress of the fortification works in that section of the country and probably especially as to the defense of Tortugas.

For the first time today, officials of the war department admitted that they were straining every nerve to improve that part of the defenses of the country confined to their care. It is without question the most unusual mark of confidence in an executive officer to empower him to give orders without limit for the purchase of war material. yet this is what the president and Secretary Alger have done in the case of General Flagler, chief of ordnance. And the officer has not shown any disposition to shirk this large responsibility but has instructed every concern capable of supplying war material, such as rapid-fire guns, shot, shell and ammunition, to go to work at full capacty.

The navy department has now reason to believe that it has secured the two warships, Amazonas and her sister ship, now building in England for Brawill determine. zil. It was stated at the cabinet meeting today by Secretary Long that the naval attache at London, Lieutenant Colonel Wool, had almost completed the negotiations for the sale. So far, however, the final notification from him that his offer has been accepted. has not yet reached the navy department.

HOUSE NAVAL BILL

Provides for an Increase in the Num ber of Naval Marines--Fortifications on the Atlantic.

Washington, March 11 .- The hous naval committee today placed in the naval bill provision for an increase in the number of naval marines of 73. This increase had been especially asked for by the secretary of the navy and was not included in the regular recommendations. This brings the total number of marines up to 3,073.

Commandant Hayward, of the ma ring corps, in his report last fall, asked for authorization to enlist marines up to the legal limit, 3,000, but the suggestion was not pressed by Secretary Long in his recommendations to con-eress. Now that the Columbia, Min- without delay.

AND THE REAL OF

that government troops operating in administration is as follows: the Sierra Maestra have had an en-Constantly recurring untoward incilents in the relations of Spain and this have inflicted "numerous loss" upon the country and the overwhelming evidence of a shocking condition of affairs in Cuba insurgents, also capturing five prisoners and destroying the plantation of which of themselves justify some inter the enemy. The troops, it is further ference have brought the country to a state of feeling which, while most anxsaid, lost three men killed and had ten

ous for peace, demands such speedy ac ion as will bring the whole matter This afternoon the congressional lose and avoid a clash with Spain. But party paid a visit to a camp of reconne way seems to be open. If we insist upon immediate Cuban in-lependence we must back the demand by centrados at Regla. Tonight they will go by sea to Matanzas. The members of the Autonomist cabinet called upon orce for neither Spain nor any country Commander Converse and the officers with any self-respect could tolerate such interference in what we must recognize of the Montgomery this afternoon. The appropriate salutes and ceremonies s her domestic quarrel, without resentment and resistance. While we should doubtless succeed it would involve terrible were observed as was the case earlier in the day, when General Parrado, reposs to us and still further suffering to

resenting the governor general, visited Cuba, which would at this juncture be of questionable benefit to her. That she is unfit as a whole for self government MAINE DISASTER. just yet is the opinion of many intelli-gent and impartial outside observers who have studied her people and prevailing conditions; there exists, too, a very con-siderable party in the island composed Officials Deny the Oft-Repeated Lie of the most enlightened inhabitants who

favor trying autonomy. This is evidenced by their being able to maintain in New York a newspaper of their own which ably presents their views. If we are to intervene, as a compulsory Washington, March 11,-The statearbitrator, are they to be left wholly out ment was persistently circulated this of the account together with Spain

afternoon, and in some cases the renly the insurgent party considered? Fair port came from those whose sources arbitrations are not conducted on so one of information should be reliable, that sided a basis. Suppose now we say to Spain that in the interest of humanity and peace and for the preservation of our the administration was in possession of intimations or information that the own comercial interests we insist upon a cessation of hostilities and that we will result of the investigation of the court of inquiry as to the cause of the Maine ake advantage of it to inform the Cudisaster would show that the explosion ans that for the sake of the same which destroyed the battleship, came elling considerations they must con-ede something. Spain's plight is unquesfrom some external agency. A cabinet officer was even quoted as making this ionably a critical one and she could honrably listen to such a proposal. The Cuannouncement and another report had it that the stenographic notes of the

car respectfully any views we present to inquiry was before Secretary Long. hem in regard to a settlement and could not fail to follow them. When the matter was brought to the attention of Secretary Long he pro-The precise terms can be worked out nounced the statement as false in evater. But it is not unreasonable to ex-ect that should Spain offer such self gov-There is not a word of truth in rnment as the whole world would recog-

ings of both parties.

ARE IN A POSITION TO INSIST.

nize as fair, putting Cuba in the same condition as an English colony and withthem," he said. "No word has been received by the president or any one drawing from the Island as soon as quiet else as to what the board of inquiry restored, all but a nominal military ree, we might properly insist on its ac-ptance. This would be substantial vic-"The rumor was floating about all eptance, afternoon, but it is utterly without tory for Cuba, would leave Spain to retire with self-respect and would leave Cuba

DINNER TO ALBERT.

President McKinley Entertains the Prince of Selgium.

ery particular.

foundation."

Concerning the Cause of the

Ship's Destruction.

Washington, March 11.-Prince Albert, of Belgium, was given a dinner by the president at the executive mansion tonight in honor of his visit to

We are in a position to insist that the terms offered Cuba be fair and generous The dinner began at \$ the capitol. such as could enable her to make her own haws, lay and collect her own taxes and o'clock and was served in the main corridor, the state dining room being too small to accommodate those who provide in every way without let or hindrance for her own prosperity and growth. It is objected that Spain will were invited to meet the helr presumptive to the Belgian throne. Music was ever carry out such an arrangement furnished by the Marine band, which out if we see it inaugurated it would be mpossible for the old conditions ever to was stationed in the conservatory. The prince escorted Mrs. McKinley return. Inasmuch as Spain would retain

into the dining hall while the president took the arm of Mrs. Hobart. wife of the vice president. Before the dinner the president met the invited guests in the east room, which Was handsomely decorated with rare plants and in which a musicale was given after the dinner was over.

Talbot and Gwyn Accepted.

Bristol, R. I., March IL-The torpedo boats Talbot and Gwyn left here at 1 o'clock for Newport. It is understood that they have been accepted by the gov-ernment and will go into commission

sections 1462 and 1464 as follows: 'In time of war, the president by

commission was the oldest."

and with the advice and consent of the senate may detail officers on the retired list for the command of squadrons and single ships, when he believes that the good of the service requires that they shall be so placed in command. In making said details the president may select any officer not be low the grade of commander and assign him to the command of a squadron with the rank and title of "flag officer." and any officer so assigned shall have the same authority and receive the same obedience from the con manders of ships of his squadron holding commisions of an older date that he would be entitled to receive if his

It thus appears that the president has power to assign any retired officer of the navy to duty during the progress of war, but that he can only assign him to the command of squadrons or ships by and with the advice and consent of the senate. There are many officers on the retired list in the full enjoyment of health and mental vigor despite the fact that they are over 62 years of age, whose ability and experence would undoubtedly be of great advantage to the nation in case it proved necessary to go to war in the defense of its honor and dignity. Notable among these is Rear Admiral John Walker, recently retired for age and now engaged on special duty as president of the Nicaragua canal commistion.

SPANISH SENTIMENT.

Volced in a Madrid Newspaper's At-

Madrid, March 11 .- The Heraldo, an dependent journal of wide influence which hitherto has had government anings, publishes today an attack on the Spanish ministry which fairly represents the effect on the general public here of the passage by the United States government of the defense bill, I 8113'82

"Now that the government persists in giving out a mixture of dull misconception and false hope, we instantly voice the people's disgust and dismay. The United States votes within the better off than those now made independspace of a few hours fifty million dolent. Spain has valuely tried to put down the insurrection; the insurgents have valuely tried to drive Spain out and establars, making no secret of the purpose lish a government and the only way to bring about speedy reace is to take into consideration the claims, rights and feelguarantee of success. During a few minutes congress voted sums never before granted in times of peace, and

President McKinley hastened to make it a law by immediately affixing his signature. General Lee still remains in Havana, despite adverse comments. He stands like a proud rock defying the lements. Taking into account all this, the government conceives the childish idea of issuing an official note promising the moon, viz: the immediate pacification of Cuba through autonomy and General Pando's easy dealings with the eastern provinces. What the govern-ment ought to do is to prepare itself, silently, if possible, but thoroughly, for immediate contingencies."

Gift from Heles Gould.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 11.-Presi-dent Scott, of Rutgers college, announced today that Miss Helen Gould had made a gift of \$20,000 to the college.

Steamship Arrivals

New York, March 1L-Cleared: Lu-cania, Liverpeol; Werra, Naples, Genoa, etc.; Obdam, Roterdam, Arrived: Brittanic, Liverpool; Nomadic, Liverpool.

ceeding \$400 per ton. This was agreed to, however, only on the express proviso that this item should include the nickel used in the armor, for which a found their origin in the fact that one large outside percentage heretofore has been paid by the government. This limit of armor contract price has been generally expected and with the exception of the insertion of the proviso is to nickel, met with little opposition in the discussion. One of the most im-portant features of the work on the bill was an agreement on an appropri-

ation of \$135,000 for outfitting, rationing and uniforming 473 additional marines RUSSIA AND COREA.

The Latter's Foreign Minister Re-

signs--Officials Display Disfavor Toward Alexeieff.

Yokohama, March 11.-In reply the recent complaint by M. Schpeyer, the Russian Charge d'Affaires at Seoul, to the King of Corea, that the Corean officials displayed disfavor toward M Alexeleff, the Russian representative in the customs, and the Russian military instructors, and to his demand for an answer within twenty-four hours as to whether the king wished to re tain their services, the king asked Russia for three days' delay.

Yesterday the cabinet met at Seoul. discussed the demand and decided to answer that the government wished the release of the drill instructors and of M. Alexeleff. The acting foreign minister, contending that the national integrity of Corea was only possible with Russia's assistance. dissented from this decision and resigned.

CONVENTION AT MONTROSE.

Nominations Made by the Republicans of Susquehanna.

Montrose, Pa., March 11 .- The Republican county convention of Susquehanna county was held here yesterday and the following nominations were made for the November elections: For President Judge-Hon, Daniel W. Searle. The pomination was made by

acclamation. for which such an enormous sum is to be used, but rather flaunting it as a trict-C. F. Wright, of Susquehanna county, with power to name his own con-

ferrees. For State Senator-No nomination was made, but the congressional conferrees

will also act in this matter. For Representatives-Hon. J. W. Adams, of Brooklyn, and George D. Tiffany, of G . on. For District Attorney-Ralph D. Little,

of Montrose Delegates to the State Convention-Mi-chael Hayes, of Hallstead; W. G. Morton

and John La Rue.

TORPEDO SQUADRON WILL SAIL.

London, March 11.-A special dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish torpedo

Ordnance company's factory in this city is running night and day on orders for government ammunition and extra men have been put to work. The works here where projectiles are made will be en larged and the production will be expandod as much as possible.

So far as can be learned at the state department none of them has resigned, and stories to the contrary probably consul, whose health had broken down. has applied for a leave of absence. which will be granted to him.



The President Said to Be Acquainted with Important Evidence.

Washington, March 11.-There is rea son to believe that the president and secretary of the navy are now fully informed as to the nature of the evidence presented thus far in the inquiry into the Maine disaster to the battleship Maine. The statement to this effect is made on good authority.

If it is true, and if the President is aware that the verdict of the court will be that the explosion was due to external agencies, the activity of the war and navy departments and the council of war at the white house, which preceded the appropriation of \$50,000,-000, do not need further explanation.

COAL FOR SICARD'S FLEET.

Edith Howes Carries 400 Tons to Key West.

Philadelphia, March 11.-The coal parge Edith Howes, which is to carry 400 tons of coal to Key West, is now ready for departure, after having been sheathed with iron plates. She is 16: feet long, 23 feet ten inches wide, and has a depth of 12 feet. Her maximum capacity is 1,000 tons. The government tug Samoset left League Island navy yard today for

Key West. She will join Admiral Sicard's fleet. The cruiser Columbia was tken from dry dock today, after having her bottom scraped and painted.

Pullison Confesses. New York, March il.-Levi Morton Pul on, the Brooklyn negro, who last night choked to death his white mistress, Kat Smith, was arrested and confessed th crime today. The choking occurred during a fight which followed his accusin her of infidelity. He had followed her yes terday and satisfied himself of the truth f her actions before he accused her.

The Hopper Divorce Case.

New York, March II.-Counsel for Edna Wallace Hopper said today that papers had been prepared in an action against DeWolf Hoper for divorce, Coun-sel would not say upon what ground the action would be based, but intimated that would not be the statutory ground.

Spanish Garrison Relieved.

Bolinao, Isle of Lucon, Philippine March 11 .- The Spanish garrison, which had been under slege by the insurgent: was relieved today by a vessel with renforcements, after resisting hundreds of ebels.

West and Honner Meet.

Philadelphia, March H.-Tommy West of New York, and Jack Bonner, of Summit, Hill, Pa., met in a six-round go at the Arena tonight and, while no decision was rendered. West cortainly got the beter of the argument

Honors for Mr. Garman.

Wilkes-Barre, March 11.-At a meeting of the Democratic committee of the Third legislative district held at Plymouth today State Chairman John M. Garman, Boyd Mistellar and Michael Mooney were elected delegates to the state convention. lowed by slightly lower temperature,

SLAP AT POWDERLY.

Committee on Immigration Reported Adversely Upon His Nomina-

tion as Commissioner.

Washington, March 11 .- The commitee on immigration has reported adversely upon the nomination of Hon. T. V. Powderly to be commissioner of immigration. The nomination has been held in committee for several weeks on account of the absence of Senator Chandler. He having returned to Washington the matter was brought up and the vote being taken, Mr. Chandler united with the Democratic senators to secure an adverse report.

It is believed that the report will be made the basis of an animated controversy in the senate.

Cousinly Advances.

Paris, March 11 .- The Temps says it thinks the reports in the American newspapers of the interview of the British ambassador. Sir Julian Pauncefote, with President McKinley "were intended to sound the feelings of England, to which country the Americans are now making advances, which strangely contrasts with previous haughty attitude toward their British cousins."

Fern Sails for Matanzas.

Key West, March 11 .- The Fern sailed for Matanzas tonight with a cargo of pro-visions for the starving Cubans. From Matanzas she will go to Sague la Grande, Her departure was without incident. The torpedo boat Dupont has arrived from Mobile. There is no unusual activity among naval officers here.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, March 12.-In the middle states and New England, today, cloudy to partly cloudy weather will prevail with rain, preceded by fog on the coasts, fresh to brisk southerly winds, becoming high off the coasts and nearly stationary, foi-

squadron at Cadiz will sail for Cuba today. Factory Run Day and Night. Lynn, Mass., March 11.-The American

in at least a nominal sovereignty such an arrangement would be much less humil-lating to her than to be compelled to renuish at once all right and claims upo the island. The time may possibly come when by the operation of the law of our

olitical existence Cuba will fail to us peaceably. If this prove correct, the method suggested paves the way for that,

by giving her opportunity to gain some experience in self government first. If she is to be independent, as very possibly may turn out to be the case, by and by, a preliminary stage of genuine autonomy would best prepare her for that. Nor is it desirable at this time for the United States to undertake the responsibility of

tack on the Ministry.