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SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1898.

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THE CRISIS

Court of Inquiry Leaves Havana and Sails for Key West.

TESTIMONY OF THE DIVERS

Said to Be Very Full and Complete.

Remainder of the Sittings of the Court Will Be Devoted to a Study of the Submerged Wreck -- It Is No Thought That Any More Testimony Will Be Taken -- Preparations for War Continue with Great Activity, Indicating That the Finding of th-Court Has Been Anticipated by the Administration.

Havana, March 15.-The Mangrove, with the court of inquiry on board, sailed tonight for Key West. Captain Sampson, president of the board, assured the Associated Press correspondent that the decision to leave Havana was not reached until this afternoon, after a consultation of the members. It was decided that, while further testimony might be obtained here, this was not sufficiently likely to justify a longer stay. The court can return if the divers or wreckers make discoveries that add to the stock of knowledge now gathered. The plans of the submerged wreck in the preparation of which Ensign Powelson has had a large share, are very elaborate, and Captain Sampson says the testimony and records of the divers are very full.

Captain Sampson hopes the court will be allowed to resume its sitting on the battleship Iowa, now near Key West, with the flagship New York. All the officers of the court except Judge Advocate Marix are stationed on the Iowa or the New York and on the former the court could be absolutely free from interruption. The greater part of the investigation that remains will consist, unless the court returns here, of a careful study of the plans. It is not thought that it will be necessary again to summon the survivors of the Maine, officers men, now at Key West or scattere

oughout the fleet. Captain Sampson id, however, that any such would be summoned if the revision of the testimony showed missing links in the chain that they could supply.

The court has no prophecy to make s to the further duration of its sitting or as to when and where the findings will be promulgated. Captain Sigsbee will probably remain here with Lieutenart Commander Wainwright to superintend the wrecking on behalf of the government. Chaplain Chidwick is expected to remain to care for any bodies that may be recovered. At least, no orders had been received to the contrary when this dispatch was sent.

The court called upon Consul General Lee this afternoon to bid him farewell. and subsequently Captain Sigsbee said adieu to the court.

WAITING AT WASHINGTON.

Time of Cabinet Occupied in Considering National Defense.

Washington, March 15 .- "The general expectation of the members of the cabinet," said one of them after the meeting today, "is that some report will be received during the present week from the court of inquiry examining into the cause of the Maine explosion. Yet," he added, "it would not be surprising to us if the report should be delayed for a ong time. We have nothing on which to base this hope that I know of, only the feeling seems general that what I have said will be the case. There is nothing at hand as yet to indicate what will be the nature of the findings of the

"Today our time was occupied in a general discussion of the measures under way for the national defense, notably in regard to the acquisition of new vessels of war. We are keeping an eye on the two ships under construction for Chill and the Argentine republic, but it is not probable we can get them. If we cannot obtain the ships it is a source of satisfaction to know that Spain will not be able to purchase them either."

It was also learned that Spain has not yet consummated the purchase of the Chilian warship O'Higgins and that indications point to its acquisition by the United States.

This was another busy day in the war and navy departments. Secretary Alger was enabled to make an allotment of funds from the appropriation of \$50,000,000 which will greatly facilitate the work of the bureaus. These bureaus had not been able to conclude any contracts for the procurement of war supplies because no allotment had been made, but this afternoon the ordnance bureau was given two and a half million dollars and business went forward with a rush. It is true that this sum is already mortguged under provisional arrangements made during the past week, but with the assurance ore funds to come, the work of the bureau is now moving rapidly.

BUSY DAY FOR LONG.

Secretary Long was exceedingly busy today, having not only to give a good deal of time to the cabinet, to which he had to return twice, but also being obliged to see a great many persons with whom the department has, or expects to have, contract relations. Among the latter was Mr. Herreshoff, the tor-

He turned two of these boats over to the department a few days ago and the Secretary's purpose in consulting him was to learn how much he could hasten the work on one of the boats remaining in his hands, which in ordinary times would require about two months to complete. The secretary also spent good deal of time at intervals during the day in consulting over the long distance telephone with naval officers in New York and it is believed much of this consultation concerned the procurement of sultable vessels from among the auxiliary navy for war pur-

Mr. M. Ister, of the Columbia Iron works at Baltimore, has notified the department that he will be able to urn over to it the torpedo boat Rodgers next Saturday. The Rodgers is a boat which smashed her engines in the midst of a trial trip about six months ago. It was necessary almost to replace the engines, but under the hurry orders from the navy department this has been done in good time. It is expected that the boat will be taken at once from Baltimore to Norwik. The departmet has no disposition to waste ime at this juncture in making trial trips but knowing the boat to be of satisfactory type, like her sister boat, he Winslow, and good workmanship, according to the naval inspector's reports, she will be accepted out of hand,

is were the Gwin and Talbot last week. The new cruiser Amazonas, according to present plans, will se manned entirely from the San Francisco, That vessel sailed at 6 o'clock this morning from Lisbon and will arrive in the Type about Friday. It is expected that she will divide her officers and crew with the Amazonas, placing Lieutenand Commander Arthur P. Nazro, executive officer of the San Francisco, in charge of the latter vessel. Without doubt the Amazonas will be gotten across the ocean as soon as possible, and it is expected that the San Fran-

cisco will convey her. It was the first call of Senor Polo for business purposes, the former calls having been those of ceremony. The minister came away looking highly gratified, but he asked to be excused from discussing the purposes of his call. There is little doubt, however, that it permitted a full exchange on the present situation.

Among the developments of the day was the decision by the senate committee on naval affairs to postpone for the present action on the resolution instructing it to investigate the Maine disaster. The committee, however, determined to take steps to procure from the navy department all the information on the subject in its possession,

The energetic efforts to put the counry on a war footing went' on without abatement. At the navy department satisfaction was felt at a report from the capitol that the naval affairs committee is disposed to substitute six battleships for the three provided for in the pending bill.

The fortification board began its secret sessions at the war department.

The gunboat Annapolis has started home from the West Indies, leaving Curacoa yesterday directly for Key

The torpedo boat Winslow arrived at key West yesterday. The steel tug Samoset arrived at Beafort yesterday morning and proceeded immediately on her way to Key West in the afternoon, The torpedo boat Foote also sailed from Charleston for Jacksonville yes-League Island today. She will pick up a coal lighter and tow it to Key West for use in coaling the squadron. The Fern arrived at Key West last even-

Inspired by the war sentiment prevailing in many parts of the country, officers of state militia organizations have been inquiring of the war department as to allotments of arms, am munition, etc. There is an annual appropriation aggregating about \$400,000, allotted among the militia of the several states according to their numerical strength, and the money granted may be expended for any branch of the ser-

AUSTRIA'S ANXIETY.

Efforts of Franz Josef to Raily Europe to Spain's Standard Become More Marked.

New York, March 15 .- A copyrighted London cablegram to the Evening Post Says:

The general English comment on the Vienna news that Emperor Francis Joseph is leading a crusade among the continental powers on Spain's behalf, is that this was only to be expected from the family ties, the queen regent being an Austrian arch duchess, while religious ties all encourage Austrian sympathy with Spain. Moreover, there is the emperor's well-known dread of the possible future consequence of American intervention in European affairs.

All that is known in well informed quarters here suggest that both the Austrian and the German emperors would go to great lengths to prevent an outbreak of war between American and Spain.

SAN FRANCISCO LEAVES LISBON.

Has Been Ordered to England to

Ontfit the Amazouas. Lisbon, March 15 .- The United States ruiser San Francisco sailed from here today, going in a southwesterly direc-

The war department has decided to complete the defenses of the port of

Lisbon as speedily as possible. Washington, March 15.-It is stated at the navy department that the San Francisco is not going to take a southwesterly course, but has been ordered to Great Britain, where she will make up a crew for the Amazonas, the Brazilian cruiser purchased by the United States. It is the present intention to have the San Francisco convoy the Amazonas across the Atlantic, but this

purpose is not a fixed one as yet. Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 15.—Salled: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen. Cleared: Kensington, Antwerp; Britannie, Liver-pool; La Normandie, Havre; St. Louis, Southampton, Southampton - Arrived boat builder from Bristol, R. I. Havel, New York for Bremen.

LIEUT. SOBRAL FREES HIS MIND

The Talkative Officer Again Expresses Himself.

SCORES MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

He Believes That the Thoughtful People of the United States Want Peace -- The Jingo Campaign Fomented Chiefly by Two American Newspapers -- Opinions of the Imparciat.

Madrid, March 15.-Lieutenant Commander Sobral, the former naval attache of the Spanish legation at Washington, in an interview at Barcelona, on his arrival there, is quoted as say ing he is convinced President McKinley and the government of the United States did not wish for war "and will resist to the utmost the intrigues of the war party." Continuing, Lieutenant Sobral remarked: "Thoughtful Americans also oppose war, which is solely desired by the adventurers and agitators who compose the jingo party. The majority of the house of represen tatives is composed of men without prestige and of little education, who regard politics as a trade and who would have already voted the jingo proposals if they had not encountered the strength of character of President McKinley, whose authority is dictator-The serious opinion of the country, composed of business men, dreads war with Spain, which they believe would be a veritable misfortune, as shown by the fact that the new Spanish squadron had hardly started for American waters when a panic seized all commercial and industrial centres.

chiefly by two American daily newspapers, whose insolent language is a positive shame to Americans. "It is evident the United States intends Spain shall be the actual de- has 52 feet beam, draws 18 feet of water clarer of war."

"The jingo campaign is fomented

A dispatch to the Imparcial from Lisbon says that a score of sailors deserted from the United States warships while they were there. The dispatch adds that the deserters were nearly all Spaniards.

The Imparcial says: "Yesterday we deal with war preparations, and cern not only street jingoism, but high officials of the American government. who, in view of the position, ought to observe a more discreet attitude."

THE IMPARCIAL. The Imparcial follows with a truculent denunciation of Americans, who, it says, "are trying to frighten Spanjards by invoking the phantom of war, of which they are more afraid than the

Spanfards," "The United States is a country." says the Imparcial, "of bellicose selfadvertisement. By moving vessels to and fro she is trying to make believe that her forces are greater than they and four small rapid-fire guns. She has really are. We sincerely advise those three torpedo tubes and is estimated to bogeymen not to waste their time and money."

It is asserted in well informed circles that the negotiations in New York as The tug Leyden arrived at to the commercial treaty are paving the way for an understanding between the Cuban government and the insurgents on grounds to be submitted for approval to the home government.

The aspect of affairs has undergon a complete change, and there is a strong feeling in favor of peace between the United States and Spain. It is alleged that knowledge of this fact led Mr. Curzon, parliamentary secretary for the British foreign office, to decline yesterday to reply to the questions put by Michael Davitt, anti-Parnellite member for South Mayo, as to whether Great Britain had offered to mediate.

MOVEMENTS OF BOATS.

War Department Disappointed at the Dilatoriness of Contractors.

Washington, March 15.-The torped boat Foote arrived at Jacksonville this afternoon. The Machias sailed from Norfolk to Boston, where she will undergo some repairs made necessary by her long Asiastic cruise. The Brooklyn went up to Newport News for coal. The Marblehead, which was taking on stores at Tampa, sailed to rejoin the squadron at Tortugas.

Judge Advocate General Lemly reeived a telegram this afternoon from Havana announcing the arrival there of the Derrick Chief in tow of the tug Underwriter. It is expected that this derrica will greatly facilitate the work of wrecking the Maine.

The war department is greatly disappointed and annoyed at the dilatoriness shown by the contractors who have undertaken to construct the new fortifications along the coast. It is said that only one among the whole number has finished his contract or time. The department has been greatly embarrassed thereby in placing its guns and has been obliged to extend the time allowed these contractors. The department has determined not to submit to further obstruction in prosecuting the work undertaken, but will do the work itself and refrain from enter-

ing into contracts. A statement which is believed to reflect correctly the sentiment of the Spanish cabinet in the present emergency was made today by a gentleman intimately associated with Premier Sagasta and Senor Moret, minister of the colonies in the Spanish cabinet. It is not desired to give it the form of an official utterance but rather an exposition from one whose opportunities for information are complete, on the views animating the ruling authorities of

Spain. The statement is as follows: "The elections in Cuba are about to ccur, and the government desires then to be as free as possible. Naturally, however, the insurrection will prevent many from voting, and it is felt also that renewed insurgent activity coming at such a moment might jeopardize the successful working out of the Autonomist plan. Morever, the attitude of the United States in having a squadron so near Cuba and the active war preparations in the United States are of a nature that may exert an influence against a fair expression of public will under the Autonomist plan. It is thought that if the United States

were sincere in its expressions of friendship to Spain, even if it thought that autonomy could not meet every expectation, it should by friendly act and not words, show this sympathy with the Liberal regime inaugurated in Cuba. If the Washington government made known indirectly to the insurgents that it meant to have peace in Cuba and that peace in Cuba may be had with Autonomic government under Spain, the insurrection would certainly die out. If later the the Weyler party wanted to interfere it would be then for the United States to take action. That action would be then justifiable. Now to make war Spain would be a crime and for that crime to civilization and humanity the United States would be responsible

The foregoing statement was called o the attention of Senor Polo, the Spanish minister, and his views on it requested but he maintained diplomatic reserve. After reading it carefully he said it appeared to be given by one thoroughly conversant with

This afternoon the Spanish minister called at the state department and had a two hours' conference with Assistant Secretary Day.

BUYING WARSHIPS.

egotiations for Brazil's Rebuilt Battleship, 24 de Maio--Description of Vessel.

London, March 15 .- The United States covernment is negotiating here for the urchase of the Brazilian battleship 24 de Maio, formerly the Aquidaban, the flagship of Admiral Mello, which has lately been reconstructed in England. It is reasserted here that the Spanish government has secured the Chilian battleship O'Higgins, which has been

built by the Armstrongs for Chili. The Brazilian warship 24 de Maio steel-sheathed, turreted vessel of 4,950 tons displacement and 6,200 indicated horse power. She is 280 feet long, and in driven by two propellers. She was built in England, in 1885, at a cost of £345,000 (\$1,725,000, exclusive of guns. Her armored belt is eleven inches in thickness. She has from ten to eleven and one-half inches of armor over her gun positions. The deck plating is two inches thick and her armament consists received two telegrams from New York which have not been published. They two quick-firing guns and thirteen small rapid-fire guns. She has five orpedo tubes, is estimated to steam fifteen knots, carries a normal supply of 600 tons of coal and a crew of 350

The O'Higgins is a steel turreted arnored vessel of 8,500 tons displacement and of 16,50e indicated horse power. Her hull is sheathed, she is 411 feet 9 inches long, has 62 feet 6 inches beam and is driven by two propellors. The armored belt of the O'Higgins is seven inches in thickness and her deck plating is two inches thick. Her armament consists of four 8-inch quick-firing guns, ten 6-inch guns, four 4-7 inch guns, ten 12 pounders, ten 6 pounders steam 21.25 knots per hour.

VERA CRUZ TO AID.

Report That Spaniards There Will Furnish a Warship About the Size of the Vizenya.

Havana, March 15.-It is reported here that the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, at the request of the Spanish residents of Mexico, will visit Vera Cruz. It is further reported that the Spaniards of that place have decided to present the Spanish government with a warship

of the same size as the Vizcaya. Spanish troops to the number of 1,400 arrived here today from Spain. Senor Rafael Arazosa, a prominent resident of this place, has presented the Spanish government with the coasting steamship Pillar, in order that she may

MADE A GOLD STRIKE.

be armed as a warship.

The Discoverer Needs Police Protection on His Claim.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 15.-Michael Fitzpatrick, from the Harquahale mountains, brings news of the discovery by him of one of the most wonderful gold ledges in Arizona, a statement that is apparently borne out by the specimen at hand.

Fitzpatrick says that shortly after ne made the discovery three men who had been working a copper claim nearby raided his claim with shotguns and drove him from the place. Fitzpatrick and an officer will leave in the morning for the mine.

MOTHER CLUBS A SCOUNDREL. Mrs. Hampton Beats a Negro Who

Attacked Her Daughter.

Bellefontaine, O., March 15 .- Carl Manley, a negro, assaulted Ella Hampton last night as she was walking through a side street near her home. Miss Hampton's screams attracted help in time. The young woman's mother came to the rescue, and with a club beat young Manley nearly to insensibility. He afterward escaped and is still missing, although the officers are searching for him.

ABDUCTED LIKE CHARLEY ROSS.

Enri Stevenson, Little Son of a Rich Vermonter, Spirited Away.

Burlington, Vt., March 15.-An abdue. tion case here like that of Charlie Ross nas perplexed Sheriff Reeves and F. M. Sheldon, the wealthy father of the kidnapped lad. The boy, Earl Sheldon, aged 8 years, disappeared from in front of his home on Feb. 18, and cannot be found anywhere in the state. His father has offered a large reward, but it is feared the lad's abduc-

tors are holding him for a ransom. Bronstine a Wife Murderer.

Keokuk, Ia., March 15 .- Fred Bronstine a German living in Lewis county, Mo., three miles south of Williamstown, shot and killed his wife and then shot himself, inflicting a slight wound. The couple had domestic differences. Broastine has been

HOT POLITICAL FIGHT IN WAYNE

B. Hardenbergh Renominated for State Senator.

HOMER GREENE LEADS A BOLT

He is Defeated for Congressman by C. Fred Wright, of Susquehanna. Delegates to the State Convention Are Instructed to Vote for William Connell, of Scranton.

Honesdale, Pa., March 15.-The hottest political fight Wayne county ever experienced ended in convention this afternoon, when E. B. Hardenburgh was re-nominated for state senator, and Homer Greene, esq., candidate for congress, was defeated by C. Fred Wright, of Susquehanna, W. F. Reifler and C. L. Simons were elected delegates to the state convention and instructed to support William Connell, of Scranton.

The contest for delegates to the con-

venton was very warm. The Quayites secured twenty, sixteen were anti-Quay and one was thrown out on a contested seat. The contest in the convention was whether Homer Greene, as a candidate for congress, should choose his own conferrees. The Quay majority named A. C. Crossley, W. A. Bleck, G. L. Waltz and A. S. Keyes. Mr. Greene announced that if these names were selected he would refuse to accept. The resolution passed and he declined and left the hall followed by his sixteen delegates and a majority of the audience. The remaining twenty then instructed the conferrees named to support C. Fred Wright for congress. It is said that Mr. Greene will be asked to allow his name to be used on an independent ticket.

PLUMBERS MEET.

Fourth Annual Convention at Pitts. burg -- Efforts in the Interest of Sanitary Work.

Pittsburg, March 15.-The Master Plumbers' association of Pennsylvania began its fourth annual convention at the Monongahela house in this city today with fifty delegates present from all parts of the state. President Robert Drummond, of Philadelphia, cailed the convention to order, and S. Lewis Barnes, of Philadelphia, was secretary. The report of President Drummond exhorted the membership to bring the organization to a better state of efficiency. He recommended that a master plumber be appointed on the different health boards of the state, so that the mechanical part of sanitation might be closed with a request that the united support of the members be given to the next president, who will be elected at the close of the session. There seems to be no doubt that Frank P. Blythe, of Pittsburg, will be the choice of the convention.

The sanitary committees report covered many important points and se verely criticised plumbers who did work that was detrimental to health. The rules of boards of health in boroughs and townships were reviewed, and many of them were condemned. Some were thought to be fairly good. The plumbers were advised to induce some legislation as will perfect sanitation, also to endeavor to enforce laws pertaining to this subject.

Tonight the delegates were tendered a banquet, when they were welcomed to the city by Mayor Ford.

At the evening session Scranton was selected as the next meeting place and the following officers were elected: President, F. P. Blythe, Pittsburg; first vice-president, James B. Doyle, Scranton; second vice-president, M. J. Campbell, Erie: treasurer, H. W. Bir-

chall, Allentown; secretary, Joseph A. Weidon, Pittsburg. Delegates to the national convention at San Antonio, ex-President Robert Drummond and ex-Secretary S. Louis Barnes, both of Philadelphia.

CREWS FOR NEW SHIPS.

Seamen and Marines Are Transferred to the New Cruisers.

Philadelphia, March 15 .- About two hundred seamen and marines who will form a part of the crews of the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis arrived at the League Island navy yard this afternoon from Washington, Boston, New York and Norfolk.

The men were taken on board the receiving ship Richmond and later in the day were transferred to their re spective ships.

The government tug Leyden, which sailed from Newport yesterday,reached the navy yard today. She had on board twenty Whitehead torpedoes and 3,600 pounds of gun cotton. The torpedoes and gun cotton are being stored in the magazines of the two big cruisers Each of the cruisers will be equipped with their torpedoes, though the usua complement is only four. When the Leyden has transferred the

Howell and sail for Key West. ADLAI LOOKS FOR PEACE.

Former Vice-President Sees No Immediate Necessity for War.

ammunition to the cruisers she will

make fast to the coal barge Edith

Washington, March 15 .- Former Vice-President Adlai Stevenson is in the city for a few days, and just before the cabinet meeting today called on President McKinley. The interview lasted only a few minutes and as he left the White House Mr. Stevenson said that he called simply to pay his respects to the president.

In reply to inquiries he said that he had no information not accessible to every one, but it was his belief that our differences with Spain would be honorably settled without resorting to war.

Sir Henry Bessemer Dead. London, March 16.-Sir Henry Besseme the celebrated inventor of Bessemer steel

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Rain; Warmer,

1 General-Cabinet Eagerly Awaits the Maine Inquiry Report. Self-Confident Attitude of the Spanish Press.

Day's Congressional Doings, Warm Politics in Wayne,

The Tribune's Popular Want Columns, Financial and Commercial.

Annual Mersage of Burgess Langan to Archbald Councils. 4 Editorial.

Comment of the Press,

5 Local-Unprecedented Work of the License Court. Much Business Transacted by Coun-6 Local-Detective Moir's Prisoner Tries

to Jump from a Train. Opposition to the Traction Company's Viaduct Scheme. Local-Effect of Recent Decision on

School Boards, Workman Plunges to Death from Scaffolding. Local-West Scranton and Suburban,

9 Lackawanna County News. 19 General-Alaska and Her Golden Se-

crets. Whitney's News Budget, READY FOR WORK.

Mr. Wanamaker's Committee Officially Announced -- Will Open Campaign at Lancaster.

Philadelphia, March 15 .- After a conference this afternoon between John Wanamaker, Elias Deemer, of Williamsport, and General W. H. Koontz, the following executive committee was appointed to conduct Mr. Wanamaker's campaign: Mr. George W. Merrick, of Tioga; Charles Heber Clark, of Montgomery; Judge Nathaniel Ewing, of Fayette; General Charles Leiper, of Philadelphia; Elias Deemer, of Lycoming; Thomas A. Hay, of Northampton; Colonel E. A. Irvin, of Clearfield; Dr. James A. Dale, of York; Andrew J. Kauffman, of Lancaster; General W H. Koontz, a member ex-officio.

Headquarters will be selected tomorrow, and the committee will be called together within a few days for organization.

General Koontz presided over the Bourse meeting of the Republican Business Men's league, at which Mr. Wanamaker was chosen candidate, and Mr. Deemer is president of the league Mr. Wanamaker will open his campaign torrorrow in Lancaster. He will be accompanied there by Rudolph Blankenburg, William T. Tilden, Theodore Justice, William Sellers, James Butterworth and John G. Croxton.

KILLED HIS RIVAL. John Petersen, the Sen Captain, Also

Shoots Mrs. Faulkner, Inflicting Fatal Wounds. New York, March 15 .- John A. Peterson shot Henry Poht, a crayon artist and Mrs. Leonora Faulkner this afternoon in his home in Brooklyn. He fired one bullet into Poht's neck and

man shot her five times. Neither car survive. Peterson lived with Mrs. Faulkner who is said to be the widow of an Eng-

then turning the weapon on the wo-

lish sea captain. Peterson, who had been out, returned and found Poht in the house with Mrs. Faulkner. Without waiting for an explanation he shot the man and woman. Peterson, who is a retired sea cap tain, was arrested.

PIG IRON POOL.

Bessemer Iron Producers Band To-

gether in a Combine. Cleveland, O., March 15 .- An evening paper says: One of the biggest pools the country has ever known, was formed in Cleveland today. All Bessemer pig iron producers in the Cleveland, Mahoning valley and Shenango iron districts are bound together by the combine. The only firm in these disricts, it is officially stated, not in cluded in the pool, is the Cleveland Rolling Mill company, of this city. Samuel G. Mather, a preminent iron man said today: "The object of the meeting is not to form a trust. The

manufacturers are in conference for the purpose of regulating the output of pig iron and influencing the prices of iron as far as possible for the better. All Bessemer pig iron manufacturers out of the Pittsburg district are members of the association, the Cleveland Rolling Mill company being the only exception."

Another local iron manufacturer who attended the meeting said: "The pool will control the Bessemer market of the United States. A number of furnaces will be closed and at the end of the year profits will be divided. Prices will be advanced 10 cents per ton immediately."

PASSED A DISMASTED VESSEL. Ship's Rough Passage from Manila

to Port Townsend. Port Townsend, Wash., March 15,-The British ship Conway has arrived. seventy-three days from Manila, Philippine Islands. Captain Humes report ed an extremely rough voyage and strong head winds. On two occasions

all her sails were carried away. On February 15 the Conway passed large ship dismasted, with only her bowsprit and foremast standing. was in latitude 46.47 N. and longitude 154 E. Her ensigns were still flying from the broken mast, but could not

te made out. A volcano on Suwa Island, which has long been supposed to be extinct, is reported by Captain Humes to be in a state of activity, lighting up the sea at night for many miles.

Confirmed by Senate. Washington, March 15.-The senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Dr. Ed-

ward Bedice, of Philadelphia, to be con-sul at Canton, China, and Isador Bobel to be postmaster at Eric, Pa.

Lumber erchant Dies. Chicago, March 15.—Jacob Beidler, the millicnaire lumber merchant and real es-tate owner, died teday. He was born in

Pennsylvania in 1815,

THE DAY IN

CONGRESS

House Will Consider a Bill for Relief of Heirs of Maine Victims.

FIVE NEW DRY DOCKS

Naval Committee Will Provide for This Number.

Republican Leaders of the House Are Pressing an Early Adjournment. This Course Meets the Approval of the President -- Congress Will Probably Remain in Session Until the Cuban Question is Adjusted,

Washington, March 15.-After the passage today of numerous bills from the general calendar, the senate began the consideration of the measure providing for a national system of quar-antine. Little beyond the reading of the bill was accomplished, some desultory discussion occurring on an amendment offered by the committee, but no progress being made on the general bill. Among the bills passed was one authorizing the president to appoint and retire David McMutrie Gregg, late captain of the Sixth United States cavairy, with the rank and grade of captain.

The house agreed today to consider the bill for the relief of the legal heirs of the victims and survivors of the Maine disaster as soon as the postoffice appropriation bill, which was taken up in the house today, is out of the

During the general debate on the ostoffice bill, members generally took advantage of the latitude allowed in committee of the whole on the state of the Union to discuss various political questions and the debate accordingly covered a wide range, Messrs, Griggs (Dem., Ga.,) and Walker (Rep., Mass.,) discussed the condition of the cotton industry, Mr. Alexander (Rep., N. Y.,) argued that congress should commit the country to the gold standard; Mr. Mahany (Rep., N. Y.,) commented on the acquittal of Sheriff Martin, and Mr. Tawney (Rep., Minn.), a member of the ways and means committee, replied to the speech of Mr. Johnson (Rep., Ind.,) made some time ago against the advisability of annexing

DINGLEY'S FREE TRADE.

Representative Dingley, of Maine, hairman of the ways and means committee of the house, introduced a joint resolution today providing for the temporary admission free of duty of naval supplies procured abroad.

The naval committee of the house

has agreed to provide for the construction of five dry docks. The docks are to be located at Boson, Portemouth, N. H., Algiers, La.,

Mare Island, Cal., and League Island, The Republican leaders in the house are pressing for an early adjournment, and it is said that their course meets the full approval of the president. All save three of the appropriation bills have gone to the senate. The postoffice bill was taken up in the house today and the appropriations and naval committees are working daily to get the last two bills, the general deficlency and naval into the house.

May I has been fixed by several rominent house Republicans as the date beyond which the session probably

will not be prolonged. The Democrats of the house generaly favor an early adjournment, although there is not unanimity among them on this point. Neither is there complete harmony on the Republican side of the house. Many of the Republicans believe congress should remain in session until the Cuban question is finally and effectually cleared up, but they would hardly go to extent of op-posing the wish of the leaders and the administration. It is admitted on the house side that the question of carrying out this programme will depend entirely upon the attitude of the sen-

SAWS IN DESPERADO'S CELL.

With Five of Them Mitchell Had Removed His Shakles.

New Castle, Del., March 15.-This norning it was doscovered that James Mitchell, the desperate prisoner in New Castle jail who attempted to escape with a fugitive murderer, and was put in irons on Saturday night, had secured five saws and sawed the irons off his legs. How he got the saws is a mystery, and a rigid investiaption will be made. The authorities think that the saws

visitors, and fear that a plot for a wholesale jail delivery was on foot.

vere smuggled in to Mitchell by some

POWDERLY STRIKES A SNAG. Nomination to Be Commissioner of Immigration Reported Adversely. Washington, March 15 .- The nomination of T. V. Powderly to be commissioner of immigration, which was adversely reported, was considered in ex-

today. The nomination was not disposed of and the effort to secure confirmation will be resumed tomorrow,

ecutive session for an hour and a half

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, March 16.-In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy, warmer weather and fresh to brisk northeasterly to southerly winds will prevail, followed by light rain in the northern districts and by haze or fog on