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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1898.

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THE SPANISH SITUATION

Chief Developments in Connection with the Cuban Elections.

MILD PROTEST FROM SPAIN

Influence of an American sion outside the Maine. Fleet in Cuban Waters.

A Remonstrance Against the Encouragement of Cuban Insurgents That is Calculated to Have Effect in the Courts of Europe .- The Court of Inquiry Still Silent.

Washington, March 16.-The chief deelopments in the Spanish situation tomy were in connection with the definite representations submitted by the Spanish government to the state department concerning the assemblage of a large fleet of American warships at Key West, the war preparations, and the influence which these might have on the approaching elections in Cuba.

These representations were exactly in line with the semi-official utterance given in these dispatches last night and accredited to a high official conversant with the views of the Spanish cabinet, While they cannot properly be regarded as a protest against the atitude and acts of the United States government, they may unquestionably be set down as a remonstrance calculated to have an effect in European court circles, Not, however, being a technical protest, the statement has not called forth any official rejoinder on the part of the state department, for it is lacking in tangible accusations, being rather an argumentative presentation of al leged Spanish grievances.

The Fern sailed for Havana from Key West this afternoon. She goes to relieve the Montgomery as a home for the officers engaged in supervising the wrecking operations in Havana har-

It is stated unequivocally that the Montgomery is not withdrawn owing to any suggestion from Spanish sources that her presence is not desired. It was the announced intention of Secretary Long when the cruiser was sent to Havana to keep her there only so long as the Fern should be engaged in the work of distributing relief among the sufferers in Eastern Cuba. This task having been performed, and owing to the return of the court of inquiry from Havana, there being fewer persons to accommodate, the Fern, which is better equipped than the Montgomery to assist in the wrecking opera-

tions, is returned to her position, Up to the close of office hours the navy department, though it knew officially that the court of inquiry had come over to Key West from Havana, was not informed as to the findings or plans of the court.

It was said that the object of the navy department in purchasing such craft as the late Mr. Ogden Goelet's yacht Mayflower, is to provide as quickly as possible a number of picket boats of good speed and sea-going ability to act as scouts and also to aid our ironclads and more expensive vesboats. A large number of private yachts have been offered to the department and other acquisitions of the same type as the Mayflower may be ex-

The fleet at Key West will be augmented within the next day or two napolis, the torpedo boat Foote and the naval tugs Leyden and Samoset, while the gunboat Helena is now on her way from the European station under orders to report to KeyWest. The Helena reported her arrival today at Funchal, on her way to join the fleet. These and the other vessels previously ordered to that point constitute the largest assemblage of war vessels made since the demonstration following the Virginius affair, and considering effectiveness and armament it is the strongest assemblage of ships, for other than review purposes, since the war.

The fleet now at Key west and Tortugas is as follows: Cruiser New York, battleship Massachusetts, bat tleship Indiana, battleship Iowa, battleship Texas, cruiser Detroit, gunboat Nashville, cruiser Marbiehead. dispatch boat Fern, torpedo boats Dupont, Cushing, Puerto, Winslow and Ericsson. To these will soon be added the vessels now en route there. In addition to these the Montgomery is at Havana, and is practically a part of the fleet, the gunboats Wilmington and Castine and cruiser Cincinnati are at Barbadoes, the Newport at Colon, with the Puritan, Newark, Amphitrite and other ships of the North Atlantic squadron at points along the coast further northward.

In point of ships the fleet under Rear Admiral Case on Jan. 3, 1874, following the Virginius affair, was considerably larger.

It is noteworthy, however, that this formidable gathering of ships was at the same point as the present gather ing and during a critical period with Spain, and that it did not eventuate in

Secretary Alger has made requisitions on the president for two large allotments from the appropriation of for \$5,000,000 for the use of the en- | for Mr. Powderly.

heer department of the army in the completion of certain fortification works along the Atlantic and gulf coasts now in progress, and the other is for \$2,225,000 for the use of the ordnance department of the army in the acquirement of arms and ammunition. Pretty much all of this money is needed to cover contracts already made by the military establishment.

TENSION GROWS SERIOUS.

Havana, March 16 .- With the departure of the court of inquiry, after a second visit to the scene of the wreck of the Maine, the tension grows serious. The court is nearly ready to report. Unless there are new discoveries here, which is unlikely, there is nothing to be done, but for the members to seclude themselves in the Iowa and formulate the convictions already firmly held. There is no reason to change the belief that the court will find that the disaster was caused by an explo-

DEFIANT SPANIARDS.

El Correo Scores the Yankee Government -- Threats Made Against Sagasta Administration.

Madrid, March 16 .- El Correo quotes the following from the Correspondencia Militat:

"Raising its voice, the Yankee government already speaks of ultimata and declarations of war. They judge the spirit of the Spanish people by the flabbiness of her rulers, and insult one or the other with the insolence of a bully in front of a weakling incapable of self defence.

"If our government commits the indignity of even considering the payment of the indemnity which we are threatened; if an ultimatum be sent us and is made public, then will come the ing when the fire was discovered. explosion, and there will then be no way of avoiding war, for the gloves will not be picked up by the government, but by the people of Spain, by the army, by the live forces of the country, by all who represent anything in the nation."

El Heraldo, in a very concilatory article, supposed in official circles to be inspired, after pooh-pahing the "fic- in charge of Harry Gleason, a boy, war," says:

"If the United States really wishes peace and Spain is resolved to maintain it, let each go half way and the pacification of Cuba and the tranquility of Europe will be accomplished."

SPAIN IS GRIEVED.

Presence of the United States Fleet clouds, he started up again. Near Cuba is Regarded Seriously.

Washington, March 16.-The States, the assembling of ships at Key West, the purchase of cruisers abroad, and the emergency measures in the war and navy departments have come to the official attention of the Spanish government and the views of the Spanish cabinet thereon have been communicated to the state department here. This has not taken the form of r protest, however, as it does not appear that the Spanish government claim or assert the right to question such internal measures as the United States may adopt, even though they be of a character to indicate preparations for war. It is rather by way of representations, conveyed in a friendly spirit and without threat, as to the serious influence which these preparations will have in encouraging the Cuban insurgents at the moment when the autonomy plan is to have its crucial trial through the Cuban elections. and in this way defeat the reforms Premier Sagasta is seeking to carry out. It has been specially pointed out the presence of a large fleet of sels in operations against the torpedo United States warships at Key West cannot be regarded as a friendly measure, as the sending of ships was officially represented to be when the Maine went to Havana and the Viscava returned the complimentary visit. short, the presence of this extensive fleet near Cuba, together with the war measures taken by the United States by the arrival of the gunboat An- are regarded by Spain as seriously prejudicial to the policy of autonomy which Spain and the United States have alike approved and an indirect encouragement to the insurgents in defeating the desires of both governments for the success of that policy. Finally, and in the same spirit of friendly representation rather than of protest, Spain has pointed out that a war by the United States against Spain under such circumstances would be unjustifiable before the world and a crime against humanity and civilization. The representations contained no ref-

erence whatever to the Maine disaster or to redress of indemnity therefrom. The statement has created a profound impression. Officials decline to discuss publicly but there is a general belief among them that the publication marks the beginning of a new chapter in the troubled relations between the United States and Spain. The state ment is believed to be a first step towards forming public opinion in Europe in anticipation of a failure on the part of the Spanish officials to make a success of the autonomous programme which it has outlined and that an attempt is to be made to place the re sponsibility upon the United States for any failure that may follow. This movement is regarded as adding much to the gravity of the present situation. That the administration will be influenced by the suggestion that the presence of the fleet of the North Atantic squadron at Key West is a disturbing factor is not believed for a moment. Visible evidence of that determination was the ceaseless activity of

prosecution of the plans of the war department today.

the naval officials as well as the steady

Mr. Powderly Confirmed Washington, March 16.-T. V. Powderly was confirmed by the senate executive session today by the vote of 43 to 20. Sen ator Chandler was the only Republican who cast his vote against confirmation, \$50,000,000 for the national defense. One | while a large number of Democrats voted

SAVAGE FIRE

AT CHICAGO

Five to Fifteen Persons Are Killed and Many Wounded.

Fire Discovered in a Building on

Dead .- Hero of the Eterator.

Chicago, March 16 .- It required just ever seen to take from five to fifteen lives, maim thirty people and reduce a six-story brick building at Wabash averue and Adams street to a pile of blazing timber. The number of dead is definitely known until the debris of the building is sufficiently cooled to admit of search being made for the bodies of those who undoubtedly are in the ruins. This will be two days

hence at least. Those known to be dead are: SAMUEL A. CLARK. MILES A. SMITH.

EDWARD BINZ. Of the missing nothing could be learned late tenight and most of them are without question buried in the wreck of the building.

The building was six stories high, fronting on Wabash averue. From the third story to the roof was a light shaft which gave the flames every chance and it was because of this that the fire spread with such awful rapid-

ity.

The building was occupied by a number of concerns, some employing large numbers of people. It is estimated that 400 persons were at work in the build-

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

The origin of the fire is in dispute It is thought that an explosion occurred in the lower part of the building, for the flames shot up the light shaft. A panic followed and on several floors a wild stampede for the stairways and elevators began. When they reached the top both elevators took on a load of frightened women and started for the bottom. The front elevator was tion that Spain desires to provoke a and that in the rear was handled by William St. John, a young man. Both of these kept their heads, showed much coolness and bravery and were instru-

mental in saving many lives. The elevator in the front of the building was in good order, but not calculated to produce much speed in such an emergency as confronted it to-Gleason made one trip to the seventh floor, carrying down a load of women and although the smoke was rolling through the building in dense

After reaching the bottom preparations being made by the United start up again when the supports of change today Spanish fours were quotthe elevator machinery at the top of the shaft caught fire, and seeing that they would give way before the slow elevator could make another trip,

At the rear, St. John did equally

Gleason gave it up.

good work, but was not able to make more than one trip, as the fire swept through that portion of the building before it attacked the front. In less than ten minutes after the explosion that started the fire all escape for the inmates by the stairs and elevators was cut off. There remained only the windows and the single fire escape, a narrow iron structure not over eighteen inches from side to side. This was speedily covered with a string of people, some on one side, some on the As they scrambled down in frantic haste they trod upon one another's fingers, bumped into one another and progress was slow and dif-Many of those who could not reach the fire escape made their way to the front windows, and it was out of these that Clark, Smith and Binz

SAVED HUSBAND'S LIFE.

Dr. William McKinley's Wife Cut the Thront of a Fierce Dog.

auried themselves to death.

Winchester, Ky., March 16.-Dr. Wilfam McKinley's wife saved him from death a second time Saturday when he vent to the country to visit a patient. As the weather was fine he took Mrs. McKinley along. Arriving at the patient's house the doctor got out and left his wife in the buggy to hold the horse. Just as the doctor reached the door a large bull dog rushed on him in an attempt to catch him by the throat, The doctor caught the dog's jaws with his right hand and with his left caught his forefeet.

He yelled to his wife to come to his assistance. She used the buggy whip on the dog, but he continued to try to bite her husband. The latter told her to get his knife out of his pocket, and did so. Then she cut the dog's throat and immediately fainted. The doctor soon restored her to consciousness and then treated his patient. He will have the dog's skin stuffed and mounted as an ornament for his of-Two years ago his wife saved him from being strangled to death in a folding bed, which had closed on him.

WILL NOT SELL CUBA.

semi-Official Declaration That the Pinn Is Not Fensible.

Madrid, March 16.-A semi-official agency today publishes the following announcement: "It is useless to talk of the sale of Cuba. The question could not be arranged

except by parliament, and it is impossible that any Spanish chamber would agree to sell the island at any price. Youthful Elopers Caught.

Morgantown, W. Va., March 16.—The .3-year-old daughter of Albert Dawson, who eloped with E. C. Jennewine last night was captured at Fairchance by her father today and brought home. Jennewine is but 18, and they were headed for Mary-land to get married.

Shot by Her Ensband. Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 16.—Mrs. Addie Lathwell, who was shot by her husband yesterday, died today. Her body will be sent to Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

MILLIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST DEAD.

Jacob Tome, of Port Depost, Md. Succumbs to Panemonia. Port Deposit, Md., March 16.-Jacob

Tome, the millionaire philanthropist and founder of the "Jacob Tome institute," at this place, died here today after a brief illness. He contracted pneumonia on Monday last and began SIX STORY BUILDING IN ASHES to sink Tuesday morning and never ral-

Mr. Tome was born in Manheim township, York county, Pa., Aug. 13, Wabash Avenue -- Flames Spread so 1810. His parents were in humble cir-Rapidly That the lumates are Unied life, he settled in Port Deposit as a able to Escape -- Partial List of the clerk to a lumber firm at the age of 24. Soon thereafter he formed a partnership with a wealthy resident of Marietta, Pa., named Reinhart, the firm doing a large business in lumber and twenty minutes this afternoon for one shingles for seventeen years. Upon the of the most savage fires Chicago has dissolution of the partnership Me dissolution of the partnership Mr. Tome continued in the lumber business, but added to it that of banking, in which he was very successful. In 1869 he founded the institute which bears his name, endowing it with a still in doubt and probably will not be fund of \$7,000,000, over which, however, he retained control during his life. His estate is estimated at \$4,000,000 and it is said that his will contains a number of bequests to charitable institutions. Mr. Tome was married twice but left no children. His second wife, to whom he was wedded in 1884, when in his seventy-fourth year, was Miss Webb, of Port Deposit, and survives him.

NAVY FOR FRANCE.

Reported Preparations to Join Russia in a Demonstration -- Affirmed by the Aurore.

Paris, March 16.-The Aurore today ffirms that the French fleet is being prepared for mobilization, adding that feverish activity prevails at all the arenals and shipyards, which are working until 10 o'clock at night. Continuing, the Aurore says the French northern squadron at Cherbourg are ready for immediate departure. The ships, it appears, are being swung during the ight at Cherbourg for the adjustment

of their compasses. Finally, it is asserted that, in order complete the necessary number of officers, second-year students are to be appointed midshipmen, and all the adnirals have been instructed to arrange to reach Paris within twenty-four

hours after being summoned. The Aurore explains that the mobilization is connected with preparations to support Russia by a naval demonstration in the far east.

The Aurore is an anti-government journal, its editor having been indicted with Zola for its publications in the Dreyfus case, so that its reports on government matters cannot be presumed to be authentic.

SPANISH FOURS HIGHER.

Slight Recovery in London and Paris,

but Weakness in Madrid. London, March 16 .- On the stock exed at 53%, against 53%, the closing price of yesterday Spanish fours closed at 54%, a net gain of 14 over yesterday's closing

Paris, March 16 .- Spanish fours on the Bourse today were quoted at 53 13-16. Yesterday the closing price was

The final quotation of Spanish fours today was 54 5-16, against 53 13-16 yesterday.

The market was more cheerful and advanced on large covering purchases, owing to more reassuring reports concerning the relations between Spain and the United States. London was a stronger buyer. Rio Tinto attracted great attention, in anticipation of favorable copper statistics. After the England to inspect three large steamvanced sharply to 551/4, the bears covering, favorably affecting the whole

Madrid, March 16 .- The quotations of Spanish fours on the Bourse today was 74.80, against 75.00, the closing price of yesterday.

GEN. KEARNEY MARRIED.

Takes a Wife, While His Insane Son Escapes from a Sanitarium.

Charlottesville, Va., March 16 .- General John Watts Kearney and Miss Elizabeth Montgomery Harrison were married this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Green Payton, near here. They left for New York, whence they will sail on Wednesday for a bridal tour in Europe. The bride is the daughter of the late Colonel Julian Harrison, of Elk Hill, on the James. In the marriage license General Kearney's age is given as 52 years. He is a son of General Philip Kearney.

John Watts Kearney, jr., son of the groom by a previous marriage, was placed in the Brookside sanitarium, at North Plainfield, N. J., some time ago, under proceedings instituted by his father, who alleged that the young man was an habitual drunkard and insane. Last night he escaped from the irstitution, and, though search has been made very thoroughly since, no trace of him can be found.

Fighting for the Old Fing.

Uniontown, Pa., March 16 .- The Eighty fifth Pennsylvania Regimental associa-tion has filed in court here a bill in equity against John G. Stevens to compel him to surrender the old regimental flag into the hands of the association. This flag was presented to the regiment by the women of Uniontown in 1861, and was car-ried on many bloody fields. The flag has not been seen since the reunion of 1832.

Cape May Editor Dead.

Cape May, N. J., March 16,—Captain Henry W. Hand, editor of the Wave, died today of general debility. He was aged 65 years and followed the cea until 18dL that year he entered the navy and was an officer successively on the Keystone State, the Monitor, Passaic, Vermont and New Hampshire. He left the navy in

Treated Marriage Vows Lightly. Washington, Pa., March 16.-William H Tuttle and Mrs. Belle Fisher, both of West Washington, have been remanded to jail for the May term of court to an-swer to a charge of bigamy preferred by Constable Joseph Swihart. Both are mar-ried, and without divorces were, it is al-leged, married last September in Wheel-ing.

UNCLE SAMUEL OUTBIDS SPAIN

Contract of Sale of Brazil's Warships Signed.

SPAIN HAD NOT THE WHEREWITHAL

The Issue of the Rivairy for Them Between This Government and Spain Doubtful Up to the Last. Brazil's Gratitude to Us and Sympathy with the Cubans a Factor. Spain's Reported Inquiries as to the Object of Purchases for the Navy.

London, March 16 .- The final conract providing for the sale of the warships Amazonas and Almirante Breu to the United States has been signed. The price is something over £500,000 (\$2,500,000) for both ships. An American crew is expected here from Lisbon tonight to take possession of the Amazonas on Friday. Her Brazillan crew will go to Newcastle to man the Aquidaban, which the Brazilian government, according to despatches received today, will not sell. It is added that Brazil will not sell any more warships for the present, except the two coast defense ships, the Marshal Deodoro and the Marshal Floriano, which are being built in France. The Breu cannot be completed for six weeks.

It is learned that there has been spirited bidding between the United States and Spain for the Amazonas and Brue up to the last, and the outcome was actually doubtful until the contracts were signed. The action of Brazil in this matter

is said to have been influenced by a desire to repay the good offices of the United States government during the Mello revolution. Moreover, it is said that Brazil strongly sympathizes with the Cubans. Washington, March 16 .- Although the secretary of the navy is still pursuing

with vigor his quest for suitable warships that may be purchased in Europe beyond the two already secured at the Armstrong works, no further acquisitions have been made. Berlin, March 16 .- Senor Sandoval, the Spanish agent, is negot' ig for

the purchase of a number o. Ad and slow steamships of the North German Lloyd Steamship company. GERMANS AT CRETE.

Greece Having Paid Up, They Have No More Interest in the Island. Fing Hauled Down.

Canea, Island of Crete, March 16 .-The German flag was hauled down today and the German marines who have been doing duty ashore embarked on board the German battleship Oldenposing the garrison rendered military honors to the departing German forces, Berlin, March 16 .- The Cologne Gazette, commenting upon the hauling down of the German flag in Crete, says the departure of the German battleship Oldenburg does not signify a cessation of the concert of the Powers, but merely means that now the affairs of the German creditors of Greece have been settled Germany "has little interest in the destinies of Crete, which concern France, Russia and England.

JOINT SERVICE TO ORIENT.

Three Steamships for a Japanese Company Rendy in England.

San Francisco, March 16 .- Mr. Shirasha of Japan is here on his way to ship company known as the Toyo Kizen Kaisha. The steamships are to be run in connection with vessels of the Pacific Mail and Occidental and Oriental companies, which have arranged for a joint service across the Pacific. The Japanese vessels are to be ready for use in September.

Mr. Shirasha, who will superintend the sailing of the new steamships, said in an interview: "The two steamship companies of this city will each place three of their best vessels in the joint service with our three. That will make nine steamships and they will have a schedule of alternating sailing dates from this city and Hong Kong. The steamships are to be accorded equal rights and rates by the Southern Paeific company and its connections on all shipments through this port, wheth er bound east or west. Dockage and other expenses are to be borne equally by the three steamship companies."

GERMANY'S NEW NAVY

The Budget Committee of Reichstag Amends the Naval Bill.

Berlin, March 16 .- The Budget committee of the Reichstag has inserted in the Naval bill a clause, which has been approved by the Federated governments, to the effect that in the event of the permanent expenditure exceeding, in any year, 117,525,494 marks, the excess should not be met by an increase in the existing indirect imperial taxation, or by the creation of fresh imposts upon articles of large popular consumption

The Social Demograts voted against the clause.

THREATENED BY WHITECAPS. Negro Who Married a White Woman

Ordered to Depart.

Charleston, W. Va., March 16.-Byron Barrett, colored, lives on a farm seven miles below here, having for his wife a white woman, whom he married in Ohio. Last night whitecaps notified Barrett to leave the country immediately, or his house would be burned and his wife and children hanged. Barrett appealed to Governor Atkin-

gon today for protection. The sheriff

hanna; B. J. Kuntz, Lehighton

sent deputies to the scene of threatened trouble. Pehnsylvania Postmasters. Washington, March 16.—The senate to day confirmed the nominations of these postmasters for Pennsylvania; A. M. Woodward, Reynoldsville; F. W. Ulrich, South Bethlehem; G. W. Schaeff, Susque-

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

Showers Probable; Warmer, General-War Preparations Continu

Defiant Attitude of the Spanish Press. United States Outbid Spain. John Wanamaker Opens His Cam-

paign. Fatal Fire at Chicago. The Tribune's Popular Want Columns

Financial and Commercial. Local-Juror Put On a Substitute. Editorial.

Comment of the Press. Story-"The Skipper of the Phantom

6 Local-Proposed Bond Issue of Over Local-School Board of Six Engage :

Legal Adviser. Local-West Side and Suburban,

Lackawanna County News.

General-Plans for Annexation of Riot in a Denver Industrial School.

WOMEN TO ENLIST.

Female Cavalry Troop Suggested in Colorado -- Eastward Movement of Artillery.

Denver, March 16 .- A troop of cavalry omposed entirely of women is a Colorado possibility in the event of war with Spain. Mrs. Martha A. Shute will organize the troop. She notified Acting Governor Brush of her intentions and he advised her to consult with Adjutant General Moss. Mrs. Shute is a fearless equestrienne, and handles a gun very dexterously.

Chicago, March 16.-Colonel J. C. G. Lee, quartermaster of the Department list of seventy vice-presidents and sec-of the Missouri, this afternoon made retaries included many men prominent of the Missouri, this afternoon made the awards for the transportation of the three batteries from Fort Riley, Kas., tomorrow. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad will transport one to Fortress Monroe, The Kansas, Fort Scott and Missouri will transport the battery destined for Fort Jackson, New Orleans. The same road will transport the shird battery to Savannah.

New York, March 16.-Representatives of the government visited Fort Wadsworth and secured valuable land adjoining the new fortifications. Extra gangs of mechanics and laborers have been put to work with orders to rush the completion of the three heavy batteries which will mount the heaviest disappearing guns in New York harbor.

At the navy yard today a shipmen of 300,000 pounds of powder was dispatched to Key West. A six-inch breach loading rifle intended for the cruiser Philadelphia was shipped to San Francisco by an arrangement that will get it to Mare Island almost as soon as if it had been sent by express train. Fourteen mounts for five-inch guns were holsted on board the cruiser Chicago and a large force of machinists was tet at work fixing them in place.

The board for the inspection of aux iliary cruisers met today. Clement A. Griscom, general manager, and James A. Wright, second vice president of the International Navigation company, were present, and the terms on which government may secure the St. Paul and possibly the St. Louis, were discussed.

LEXOW COMMITTEE IN HARD STRAITS Inable to Secure the Attendance

the Principal Witness. Philadelphia, March 16.-The councilmanic investigation of the charges of bribery growing out of the legislation relating to the Schuylkill Valley Water company's bill was resumed today. The sergeant-at-arms, said he, had been unable to serve a subpoena on Peter E. Smith, who is alleged to have offered Councilman Stevenson \$5,000 if he would vote for the water bill. Smith was said to be at Atlantic City with a sick child.

Charles F. Kindred, general agent of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, was the only other witness. Councilman Stevenson yesterday said that Smith had told him Kindred would supply the \$5,000. Mr. Kindred, when sworn denied any connection with such an offer. He never requested Smith or any one to secure votes for the bill, and never discussed the matter. On the other hand he said he was opposed to the measure. An effort will be made to secure Smith's attendance before the committee.

BRIDE IS MISSING.

Mrs. Henry Marbeger, of County, Disappears.

New Castle, Pa., March 16,-Mrs. Henry Marberger, a bride of but a few days, is missing from the home of her sister, Mrs. Leon Hart, of Slip- brewery paramount to the school house pery Rock township. Her home is in Butler county. Friday she visited her sister, and on Saturday left for a walk. since which time she cannot be found. Her husband found footprints leading to the Slippery Rock creek, and it is feared that she has suicided. When married she had considerable money due her, but failure to collect it had made her despondent.

NEW WHISKEY TRUST.

Probability That Greenbut's Efforts Will Be Effectual.

Cincinnati, March 16.-J. B. Greenhut, of Peoria, Ill., the head of the old whiskey trust, has been here for two days conferring with the distillers of this state and of Kentucky relative to the formation of a stronger and larger whiskey combine than has yet been organized.

As Mr. Greenhut has already secured the co-operation of leading distillers who are not in the American Spirits Manufacturing company and who wer not in the old trust, it is thought the new combine will go through.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, March 17 .- In the middle states and New England, today, to partly cloudy with rain, fresh to brisk southerly winds off the coast and nearly stationary, followed by slightly lower temperature and by clearing in this secfollowed by slightly lower

WANAMAKER CAMPAIGN

The Ex-Postmaster General's Boom at Lancaster.

BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE

And Many Vice-Presidents Back the Movement.

Lancaster Court House Was Filled to Overflowing by an Enthusiastic Audience -- Mr. Wanamaker's Address -- The Situation Thoroughly Ventilated from the Standpoint of a Reformer -- A Flerce Attack on Senator Quay .- Plan to Unloose Mr. Grow.

Lancaster, Pa., March 16.-Ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker addressed a mass meeting in the court house here tonight. It was held under the auspices of the local branch of the Business Men's Republican league, and the in the commercial and industrial life of this city and county. S. S. Spencer, superintendent of the cotton mills, presided. Every seat in the court house was occupied and standing room in the aisles was at a premium when the distinguished visitor was escorted to the building in a fast falling rain. General W. H. Koontz, of Somerset, made the opening speech, in which his men-tion of the name of Mr. Wanamaker as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor evoked applause. Mr. Wanamaker spoke for

nearly two hours. State Senator C. C. Kauffman, who is a candidate for re-nomination at Saturday's primaries; Rudolph Blankenberg, of Philadelphia, and William N. Appel, anti-Quay candidate for the legislature from this city, also spoke,

Mr. Wanamaker said, in part; The first gun of real war booms over your historic country tonight in open-ing the battle of our insulted and outraged commonwealth against the invasion

of its rights. Slowly the old frigate Pennsylvania has drifted to anchorage in quiet waters and her enemies are springing mines upor her to tear her into shreds. Hidden and reckless fees are on the alert to sw her on to destruction. The beaut The beautifu white battleship that steamed out of New York harbor a month ago became a white coffin buried in the dark sea in the dead of the night. Without passing hasty judgment on our sister nation and willing to wait for all information, the air is full of the fear of treachery and dastardly brutality. We do seek war, but we are not afraid of it. To the congress, that voted fifty millions into the president's hands for immediate use if necessary ve send loyal greeting and say make it hundred millions if needed. To the navy department that bought two battleships yesterday we send cordial approval-and say you have our consent to buy two e tomorrow. We are not clamoring for bloodshed, but we are swearing fedel-ity to the flag and insisting on justice to the honored dead and living. And while old Pennsylvania of the original thirteen stands up perpendicular with every sister state in the Union to meet the Cuban question, there has come to us long-suffering Pennsylvanians an issue of our

CORRUPTION AT WORST. The balance of Mr. Wanamaker's address was devoted to a discussion of that issue. He declared that corruption at its worst and the commercialism of politics are the chief characteristics of Pensylvania, and that profligacy, extravagance and boss rule oppress the people.

"I am told," he said, "that political promises have been made this week in your county which will cost the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, solely for the purpose of perpetuating the power of the bosses, to elect a Quay legislature and a Quay delegation to the state convention. The speaker next took up the Pennsylvania legislature of last year, re-

ferring to "its record of promises broken and party pledges ignored; its abuse of public trust and insatiable desire for public plunder; of legislation born of injustice, iniquity and crime driven through under the whip and spur of the boss; of trusts fostered and protected and legitimate commercial interests assaulted; of placing the and the interests of beer pre-eminent over the crying demands of charity and

popular education." Mr. Wanamaker asserted that at the convening of this legislature the "machine," finding itself bankrupt, spired to create a host of new and useless but high-salaried officers, aggregating over \$750,000, by instituting railway, prison, civil service and other "commissions," but, he added: "The anti-Quay men, divining the purpose and dangerous character of these bills, quietly formed a combination with all the interests assailed. The temperance people were aroused; hundreds of state papers declared against the scheme intended to break down the restrictive license barriers; the prison authorities became alarmed, lest for political purposes our penal system should be impaired, and gave valiant assistance; the railroads joined hands to defeat a scheme intended for blackmailing pur poses: electric interests responded, as did others, and the entire outfit of

Quay's commission bills was linked to-gether and strangled." PROMISES OF REFORM.

The speaker next considered the promises of reform legislation made by Senator Quay and his alleged failure to fulfill them. Continuing, he said: "For fifteen years the control of the office of state treasurer has been the citadel of Senator Quay's power; it is believed to have yielded annually a

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