TWO CENTS.

SUSPENSE IN THE NAVY

Anxiety Over the Coming Report of Court of Inquiry.

GUARDING THE DOCUMENT

May Postpone Publication for Several Days.

The Naval Policy is Receiving Some Criticism -- It is Thought That the ser West Fleet Will Soon Be Distributed Along the Coast to Protect Valuable Ports -- Large Contract for Projectiles Siave Been Pinced -- Recruiting is Going on at a Lively Rate.

Washington, March 18 .- An air of suspense was noticeable in the navy department today, due to the approach of the time for the delivery of the report of the court of inquiry. It is not known just when the document will come to Washington and, of course, in view of the reports of the determination of outside parties to obtain possession of it before the department receives the report, the officials, if they know, will not say how the papers are to be brought to Washington. All that is known definitely is that the president has suggested that the report be made as soon as possible and in consequence it is expected to reach this city in the course of two or three days. The cabinet today talked over the matter and the time stated was the general opinion of the members when they heard all that Secretary Long had to report on the subject. There is an impression that Lieutenant Commander Marix will bring the document, though it is within Admiral Sicard's power to choose any other officer. A cabinet offiear expressed the belief that the repowill require careful consideration on the part of the president and his cabinet before given to the public, waich seems to postpone publication to some time about the middle of next

week, although nothing is certain on The new navy policy embodied in the dezvous at Hampton Roads was also discussed at the cabinet meeting at length today and received unanimous approval. In fact some surprise was expressed at the delay on the part of the navy department in taking some such steps to ensure the protection of the more valuable ports along the North Atlantic, the gathering of a uselessly surplus fleet at Key West being regarded in the nature of putting all of our eggs in one basket.

THE NEW SHIPS.

The San Francisco reported her arrival from Lisbon at Gravesend today. Under his orders the commander will divide his crew with the Amazonas and sall at t e earliest possible moment for the United States conveying the new ship. Beyond the Amazonas, her sister ship Abrevall, and the Mayflower, no purchases of ships have been made the navy department. A number f fleet steam yachts owned in the United States are being offered to the department and it is probable that some of these will be purchased. Secretary Long takes the view that failing to secure the torpedo boat destroyers he wants the best plan is for him to equip some of these speedy boats with torpedo tubes and light batteries and improvise torpedo boats. The navy department is convinced that the Spanish government has not acquired possession of the Varese, the Italian armored cruiser. It would not, however, be a matter of deep concern if the report were true. The department itself had the vessel in mind as a possible acquisition but abandoned the idea upon learning that she could not be made ready for service in less than three or four months which practically put her out of consideration as an emergency

The gunboat Newport reported her arrival by cable to the navy department from Greytown. She will bring back to the United States the Nicara gua canal commission and will then be attached at once to the North Atlantie squadron.

CABINET MEETING.

The Entire Session Consumed Discussing Cuban Question.

Washington, March 18 .- Nothing of special importance was developed at day's cabinet meeting beyond the act that the report of the Maine court of inquiry is not expected before the early part of next week. As has been the case at every cabinet meeting during the last month and more, the entire session was consumed in the discussion of the Cuban situation and it can be stated on good authority that plan of action will be definitely decided upon pending the arrival of the report on the Maine investigation. phase of the several questions involved is being carefully and thought fully considered and it is believed that very soon water the report is received the president, possibly in conjunction with congress, will announce a definite policy. Until then nothing of a decisive character will be done or decided

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, today said that it was the intention to get through congress as speedily possible the three battalion military bill which was introduced at the suggestion of the department in both houses yesterday, for strengthening the military arm of the service and providing for its increase to 104,000 men if Separ Manuel Rafael Angelo, who

here as special delegate of the Cuban cabinet to the conference for the negotiation of commercial treaties between the United States, Cuba and Spain, said

I do not believe there is to be a conflict between the United States and Spain over Cuba, because since the death of Senor Canovas, the policy has been such that the United States can have no pretext or cause of re-sentment, neither as a nation nor as a defender of the rights of the people of the western continent in their con-flicts with the European nations, because Spain in the use of its sovereign will, and following the suggestion of the United States government, has granted to the people of Cuba all the liberties compatible with the historical rights of Spain over the island of Cuba, as recognized by all civilized nations, the United States included.

By request of Secretary Long, the isme as to the enactment into law of the naval personnel bill will not be precipitated until the naval appropriation bill is passed by the house. This change of view of the administration was communicated to the house committee on naval affairs by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, who appeared before the committee at the request of Secretary Long. The object of deferring the personnel bill is that ts adoption as a rider on the appropriation would jeopardize its passage at this time.

The report that the Vesuvius had been sighted early in the day coming through the Virginia capes headed for Washington gave rise to a rumor that she was bringing the report of the naval board of inquiry to Washington. This, nowever, could not be confirmed from any official source. At the navy department it was admitted that the Vesuvius was bound for Washington, but it was explained that she was coming merely for repairs to her armanent and it was denied that she had on board any member of the naval board or that she was carrying the report of that body. The Vesuvius did not reach Washington tonight but it was reported at the navy yard that she anchored off the government proving grounds at Indian head about 8 o'clock when she was met by the big navy yard tug Triton which returned to the yard about 9 p. m. It was denied that the Triton brought any one from the Vesuvius to Washington

'CUBA LIBRE'" ONLY

The President of the Junta Scoffs at the Idea of Anything Aside from Liberty.

New York, March 18 .- It was rumored today that a message had been received in this city from Washington to the effect that the cabinet was favorably disposed to a proposition from Spain providing for the withdrawal of the Spanish troops from the Island of Cuba, leaving the Spanish flag floating there, in case the United States fleet should be recalled from Key West. When the attention of President Pal-

ma, of the Cuban junta, was called to this rumor, which purported to have its origin in an official quarter in Washington, he replied

"Well, that would satisfy the Cubans, and I assure you we would see to it that the Spanish flag would be very quickly supplanted by our own. 'Cuba libre' is our motto, and it will never agree even ad interim to the acceptance of anything short of absolute in-

OUR NEW CRUISER.

Transfer of the Amazonas at Gravesend -- A Simple but Impressive Ceremony.

Gravesend, England, March 18 .- The cruiser Amazonas was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the stars and stripes here today. The ceremony was simple and dignified. Lieutenant Commander Colwell, United States naval attache, and Commander Corres, acting respectively for this country and Brazil.

The United States cruiser San Francisco arrived here this afternoon. She will sail with the Amazonas for Key West as soon as both cruisers have teen coaled.

SPANISH FLOTILLA.

List of Bonts in the Fleet En Route from Spain.

Washington, March 18 .- Secretary Long went to bed at 9 o'clock with strict orders not to be disturbed and Assistant Secretary of State Day spent the evening at the theatre, stopping for a few minutes only at the White House, where he had a talk with the president in the presence of the other members of the family. The navy department has the following list of the Spanish torpedo flotilla now halted at

the Canary islands. Torpedo-boat destroyers: Terror, Furore and Pluton, each of 380 tons and speed of 28 knots. Torpedo boats Azon, 127 tons, 25 knots; Ragor, 120 tons, 22 knots; Ariste, 128 tons, 25 knots, and Ciudad de Cadiz, 120 tons and 22 knots.

IN CONGRESS.

Washington, March 18 .- The house spent another day on the postoffice approp. is tion bill but only disposed of two pages of the bill. Most of the day was devoted to a debate on the merits of pneumatic tub mail service in New York, Boston and Philadelphia and the advisability of continuing the existing contract. An effort to strike out the appropriation of \$225,000 was defeated but the opponents of the appropriation succeeded in securing the adoption of an amendment providing that no additional contracts should be made.

Eighteen Killed.

Kingston, Jamacia, March 18 .- A dyna mite explosion took place this morning in the government store house at Montego Bay. Eight men were killed and many injured.

Sensational Suicide.

Paducah, Ky., March 18.—News of a sensational suicide comes from Massa county, Ili., a few miles from here. According to reports Miss Mary Wade and John Lammert were sweethearts, but their parents opposed the marriage. In a fit of despondency the young lady took and died. When the young man

CAUSE OF DELAY OF THE FLOTILLA

Spanish Government Desires that Cruiser Shall Join the Fleet.

GENERAL WEYLER DENIES RUMORS

Claims the Yarns Published in New York Papers Are Palse-- Blanco's Movements Are Outlined -- The Spanish Report Upon the Maine Disaster Will Not Be Published Yet.

Madrid, March 18.-The Imparcial today says that the orders to the torpedo flotilla to remain at the Canary islands are due to the government's desire that the squadron should be escerted to Cuba by a cruiser and for no other

General Weyler denies the authenticity of the letter published in a New York paper yesterday in which h alleged to have said the United States would not have dared to send a warship to Havana while he was in commana there. Knowing "the terrible punishment that awaited them.

It is asserted, the central and western provinces being pacified, General Blanco is about starting on extensive operations, with eighty battations and large volunteer forces, to destroy the insurgent power in Eastern Cuba.

General Blanco will direct his efforts especially to demolish what is described as "the more or less embryonic organization which has cabled the rebels to maintain the appearance of government." It is understood that the report of the

Spanish naval court upon the Maine disaster will be retained until the American report is published. Senor Sagasta, the premier, says that the journey of the torpedo squadron, now at the Canaries to Havana has not been indefinitely postponed. The tone of the press is more hopeful, but financial circles are still uneasy.

SPENDING THE \$50,000,000

President Wants to Report Just How Every Dollar Has Been Spent.

Washington, March 18 .- Some idea of the activity prevailing in naval circles is given by the statement that the pay roll of the construction department, only one of several departments in the Mare Island navy yard for March was \$80,000. This great expenditure for the month, it is said, was not equalled during the late war.

It is said to be the purpose of the president and his advisers to keep a separate and distinct account of all funds expended from the \$50,000,000 emergency appropriation made by congress for the national defense. In accordance with this intention a sepa ate form of requisition has been prepared and all amounts alloted from the fund are made upon the direct order signed by the president himself. "The president wants to report to congress just every cent of this money is spent," said a member of the cabinet today, "and for this reason is adopting the course above outlined." The amount paid for the Mayflower was about \$400,000. Recruiting is going on apace at all stations for the army and the navy. The Michigan at Eric, Pa., has enlisted fifty-five men so far and good reports come from all quarters. The Columbia and the Minneapolis are still 210 men each short of their proper force. This is accounted for by the fact that firemen, machinists and coal passers are wanted. An officer at the department said that five thousand landsmen could be secured in a day if they were desired.

The Marblehead is at Tampa. The little Bancroft, on her way across the ocean, reported by cable her arrival today at Horta, Fayal. She appears to be making about as good time as her larger consort, the Helena. The Samoset arrived at Key West today, as did the Montgomery, while the Detroit sailed from that port for Tortugas. The Massachusetts has arrived at Boston where she will have slight

repairs made. The ordnance bureau of the war department today awarded contracts for a large number of steel armor piercing and deck piercing projectiles for the fortification guns. There were several bidders, but instead of giving the contract to one concern, the bureau divided the contracts so that supplies will be coming from several quarters at the same time. The award is as follows:

Carpenter Steel company, 150 eightinch armor piercing shot; 300 ten-inch armor piercing shot; 150 ten-inch armor piercing shell; 250 twelve-inch deck piercing shell of 800 pounds each; 228 twelve-inch deck piercing shell of 1,000

pounds each. Sterling Steel company, 100 eightinch armor piercing shot; 300 ten-inch armor piercing shot; 250 ten-inch armor piercing shell; 250 twelve-inch deck plercing shell of 800 pounds each; 205 twelve-inch deck piercing shell of 1,-000 pounds each.

Midvale Steel company, 680 twelveinch deck piercing shell of 800 pounds each; 344 twelve-inch deck piercing shell, 1,000 pounds each.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE Discipline Was the Question Dis-

cussed at the Third Day's Session. Danville, Pa., Murch 18 .- The third 'ays' session of the thirtieth annual ession of the Central Pennsylvania enference of the Methodist Episcopal church was called to order by Bishop E W. Andrews. Devotional Exercises

vere conducted by Rev. Dr. W. A.

Stevens.

The fifth question of discipline was then taken up, and Rev. D. Y. Brouse, D. N. Miller, were continued in first year's studies, and Revs. Robert J. Alen, W. W. Rothrock, J. J. Resh, Conway W. Dickson, S. J. Sarver and Fred G. Sleep, were conditionally advanced to the studies of the second year. Mr. M. S. Derstein was advanced to the studies of the second year without

conditions. The class was then called, which was to be admitted into full membership. After an address by the bishop, the tenant questions being satisfactorily answered, in 1816.

Revs. D. F. Kapp, E. E. McKelvey, D. M. Grover, S. S. Carnil, M. N. Walker, J. C. Grimes, A. S. Williams and George Womer, having passed the examin ation, were admitted, and Revs. W. C. Charlton, H. D. Flanegan, and T. W. McKenley were continued for an-

other year, their examinations not be ing entirely satisfactory.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet on Saturday at 8.45 a. m., when the programme will be: 8.45, conference session; 10.30 a. m., discussion relative to re-districting the five districts into six districts; 2,30 p. m., annversary of women's home missionary society, Mrs. A. W. Black presiding; 7.30 p. m., an-

niversary of Preachers' Aid society,

D., of Lock Haven, and Hon. H. T.

Rev. A. M. Barnitz, presiding. The speakers will be Rev. M. K. Foster, D.

MINERS UNEASY.

Ames, of Williamsport,

Stormy Meeting Held at Pittsburg. The Diggers of Mercer Threaten to Strike.

Pittsburg, March 18 .- The Pittsburg oal operators held a stormy meeting oday and as a result the Chicago

agreement may be repudiated. The meeting today was attended by all the big operators and was for the purpose of ratifying the action of a mmittee sent to Columbus last week to arrange the day and dead work scale

ander the Chicago agreement. When the committee's report was read it became apparent that an additional three cents a ton for drilling in nachine mines would be required of the Pittsburg operators. This new condition was a hard jolt for those present and all declare that the Chicago agreement does not require such a pay-ment. An operator said this addition would give Ohio operators an advantage over Pittsburg of 12 cents instead of nine cents, as under the old differ-

ential. A new conference between Ohio and Pittsburg operators will be necessary and should it not solve the difficulty, the question will likely be referred to

arbitration. Mercer, Pa., March 18 .- Twenty-six delegates, representing nearly 5,000 coal miners in Mercer, Butler and Lawrence counties, met here today to confer with the operators for the purpose of harmonizing the new conditions called for by the Chicago agreement. The operators failed to appear and the meeting, which was presided over by President Dolan, passed a resolution that all miners in the three countles should quit work on April 1 and refuse to return until all the operators comply with the requirements of the Chi-

M. E. CONFERENCE.

Meeting of Layman's Association sent to St. Petersburg.

Elected.

Chester, Pa., March 18 .- The laymen's association of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference held the largest attended meeting in the history of the association this afternoon, over 700 delegates being present.

Addresses were delivered by Hon. John Field, of Philadelphia; John E. lones, M. D., of Philadelphia; William H. Maxwell, of Pottstown; Bishop Goodsell, H. K. Carroll, editor of the York Independent, and Charles H. Harding, of Philadelphia.

The Rock river resolution, which procides that the laity shall have equal representation with the clergy in the onference was endorsed, and a memoral was adopted to be presented to the onference on Monday asking that body to adopt the resolution.

The following officers were elected: President, Hon. John Field, of Philidelphia; secretary, J. G. Francis, Berwyn; treasurer, S. W. Tunnell, Germantown; vice president, north district. George L. Horn. Frankford: northwest district, William H. Maxwell, Pottstown; south district, H. F. Bruner, Columbia; west district, Dr.

R. S. McCoombs, Philadelphia. After the reports of E. M. Allen, statistical secretary, and Assistant Treasurer E. M. Piper, Rev. W. W. Cradle presented a resolution relative of restricting the Central Pennsylvania conference, concerning which the conference will vote tomorrow.

Dr. Freeman, secretary of the Sunday school union, was introduced to the conference and told of the great work of the union, there being 31,000 Sunday schools, 250,000 officers and teachers, and 2,600,000 scholars, of the Methodist denomination. There were 127,000 conversions in the Sunday schools during the year past, and an average of 100,000 during the last six

years. Dr. Sheldon, of the Boston school of oratory, spoke of the wonderful work of the school. Dr. Sheldon occupies the chair of systematic theology there. He said their attendance was 160 in the last year, 100 of whom have college diplomas. Fifty men have gone from this school into the foreign mission field. Dr. Sheldon cordially invited the members of the Central Pennsylvania conference to attend their commencement exercises at Boston next May. Dr. Payne, secretary of the Methodist board of education, stated that this educational board had aided in educating 1,754 students in 132 institutions of learning, in 24 different languages, between 30 and 40 of whom are supported

conference. The collection taken on children's day, which goes to the board of education, might easily be doubled and in consequence a double gained.

A committee composed of Dr. E. J. Gray and Rev. J. B. Mann was appointed by the bishop to visit Rev. I H. Torrence at his home in Riverside Heights.

Ex-Congressman Drops Dead.

Altoona, Pa., March 18 .-- Hon. A. A Barker, of Ebensburg, dropped dead a o'clock this afternoon on the street i his city. He was the father of Judge A. V. Barker and Harry Barker, of burg and was a member of congress from 1865-67. He has of late years been actively identified with the Prohibition party, and in 1886 was its candidate for ileutenant governor. He was born in Main

CHINA'S APPEAL IS MADE IN VAIN

Russia Refuses to Modify Her Demands.

CHINA MUST SUBMIT

No Alternative, Says a Pekin Dispatch, but to Agree to Them. France Wants a Freuchman Made the Director of the Imperial Postoffice, and a Conling Station at Kwang-Chon in Addition to the Other Demands .- A Reply Within

Eight Days Required.

London, March 18 .- It is announced today in a despatch to the Times from Pekin that the mission of Shu-King-Chen, the Chinese minister to Germany, who was sent to St. Petersburg in an effort to prevail upon Russia to modify her demands upon China, has been unsuccessful, and, it is added, there is no alternative but to agree

to the Russian demands. Pekin, March 18.-The French demands upon China, in addition to those cabled from Pekin last night, include that the director of the Imperial postoffice be a Frenchman, evidently with the view of separating it from the control of Sir Robert Hart, the director of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs; and the cession of a coaling station at Kwang-Chou is demanded on the same terms as Kiao-Chau Bay ceded to Germany, with a railroad concession to include exclusive mining privileges.

Eight days are allowed China in which to reply to the French demands, and threats are interpreted to indicate the French occupation of the Province of Hain-Nan unless the Chiness comply.

THE DEMAND.

The demands made by Russia recently upon China include, according to a despatch from the Pekin correspondent of the Times, published March 7, the surrender to Russia of all sovereign rights over Port Arthur and Talien-Wan for the same period and on the same conditions as in the case of Germany at Kiao-Chau. In addition, Russia demands the right to construct a railroad under the same conditions as the Trans-Manchurlan railroad, from Petuna, on that line, to Kwang-Chung-Tzu, Mukden and Port Arthur. Five days, it appears, were allowed China in which to reply, and in the event of her non-compliance, Russia threatened to move troops into Man-Action, however, was postponed in view of the desire of the Chipese government to intercede directly at St. Petersburg, for which purpose the Chinese minister at Berlin was

According to despatches from Pekin last night France had demanded that China shall not cede any portion of the four provinces of Kwang-Tung.Kwang-Si Yon-Nan and Kwei-Chou, that the railroad from Lung-Chou Ting, on the northern frontier of Topquin shall be extended via Pase Siam into the Yun-Nan province and that a coaling station be granted to France at Lei-Chou-Fu, in the Hen-Chou peninsula, north of Hai-Nan.

GROWTH OF TRADE. Neither Peace Nor War Reports Cau

Change the Outward Current of Business. New York, March 18-R. G. Dun &

Co's weekly review of trade tomor-

row will say: Neither peace nor war reports have changed the onward current of business. Orders for more than \$2,500,000 gold from Europe have blocked the way toward stringency for rates in money and treasury receipts of about \$1,100,000 per day have kept in check anti-question about the currency, while exports of products have continued and were considerably increased, and the demand for products of the great industries shows steady expansion. Prompt action by the senate and house has removed all fear of embarrassment through conflicting purposes at Washington. The government is making ready without any waste of time, while frankly assuring everybody that it looks for a peaceful settlement and hopes that its preparations may prove

unneccessary. The backbone of the situation is the excess of merchandise exports, again more than \$41,000,000 in February, with an increase of \$2,600,000 in miscellaneous products, \$2,100,000 in provisions, \$4,500,000 in cotton, and \$7,000,000 in breadstuffs compared with last year and \$15,100,000 in all products. In two weeks of March exports have been 16 per cent larger than last year. and imports have gained but 8.7 per cent., although especially swelled by receipts of India rubber, sugar and hides. The outgo of cotton surpasses all expectations, though the price was stronger last week, and the export demand apparently paid no attention to market fluctuations. Receipts from plantations continue much greater than at the corresponding date from the largest crop heretofore produced, so that guesses about the future crop are now the main reliance of speculaby the \$1,700 given last year by this tors.

Wheat also moved in spite of all speculation. Atlantic exports, flour included, have been 1,824,569 bushels against 1,253,390 last year, and from Pacific ports 1,371,826 bushels against 263,505 last year, making for three weeks from both coasts 10,659,125 bushels gainst 4,538,441 last year. The price has varied with conflicting reports, but closed 4c. higher for the week. Wool shows no change in quotations, though eastern markets are extremely dull, and the indifference of manufacturers has made transac tions only 2.062,300 pounds, against 10,-981,900 for corresponding week last year, and 5,088,260 for corresponding week in 1896. The London market is rather higher and holders in the interior are expecting a material advance in prices.

Little encouragement appears in the

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

Probably Rain, 1 General-Anxiety of the Navy Depart-

- Wanamaker's Hot Speech. Russia Refuses to Modify Her Demands on China.
- Spanish Flotilla Desires an Escort,
- The Tribune's Popular Want Columns
- Financial and Commercial. Local-One Woman's Views,
- Editorial. Comment of the Press.
- Local-Religious News of the Week, Social and Personal.
- Local-Semi-Centennial of the Laci awanna Lodge of Odd Fellows. Report of License Court.
- 8 Local-West Side and Suburban, 9 Lackawanna County News,
- 10 Andrew Jackson as Myth and Man. Havana as It Is Today.
- Sunday-School Lesson for Tomorrow. Liers Who Think They're Not Liars.

General-Days of Waiting at Cuba's

market for cotton goods, with print cloths, a sixteenth lower than a week ago and standard grades undersold by any of less note. The demand is large but not large enough. In woolen goods, on the contrary, the advance in prices has raised the only obstacle to increased transactions, and some what frequent cancellations indicate that dealers have been disappointed in their distribution. The small yielding in wool may result in a greater decline

if this tendency in the manufacture continues. Bessemer pig and grey forge are both slightly stronger, Pittsburg, the proposed combination of valley furnaces helping, but pig is not changed in price elsewhere, nor are flaished products at any point, excepting wire nails which are five cents per keg weaker and steel rails which are said to be sold at \$17.50 at the eastern establishments. Contracts have been made for 10,000 tons with eastern works for domestic delivery, 12,000 tons for Australia, 8,000 tons, with 7,000 tons bridge work for South Africa and the Illinois Steel company is filled with orders for the year. The Carnegie company has old 5,000 tons deck plates to ship builders of England, and several Chicago orders for plates exceeding 1,000 tons each are for railroads, car and agricultural implement manufacturers and projectile works. The wire combination having failed to effect the broader arrangement contemplated, is seeking to complete control of about 80 per cent., of the wire output of the country. While activity is great in the central and western region, there is ess demand at the east.

Failures for the week have been 208 in the United States against 216 last year and 27 in Canada empirest 50 jas

SWALLOW'S BOOM.

The Doctor Receives a Petition Duly Signed Urging Him to Become a Candidate for Governor.

Philadelphia, March 18 .- A formal request from a committee representing signers of a petition asking the Rev. S. C. Swallow, D. D., to stand as an in dependent candidate for governor, was sent this evening to Dr. Swallow from this city. Signatures to the petition have been received from all parts of the state. Dr. Swallow is at present at Danville, Pa., and a copy of the letter asking him to be a candidate was sent there, and also to his home at

Harrisburg. The letter is as follows: We, the undersigned members of an executive committee formed for the purpose of promoting your candidacy, earnestly call upon you to stand as candidate for the governorship of Pennsylvania on the platform for honest government with the rally cry, "Thou Shalt Not Steal," we pledg ourselves to your support and we b lieve that we speak for thousands from every existing party who will rally to this standard.

Among the signers of the letter are Herbert Welsh, Charles Richardson, George Strawbridge, George Burnham, George Burnham, jr., Peter Boyd, Warren Kelsey, Philip C. Garcett, chairman of the former committee of one hundred: Finley Acker and Howard Com-

UNIVERSITY PENNSYLVANIA RACES schedule Arranged by the Track

Committee for 1898. Philadelphia, March 18.—The track emmittee of the Athletic association of the University of Pennsylvania has arranged the following schedule for the track team for the coming season:

April 2-Columbia vs. Pennsylvania, one nile relay race, New York. April 16—First annual inter-class chamlonship games. Philadelphia. April 39-Annual inter-collegiate and iner-scholastic relay races, Philadelphia. May 7-Georgetown vs. Pennsylvania,

lual track games, Washington. May 21-Cornell vs. Pennsylvania, dual Philadelphia. 28-Inter-collegiate championship games, New York,

CASE OF MARRY OR GET SHOT.

Miss Gosline Has Her Zealous Woosr Put Under Honds.

Brisol, Pa., March 18 .- On the starting and singular charge that Dr. J. M. Burkey, of Newportville, Bucks county, had persistently made love to her and threatened to shoot her if she would not marry him, Miss Lizzie P. Gosline, of the same village, today had the doctor arrested, brought be fore 'Squire Booz here and put under

\$500 bail to keep the peace. She testified that the doctor's wooing was a continual annoyance, and she did not like him nor enjoy his suit.

Allyn Cox Dend.

New York, March 18.-Allyn Cox, one of the best known railroad men in the United States and long identified with the Vanderbilt interests, died suddenly to-day at his office in this city. He was 63 years old. Mr. Cox was secretary and treasurer of the New York, Chicago and Louis railway, better known as the Nickle Plate: treasurer and assistant secretary of the Beech Creek railroad.

WANAMAKER'S HOT SPEECH

Uncle John's Eloquence Electrifies the Citizens of Ephrata.

THE ANTI-QUAY SENTIMENT

The Main Theme of His Spirited Address.

He States That Two Wars Threater America -- Spain and Quay -- The The United States Cannot Embark in War Without Involving Pennsylvania and the Republican Party of Pennsylvania Cannot Engage in Battle Upon Fundamental Principles Without Involving the Republican Party Wherever It Exists.

Lancaster, Pa., March 18.-Hon, John Wanamaker continued his campaign in this country when he addressed a big mass meeting in the borough of Ephrata tonight. Mr. Wanamaker, accompanied by Rudolph Blankenburg, G. Harry Davis and J. A. Van Valkenburg, arrived in Ephrata at 6.45 this evening. The party were received by a local committee, consisting of D. B. Lefvre, candidate for the legislature on the anti-Quay ticket at the primary election which is to be held tomorrow; Justice of the Peace W. K. Seltzer, J. B. Eshleman and Jesse Jones, At 8 'clock the hall in which the meeting was held was jammed to the doors and hundreds were turned away. D. B. Lefvre called the meeting to order. George L. Bard, of Hinkletown, was chosen temporary chairman and W. K. Seltzer, of Ephrata, permanent chairman. Each made a brief address filled with anti-Quay sentiment. When the chairman introduced Mr. Wanamaker there was great enthusiasm. The candidate in his opening remarks dissected the Quay circular distributed at the close of the Wanamaker meeting in this city last Wednesday night in which he was designated as a member of the importers' syndicate. He said he employed 7,700 workingmen and if any one should show that circular to any of these, such person would be in danger of being mobbed.

Speeches were also made by Rudolph Blankenburg, Senator C. C. Kauffman, who is a candidate for re-nomination at tomorrow's primary, and G. Harry Davis, of Philadelphia. After the meeting Mr. Wanamaker held a public reception at the Hotel Cocalico, where hundreds called to pay their respects. The visiting party will leave for Philadelphia early tomorrow morning.

In the course of his address, he said: Two wars threaten the American people today-Spain and Quay. One is a na-tional question, in which Pennsylvania interested. The other is a Pennsylvania question in which the nation is interested. The United States cannot embark in war without involving Penn-sylvania, and the Republican party of Pennsylvania cannot engage in battle upon fundamental principles without involving the Republican party wherver it exists. It is not a question of de Lome, the

discarded minister of Spain, and President McKinley.

A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLES. It is a question of principles. Stripped of all verbiage, it is a serious undown-able question of right and wrong. In times of peace Spain stands for the same custody of our battleship that America stood for Spain's battleship Viscaya while she was afloat

in New York harbor. Quay stands not as an individual. I have no quarrel with him personally, but as a representative of the state ad-ministration and defiant fortified leader of public affairs in our commonweath for the past twenty years, more or less, Spain must make an accounting for our buried ship and entombed seamen-for the dignity of our flag. We are not fixing the responsibilities of the present situation or indulging in untimely reflection. Do we demand war? Never! Lee's surrender at Appomatox the birds have built their nests in the cannon's mouth and the swords have been beaten into pruning hooks and plowshares or shelved in museums to illustrate the history of emancipation of millions of

blacks. But, we do unitedly and unceasingly, insist upon all possible reparation for the sinking of the Maine, and above all, for honors due to a peaceful nation. Superbly has our president held himself in this irritating and distracting time, and nobly has our congress sup-ported him. It is better to be slow than to be rude, and it is better to be right than to be rash; but caution and reso-abreast to maintain the dignity of the

United States-the greatest republic of the earth. America requires from Spain prompt and exact recognition and settlement of her rights, as the best safeguard of her

own standing with the nations of the Let the whole question of the strained relations between the nations be re-ferred for adjustment to five of our sister nations, two to be chosen by the United States and two by Spain, and these four so chosen to select the fifth arbitrator-with instructions to close up all questions in thirty days. Then the shadow of fear will lift and the country can start on again to develop

its industries and fulfill its mission. MINE EXPLOSION.

Madrid, March 18 .- A terrible explosion took place today in the Santa Isabel mine, at Belmez, province of Cordova, Seventy corpses have already been recovered and many men are as yet unaccounted for. Five of those rescued alive died later.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, March 19.-In the middle states and New England, today, cloudy to partly cloudy, warmer and fresh south-erly to southeasterly winds, followed by rain, light or moderate and by haze or fog on the coasts,