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SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1898.

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# THE SPANISH **SITUATION**

Discussion of the Forthcoming Report of the Maine Inquiry.

CONCERNING INTERVENTION

Unanimity on Part of President and Cabinet.

The Battleship Massachusetts Has Sailed from Key West -- President McKinley Has Entered No Protest Against the Spanish Flotilla -- The Question of Arbitration No Longer Under Consideration .- The Naval Appropriation Bill Is Reported. Admiral Sicard's Illness.

Washington, March 22.-The cabinet meeting today lasted something over an hour and was devoted exclusively to the Spanish situation in general and to the forthcoming report of the Maine court of inquiry in particular. The tone of the discussion was very firm and determined that there must come an end to the present state of affairs in Cuba.

Secretary Long authorized the statement that the understanding before the cabinet was that the report would reach Washington next Thursday or Friday; that it was very voluminous, and that its publication and transmission to congress would not occur until next Monday or Tuesday, as the president would require that much time to give the document the mature consideration its momentous character re-Other cabinet officers stated that the general plan included the sending of a presidential message along with the report, stating that Spain had been called upon to make suitable response to the case as presented by the court of inquiry. While the cabinet associates of the president maintained the usual reserve as to the exact character of the deliberations, yet it was conceded that the discussion proceeded on the theory that the coming report would show that the Maine explosion was not the result of an accident, but was due to an external cause. There is no doubt that substantial un exists on the part of the president and all his cabinet both as to the Maine question and the general subject of

POSSIBILITY OF INTERVENTION. The possibility of a recourse to intervention in case Spain declined to make ultable response to the representaions we will make after receiving the ine report has been fully discussed, although necessarily it has been an abstract discussion thus far and no conclusion has been reached or is possible until the vital question as to the court's findings are before the president and cabinet. At the same time there is a very evident intention to consider all eventualities, including the recourse to intervention, the recognition of independence and other methods which appear to suitably meet the requirements of such a condition. It is believed to be the intention of the president, however, to bring about a very material and satisfactory condition in Cuba by what shall seem to be the best and most practicable method of obtaining this end. It is the hope of the adminstration that Spain herself will so far realize the situation as to see the necessity for such radical action on her part with respect to Cuba as shall command the approbation of this country and thus at once put an end to all dif-

ferences. Pending a decision in the government's final policy no overtures or intimations have been conveyed to the Spanish government and there is no official knowledge as to how Spain would regard a recognition of Cuban independence or intervention. The Spanish minister, Senor Polo, requested today that a statement be made that reports attributing to him expressions on the subject of independence were unwarranted and untrue. Senor Polo says he has not discussed this or any other of the pending questions.

# CABINET MEETING QUIET.

Blds Are Opened for Large Supplies

of Powder. Washington, March 22.-Outside of the cabinet meeting the day was exceptionally quiet. The battleship Massachusetts has sailed from Key West for Hampton Roads following the Texas, which left yesterday. The cruiser Brooklyn is at Newport News and the ponitor Puritan is under orders to proceed there, so that these vessels will be near the Hampton Roads rendezvous, if it is determined

to establish the squadron there. The navy department continues to informed as to the Spanish torpedo flotilla now stopping at the Canaries. Word of its departure has not yet reached the department. It can be stated positively that the report that President McKinley has protested against the coming of this flotilla is unwarranted. There has been no such protest. At the navy department, nothing is reported of the ordering home of the Maine officers now at Havana It is said that these orders, if given, would come from Admiral Sicard and

not from the navy department. Serious attention is being given by the navy department officials to the question of the acquisition of a suitable location for a coaling station somewhere in the West Indies. Steps have been taken already to establish such a station at the Dry Tortugas

but this, it is said, is the only deep water harbor available for big vessels MEASURE FOR between Hampton Roads and the Rio

Secretary Long is considering the matter and it is probable that if the government can make the necessary arrangements a station will be secured. At the navy department bids were opened in the bureau of ordnance for supplying 470,000 pounds of brown prismatic powder for the seacoast fortifications guns. In a day or two the ordnance bureau will award the contract for supplying the department 2,-000,000 smokeless powder rifle ball cartridges .30 calibre

The war department has received information of the recent arrival at New York of the steamer Nordkyn with 5,-700 pounds of foreign smokeless powder for testing purposes at the Sandy Hook proving grounds.

The navy department was notified of

and the gunboats Castine and Wil-

mington at Port Antonio, Jamaica, This is about the same distance from the south shore of Cuba as Key West is from the north shore. The gunboat Marietta announced her arrival at The Marblehead has gone from Port Tampa to Dry Tortugas, Captain Barker, naval aide to the ecretary of the navy, returned to his desk at the naval department today after a few days' absence. He went to Key West on a secret mission, the exact nature of which has not been disclosed. Secretary Long is authority for the statement that Captain Barker was not sent to Key West to get the report

### CUBA'S CONDITION.

of the naval court and did not bring it

It Is Now Comprehended by Administration .- Maine Disaster to Be an Incident in Settlement.

Washington, March 22.-While no one having a knowledge of the matter is willing to speak for the president, it is believed that the question of arbitration in connection with the disaster to the Maine is no longer under consideration. The recent speech of Senator Proctor seems to have cleared the minds of the members of the administration as to the real conditions in Cuba, and it is now believed that the disaster to the Maine will be treated only as an incident to the main question. It is asserted that the two are so intimately connected that one necessarily involves the other, and it is believed to be the president's purpose to bring about, in whatever action he may now take, a settlement of the whole Cuban question. Whether this involves a war with Spain it is believed rests entirely with Spain herself. Persons closely associated with the administration believe that Spain will ultimately be compelled to solve the Cuban problem herself and to the entire satisfaction of this government, or take the consequences of intervention.

ported to the house today, carries a total of \$35,683,058, an increase over last year of \$3,764,032 and over the current estimates of \$2,514,824.

For the increase of the navy the bill allows to be constructed by contract three seagoing coast line battleships designed to carry the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance, displacement 11,000 tons, to be of the highest practicable speed of their class, to cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding \$3,000,000 each, one to be named the Maine; six torpedo boats, and six torpedo boat destroyers, and one gunboat. The contracts for the construction of all these vessels are to be made within sixty days of the enactment of the bill, Four dry docks, one at League Island,

Pa., are also provided for. Senators Allison and Gorman saw the president today by appointment. The president desired to consult them regarding the present Cuban situation, as he has been consulting others. Little could be learned concerning the nature of the conference, but it is known that the president desires the views of leading men of both parties at this time on the situation, which is considered very critical.

Owing to the continued ill-health of Rear Admiral Montgomery Sicard, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, arrangements are making for his detachment from that duty as soon as it becomes apparent that such a step is necessary. Several weeks ago Alimiral Sicard asked for a short leave of absence in consequence of a severe attack of malarial fever. His request was granted and he spent a short time on shore. He is again ill and it is now feared that it will be necessary either to give him ashore assignments or else teave of absence.

# TO LOCATE MEMORIALS.

Pennsylvania Monument Commission Meets at Gettysburg.

Gettysburg, Pa., March 22.-The Penns Ivania monument commission to locate memorials on this battlefield arrived today to fix the position for the state monument to General John F. Reynolds. The commission consists of General John P. Taylor, of Readville; General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon; Colonel R. Bruce Ricketts, of Wilkes-Barre; Colonel John P. Nicholson, of Philadelphia, and Major W. Ross

Hartshorne, of Curwensville. They have selected July 1, next as the time for the exercises but the exact iccation is not yet decided, though it is understood the monument will be placed near where Reynolds was killed in the first day's engagement. The statue is of bronze, equestrian, and similar to those already erected to

# Generals Meade and Hancock

Jeffries Detents Jackson. San Francisco, March 22.-Jim Jeffries, of Los Angeles, early defeated Peter the third round tonight at a pavilion. Jackson did not Moodward's pavilion. Jackson did not make much of a showing after the first round. He displayed some of his old-time cleverness in ducking and jabbing with his left but could not land hard ough to stop the rushes of his younge and stronger antagonist.

# Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, March 22.-The naval appropriation bill we reported to the house today but as it had not been printed, the contested election case of Thorpe vs. Epps from the Fourth Virginia district, was taken up an debated until 4 o'clock when the house adjourned until

# BANKING REFORM

The House Sub-Committee to Report Today.

GREENBACKS ON THE BEARING

Measure Framed to Meet the Prestdent's Wishes .- The Banking System Dealt With, to the Exclusion of the Gold and Silver Question -- A Gradual Retirement of Greenbacks Proposed.

Washington, March 22.-The report of the sub-committee appointed to frame a measure of currency reform the arrival of the cruiser Cincinnati will be made to the full house committee on banking and currency tomorrow. The bill was completed on Saturday and is believed by its framer to meet the conditions imposed them of framing a measure which shall meet in some degree the needs of the hour and which shall at the same time stand a chance of passing the house For this purpose it has been found necessary to eliminate many of the features of other schemes which have

been proposed. The new bill, for example, will not endeavor to deal with the question of gold and silver. That is regarded as a matter to be considered by the committee on coinage, weights and measures. Neither will it deal with bonds; that is a subject for the ways and means committee. It will have to do solely with a reform of the banking system, and will meet the president's recommendations in this matter. It is understood that the committee will recommend a gradual withdrawal of greenbacks instead of any more radical methods.

### VIRGINIA READY FOR WAR.

Gov. Tyler Preparing to Uphold the

President if a Call Comes. Richmond, Va., March 22.-Governor Tyler and President McKinley have had a correspondence in regard to the part Virginia would take in the event of war. The governor, through the adjutant general, has ascertained accurately the spirit of the state troops and found that the state guard would respond promptly to any call made upon The troops have been prepared quietly for any emergency and the equipment for life in the field put in There is much enthusiasm order. among the colored troops in Virginia over the prospect of helping the insurgents in Cuba. Two new companies of colored troops have been organized with a view of active service in the field and the colored contingent will be a considerable factor if a call is made.

The fact that the governor is in ex-pectation of a call from the president was shown in the fact that, when the governor left the city today on a steamer of the "oyster navy" for a tour of the Chesapeake to look after the needs of the oyster industry, he directed the adjutant general not to leave the of a board at Lexington tomorrow at which it is important for the adjutant general to be present. Virginia is ready to respond with 3,000 well-drilled and

# W. S. PULLMAN'S SISTER-IN-LAW.

equipped troops on six hours' notice.

Sister of His Bride Locked Up in San Francisco for Drunkenness.

San Francisco, March 22 .- A woman was locked up last evening in the city prison, and the charges against her were drunkenness and malicious mis-She was recorded as "Grace Jones, a native of California, 32 years of age, a housewife by occupation." She had been in the cell only a short time when she told the woman who shared the cell with her that she was a sister of Mrs. W. Sanger Pullman. Later she claimed to be a Mrs. Roberts. Later still a friend arrived and the latest addition to the Pullman fam-

The prisoner was arrested early in the afternoon by Policeman W. T. Joy. who found her in a saloon at 25 Turk street, where she was smashing things right and left. In breaking a window she cut her hand badly, and when brought to the city prison was a sorry looking object.

# NURSES, NOT WARRIORS.

Reading's Women Soldiers Have No Desire to Fight in the Field.

Reading, March 22.-There appears to be a rebellion in the 'adies' military company here. Some time ago Captain Schilling, the married woman who commands the company, said they were ready to go to the front in case there should be war with Spain. Her company is made up of robust young women, who have been drilling several

years with regulation army rifles, Since the captain's announcement geveral of the members have issued a card saying they were not, as a company, going to do any such thing; that there are patriotic men enough to whip Spain, and that they would indulge in nothing so unseemly as to mingle with enlisted men, as a company, to help do the fighting with rifles at the front. They might go as nurses, but not as warriors.

# CIGARETTE BOY'S SENTENCE.

Judge Who Promises to Make

Things Hot for Offenders. New York ,March 22 .- "You are a literally smoking your life away," said Judge Schatz in court at Mt. Vernon oday when he fined Patrick Waw, aged 15, \$2 for smoking cigarettes on the public streets, contrary to a new law. The judge said he would imprison the next offender, and would set the police after dealers who sold cigarettes to children.

### Base Batt League Meeting. Philadelphia, March 22.-A meeting the Atlantic Base Ball league will be held

at the Bingbam House, in this city, nex Thursday. The schedule will be arranged and rules against rowdylem on the field

Shipping News. New York, March 22.—Sailed: Lahn, Bremen. Cleared: New York, Southamp-ton; Westernland, Antwerp; Majestic,

# CAN TURN OUT 1,000 RIFLES A DAY. ANOTHER STRIKE

Capacity of the Remington Arms Factory in the Event of War.

Illon, N. Y., March 22.-Two Government inspectors, one from the War Department and the other from the Navy Department, are here to inspect the Government work in progress at the Remington Arms Company's factory and to ascertain the capacity of the factory to turn out rifles for volunteers in the event of war. An order was received last week from Washington for 10,000 knife bayonets for the marines, Work on the order is progressing rapidly, and the bayonets will be ready for shipment within a few days.

"On a rush order," said Superintendent Hartley, "we can turn out 1,000 guns a day, working two gangs of 500 men each ten hours. We have done that before, and are prepared to do it again. In 1888 we made 184,000 Lee rifles of .43 callbre for Spain, and I am told that these are still in use, altogether the principal equipment of the Spanish army is the Mauser .276."

### FLOODS AT PITTSBURG.

Many Persons Compelled to Leave Their Homes.

Pittsburg, March 22.-Disastrous floods have been reported from many points in the Allegheny and Ohio valleys, tonight. Much damage to property, but no loss of life ensued. The waters are still rising and many people have been compelled to leave their homes,

In this city, the danger of extensive damage has passed.

### ROBINSON OVERTHROWN.

Bitter Struggle at the Republican Primaries at Butler. Butler, Pa., March 22.-The bitter

fight that has been going on between the Robinson and Moore factions in the Republican party in this county came to an end today at the primaries and the indications tonight are that the Robinson coherents have been utterly overthrown. The terrible condition of the roads and heavy rains prevent returns from getting in from the outlying districts, but twenty-five out of sixty districts including Butler borough, give Moore a lead of 456 for assembly.

The anti-Robinson slate for delegates to the state convention will probably be elected in the persons of Newton Plack, Dr. E. Crawford and J. C. Moolymonds, J. B. Showalter, for congress: F. B. McQuiston, for county surveyor, and M. S. Quay for United States senate were unopposed, though the latter did not poll a full vote.

### FIRE IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

The Whole Eastern End of the City Threatened at One Time.

Colorado Springs, Col., March 22 .-Fire, which broke out early today in Wood Side, a large frame botel, the Wood Side, a large frame botel, which was unoccupied, threatened for He was held for trial. He gave inforseveral hours to wipe out the entire city. The Wood Side and several adcity, although he had called a meeting joining cottages were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$120,000.

A high wind was blowing and emberfrom the burning buildings were carried several blocks. The water mains were too small to give the requisite pressure and the firemen were also hampered by lack of hose. Help was ammoned from Colorado City and Manitou. Earlier in the night Sheriff Poynton's residence was burned, causing a loss of \$10,000.

# M'KINLEY ENDORSED.

McKean County Republicans Also

Endorse C. W. Stone. Bradford, Pa., March 22.-The Mc-Kean county Republican convention was held today at Smethport. Stirring resolutions were adopted endorsing the candidacy of Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren, for governor. The three state delegates unanimously chosen are enidentified the prisoner as the sister of thusiastic supporters of the Warren candidate. Hon. H. H. North, of this city, was endorsed for congress as Mc-Kenn county's choice. J. W. Campbell, of Kane, was nominated for county

President McKinley's patriotism in dealing with the Spanish crisis was strongly commended in the resolutions.

# LORILLARDS DEFEATED.

Dismissal of a Suit Against a St.

Louis Tobacco Man Upheld. St. Louis, March 22.-In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals the decision of the United States Court of Missouri in the case of P. Lorillard & Co. vs. Christian Pepper, in which the plaintiff complained of unfair competition in trade through the St. Louis dealer using a package for his tobacco that resembled a package used by the plaintiffs for their tobacco, has been affirmed by the Appellate Court. The former decision dismissed the

# PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Washington, March 22.-The president

oday sent these nominations to the sen-State-German Bulle, of New York, to be consul at Cardenas, Cuba; James C. McCook, of Pennsylvania, to be consul at Dawson City, Northwest Territory, Postmasters-Pennsylvania-Georg Postmasters—Pennsylvania—George L. Holliday, Pittsburg; Milton P. Schanta, Allentown; George F. Young, Gettysburg;

S. J. Matthews, Olyphant; M. K. Bishop Dunmore; F. F. Reed, Mahanoy City; D B. Dykins, Muncy; R. N. Roberts, Ren-ovo; Addison Eppenheimer, Royersford, Vermont-M. H. Moody, Waterbury. New York - R. L. Leland, Clifton prings; G. E. Call. Northport. New Jersey-F. B. Taylor, South Or

Navy-Paymaster Albert W. Bacon, t be s pay inspector.

Army—To be Majors—Captain Charles
Morris, Fifth artillery; Captain Junius

W. MacMurray, First artillery; Captain J. W. Dillerback, First artillery. First Licutenants, to be Captains— Thomas R. Adams, Fifth artillery; John A. Lundeen, Fourth artillery; Medoram Crawford, Second artillery.

The Capitol Commission. Harrisburg, March 22.-The meeting of the capitol building commission to have been held tonight has been postponed indefinitely, owing to the illness of Architect Cobb, who was to have submitted a report on the bids and modified bids submitted February 7.

AT HAZLETON

Trouble at the Lehigh Valley Yorktown Colliery.

THREE HUNDRED MEN ARE OUT

They Quit Work Out of Sympathy for a Fireman Who Resigned and Then Desired to Be Reinstated -- No Violence Expected.

Hazleton, Pa., March 22.-The three hundred men employed at the Yorktown colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company failed to report for duty this morning when the colliery whistle called the employes to work, and a strike is now on. This decision was reached at a meeting of the United Mine Workers in Yorktown on Monday night, but it was not thought that the men were as determined as they have shown themselves to be by absenting themselves entirely from the colliery today. Everything is quiet about the works and no violence is feared by the

officials. The cause of the strike is dissatisfaction over the treatment of a fireman, John Boyle, who was reprimanded last week by Foreman Hayes for not keeping up a good fire with the Bird Eve coal used at the colliery. The fireman claimed that the coal was of such quality that it could not be used for generating sufficient steam and he quit work. The matter was brought to the attention of the United Mine Workers, who notified Foreman Hayes that if the fireman was not reinstated they would order a strike. The company threatens to shut down the colliery altogether for an indefinite period,

### YOUNG THIEVES AT ELIZABETH.

he 15-Year-Old Lender Captured.

He Peaches on His Pals. Elizabeth, N. J., March 22.-The police ucceeded in breaking up a gang of boy thieves yesterday, when the leader was arrested and sent to jail. Some time ago a number of petty robberies took place in and around the New Jersey Central railroad freight station, and since then many articles have been missed from freight cars in process of unloading. A few days ago a bale containing rabbit skins was stolen in broad daylight from one of the cars. The detectives learned that the bale had been stolen by four boys, who had sold the skins to a furrier. The thieves had received about one-third of their

value, and the furrier had the skins in process of manufacture when the detectives found them. Traps were laid to capture the entire gang of thieves, brought to a standstill. but only the leader was caught. He mation that will probably lead to the arrest of his pals.

# ROBBERS IN A THEATER.

Night Watchman Gagged and Three

Chicago, March 22.-Two men armed with heavy clubs overpowered Night Watchman F. H. Todd in Hopkins' theatre, on State street, at 3 o'clock this morning, and, after strapping him to a chair, blew open and robbed three safes in the auditor's office.

Sates Broken Open.

From one safe they took two diamond rings valued at \$200. From another they secured \$200 in currency, Sunday's receipts of the cafe and candy stand The third and smallest safe contained a strong box in which was locked ap proximately \$3,000. This box was re moved, but not opened. It was too bulky to be carried away, and was left in the middle of the room. The aged watchman was found at 6 o'clock still tightly fastened to the chair, gagged, and half unconscious,

# MOONSHINERS MURDERED HIM.

An Alleged Intermer Found Dend the Woods in Alabama.

Sylacauga, Ala., March 22.-W. O Thompson, a white farmer living near here, was found murdered in the woods three miles from his home today. A dozen leaden bullets were in his body and it had been stoned almost beyond recognition. He had been unfriendly to the illicit distillers of his county and had testified against some of them. At the time of his murder he had in his pockets six subpoenas to appear in court in a few days and testify against others. His murderers had removed these from his pockets and placed them upon his breast, holding them in posi-

# NEW PHASE OF A TRAGEDY.

Mrs. John Cox May liave Been Murdored.

Texarkana, Ark., March 22.-Several weeks ago Mrs. John Cox and one of her children were burned to death two miles east of here. It was reported as an accident, in which Mrs. Cox had fainted and fallen into the fireplace where the embers set fire to her clothing and burned her up. The flames were supposed to have also ignited cradle and burned the baby. Now, as the result of a story told by

an older child of John Cox, the husband and father has been arrested and is confined in fail charged with the murder of the woman and her child.

# FIVE PERSONS INJURED.

A Six-Story Building in Chicago Destroyed by Fire.

Chicago, March 22.—The six-story building, 118 and 120 Monroe street, occupied by the Monroe Catering Company, and the Building Trades Club, was destroyed by fire today. Four women, employes of the Catering Company, who were on the top story asleep ad a narrow escape

The following named were burned or otherwise injured during the fire, but none seriously: John F. Burns, fireman; George A. McAllister, fireman Harry Smith, bartender; Joseph Steimers, porter; Jacob Buchanan, porter. The total loss is \$90,060.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Showers; Clearing by Afternoon,

1 General-Court of Inquiry's Report on Its Way to Washington. Cabinet Discusses the Forthcoming

Report, Miners Strike at Hazleton,

The Tribunes Popular Want Columns, Financial and Commercial.

3 Neighboring County News. Whitney's Weekly News Budget, 4 Editorial.

Comment of the Press. 5 Local-Doings in the Feredal Courts. Constables Win a Victory in the

6 Local-Lively Council Meeting. Intense Interest Aroused by the Board of Trade's Contemplated Legal Ac-

tion Against the Councils. Local-Reception by City Chautau-

quans.
Address by Rev. Mr. Huntington. 8 Local-West Side and Suburban, 9 Lackawanna County News.

10-General-Witchcraft in Alaska,

### ALASKA BARK LOST.

The Helen W. Almy Is Wrecked. Klondike Passengers Perish.

San Francisco, March 22.-The bark Helen W. Almy, which sailed hence for Copper river on Sunday with twentyseven passengers and a crew of thirteen, was wrecked off Point Bonita, at the mouth of the Golden Gate and it is believed all on board perished.

The bark was in the Alaskan trade and was carrying a party to the Klondike. The wreck was discovered this morning by the steamer Santa Rosa, There were no signs of life,

### COWS STAMPEDE CITY CROWDS. Dignified Men in Amusing Roles, One

as a Tail Twister. Wilmington, Del., March 22.-Two angry cows created a big commotion on Wilmington street this afternoon One bovine, being driven in Eighth street by a farmer, ran away and was pursued by a crowd of men and boys. "Catch that cow and twist its tail!" yelled the farmer, and ex-Member o the Board of Health Joseph Jenkins grabbed the cow by the tail. The cow turned up Market street., scattering the folks in all directins, but Jenkins

brought the cow to a standstill in front of the Opera House. A cow being driven by Columbus O'Neill became unmanageable in the lower part of Market street and butted over three men and a newsboy. It attacked Isaac Fisher, who circled rapidly around a telegraph pole, followed by the cow, and, the rope becoming wound around the pole, the animal was

holding on and twisting the tail,

# DEATH OF JOHN L. STAPLES.

He Was the Father of Abraham Lincoln's Substitute.

Stroudsburg, Pa., March 22.-Rev. John L. Staples, aged 84 years, a well-known Methodist clergyman, died at his home here today. A son of the deceased acted as President Lincoln's substitute during the Rebellion. He lived at the time in Washington. He survived the war, and died here. services achieved for him this epi-

"J. Summerfield Staples, a private of Company C, One Hundred and Seventysixth regiment P. V.; also a member of the Second regiment D. C. Volunteers.

### a substitute for Abraham Lincoln." CONFERENCE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Report of the Committee 1

Rejected. Chester, Pa., March 22.-Bishop Good sell presided at todays session of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference. The only report that provok ed any discussion was that of the temperance committee. The following

clause was defeated: Resolved, That it is the imperative duty of every Christian and especially every Methodist to ally himself with a party which is openly opposed to the

sale of intoxicating liquors The conference will adjourn tomor-

# ACCIDENTS ON TRAINS.

Important Ruling as to the Liability of Insurance Companies.

St. Louis, March 22 .- In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, the appeal of the Aetna Life Insurance company from a verdict granting Herman R. Vandlcar damages, given by the United States court in Nebraska Judge Rinar has reversed the decision and remanded the case for a rehearing. That action is important in that it decides that the companies providing louble indemnity for accidents on trains or boats are liable only when the mishap occurs within the car or

### vehicle. MURDER OF WOOLF JOEL.

Von Weithein Had Demanded for

the "Removat" of Kruger. Johannesburg, March 22 .- At the examination yesterday of Von Welthein, the alleged American who shot and killed Woolf Joel, the nephew, partner and trustee of the late Barney Barnato, in his office here, on March 14, Manager Strange, who was present when the murder was committed, testified that the prisoner had demanded money continually of Mr. Joel for the 'removal" of President Kruger,

### Clothing Men Acquitted. Holidaysburg, Pa., March 22 .- Herman Frieldnader and Myer Bremer, of Washington, proprietors of the Chicago clothing establishment, of Altoona, were ac-

guitted of arson with intent to defrauc insurance companies in court here today County Commissioner Convicted. Pottsville, Pa., March 22.-County Com-

ner Myers was today convicted on

dictments charging him with misde Killed by Dynamite. Pottsville, Pa., March 22.-Alfred Duff was killed and George Miller fatally wounded by an explosion of dynamite at

the Kaska-William colliery.

nine of the twenty-five counts of the in-

# THE INQUIRY COMPLETED

Report Will Soon Be in the Hands of the President.

OFFICER MARIX IN CHARGE

He Is Now on His Way to Washington.

The Officers of the Maine, Except Paymaster's Clerk, Have Been Instructed to Leave for Their Homes and There Await Orders -- Minerity Sentiment Growing That the Court Has Been Unable to Determine Definitely the Cause of Explosion.

Key West, Fla., March 22.-Lieutenant Commander Marix, judge advocate of the United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine, left Key West this afternoon, on his way to Washington, by the City of Key West, bound for Miami, taking with him the report of the court on the disaster. Commander Marix brought the report ashore from the Nashville today and Rear Admiral Sicard, with Commander Marix, spent several hours in its further revision. All the officers of the Maine row here, except Paymaster's Clerk icCarthy, have received orders to leave for their homes, there to await orders, as in the case of the other officers who left here last week, This is considered to be evidence that the court will not require the corroboration of technical evidence as was

thought a few days ago. The majority of the officers of the Maine leave here this afternoon for Miami and the remainder leave tomor-

row for Tampa. Before leaving Key West Commander Marix said nothing could be given out about the work of the court of inquiry or its findings. Personally, the commander said he was intensely relieved

at completing his labors. If the train connections are made, he will arrive in Washington with the documents Thursday night.

Within the last few days a t sentiment has been steadily growing that the court has been unable to determine definitely the cause of the ex-

### plosion. FRANKLIN REPUBLICANS.

Nominate John Stewart for Judge and Quay Followers for Legislature.

Chambersburg, Pa., March 22.-The Franklin county Republican convention

completed its work today by making these nominations: President judge, John Stewart: congress, T. M. Mahon; legislature, W. W. Britton, of Upper Strasburg, and W. C. Kreps, of Green Castle, both Quay followers; sheriff, John T. Pensinger, of Chambersburg; district attorney, John W. Hoke, of Chambersburg; director of the poor, Jerome Detrich, of Peters township; coroner, L. F. Surroth, of Chambersburg; county surveyor, Samuel V. Winegart, of Upper Strasburg: delegates to the state con-

vention, County Chairman Alexander Stewart, County Treasurer David Maclay and Hon, Nevin Pomerov. The resolutions endorged President McKinley and congress in their course on Cuban affairs. The state delegates are uninstructed, but will vote for W. A. Stone in the event of Judge Stew-

### art's nomination for the Superior court. IN THE OLD CAPITOL SHED.

A Slab Dedicated to the Memory of

ot Sir Walter Scott. Albany, March 22 .- A relic that conjures up memories of the old capitol was dug out of the pile of stone and rubbish littering the floor of the old Capitol shed that was torn down last week. It is a marble slab containing these carved letters in gilt: "The Citizens of Albany to the Memory of Walter Scott, 1833." Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge, appreciating the historical worth of the slab, has turned it over to the care and safe keeping of the Albany Historical and Art society.

The shed in which the relic was found was builty over thirty years ago. The slab was probably laid in one of the walls of the old capitol, and removed, when that structure was torn down, to the shed. Sir Walter Scott, the novelist, died in 1832, and the slab bears the date of the following year. It is four feet long and two feet wide.

# FRENCH FORCE REPULSED.

Six Officers and 100 Men Killed in Madagascar.

Paris, March 22 .- The Siecle today says a French expedition sent against Bossiriris, in the Island of Madagascar, has met with a serious reverse, six officers and 100 men having been killed. The insurgents, it is added, captured number of rifles and 125,004 cartridges.

Lindsay President Judge. Harrisburg, March E.-Wilton M. Lindsey, of Warren, was today appointed judge of the Thirty-seventh judicial district, composed of Warren and Forest

counties, vice Charles H. Noyes, de

ceased.

The Hernid's Weather Porecast. New York, March 23 .- In the middle states and New England, today, cloudy to partly cloudy, preceded by fog on the coasts, rain and brisk northeasterly to southerly winds, high on the coasts, shifting to westerly and followed by

clearing and colder in this section.