Counties.

mere votes than Trickett,

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—Postmaster

Jeneral Charles Emory Smith was the

guest of honor tonight at a banquet

and reception given by the doctors of

the Union league, of which Mr. Smith

burg. C. Stuart Patierson presided at

the banquet and in a few words pre-

sented the postmaster general. Mr.

history and the country has come to realize that we have a great president.

He had no ambition for war. But when

war came for humanity and justice he

directed it with a wisdom, courage

skill and success which have command-

He had no ambition for territorial ac-

d the applause of the whole world,

vents brought responsibilities and ob-

ligations over new domains, he faced

them with a high and intrepid resolu-

tion, which will make his administra-

tion lustrous as adding new jewels

to the casket of liberty. He had no

ambition to even a new epoch in our

history and lead the country in new

in the old. But when, in the profidence

of God, the uplifted curtain revealed

new stage of national development,

ie bravely accepted duty, and clear-

We do not know what may be be-

fore us. But one thing we do know,

whatever doubt or difficulty, the pres-

ident will meet it with sure insight,

reliance on the saving lease and pa-

ourage and the indomitable purpose

TEMPERANCE WORKERS.

fixed later. Mrs. Stevens, the presi-

Miso Powderly is a Catholic. The su-

vention added to the executive com-

Action on Mrs. Benjamin's resolution

to cut loose from all the affiliated in-

crests was deferred. It was announce

ed by the new president, Mrs. L. M. N.

Stevens, that she would remain at

headquarters in Chicago until Christ-

mas and would then divide her time be-

tween her home in Portland, Me., and

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

oseph Seidenberg and Adolph Stefel,

sold security.

New York, Nov. 15 .- Emil Seidenberg,

tituting the firm of Seidenberg, Stefel &

Co., clear dealers, today filed a petition to banksupley. The Habilities are £8.56; and contingent Habilities £29,232. No ag-

ets are austed, but a few of the ereditors

German Cruiser Ashore.

Shangled Nov if.—The German armored cruiser Kaiser, flugship of the squadron under command of Prince

Henry of Prussia in Chinese waters, is ashore in Sam-Sah bay. The other yes-

Carlists Not Dangerous.

Steamship Arrivals.

sees of the equation are assisting to her off. It is believed that the Ka

has not suffered serious injury.

and that is, that whatever may come

by recognized destiny.

been laid upon us?

our destiny." .

pathways, content to do the very best

But when the march of

We have lived a great chapter of

s a member. The only other guest at

MR. SMITH AND

Smith said in part!

TWO CENTS.

GEN. YOUNG **TESTIFIES**

Relates His Experience at Daiquiri and at Montauk.

VIEWS OF A REGULAR

According to His Report the Hardships Were of a Trivial Character. The Rough Riders Were Not Led Into Ambush-His Experience at Montauk-The Long Island Camp a Healthful Locality-Provisions

Washington, Nov. 17.-The war investigating commission adjourned at 4 o'clock today to meet at the Fifth Avenue hotel, in New York, at 10 o'clock tomorrow and General Dodge asked the Associated Press to request witnesses who have matters to bring to the attention of the board to report at that point. He stated in the same connection that letters had been received from about a hundred persons in the vicinity of New York, but said he did not know whether all of these would appear as witnesses. After concluding the work in New York the commission will proceed to Boston and returning will stop at Philadelphia, to make certain inquiries there. It is also expected that a number of witnesses will be called after the return to Washington, and if the commission does not go to Cuba some persons there will be asked to come here. Colonel Denby will remain in Washington while the other members of the commission are absent and will take the testimony of

such persons as may ask to be heard. Major General S. B. M. Young today related in detail his experience at Santiago and vicinity and afterwards at Montauk. He said he had landed at Daiquiri on the 21st of June and that the morning of the 23d his entire brigade had been put ashore. He had notified General Wheeler and had received orders to move on four or five miles and secure a good camp. He had accordingly pushed on to Siboney He had asked Wheeler where the government camping ground was and he had replied that the Spaniards occupied it. "I then," said General Young, "asked permission to go out to see the ground. raying I should like to get it for our own troops, to which General Wheeler assented."

A DEMORALIZED REPORT.

In accordance with this arrangement he moved out at 5 o'clock next mornsending the volunteers, the Rough Riders, by one road, the regulars going by another. He declared that there was no surprise in this fight and no ambuscade as had been reported. He had reconnoitered the Spanish camp with a glass for half an hour before the fight began and he had attacked the Spaniards and not the Spaniards him, Speaking of the Rough Riders he said there had been no greater percentage of casualties among them than among the regulars and that they were not led into any situation not to be expected in war. "The report that they were allowed to be ambuscaded was due, he said, "entirely to the demoralized report of the demoralized adjutant of the regiment who had left the service soon after."

General Young said he had occupied the enemy's camp that day-"and it was a very good camp," he added

In reply to a question as to what aid he had received from the Cubans in this fight, he replied none whatever, The Cuban guides had deserted him upon the first fire. General Castillo, on the night before, had told him that he would send 500 Cubans with him. but when the next morning he had cent to notify Castillo that he was repared to proceed, his messenger had found a eard on the Cuban commander's door saying that he must not be disturbed. He had, therefore, proceeded without the Cubans.

After the fight was over, however some of the Cubans had come up under the command of a Frenchman, who saluted him very tragically with his by General Castillo to follow the enemy and fight him wherever he could ply ordered the Cubans to the rear and the only service they had performed was to gather up the baggage that the American soldiers had discarded.

General Young said he had been the only man in the command at La Guasima who was mounted and that he rode a mule. He carried no baggage, except a rubber slicker, a pajama and at Tampa, but that troops were sent a toothbrush. The wounded were curried back to Siboney, and while the recommendation of General Miles. hospital there was semewhat congested, the men were well attended to.

SHAFTER'S ORDERS.

General Young said that immediately after the Guasima fight he had | day, through the war department, fro looked the ground over toward Caney if allowed to do so. General Wheeler had replied that his orders from Gen eral Shafter were not to advance without notifying him, and that he would notify the general of his (General Young's) wishes. He had not heard anything more officially in regard to the matter

With this General Young's service Cuba ceased, as he was taken down with fever on the 55th of June and sent back home. After a period of sickness he was sent to Montauk Polat to establish Camp Wikoff. He detailed the difficulties of the preparation of the camp. He said it had been impossible to get in floors and that he had not considered them necessary, either lumber and hammers and nails, however, and told them to make them-

selves floors if they wanted them. I thought they were being treated too much like babies."

Regarding the commissary supplies e said they were abundant and that food enough had been allowed to spoil o feed 1,500 men daily. The hospital and quartermaster's stores were also ample. He had never in all his experience seen army hospitals so well supplied with medicines and stores of

MONTAUK HEALTHFUL, The controlling motive in selecting Montauk was that of securing proper quarantine and a very strict quarantine was observed. He considered the camp very healthful and the site desirable. 'As to what was done there for the soldiers," he said, "I think I deserved more credit for what I did at Montauk than for what I did at La Guasima. I think more was done than should have been done for the soldiers." Telling of the hardships of one command which had just arrived from Cuba he said: "They were not the heroes, being only regulars." He said the privations of the war were not s ous as Indian campaigns he had been engaged in. There had been occasions when he and his command had had to live on corn and others when there was nothing to be had except horse meat or burro meat, "But that," he said, was not in the newspapers," He was satisfied that most of the complaints against the camp were unfounded. Many of the complaints were made by men and women who had never seen men in camp. Appreciating the situation, the soldiers had "laid it on, the visitors making complaints that were without foundation in order to get delicacies, "Soldiers like to be made babies of," he said, "and some of them soon got so that they would not eat their regular rations."

General Young concluded his testinony with the statement that the soldiers were far better cared for than they had been in the Civil war,

WILL CONSIDER ARMY ESTIMATES

Chairman Cannon, of the Appropriations Committee of the House. Calls Meeting of Sub-committee.

Washington, Nov. 17.-Chairman

Cannon, of the appropriations commit-

of the sub-committee on deficiencies to meet Saturday, Nov. 26, to consider the estimates for the maintenance of extraordinary expenses of the army and navy during the period from Jan. 1, 1899, to July 1, 1899. It will be necessary to frame and enac, an urgent deficiency bill to provide for these ex-penditures before the holiday recess as the balance of the \$226,000,000, and the original \$50,000,000 appropriated to carry on the war are not available after tions were estimated to cover the pay innao landing place is to be only a account for the full complement of 234.- temporary make shift. 000 soldiers provided for in the two calls ing to fight the battle of Guasima, of the president and also for the tem- committee from the Cuban assembly at transportation, ordnance stores, medestimates, and that little if any of the department submits the estimates to

Mr. Cannon's committee. Some difficulty may be experienced in getting this measure through both houses before New Year's as its presentation may open up the whole question as to the conduct of the war, appropriation committees will do its duty and will have the bill read for action as soon as congress meets. Furthermore it is the intention of the committee to expedite the framing and consideration of the regular appropriation bills in every possible way in the early portion of the session in order to avoid an extra session should the Republican leaders later decide that an extra session next spring was unavoidable

LOCATION OF CAMPS.

Adjutant General Furnishes Commission with Statement.

Washington, Nov. 17.-The adjutant general of the army has furnished the war investigation committee a statement showing the authority upon sabre, saying that he had been ordered | which the camps occupied during the war with Spain were selected, It shows that General Miles located

nandina and Miami, Fla., and Camp Alger. Va.: that General Lee selected that at Jacksonville, and Géneral Merriam that at Come Merritt, and that the other camps with the exception of that at Tampa, were located by boards of officers. The reports says that a permanent camp was never contemplated there preparatory for embarkation on

Damaged Farmer's Crops.

Harrisburg, Nov. 17.-Captain Paxion, who has charge of the muster out of the Governor's troop, received a claim toand had informed General Whoeler damage to his property near the camp of that he was confident he could take the troop. Captain Ott says his men countie place that night with his brigade. farmer's property was damaged it was

Mysterious Mason Returns.

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.-William R. Fra grand marshal of the Pennsylvani card loans of Masons, who mysterious is appeared a we kego, reported at the after of the Keystone, a Muscale journer of which he is editor, today. He refuso say anything whatever about his as nee from home and office.

Young Murderer's Confession.

Beaverton, Ont., Nov. 17,-13dward 15, ort. the 16-year-old lad who was arresttered William Murray, has confessed his crime, cialindeg that the murder was the circumstances attending the abundan-the result of a quarret. It is generally be-ment of the Spanish cruiser Maria Teresa health or comfort. "I gave them the result of a quarrel, It is generally be leved, however, that the object was rob-

STATE OFFICIAL VOTE. EVACUATION BY Figures Received from Forty-Four JANUARY FIRST

SPANISH TROOPS WILL CARRY EQUIPMENT OF THE FIELD.

Small Arms, Colors, Field Pieces, Etc., Will Be Taken-Troops Remeining After Jan. 1 Will Be Under Protection of the United

Havana, Nov. 17.-As cabled yesterday, the date for the Spanish evacuation has been definitely settled as Jan. 1. All the Spanish troops then remaining in the island will be quartered, under the protection of the United States, in camps especially designated. pending embarkation for Spain.

The stenographic report of yesterday's joint session of the evacuation commissioners was signed this afternoon by the Spaniards, the Americans having previously attached their signatures, Colonel Clous and Captain Hart visited General Parrado, president of the Spanish evacuation commission, who, after signing the convention, sent Lieutenant Colonel Girauta, with Colonel Clous, to the other Spanish commissioners, Admiral Man-terola and Marquis de Montero, both of whom signed it. Nothing was definitely settled at yesterday's joint session regarding the question of fixed and movable property, and it is understood that the question will be referred to the respective governments for con-The Spanish troops will carry their small arms, colors, field pieces and the entire equipment of an army in the field.

The landing place at Marianao was today turned over officially to General Humphreys, who is the ranking chief quartermaster of the United States troops in the island. A depot for quartermaster's stores will be erected there. This morning the pier and wharf were inspected by General Greene, General Humphreys and Colonel Hecker, who expressed themselves as satisfied with the work.

In the course of the next formight work will be commenced under Colonel Hecker's directions upon a railroad from Casa Blanca, on the east side of Havana bay, to Guanabacoa, where it will connect with the tracks of the tee of the house, has called a meeting United railroad, thus facilitating the transportation of commissary supplies,

> AT MATANZAS. Next Sunday Colonel Hecker and Captain Crawford will go to Majanzas, pushing on later to Cardenas, Sagua la Grande and Clenfuezos, Colonel Hecker goes in his capacity of chief of transportation to make ar-

rangements with the various railroads, General Greene will personally lay out the camps on each side of the Ven-Dec. 31. Whatever remains of these to water works, beginning work imappropriations must be brought back mediately upon the arrival of the first into the treasury on that date. How cargo of timber, which will be unloadmuch has been expended is not known, ed at Playa de Marianao. The buildbut the presumption is that there is a ing of a railroad from Hayana bay considerable balance as the appropria- to Guanabacoa indicates that the Mar-

Manguil porary increase in the regular army. Santa Cruz del Sur, who left yester-Neither the volunteers nor regulars day for the United States, was fellowwere enlisted up to their full strength | ed today by his colleaugues, who went and about 100,600 of the former have by the Seguranca. General Galixto been mustered out of the service. While | Garcia, at Captain General Blanco's there should be a considerable bal- suggestion, was taken by a tug from ance on this account, it may be that Playa de Marianao to the Ward liner. the expenditures for clothing, food. This was to prevent any demonstration such as might have ensued had the ical stores, etc., have exceeded the Cuban special commission passed through Havana. Many went on board appropriations remain. The exact bal-ance will appear when the treasury wish the commissioners success at Washington, No Cuban dags, howev er, were displayed in the harbor, and there was no disorder of any kind Ceneral Garcia said that he and nis

associates on the commission were very sanguine as to the ourcome of their expected interview with President McKinley.

MORE DOCKS WANTED.

Post Executive Committee of W. C. An Effort Will Be Made to Increase T. U. Arrange Next Convention. Facilities at Key West. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 17.-What is

Washington, Nov. 17 .- In his annual report to the secretary of the navy Chief Endicott, of the bureau of yards and docks, makes a strong point of the necessity for ample docking facilities not only for small vessels but for the battleships upon waters near Key West, He said this place was during the war and may be in the future an inportant base of naval operations, able strategists having produced Key West and Dry Tortugas the key to the Gulf of Mexico, therefore it is held that careful study should be given to the subject to determine some point at which the very best docking facilities shall be provided. Had the war with Spain continued many months more, and him. General Young said he sim- the campa at Chickamauga, Ga., Fer- the absence of docking facilities in these waters would have been most seriously felt and might have affected its fortunes. The estimates submitted for the next year provide for only one new dock which is to be of the largest type, constructed of granite and concret and located at the Norfolk navy yard. The report states that the United States has come into possession of the port of San Juan, of a naval arsenal, founded in the year 1800, containing a number of substantial concrete build ings and three good piers. The total alue of the buildings and grounds is about \$100,000 and it has been erected into a United States naval station.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

The Members Meet and Select Sub-

Commissions. Washington, Nov. 17,-The inquistrial ommission at their session today selected the following sub-commissions On agriculture, Harris, challeman; Kyle, Mantie, Gardner and Conger. On manufactures, Smith, Penrose, Livageton, North and Farquhar, mining, Daniels, Otjen, Bell, Ratchford and Farquhar. On transporta-tion. Philippines, Mallory, Lorimer. Harris (N. C.) and Kennedy,

Will Investigate Maria Teresa.

Washington, Nov. 17.-The secretary of the many has ordered a court of inquiry to meet at the navy pard at Norfolk next Tuesday for the purpose of investigating with a view to determining the necessity and responsibility therefore.

SANTIAGO PRESS ABUSES AMERICANS

Fhiladelphia, Nov. 17. The official figures of the vote on the state ticket STRIVING TO AROUSE A FEELhave been received from 44 of the 67 counties, including Philadelphia, Alle-ING OF ANXIETY.

gheny and all the other larger coun ties. Adding the unofficial footings of Negro Regiments Will Be Moved the official returns of the other twentythree counties Stone has an apparent Away from the City-General pairshity in the state of 120,401 over Jenks in a total vote of 570,518 for the Wood Interferes with the Schemes three leading candidates. This total of the Money "Sharks"--Cubans is divided as follows: Stone, 478,534; Jenks, 558 139; Swal-Are Laying Down Their Arms.

The pluralities for the other Repub-Santiago De Cuba, Nov. 17.-George hean state candidates will exceed that Leonard Wood, military governor of the department of Santiago, has inof Stone. For Judge of superior court, although Trickett, Democrat, runs con-siderably ahead of his ticket, and two structed General Ewars, who is in command of the brigade of negro regiments Republican candidates, William W. at San Luis, where the drunken affray Porter and William D. Porter, are occurred on Monday night, to move the elected by very large mejerities, Wilcamp five miles out from the town. llam D. Porter runs behind his name-It is probable that one of the regiments sake, but in Philadelphia and Allewill be sent to an Island near the enwheny counties alone no has 111,383 trance of Santiago harbor where there are no inhabitants.

Some of the local papers continu to abuse the Americans, catering to the lower elements and striving to er-THE DOCTORS ate a feeling hostile to America. The better class of Cubans, of course, regret the affray but they do not exag Guest of Honor at a Banquet and gerate the outrage after the fashion of the sensational press. Reception-Speech on the Question

The United States transport Port Victor, Captain Brickley, arrived here today en route from Ponce with United States troops on loard. Captain Brickley reports that while passing near San Salvador island (Watting's Island) saw a large ship bottom upward which he almost ran into. Owing to the darkness he could not see whether the banquer was Calvin Wells, of Pittsshe was a sailing vessel or a steamer General Wood has temporarily suspended foreclosure proceedings owing to the fact that the money "sharks"

have been trying to force the collecion of small accounts loaned during the war. He believes that the mortgagers should have a reasonable chancredeem. Having satisfied himself of the inempetence of the staff of meat and

laughter house inspectors that held ver from the old regime, General Wood has dismissed the whole force and appointed new inspectors. Now that the cooler weather has set

in he has issued a general order dicting regular drills. At Guantanamo, General Perez, the mayor, now seems o be making an honest effort to disand his former Cuban troops, Yesterday one man refused to lay down his arms and drew his weapon on a uban officer, who promptly killed him in self defense. The incident has had good moral effect and the others of Perez's former command are now voluntarily relinquishing their arms preparatory to disbanding.

FRATERNAL CONGRESS. The Members Meet at Philadelphia and Elect Officers.

with unfailing sagueity, with calm courage, and with firm and confident Baltimore, Nov. 17.-The national fraternal congress in session here this afternoon elected officers for the coming triotism of the American people. He will be governed, not by personal deyear. Vice President D. E. Stevens, of sire, but by a profound conviction of sire, but by a profound conviction of Philadelphia, was the unanimous choice public duty. Have we great problems? for the presidency. Mr. Stevens is su-Are we perplexed about the disposi- preme mystic ruler of the fraternal Mears, chief handicapper of the tion of far-off domains, where Amer- mystic circle. The new vice president League of American Wheelmen for the ican valor has unfurled the American is a Mohawk Indian, Dr. Oronhyateka, state of Ohio, and George D. Locke, of flag? Who would turn them back to of Toronto, Canada. He has no sur- Jerseyville, chief consuf-elect of the Spain? Who would invite the risks of name and uses M. D., the abbreviation of his profession, as als initials. What then remains but manly accept- He is the supreme chief ranger of the | Charles V. Mears said: "Fo be frank ance of the responsibilities which have Order of Foresters of Canada. He we came to talk over f. A. W. matters stands over six feet in height and bears | and to organize. Never fear the capacity of the the impress of his descent from Indian American_people to deal with these princes

uestions. The Anglo-Saxon blood is Mr. M. W. Sackett, of Mendville, qual to every emergency and the American variety is not inferior to any ther. We shall not fall of greatness through craven fear of being great. And so let us face the present and the ing in hearing the report of the comfuture with the serene faith, the high raignment of state insurance commiswhich are worthy of our history and

FURIOUS CHINESE MOBS.

American Missionaries Suffer Indignities in Peking.

Circinnati, O., Nov. 17.-Private letters from Bishop Earl Cranston, of the known as the post executive commit-Methodist Episcopal church, to Rev. tee of the Womans' Christian Temper- D. H. Moore, of the Western Christian ance unless, where various matters of Advocate, of this city, telling business referred to the board by the of the mobbing of the fumconvention are acted on, was held in ity and of Rev. Dr. Lowry, missionthis city today. Seattle was decided ary, in the streets of Pekin, China, September 3). The attack was made upon as the next place for holding the convention, the time to be about the with mud, sticks and stones, by at middle of October, exact date being mob gathered to celebrate the feast day since the empress had taken dent, announced that Miss Powderly, the power from the emneror,

the stenographer, who served Miss Willard so faithfully for fourteen years, The families were going to and from the railway station in chairs and earls vould be retained in her position. Atand were attacked by the half-frenzied tention was called to the fact that Chinamen, Dr. Lowry made a brave resistance and succeeded in getting perintendents who were by the conthe women and children to a place of safety, though he suffered a broken mittee were welcomed into the body rib. The same indignities were offered to all other foreigners.

NEW FAST MAIL.

Enterprise to Be Inaugurated by the Pennsylvania System. Columbus, O., Nov. 17,-The Pennsyl-

vania system will on next Sunday inaugurate a new fast mail train from St. Louis to New York which will carry sleeping and dining cars. The train will leave St. Louis daffy at 2.45 a. m., arriving on the following morning at 7.30, breaking all records for time across the central states. The run is sebeduled one hour faster than the Pennsylvania limited. It will make the run in from five to six hours less than the ordinary trains and is intended to give the various stat : capitals another fast run to the enst.

Governor's Appointments.

Marrisburg, Nov. 17.—The appointment of D'Veaux Powell, of Philadelphia, as in aide on Governor Hastings' staff, I commond today in general orders issued Colonel Powell succeeds Colone Madrid, Nov. 17.—At the cutenet coun-ell today the minister of justice. Schor Groissard, declared that the fears inspired

to monistrate quarrerquaster meneral. General Graham Improving.

by the Carlist agitation were absolutely New York, Nov. 17 .- At Fort Hamilto Major General Graham, United States army retired, was reported to have improved since yesterday when his filness from typhoid pneumonia was made known. His family now believe that the danger point has been present New York, Nov. II—Arrived: Germanic Liverpool. Queenstown — Sailed: Teutonic, from Liverpool, for New York, Rotterdam-Salled: Mansdam, New York. danger point has been passed.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

Partly Cloudy; Easterly Winds. General-Generall Young Before the

War investigation Commission, Spanish Agreement to Treaty a Matter of a Few Days. Santiage Newspapers Trying to Arous Feelings of Hestility.

General-Pittston News Budget, Financial and Commercia

Local-New Trial Refused in Springer Case. Van Horn's Death Warrant in Sherift's

Editorial Comment of the Press.

Local-Council Proceedings. Attorney Replonie on the Possibilities of Science

Local-West Scianton and Suburbatt. News of Cathondale.

General-Life of Our Soldler Boys the South. Court Proce dir 18.

PEPPER MURDER TRIAL CLOSED

Third Day Ends Testimony of Commonwealth and Defense-Character Witnesses Heard.

Special to the Scranton Tribune

The third day of the Popper murder trial ended the commonwealth's case and as well that of the defense. Miss Francis K. Ammerman testified rom her stenographic notes questions and answers as propounded by the district attorney to Eagen in January last at the sheriff's apartments at the Jail. These notes were taken by Miss Ammerman after Eagen had made his confession to Selden Munger. The story of the crime, even from time Eagen and Shaw left Susquehanna until they had returned, afr committing the crime, was given in Eagen's own words. It was more in detail than the signed confession

to Munger F. J. McMahon and Fitch L. Leonard, subscribing witnesses to Elagen's signed confession, corroborated Mr. Munger's testimony, Willington Harvey said that Aunt Sally Pepper was sick and unable to be in court. Uzal Kinney testified as to distances in Rush and the commonwealth closed. The defense produced twenty-three witnesses and their examination was only to Eagen's, alias Smith's, char-The stone wall of the commonwealth's

ross examination was Susle Graham. the woman in scarlet, for their line followed her as living with Eagen at Binghamiton, Rush and Susquehamna,

The defense closed and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in argument and presenting of points by T. J.

WHEELMEN DISSATISFIED. Western Members of the L. A. W.

Propose to Organize. St. Louis, Nov. 17.-- Charles W.

"So far the affairs of the L. A. W. have been managed mostly by eastern men. Eastern men have always Pa., was re-elected secretary and held the highest offices and we western trensurer. The Rev. J. G. Tate, of folks think the time has arrived for Lincoln, Neb., was elected chaplain, us to have something to say. So that The congress was engaged all morn- what we shall say shall amount to something, we propose to organize and mittee on statistics, which was an ar- | that is the subject that Locke, myself and others will discuss here."

The local and visiting members of the L. A. W. are in executive session and it is said are planning to effect big organization to look after their affairs in the west. All the local men of prominence were at the meeting and it was held behind closed doors.

SWALLOW SUED FOR LIBEL.

telling Congressman Hicks, of Altoona. Claims \$50,000 Damages.

Harrisburg, Nov. 17.-Congressman D. Hicks, of Altoons, brought a ivit action for libel against Dr. Swalow, late fusion candidate for governor, today in this city claiming \$50,000 damages for the publication of an article in the Commonwealth, last January, charging him with misusing the funds of the Pennsylvania Building and Loan association, of Altoona, while actng as president of the concern. Mr. Hicks alleges the article "was libellous and was published muliciously to bring him into public scandal, infamy and disgrace with and among his neighbors and other good citizens." The Building and Loan association is in the hands of a receiver.

ENGLISH BATTLESHIP.

Thousands Witness the Launch of the Formidable.

Portsmouth, England, Nov. Thousands of people today witne the taunch of the ram battleship Formidable, at the dock yard here. She is said to be the largest warship in the world, helps of 15,000 rens displacement. She is 400 feet long, has 75 feet beam and draws 26 feet 9 inches of water. She cost over 1,000,000 pounds and is estimated to stemm 18 knots, A notable feature of the launch of the battleship was the entwining of the British and American flags on the

Magowans Held to Bail.

official stand.

Eric, Pa., Nov. 17.-Prank Magowan ds wife and Mrs. Wynn, who were as rested here last might on a charge of ab-ducting 8-year-old Ealth Barnes, a daugater of Mrs. Magawan, were held today un-der \$1,000 ball each to appear at court on December I, when remailtion papers will bean secured to return them

Francs for Forgery.

Nov. 11 -- La Petite Republique says that during the recent trial of M. Zola for libel Comes Esterhazy was overheard to say that Heneral Helot, former minister of War, pays him \$2.00 frames for forging the Borderanu.

SPAIN WAS BLUFFING

Delay a Cover for Her Submission at Home.

MATTER OF A FEW DAYS

The Form of an Acknowledgment of Her Sovereignty in the Philippines Demanded Before She Relinquishes It-Resistance Necessary, in Sagasta's View, to Save the Ministry and Perhaps the Dynasty-The Question of Colonial Administration.

Washington, Nov. 17.-It is now known here that the agreement of the Spanish commissioners to such a treaty as the American commissioners may suggest is a matter of only a few days. Information has been received indicetly by way of Spanish representatives that the present delay at Paris is merely preliminary to a complete surrender. The Spanish commissioners recognize the futility of prolonging the conference, and are about ready to yield with what grace they may to the

American demand. The main point at issue is already conceded. For all practical purposes Spain is ready to admit that her sovcreignty in the Philippines must be relinguished, and will not hold out in any hope that she can reassert her authority in the islands.

The Spanish commissioners are ready surrender the Philippines if the United States will recognize Spanish sovereignty there before it is relinquished. This demand was contained in the document submitted by them in Paris yesterday. That is to say, the whole question now has resolved itself into a discussion of technical points, raised by the Spanish commissioners with an eye to political effect at home.

The Spaniards are engaged now in placing themselves on record in as favorable a light as possible. They are playing for position and incidentally they hope to secure a large bonus in money when it comes to the squaring of accounts. So much has been made of the Philippines in political discussion at home and the people there have been so thoroughly imbued with the idea that Spain is still the controlling power in the islands that the commissioners acting, of course, as the representatives of the Sagasta ministry, are afraid to accept the inevitable without first securing from the United States sovereignty. Surrender without any resistance would, it is feared, mean the downfall of the Sagasta ministry, perhaps even of the dynasty.

THE PHILIPPINES.

All these considerations are believe1 to have led to the proposition of the Spanish commissioners that the queslors involved in the interpretation of the protocol as far as it relates to the Philippines shall be submitted to ar-

This proposition will not be treated seriously by the American commissionrs, but will be met with the presentation of a new protocol unequivocal inmeaning, even from a Spanish point of view, and this protocol, according to private advices received here, the

Spanish commissioners will sign. With the acceptance of this protocol, the work of actually passing the treaty will begin, and the administration has hopes that our commissioners may be able to return to this country by January 1, with the completed treaty in

their keeping. Should this be done, the consideration of the treaty by the senate may be entered upon at once, and it may be possible to secure its ratification before the fourth of March, for it is not expected by the president that any considerable number, even of the present senate, will oppose ratification of a treaty which simply accepts the inevitable. The administration new hopes that it may be possible to avoid an extra session in the apring, or at any rate, that it may not be necessary to call the house together,

G. W. Schmidt Bankrupt.

Pittsburg, Nov. 17-41, W. Schmidt, wholesule import deter, today fited his perition to voluntary bankruptcy in the United States district court. This is no way affects the firm of G. W. Schmidt & Co. The schedule as had shows habit-tles, \$85,723; assets, \$66,417. The nabilities consist of \$578,622, due on securities, \$29,-509 due on secured creditors, \$18,598 due on notes. The assets consist of \$55,949 due on accounts. \$455,321 in securities, money \$5.308, personal property \$5.009.

In Favor of Indians.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The court of dains today rendered a Judgment of \$1.of the in favor of the New York Indians who entered suit against the United States to recover the value of certain lands donated to them in Kansas and subsequently disposed of by the United States. The award is in pursuance of a mandate from the United States Supreme court.

Washington, Nov. 17,-These Pennsyl-yania pensions have been issued. Addi-tional-4rs Corner Scrauton, 36 to \$12, Rsewal and increase Witthan U. aconic Justies, Lackawamia, 52 to \$5.

Dr. Tyng Dead.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Paris. Nov. 15.-Dr. Steven H. Tyng, restdent of the American chamber of

ommerce, is dead.

WEATHER FORECAST.
