# THE GERMAN SHIPS ARE WITHDRAWN

### A Diplomatic Stroke in responsibility the United States government has accepted liability for any the Interest of Peace.

#### FALSE RUMORS AT REST

The German Government Has Si lenced Rumors Concerning Strained Relations with the United States by Ordering the Withdrawal of All Vessels of Its Navy from the Philippine Waters-German Interests at Manila Now Under Protection of the United States-Manifestations of Confidence on Part of Ger-

Washington, Feb. 28.-The German government has set at rest effectually the cumors of a purpose on its part, directly or indirectly, to embarrass the United States in the Philippine islands and has given a signal manifestation of its desire to promote the most cordid relations between Germany and he United States by ordering the with-Irawal of all vessels of its navy from Philippine waters and placing the lives and property of its subjects there under the protection of the United States government. The action taken is regarded here as a stroke in diplomacy y which will be removed all possibility of a clash between Germany and American interests in and about Manita, and notice to all the world, and especially to any Americans who entertained any suspicions of sinister de-Signs by Clermany, of the wish and purpose of the German empire to cultivate it German, at once places the protec-Islands atmost completely in our hands, of any disaster or collision at Maest degree to confirm the runners.

### Fear Contagious.

at officials were infected with fear for the moment, for while they had not the slightest idea that there had been any trouble between the American and German ships still they realized that here was always the possibility of an at the close of the day by the receipt of some dispatches from Manila, but without mention of any untoward Incident. Based on this fact, Secretary Long, Secretary Alger, Captala Prowninshield and General Corbin all look the responsibility of denying the umor in the strongest terms.

After the official close of the departnents, announcement was made of the easons for the confidence the officials and in the falsity of the rumors, the tatement being authorized that by one bold stroke Germany had removed all possibility of any clash between hotcase, for the story has come to Washington that the Chinese have been abusing some German citizens almost the pope three times. n the shadow of the Chinese capitot it Tien Tsin. The Germans have come and as Tien Tsin is at the head of be navigation on the Piche river just to send some warships up the river o convey an idea of the German dis-

### Manifestation of Confidence.

unnouncement to the state department pains in the lumbar region. If a purpose to order its vessels away egarded as a signal manifestation of the diplomatic dinner arranged ould not be resisted and as practically have been issued by Cardinal Rampelli, formal notice that the Germans have will be given. to ulterlor purpose in the Philippines, and guther than be subjected to suswelfare of their chizens to the United | the subject. states government. The president very promptly accepted the trust and there will be no German ships at either Mualla or Hollo to disturb the relations between the two countries by forming he base of sensational and false rumors. It is not known here at this moment just what German ships were ectually in Philippine waters. The press reports have mentioned the arival at Manila of the German flagship Kalserin Augusta a few days ago, and Berlin accounts are accurate she is the only representative of the German mayy there, for the Irene salled away

It is possible that by assuming this to \$17.

ernment has accepted liability for any damages that may be sustained by the German residents and interests at Manila, but it is probable that the application must have been granted and responsibility assumed anyhow, as it is believed that Admiral Dewey and Gen-

#### large for the benefit which will accrue. Tension Relieved.

In the first place there is no doubt that the insurgents cherished the idea that the Germans were favorable to their cause and this led to the hope that they might actively intervene. Such a result possibly might have been brought about through some cunningly planned action by the insurgents that should involve the American and German sailers in a collision. Then, too, this frank action on the part of the German government is calculated to relieve the tension that was beginning to manifest itself, not that there was the slightest sign of this in any of the official relations of the governments of the United States and of Germany, but unguarded offerances in the press of both countries, based on little understood negotiations, were steadily tending to cause friction that might in the end have had grave results.

#### AN OBJECT LESSON IN CANNED MEAT

#### Effort Is Made to Confuse Witnesses by Serving Canned and Fresh Roast Beef Hot.

Washington, Feb. 28.-The feature of the court of inquiry into General Miles' beef charges today was an object lesson in canned meats, prepared by the the friendship of the United States, By court and served to the non-commissioned men who testified at vesterday' tion of all her large interests in the hearing. The court had prepared eight plates of beef fresh beef, canned beef The announcement of this act by the that had been to Cuba and back, and German government came at the close canned beef fresh from the factory. of a day that had been full of sensa. Four plates were prepared hot in a stew tional rumors of a clash between the and four cold as they came from the Americans and Germans in Manila, the can, the fresh beer being boiled to rumors finally going so far as to assert make it resemble the others. The enthat Admiral Dewey had fired on and listed men were ordered to sample each sunk a German vessel at Manils. These and say which was the sort they had rumors spread despite the fact that the in Cuba. It was a trying ordeal for the table connecting Manila with the outer men, most of them declaring that none world is in the control of the United of the plates looked anything like what States government, so that it might be they had eaten in Cuba. By repeated reasonably expected that the gov- assurances that there was campaign ald receive the first news beef in two of the plates and after being urged that they should at least department and navy department, posi- | choose "to the best of their belief" the tive denials were made of the receipt court succeeded in getting an expresof any news tending even in the slight. sion of opinion from each of the men. An army surgeon, Dr. Howden, kept the tally on the guesses of the men and changed the position of the plates af-Even some of the more cautious nav- | ter each witness had left the room. The result of this record was not made public, however, and will be reserved till Dr. Bowden testifies probably some

time this week. The most interesting witness of the day was Lieutenam Ramsey, Ninth inaccident aboard ship that might re- fantry, who had served as a commissuit disastrously. These lingering fears sary officer at Balquairi and Santingo in naval circles were set at rest finally and who characterized the "canned reast beef" as "unpalatable and uninviting grade of inferior meat" he would not willingly feed to any man sick or well.

### POPE LEO IS ILL.

#### The Pontiff Has a Prolonged Fainting Fit-Dr. Lapponi Declines to Talk.

Rome, Feb. 28, 4 p. m.-The pope has had a prolonged fainting fit. The pope sends at Manile. It was announced had a fatiguing day yesterday, rethat the German government had or- ceiving congratulations on the aplered their ships away from Manila, proaching anniversary of his coronation probably to their new naval station and he complained of the cold which at Klachau, on the Chinese coast. The has been intense for two days. This innouncement was coupled with the morning the pontiff complained of a matement that the German vessels pain in his side. Dr. Lapponi found were needed there. This may be the some fever and ordered the patient to remain in bed and take a complete rest. The physician has since visited

Dr. Lapponi will sleep at the vatican tonight. He declines to give any into believe that the only way to meet formation. Dr. Mazzon, has also vissuch cases is by punitive measures, ited the pope professionally during the day. Callers at the vatican have found everything in the usual condibelow Peking it may be the purpose tion there. And all inquiries were met with the denial that the pope's indisposition is serious.

His holiness rose this morning at !!, but Dr. Lapponi insisted on his ceturn to bed, as he was suffering from The German government followed its fever, following a general chill with

Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary rom the Philippines with a formal ep- of state, paid several visits to the pape dication to the United States govern- in the course of the day. The recen ment to undertake the protection of all tions for March 2 and the service in he Germans in the Philippines, not only the papar chapet fixed for the follown person but in property. This was ing day have been countermanded, but confidence in the administration that Thursday, the invitations to which

Tomorrow the Osservatore Roman will publish an official bulletin regard sleion on that score, had taken the ing the pope's liliness. In the meanourse of turning over the care of the time the clerical papers are slient on

London, March 1 .- The Pome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "It is feared the pope has pneumonia

#### and will not recover." Beitler's Appointment.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.-Lewis E. Beitier. of Philadelphia, former private acces-tary to exclovemer Hastings, was today appointed deputy secretary of the com-

### Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Feb. 28.-This Pennsylvania sension has been baued: Increase—Will-em Hart, Fairdale, Susquehanns, \$12

### KREPS WILL CALL BRIBERY COMMITTEE

#### A PLAN OF ACTION WILL BE OUTLINED TODAY.

General Koontz, of Somerset, Will Be Consulted-Order of Business in the House-Mr. Hasson's Bill Enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Superior Court Is Considered.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.-Mr. Kreps. of Franklin, the first named on the comeral Otis had assured the German committee to investigate the Koontz mander of the Augusta of their ability charges of bribery in connection with to protect every interest in Manila as the passage in the house of the Mea reason why German forces and ma-Carrell jury bill, said this morning that rines should not be landed. It is offiche would probably call the committee ial opinion that whatever the respontogether tomorrow to outline a plan sibility for damages, it will not be too of action. He will consult General Koontz, of Somerset, and other members of the committee, however, herercalling it together. Mr. Kreps will probably be chosen chairman of the mmittee.

> The order of business in the house today was the consideration or bills on third reading. There was nearly a full attendance and the measures were disposed of in nearly every case with-

> our debate. The bill to authorize the Pennsylvania Canal company to abandon the public use of that portion of its canal . on the Juniate division from the first lock east of Newton Hamilton, including the river dam adjacent thereto in Mifflin county to the Juniara junction at Dun's Island in Dauphin county, provoked a short discussion, Mosses. Nesbit, of Allegheny: Fow, of Philadelphia, and Hare, of Huntingdon, speak-ing for the bill, and Mr. Edmiston, of Bradford, against it. Mr. Creasy, of Columbia, moved to go into committee of the whole for special amendment. The motion was lost and the bill passed finally by a vote of 170 to 4 The bill regulating claims for wages and rents made upon funds in the hands of sheriffs was defeated.

#### Superior Court Bill.

When the bill enlarging the jurisdiction of the Superior court was reached Mr. Hasson, of Venango, moved to go into committee of the whole for gencancies on the Superior court bench to be filled no elector shall vote for more than one candidate, and no sleetor shall vote for more than one less than the entire number to be elected to do so. Mr. Hasson said if his amendment was adopted it would give the minority party representation on the Superior court bench. Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, made a strong plea for the adopment and Mr. Dixon, of Elk, in its favor. Mr. Hasson's motion was dofeated by a vote of 80 years to 86 navs the Democrats voting for the am andment, and the Republican, except

in the negative. Mr. Hasson, of Venango, moved to court judges are to be elected no elector shall vote for more than one candidate. Mr. Hasson said he was surprised to find so few members on the other side voting with the Democracy. On his second motion the vote was \$6 voted with the Democrats in favor of the motion: Messrs, Alexander, Allen Yoray, Foster, James, Jeffris, Kendall, Koontz, Laubach, Norton, Reed, Snydr, Stable, Stewart, W. F.; Towler, Wadsworth, Wilson, W. D.: Woodruff, Young. Further consideration of the bill was postponed for the present and the house adjourned until 11

#### o'clock tomorrow morning. Memorial Session.

A memorial session of the house was held this evening at which action was taken on the death of Representatives Manning, of Cumberland: Hopwood, of Fayette; Sloan, of Washington, and Lawrence, of Beaver. A delegation of Cumberland county friends of the late Mr. Manning was present. Addresses were made by Messrs, Fow, of Philadeiphia; Dixon, of Elk; Skinner, of Fulton; O'Brien, of Schuylkill; Dumbauld, of Fayette: McLarn, of Washington, and Bricker, of Beaver.

### QUAY 14 VOTES SHORT.

#### Dr. Weiss, of Lebanon, Votes for Congressman Dalzell.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.-Senator Quay was fourteen votes short of the number necessary to elect on today's joint ballot for United States senator fifty-six members paired or not voting and Senator Higgins (Democrat) absent and not paired. Dr. S. G. Weiss, of Lebanon, who succeeds Lieutenant

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#### Total ... Necessary to choice, 59; paired and not oting, 57; no election.

Jackson-Woodin Plant in the Trust. Berwick, Pa., Feb. 28.-The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing company eral Steel company for \$1,300,000. The Juckson & Woodin company is the largest sary for him to say in relation to the car manufacturing plant cast of Pittsburg postponement. and is said to be the only one owned by he trust east of the Ohio river,

### Young Jesse James Not Guilty. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.-Young Jesse James, son of the notorious bandit, was

Kansas City last September.

### MR. SIBLEY'S ADVICE.

#### He Believes That Democrata Should Vote for Quay.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28,-Congressman elect Joseph C. Sibley, of Franklin, who came here today to take part in the contest for United States senator, has sued an open letter to the Democrats of Pennsylvania, giving the opinions expressed in letters written to him by mocratic United States senators at Washington. Mr. Sibley says "time did not afford him opportunity to call on more than a few, and, in no instances, was there expressed a contrary opinion." He did not carry the request for opinions into the house of representatives, except in the case of Congressman Bailey, of Texas, who says in his letter that if "the reformers will not vote for a clean and good Democrat in preference to Senator Quay, whom they denounce so vigorously, then the Democratic members of the legislature should break away from the unboly alliance and vote for Sena-tor Quay, if that is necessary to re-Mr. Sibley has letters expressing practically the same sentiments from Senators Jones, of Arkansas; st, of Missouri; Stewart, of Nevada; Morgan, of Alabama; Daniel, of Virginia; Mitchell, of Wisconsin; Faulkner, of West Virginia; Allen, of Nebraska: Gray, of Delaware; Tillman, of South Carolina; ex-Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, and Representative Livingston, of Georgia.

### MOLINEAUX CASE WILL BE PUSHED

### District Attorney Gardiner Anxious to Present It to the Grand Jury

the grand jury tomorrow and an in-This step is the result of a series of consultations held today by the prose-

George Gordon Battle, who, with Barton S. Weeks, represents the prisoner, spent an hour and a half today with Recorder Goff with a view to cluded in the record of the two officers preventing the presentation of his client's case to the present grand jury. eral amendment. The amendment pro- The life of this body is about to exvided that when there are two va- pire and it was thought the case would be left for its successor, which assembles next Monday. Recorder Goff, however, refused to interfere, on the ground that it was not his province

The action of Molineaux's counsel determined District Attorney Gardiner to push matters. He obtained a transcript of the testimony from Coroner Hart, instructed one of the assistant tion of the amendment. Mr. Bliss, of district attorneys to draw up the in-Delaware, spoke against the amend-dictment, and had subpoences for witnesses made out and served. The regular mode of procedure would have been for the prisoner to be taken tomorrow before the coroner to be allowed to plead and then formally held Messrs. Allan, Jefferis. Kendall, to the grand jury. Under the present of record, if the other is not, and en-Koontz, Laubach, Mackey, Norton, arrangement, however, further action ough is known to show the unfair-Stewart, W. E. Towler, Wadsworth, by the coroner will be superseded by ness of Sampson, without regard to Wilson, W. D., and Woodruff, voting the introduction of the case into the the other matter at all." grand jury room.

Rev. E. Parker Morgan, who on providing that when two Superior brough at the Church of Heavenly Rest, called on the prisoner at the Tembs today to offer sympathy and spiritual consolation. His stay brief. Mrs. Moimeaux also visited her

David N. Carveloh, a handwriting nays to 83 yeas. These Republicans expert said today: "I do not believe that Molineaux wrote the name and address on the polson package. mind was made up then and I still adhere to the same belief."

### MORE HONORS FOR SCHLEY.

#### The Admiral Is Presented with a Testimonial from Maryland.

Baltimore, Feb. 28.-Rear Admiral Winfleid Scott Schley has received from the people of this, his native state, a superb testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the people of Maryland and of their appreciation of his services to the country during the late war with Spain.

It took the form of a magnificent medal of gold and diamonds of great the gift of Maryland, presented in the name of the state by Governor Lloyd Lowndes at a banquet in the Hotel Rennert tonight. Speeches were made by the governor and General Felix Agnus, and Admiral Schley made a graceful reply of thanks.

#### HUSTIS TO SUCCEED LEE. Governor's Appointment Submitted to the Senate.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.-The governor today sent to the senate the name of Charles R. Hustis, of Philadeithia, to Wilkes-Barre club \$550 for the rele Governor Gobin in the senate, was ceed Dr. Benjamin Lee. The governor ast October. present and voted for Congressman also nominated Thomas H. Powers, of Philadelphia, to be commissioner of banking and he named the following to be trustees of the Cottage state hospital at Phillipsburg: William E. Ir- Mondego, which arrived at this port from Hedding, all of Phillipsburg. Mr. Hustis is editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Mr. Powers is oil inspector in that city,

### MR. ROTHERMEL IS MUTE.

### Will Give No Reason for the Post-

ponement of the Quay Trial. Philadelphia, Feb. 28.-All efforts to obtain from District Attorney Rothermel today his reasons for postponing the trial of Senator Quay and his son. be obtained at present.

Richard R. Quay, were unsuccessful.

Mr. Rothermel declined to discuss the case, except to state that he had already said everything that was neces

### Floating on the River.

Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 28.—The body of Ray Hague, a pretty B-year-old daughter of Captain Jacob Hague, of Greenwich, was found this afternoon floating in the tonight adjudged not guilty of complicity Cohanney river near her home. The girl in the robbery of a Missouri Pacific ex-disappeared an November 6 last and all press train at Levels, in the outskirts of efforts to find her had falled. It is a plain case of suicide but the cause is unknown. I islands to the United States.

### ANOTHER EFFORT TO MAKE ADMIRALS

#### SENATORS BUTLER AND PETTI-GREW OBJECT TO SAMPSON.

Mr. Butler States That the Officer's Course in the Cuban Blockade Was Unworthy of a Man and Unbecoming an Officer-Senator Foraker Anxious for Confirmation-Gorman's Appeal for Action Unavailing.

Washington, Feb. 28 .- Another unsuceasful effort was made in the execuive session in the senate to confirm the nominations advancing Admirals Sampson and Schley and other officers who participated in the Santingo campaign. This result was due to the objections of Senators Butler, Pettigrew and Stewart who talked through the executive session, thus preventing the taking of a vote,

Schator Butler made the principal peech of the session. He based his obection to the advancement of Mr. Sampson upon the revelations of the published records of the two officers referring with especial emphasis to the | Senate Approves House Bill to Profact that Admiral Sampson had himbeen responsible for Admiral Schley's remaining at Clenfuegos. Mr. Butler charged that the despatch making this order had been suppressed and he asserted that it must have been concealed in Mr. Sampson's behalf. At any rate, the conduct of Sampson in giving the order and then holding Schley responsible for the delay was orduct unworthy of any man and unbecoming an officer, and Mr. Butler said he would never give his assent to New York, Feb. 28.—The case of Rois the confirmation of any man guilty of and B. Molineaux will be presented to such treatment of a subordinate. The presentation of this point led to a conment against him for the murder troversy as to whether Sampson had of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams asked for, ever issued the order. Senator Foraker appeared especially auxious to secure confirmation or denial of this accusation, indicating his opposition if it was based upon correct information. wanted to know why, if such an order had been issued, it had not been insent to the senate by the secretary of

#### Argument of Friends.

To this the friends of Admiral Sampon replied that it was to be presumed ly must this be true in view of the fact that Admiral Schley's flag officer. Lieutenant Sears, had been a member of the board, which had compiled the information supplied to the senate. It was not to be presumed they said, that any information in the interest of his chief would have been suppressed by Mr. Sears.

Senator Pettigrew quoted the closing paragraph of Admiral Schley's

"No one can get around that logic," | carrying \$5,352,000. said Mr. Pettigrew, "This matter is Senator Gorman made an appeal for

action and in this was joined by Sen go into committee of the whole for Nov. 29 last united in marriage R. B. | ator Wellington. Both spoke as the special amendment, the amendment Molineaux and Miss Blanche Chese- friend of Mr. Schley. Mr. Gorman said that he agreed with those who claimed that there had been unfair discrimination against Mr. Schley, but he said that he wanted him confirmed and he saw no means of protecting Schley without advancing Sampson. Let us confirm Schley and leave Sampson unacted upon," suggested

Senutor Pettigrew. "That cannot be done," responded Mr. Hale,

"It can be if we want to do it," said Mr. Pettigrew.

But the suggestion was not accept ed, and the executive session closed without action.

## BONNER USED MUSTARD.

#### Tommy West Was Therfore Declared Winner at Lenox Club. New York, Feb. 2s.-The contest be

which took place at the Lenox Athletic club tonight, was brought to a ing. sudden termination at the beginning of the eighth round. Bonner's seconds intrinsic worth and respiendent beauty, had rubbed oil of mustard over the Referee White. The latter ordered the men to their | William Whiting.

corners and declared West the winner.

### Base Ball Arbitration.

New York, Feb. 28.-The board of arbitration of the National league today discussed disputes between clubs and plav-ers. The principal case taken up was the wrangle between the St. Louis club and ne Wilkes-Barre club. As a result the former club has been suspended from the ague, because of its failure to pay the e health officer of Philadelphia to suc. Suter Sullivan, as ordered by the board

### The Moravia Was Wrecked.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 28,-Captain William Corkum, of the fishing schoone G. H. Lychtenthaler and J. E. a fishing trip, today brought news that the overdue Floman line steamer Moravic, Hustis is editor-in-chief of the Capada Forguson, which salled from Hamburg for Hoston, January Ia. wrecked on the northeast bar of Sabic island about Peb. 12.

### Tornado at Yazoo.

Yazoo City, Miss., Feb. 28.-A tornade useed over this district Saturday night Nearly one hundred people were made homoless by the storm and the losses to property will reach thousands of dellars. I'wo persons were killed and at least naif dozen fatally injured but no names can

### Surrender of Reyes.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 28.-General Reyes, the robel commander, surrendered voluntarily yesterday at Bluedelds to Captains Symonds and Burro, respectivey, commanding the United States guninss cruiser latrapid, who then landed so the state convention last fall. marines for police duty.

Philippine Bill Rejected. Madrid, Feb. 28.—The senate by a vote of 120 to 118, today rejected the amond-ments to the bill cedling the Philippine

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

### Weather Indications Today:

#### FAIR ; WESTERLY WINDS. 1 General-Germany Orders Her War-

ships from Philippine Waters, Order Will Be Enforced in China, Bribery Investigators Will Begin Work

Senate Refuses to Advance Admirals Sampson and Schiey. General - Whitney's Weekly News

Budget. Financial and Commercial. Local-Methodist Ministers' Association

Editorial. News and Comments.

Meeting, Court Proceedings

Local-Well Equipped Law Library of the Connell Building. Davis People Victorious in the Board Local-West Scranton and Suburban.

News Round About Scranton. Local-Methodist Ministers' Association

### Thurteenth's Last Drill in Camp

LIVELY WORK IN CONGRESS

### vide Public Building for Wilkes-Barre-Other Matters Considered.

Washington, Feb. 28 .- A freuzy of bill passing was on the senate today. The bills passed were principally pubbuilding measures and at times during the day and night the scenes in the senate were remarkable. Senators, usually staid and dignified sticklers for order and decorum in the chamber, clamored for consideration of bills providing for the erection of government buildings in which they were interested. Finally at a late hour to night an amendment to the sundry civil off; was adopted, appropriating nearly \$4,000,000 for the preliminary work on the buildings which had been author-

The sundry civil bill was passed at 11.15 p. m., having been technically under consideration throughout the day evening

Mr. Quay, chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, called up some public bills as passed. by the house with amendments and moved to concur in the amendments. The motion related to the bills for that it would have been if such an Cleveland, O.: Oakland, Cal.: Beau-order had ever been issued. Especial-mont, Tex., and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The senate concurred in the amendments, thus passing the bills; but subsequently Mr. Hanna moved to reconsider the vote by which the Cleveland bill was passed and asked for a conference which was granted.

The house spent practically the en-tire time of the seven hour session today passing the public building bills favorably acted upon by the committee

of the whole ten days ago. Sixty-one bills in all

### BIG FIRE AT HOLYOKE.

#### Hotel, Opera House and Stores Are Burned-Loss May Reach \$500,000. Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 28,-Fire that

roke out at 5.15 tonight in the large clothing store of Besse. Mills & Co., in the Windsor hotel block, totally destrayed the hotel, burned out several big stores and at a late hour was not under control. The loss will be at least 3250,000, and may reach \$500,000, Few of the guests of the hotel had

retired when the fire broke out, and all escaped safely. The Holyoke Operahouse, adjoining the hotel block, contained an audience that was listening to a band concert. The people pussed our without panie owing to the tact of the theater managers. The fire spread By 10.30 it had worked up rapidly. into the partitions of the hotel which occupied all the upper floors of the building, and eating its way through these partitions, soon gained such headway that the interior was a mass of

Shortly after 11 o'clock the fire burst ween Tommy West, of this city, and through the roof of the Windsor, and Jack Ponner, of Summit Hill, Pa., rapidly made its way to the northwest up the hall, through the adjoining build-

The stores that are totally destroyed are those of Besse, Mills & Co., clothters: C. T. Fay, shoes, and McAuslan Summit Hill man's gloves, and the & Wakelin, dry goods. Many other fumes of it almost blinded West and stores are also gutted. The hotel and opera house belong to ex-Congressman

At I a. m. the fire was spreading and additional help had been asked for from Springfield. 1,50 a. m .- The fire is now under control. William Whiting places his loss

Mills & Co.'s loss, \$28,000, insured.

### KIPLING MAY RECOVER.

at \$200,000, not fully insured. Besse,

#### Indications Were Favorable at an Early Hour This Morning. New York, March L-Mr. Kipling's

sondition remained unchanged at 1.15 this morning.

The last bulletin issued said: "Mr. Kipling has, on the whole, not gained during the day, though the respiratory function has so far improved that the use of oxygen is no longer necessary. The influence of the persisting inflammation in the upper lobes is still manifest."

The statement that "the respiratory functions have so far improved that the use of oxygen is no longer necessary," is taken by the friends of Mr. Kipling to be a most favorable indicatlos.

George Fred Williams Selected. Boston, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the ex-centive ecommittee of the Democratic date committee Hon, theory, Fred Willans was chosen the Massachusetts mem or of the national committee in place of John W. Corcoran, who was removed at

### Steamer Overdue.

Partiand, Me., Feb. 28.-The officials of the Thomson line have had no tidings of the steamer Aroms which is now 22 days overdue at Livermood and are becoming

## TO ENFORCE ORDER AT TIEN TSIN

### Von Buelow Makes a Statement Regarding China.

### INSULTS FOR GERMANS

The Government Compelled to Take Action in Order to Protect Interests of German Subjects in Chinese Ports-The Government of Samon. No Priction with America.

Herlin, Feb. 28.—During the session oday of the budget committee of the Releasing, the minister of foreign affairs, Baron von Buclow, made a statement relative to affairs in China. He said that in view of the auti-foreign irritation, particularly the fact that several Germans were grossly insuited and afterwards assaulted at Tien-Tsin last Saturday, he had instructed the German minister at Pekin, Baron von Heyking, to make it perfectly clear that if such acts were not severely punished or it there was a recurrence of such acts, grave consequences would ensue for the Chinese government. He added: "We do not intend to interfere in the internal offairs of China but duty compels us to protect the lives and property of Germans."

With reference to the statements published it foreign newspapers regarding the supposed action German warship Irene in the Philippines and the alleged conduct of Rear Admiral Dewey, who, it has been said, threatened to sink the steam pinnace of the Irene, the minister of foreign affairs said these statements belong to the category of "plump canards" previously described by him. So far as he knew, the Irene was not in the Philippine islands but was at Hong Keng and the only German warship at Manila was the Kaiserin Augusta. ware, he added, a considerable number of German merchants in the Philippine islands whom the German navy was anxious to protect during the Hispano-American war.

"We hope," the minister said, "that our countrymen will find fully security

under American ru The minister touched upon German interests elsewhere, including Morocco, referring to which country he said that unless the claims of German subjects were speedily settled the demands for such settlement would be supported by German warships,

### Question of Samoa.

The foreign minister then discussed the question of Samon, saying that by the general act of 1889 the triple rule of Germany, Great Britain and the United States was established over those islands. If the condominium is wont to lead to unpleasantness this would be still more the case with tri-

dominium. He said: "The final settlement of the succession rests with the powers, I refrain from delivering a decisive budgment on the whole course of events in Samoa until the written reports arrive and are closely examined. But I hold strongly to the hope that we shall succced in disposing also of these latest troubles in Samon, with due protection for German rights and interests and in a manner which corresponds with the friendly relations existing between the three governments concerned."

To the correspondent of the Associated Press today Baron von Euclow reiterated his assurance of Germany's desire to maintain friendly relation with the United States. "There is nothing politically between the two countries," be said, "to prevent this becoming an accomplished fact. I know of no friction between the German and American governments; and, so far as Samon and the Philippines are concerned, my speech today shows the

true situation in both places. Ambassador White also repeated to the correspondent of the Associated Press his statement that Germany's attitude throughout had not only been neutral, but in some cases, as for instance, for contraband of war, even more particular, where the United States was involved, than strict neutrality dictated.

### BLUEFIELDS TRANQUIL.

### Official Announcement of Collapse of the Revolution.

Washington, Feb. 28.-President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, today sent the following cablearam to Mr. Correa, the charge d'affaires here, officially announcing the cellapse of the revolution: Matagua, Feb. 28.

Kerea, Washington: All is ended at Bluefleids. Country all (Figned) Zelaya.

### McPherson's Appointment.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.—The appointment f Judge John B. McPherson, of Harrisburg, by President McKinley to be United States district judge creates a vacancy on the Dauphia county beach, which theyerner Stone will fill when Judge McPuer-son qualifies as a district judge.

### Southampton, Feb. 28.-Arrived: Later. New York for Bremen. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Steamship Arrivals.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 2 .- Forecast Wednesday: For eastern Penn-\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\*