SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 3, 1899.

TWO CENTS.

OUR NAVY TO BE REDUCED

Result of Picayune Policy of the United States Senate.

MEAGRE APPROPRIATION

Through the Action of the United States Senate the Splendid Organization That Has Been the Pride of All Patriotic Americans Must Again Be Demoralized-A Large Part of the North Atlantic Squadron to Go Out of Commission. Naval Drills to Be Suspended and a General Relapse to Follow.

Washington, March 2.-The navy department put the big double turretted monitor out of commission at the navy yard at Norfolk yesterday and it is said at the navigation bureau that this ship must be followed by others speedily, to the great detriment of the plans of the department. The estimates submitted to congress based on the minimum requirements of the navy provided for 20,000 sailors. Congress cut this down to 15,000. There are now 15,000 men in the service, so that 2,000 of these must be dropped immediately. That nteans, according to the navigaofficers, that a large part of the North Atlantic squadron must go out of commission. The Asiatle squadron cannot be reduced in view of Dewey's necessities: there is only one ship, the Philadelphia, on the Pacific station; the European and the South Atlantic stations have been abandoned, there is only left the North Atlantic squadcon as material for a cut. The loss of 2,000 men means the cutting in half of this splendid home defence squadron. It is probable that the very reduction in the number of enlisted men and consequently of ships, will interfere seriously with the conduct of the naval manocuvres this year, notwithstanding the enormous benefit that has been derived from such drills in the past. Another difficulty is going to be the impossibility of putting into condition the the government by the builders simply

want of men to man them. Secretary Long's Prompt Measures, the matter of ships' armor caused Sec- rested well, and again this morning he today to bring the subject to the at- this way he has in a great measure retention of the naval committees in the before it is finally enacted. The sec

house and senate in the hope of securing a change in the appropriation billretary and Captain O'Nelll, chief of the ordnance bureau in communications sent to the committees, declared that the action of the senate if adhered to means the total stoppage of all naval construction, saying that no armor can procured for \$300 per ton. It might have been possible, it is said at the department, to go on and build ships without the armor under ordinary circumstances, trusting to the next congress to provide for it, but for a clause in the appropriation bill which provides that no ships shall be built until the armor is contracted for. The effeet of the two provisions will be to put a complete stop to ship-building operations as far as the navy is concerned. Although it is provided that a government armor plant shall be constructed in the event of the failure of the department to secure bids for sunplying armor at the price fixed, the ordnance officers say that such a piant could not be constructed and begin to supply the armor inside of two years the limit of cost fixed for the plant is less than half of that found to be absolutely necessary by the special naval board, which investigated the whole subject of government armor plants a few years ago.

GERMANY'S MOTIVE.

Explanation of the Departure of Her Ships from Manila Bay.

Berlin, March 2.-A high German authority who prefers to be nameless, assures the correspondent here of the Associated Press that the motives which induced Germany to entrust the protection of Germans in the Philippine islands to the United States ar simple. The Kalserin Augusta and other German warships in the far cast are needed in Chinese waters owing the recent anti-German outrages and Germany feels that German subfects are safe under the protection of Americans. This implies of course, a high compliment to the United States. but it is only in conscitance with sev gral previous declarations made by Baron you Buelow, the German minister of foreign affairs.

Regarding Samos, the same high German authority said Germany was waiting the initiative of the other pow-

Finest Ferry Boat Built.

hester, Pa., March 2. The louble deferryboat Philadelphia was hunched to at Roach's shippard in the present of the officials of the Pennsylvania rail-The Philadelphia is said to be the mest ferryboat yet tait. She will ply netween Jersey City and Twenty-third street station, New York, Her length is 26 feet over the guards. The estimated cost of the Philadelphia is \$200,000.

Congressman Cranford Dead.

Washington, March 2-Representative John W. Cranford, of the Fourth congressional district of Texas, died here at the Providence hospital at midnight of heart tissase and other complications.

Postmaster at Sayre.

Washington, March 1.-James N. Wol-er has been nomirated for nostmaster at Sayre, Pa.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEET.

Proceedings of the Sessions Held at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, March 2.—The morning ciation of Pennsylvania was opened with prayer by Rev. T. R. McDowell, of Chester county, after which many topics of interest were discussed. These officers were elected at the

afternoon session: President, Hugh B. Eastburn, Bucks; vice presidents George W. Kennedy, Pottsville; Samuel J. Garner, Montgomery; Eldor Peeler, Indiana; recording secretary, A T. Gottwald, Chester; corresponding secretary, E. S. Hassler, Somerset treasurer, H. H. Rice, Dauphin; exccutive committee, William Field Shay, Northumberland, chairman; J. (Brown, Columbia; W. C. Jennings, Suflivan: Price Jackson, State College: A. L. Alien, Philadelphia; legislative committee, A. M. Neely, Clarion, chairman Isaac P, Garrett, Delaware; J. A. Oppe Luzerne; A. C. Labarre, Northampton

G. E. Hagerbach, Lycoming. Resolutions were adopted favoring the bill extending the minimum school term to seven months; declaring it * be the sense of the association that no school district should receive more of the annual state appropriation than such district had levied the year previous, disapproving the proposition to provide for a state uniformity of text books and the publication of the same under state authority; favoring the a,pointment by the governor of an educational commission of eleven persoas to make inquiry and report to the next legislature a bill or plan by which existing school laws can be harmonized and amended so as to improve our

present system of education. The legislative committee reported in favor of the bills increasing the minimum school term and limiting district school appropriations to the amount of the preceding appropriation.

KIPLING'S IMPROVEMENT.

It Is Predicted That His Recovery

Will Be Speedy. New York, March 2.-That Rudyard Kipling's condition has improved very greatly during the past twenty-four hours is evidenced by the fact that but one bulletin was posted during the day. That was of a very satisfactory nature, and it was announced tonight that no further bulletins would be forthcoming until tomorrow afternoon The bulletin issued at the Hotel Grenoble at 2 o'clock this afternoon was:

Mr. Kipling has made fine progress. He is but a slight fever, is comfortable though weak and revolution is taking place in the affected portions of the lungs. E. G. Janeway, Theodore Dunham.

Another indication that the patient s getting along well, is that tonight new ships as they are turned over to be asked to be shown the newspapers and he seemed to be greatly pleased and affected at the interest in his illess shown by the American people,

The action of the senate yesterday in night. He slept for some hours and ctary Long to take prompt measures enjoyed an hour or two of sleep. In cessation of all public works in the cuperated his strength, and the promises are very bright for his spendy

ATLANTIC BASE BALL LEAGUE.

recovery.

Meeting Held at Allentown for Regular Organization.

Allentown, Pa., March 2 .- The Atlantic base ball league convened here this afternoon. The members present are President E. J. Barrow, Philadelphia: E. B. Douglass and William Sharsig, Allentown; W. S. Wright, Paterson; C. R. Bloemeck, Newark: Martin Swift, E. J. Robinson and M. E. Sanders, Scranton: G. A. Stegmaier, John A Deddington, Dan Shannon, H. G. Merrill, Wilkes-Barre; A. K. Spurrier, Lancaster: D. A. Long, F. G. Pattor. and J T Embrie, Reading, and Jacob Wells Richmond

The league closed a deal whereby Wilkes-Barre will take Hartford's place, Lancaster, Allentown, Richmond and Newark were elected a board of directors and Lancaster, Allentown and Fatterson were appointed a committee to frame a schedule of one hundred and the earliest. They also declare that twenty-six games, the season to open April 27. The committee will report at a meeting in Philadelphia, April 1. F. G. Patton and J. T. Embrie,

Reading, are negotiating to buy Reading's franchise from Denny Long.

BECKER'S CONFESSION.

It Is Doubted by the Police of Chicage.

he self-confessed wife murderer, was today taken by the police out on the Randolph street viaduct to the point their complexion. where he claims he pushed his wife into the lake on the afternoon of Feb. aroused, took charge of the packag-Hecker coolly pointed out the sporhere his wife stood when he threw

her into the water. The police have strong doubts of the trath of Becker's confession and they are strengthened by statements of fish ermon and others around the pier that the ice in the lake on Feb. 27 was at least 12 inches thick

FAR-REACHING MEASURE.

Hausbrough Canteen Amendment

Excludes 'Booze' from Camps." Washington, March 2.-The amendment which Mr. Hansbrough offered to jured. The man killed was Ward the army reorganization bill and which iting officers or soldiers from selling intexicating drinks in any post or exchange, was more far-reaching than it at first appeared.

It goes further and prohibits any other person from selling such liquors in any encampment or any place used for military purposes. This will exclude liquors from all military reservations.

General Toral Arrested.

Madrid, March 2.-General Toral, who ommanded the Spanish troops at Santago de Cuba, has been arrested and unrisoned previous to being tried by on the charge of capitulating General Shafter at that place on July 1

Prince Henry Promoted.

Withelmshaven, March 2.-Emperor Wit-iam has promoted Lis brother, Prince Frussla, to command the cruiser squadron.

CLIMAX REACHED AT SANTIAGO

DISCONTENT AT VEXATIOUS IN-STRUCTIONS FROM HAVANA.

Amount Allowed for Expenditures Is Less Than That Received Under Spanish Rule-General Wood's Efforts to Prevent Disorder Are pidity of the Government at Havana-Trouble Ahead.

Santiago De Cuba, March 2-A ellmax has been reached in the affairs of Santiago. The estimates for February have been reduced from \$70,000 to \$50, expended last month have been disallowed by the authorities at Havana. General Leonard Wood, military governor, says it is impossible to estimate exactly a month shead and thinks the best plan would be to forward a cer-

tain percentage to Havana every month, the department commander having the privilege of using the balance, subject to objection later, as, under the present system. It is impossible to run the government here. For the month of March all expenditures for the entire province must be kept within \$10,000 Even those Cubans who are most

friendly to the United States authorities say that this amount is less than what was allowed at any time under the Spanish regime. In the opinion of others, the object of the restriction is to discredit the work already done here by throwing out of employment a large number of men and creating discontent and disturbance. This is, of course, an altogether erronecus assumption, but the fact is that tomorrow more than seven hundred men will be out of work, a circumstance generally recognized as a dangerous menace to public safety at just this juncture and involving a large additional police force

Many Cuban politicians who have not received appointments will, it is feared. use the occurrence to inflame the minds of the unemployed. The result is difficult to forecast.

Seeds of Disorder.

It is significant, however, that the Cuban extremists, who talk openly against American rule, go about explaining how 5,000 of their own men properly armed, could now gain posession of the province of Santiago in two days, if the plan were properly aranged before hand. The men who indulge in this sort of bluster are more nobodies, but the fact that anybody will listen to them indicates the generol discontent born of these vexations instructions from Payana,

Even the Americans here cannot comprehend what Havana hopes to achieve by bringing about a practical really needing more in this line than any other. The air of anxiety obvious to all the departments shows the anprebensions entertained of what must follow a public announcement of the act that all public works must cease As a straw showing the way the wind blowing, a company of the Ninth minune regiment has been ordered into the city. This move is probably connected with the expected trouble.

STRIKE AT STEEL MILLS.

Punchers" at Pittsburg Demand 25 Cents a Day Increase.

Pittsburg, March 2.—The "punchers' t the Scoon Pressed Steel works, Allegheny, struck today for an advance In wages of 25 cents a day. The strikers claim that 400 men are out and the firm say only seventy refused to work Three strikers were arrested charged with intimidating workmen.

At the Fox Pressed Steel works in this city 250 men struck against an increase of hours without extra pay. The two concerns are new under one management and several thousand works men are employed. The departments are all in operation, notwithstanding the strikes.

ATTEMPT AT POISONING.

Two Young Girls Narrowly Escape Death at Pittsburg. Pittsburg, March 2.-Lottie, Almo

and Nettie Herman, daughters of Li mer E. Herman, an undertaker of Al Chicago, March 2.-Albert Becker, legheny City, received by mail a pack age of powders enclosed in a note, ad vising them to use the powders for Their mother, whose suspicions were

and upon examination found, it is said that it contained paris green. motive for the attempt upon the young lives cannot be conjectured.

TRGEDY AT EDWARDSVILLE.

One Man Killed and Two Wounded by Gas Explosion.

Wilkes-Barre, March 2 -There was a neavy explosion of gas in No. 1 mine of the Kingston Coul company at Edwardsville last night, by which one man was killed and two seriously in-The injured are Shaub, a laborer. became a part of that measure, prohib- | Henry Evans and David A. Thomas,

The men were employed at timbering and had just started to work for the night when the explosion occurred.

Death of Very Rev. A. K. Boyd. London, March 2 - The Very Rev. Air frew frutchison Boyd, known under the nem de plume of "A. K. H. B.," sled to through accidentally drinking a caralic lotion instead of medicine. The Very tey. Andrew Kennedy Hutchtson Reyd, D. D. I.L. D., was born in Scotland on No-vember 3, 1825, and was the author of a number of publications, including "The

tecreations of a Country Parson.

jury had exonorated him.

Pittinger Held for Trial. Chambersburg, Pa., March 2.-John Pit or who accidentally shot and instantkilled Mrs. Shoemaker last night, was old today by Justice Haulman to awall

PREPARING FOR MUSTER OUT. Knapsacks and Canteens Have Been

Turned In. Special to the Scranton Tribune

Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., March 2.-The work of preparing the regiment for muster out is going on with a rush Today the last knapsucks and canteens were accounted for and turned in. The guns will likely be called in by Satur-

It is now well known that Captain Rendered Futile Through the Stu- Howe, the mustering officer for the Thirteenth, is desirous of rejoining his command as speedily as possible and is therefore in favor of mustering out the regiment even before the designated dar, March II. If the books and accounts are correct and in good condition, he will very probably be prepared 000 and amounts aggregating \$50,000 to take up the work on Thursday, March 9, or on Friday, March 19,

> The members of the Eighth Pennsylcania turned in their arms to the ar-

Richard J. Bourke.

THE BEEF INQUIRY

Contradictions in the Testimony Offered-General Miles Does Not Ask to Be Represented by Counsel.

Washington, March 2.-There were everal interesting features in the beef equiry investigation today. It was field day for the volunteer arm of the ervice, the waiting room being filled all day with members of the various volunteer regiments which served in Cuba and Porto Rico. The first of these. Clarence Walters, of the First volunteer engineers, told a sensational story of bardship and inhumanity suffered during his service, describing the anned roast beef in harsher terms than have ever before been applied to that much discussed article. Later in the day Lieutenant Sewell, U. S. A., vho was major of the volunteer batallon in which Watters served, contradicted his story completely, saying here was no canned roast beef aboard the transport which took the command to Perte Rico. Further than that he said Waiters had come to him after landing and asked to be discharged so as to accent a position as a newspaper correspondent and on being questioned oid that he had been well treated while in the service and had no com-

plaint to make. An important development was the ienial of the story by one James Farnan, and also attributed to Dr. Maxwell Christine, of Philadelphia, that they had seen beef injected with chemleals in an Omaha packing house. Dr. Christine explained that what he had een was the pickling of corned meats, the brine being injected into the most to save several weeks' time in the

The question of counsel for General Miles before the court is still in al some correspondence having some plan of procedure. day or Wednesday of next week.

INDIAN PUPILS GRADUATE.

Four Thousand People Attend the E.eventh Commencement.

was held today in the presence of 4,000 nated. Among the visitors were Indian charges made." Commissioner W. N. Jones, wife and daughter; Dr. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of education for Alaska; Commissioner of Education W. T. Harris, wife and daughter; John C. Beady, of Alaska: John G. Carrington, F. S. A.: Miss Estelle Real, supernt-neent of all Indian schools in the appear." United States: William Hamilton, as-Major Pratt's policy was strongly en- tions were adopted. Mr. Koontz

eish, the first Apache to graduate, appeared, Major Pratt said "the Apaches | noon by Chairman Kreps, upon applisounded from place to place although they only fought for home. Commiss Cameron, and Colonel George Nox Mcdoner Jones approved Nataelsh's argument of the tribe was a disgrace. Ma- after the meeting of the committee that He said the trouble had arisen from the Arizona whites coveting mines and the charges contained in his resolution lands and more murders lay at the calling for an investigation, loors of those whites than of the Angelies. The Apaches had suffered as and the Nez Perces years ago. An ela quent address was made by General Carrington who is an old Indian fighter and President Reed said that a more enderly body of students than there in Carliste could not be found in the Unied States.

Ice Gorges in the Délaware.

Stroudsburg, Pa., March 2-All dange om ten googes to the upper Delaware i ow believed to have passed. Thereen a break at Lackawaxen. Pike y. No damage has been reported the least Milford and at Barrett bridge the least the same condition. At the etion by the grand jury. The coroner's Delaware Water Gap the break, when i occurs, will cause little or no damage.

KOONTZ BRIBERY COMMITTEE MEETS

REPRESENTATIVE KREPS THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

Mr. Koontz Protests Against the Adoption of Resolutions Which Will Cause Delay-Mr. Voorhees Refers to the Speaker of the House-The Objectionable Resolution Adopted.

Harrisburg, March 2.-The committee to investigate the bribery charges in connection with the passage of the McCarrell jury bill in the house met this evening in the judiciary general committee room. Representative William C. Kreps, of Franklin, presided and the other members present were Representative William H. Koontz, of Somerset: Charles E. Voornees, Philadelphia, and Michael J. Tighe, of Lugerne. Captain teeorge W. Skinner of Fulton, the fifth member of the ommittee, was absent. There wer many spectators including members of the senate and house. After the meeting was called to order and the stenographer, L. Schoch, of Seganton, had been sworn by Chairman Kreps, the roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. The resolution calling for the investigation was also read. Mr. Voorbees offered a series of resolutions to the effect that enarges, unless specified, should not be considered and to give those charged ample notice of such charges and that all charges printed by a reputable newspaper shall be considered when names are given to the committee. Each charge shall be passed upon before another shall be taken up. The chairman of the committee shall be the examiner in chief of all witnesses, which members may interrogate individually. Subposenaes must be signed by the chairman and secretary the committee and placed in th bands of the sergeant-at-arms of the house and served by him twelve hours before the meeting at which the witness so subpostated shall be called to

General Koontz said he could now understand by these resolutions why Mr. Voorhees had been absent from the house all of the afternoon. He was opposed to the resolutions and if they were adopted he would go before the house in the morning and submit the matter. "I protest," he added, "against the adoption of these resolutions as it means delay and prevents me from preenting witnesses now here and ready to testify as to the offers of meney made to them in connection with the passage of the McCarrell bill. My witsses are here and if you refuse to hear them I shall appeal from your decision. I defy you to refuse to accept

Mr. Voorhees Speaks.

cassed between the general and two tee is acting in a judicial capacity. court, but both sides decline to give These resolutions are not submitted for out the letters till a settlement is delay. They are fair and under them reached. General Miles has not asked | the committee can conduct an honest o be represented by counsel, presum- inquiry. Mr. Voorbees said he courted ably because that would put him in a fair and honest inquiry. Mr. Koentz he position of admitting himself on replied that he did not wish to impute trial by the court, which up to date dishonesty to any one. "I am told," he has declined to admit. On the he said, "that the speaker of the house other hand the court does not feel this, today gald nothing would take place under the articles of war, to permit tonight and asked the person to whom Major Lee or any one else to cross he told this to protect him from the question witnesses unless he can be gentlemen of the pross. We are here to ecognized officially as counsel for the give the names of the members of the lefense. It was stated that this mat- house who will say they were offered ter probably will be settled tomorrow, money to vote upon the McCarrell bill, The court expects to start west Tues- The committee date not refuse to hear

Chairman Kreps said there resolutions embody the laws of the state, The accused has the right to appear and be given the chance to defend himself. "So far an I am concerned there. will be no bucket of white wash under Carlisle, Pa., March 2.—The eleventh this table," Mr. Kreps added, "but I ommencement of the Indian school will not be a party to any action which does not give the accused a chance scople. Thirty-four pupils were grad- to be present and answer to the

> Asked by Mr. Koontz if a member should come before the committee and give the name of a man who offered him a bribe whether he would hear him, Mr. Krens replied:

"The chair would rule that the accused should have notice and asked to

After further discussion the resoluistant commissioner of curvation for tions were adopted, Messrs, Kreps, Alaska; five Bussian commissioners Voorh as and Tighe voting in the afwho are inspecting warships now firmative and Mr. Koontz in the negabuildings at Cramps; State Senator W. tive. Mr. Tighe offered a resolution T. Miller, Representatives Britten and that the committee proceed to the incheurer and Lieutenant David J. Jar- vestigation preferred by the Philadelis, of the revenue cutter service. Ma- phia Press, summen managing editor, or R. H. Pratt presided and music city editor and others to appear. Mr. as furnished by the Indian band of Koontz said these men were present ixiy members, which will play at the and that unless they were heard he Paris exposition in 1900. Prayer was | would go before the house in the mornffered by Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson. ing and ask for a culing. The resolulorsed by Connolssioner Harris, Indian in the negative. Mr. Kreps said there commissioner Jones, General Carring- was nathing further for the committee on and President Reed, of Dickingon to do, whereupon Mr. Koontz moved that the committee adjourn until to-The defense of Avaches was the feat morrow immediately after the adjournme of the day. When Vincent Nat- ment of the house. The motion carried. Subpospacs were issued this afterare a bad fot." Then the little Apache cation of General Koontz, for Reprerator told how the Apaches had been sentatives Engler, of Lycoming; Criste of Northumberland, and Smith, of Cain and John P. Dwyer, of the Philament and said the government's treat- delphia Press. General Koontz said or Pratt then defended the Abaches. all of those gentlemen were present and willing to testify in substantiation of

L. A. W. Committees.

Patsburg, March 2-President Keenan, the League of American Wheelmen, as announced the appointment of the ollowing chalemen of committees eague of American Wheelment Rucing oard, Fred Gerlach, of Chicago; rights and privileges, Conway W. Sanis, of Bal-timore: rules and regulations, David J. O'Brien, of Omaha; membership, William Howell, of Rockville, Conn.

Decision for Kid McPartland. Hartford, Conn., March 2.-Kis McPart-

and, of New York, received the decision is in his battle with Tom Broder ck, of Yonkers, at the Coliseum tonight The decision was unsatisfactory. Bruderick was clearly entitled to a draw,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

General-Six Regiments of Regulars Ordered to Manila. Bribery Committee Organizes. Effect of the Sciate's Picayune Naval

GENERALLY FAIR | WARMER.

Crisis Imminent at Santiago, General-Financial and Commercial,

Local-Interesting Sessions of Both Branches of Councils.
Residents of Blakely Object to a Hotel

in the Borough. Editorial.

Power of the President Between Ses-News and Comment.

Local-Two Men Killed at Avoca. F. J. Dickert Appointed Poor Director,

Local-West Scranton and Suburban, News Round About Scranton.

General-Letter from Sergeant Corwin THE POPE'S CONDITION.

In Spite of Many Favorable Reports, Grave Doubts Have Been Entertained as to the Issue of the Ill-

Rome, March 3, 1 a, m .- The litest news from the vatican is that the cope's semperature at midnight had fallen several points. It appears that his disinclination to observe the recommendations of his physicians forms an obstacle in the way of proport recovery. He has full confidence in his own strength, and does not readily acquiesce in their advice not to move During the afternoon he insisted upon leaving his bed without assistance and also read several telegrams. The rise in his temperature, which had given some anxiety, was probably cause I in part in this way.

The pope said during the day: "it a miracle of God that I am still dive; for He wishes to space His church a terrible crisis at the present noment.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the doctors made a prolonged visit, lasting more than an hour, which caused ome uneasiness, but on leaving they gave reassuring reports, Professor Mazzoni saying there was not the least fear that the pleura, bronchial tuoes lungs would be affected. The pope's ephews also visited him in the course of the afternoon, and left his chamber much pleased at his progress.

Despite these optimist reports, now-ever, grave doubts are entertained as to the issue of the illness.

SUPPOSED PORCH CLIMBER. Arrested Last Night by Patrolman

The police believe they have at last succeeded in rounding up one of the pestiferous porch climbers who for a number of weeks past have been opering on the hill. Lately two officers have been de-

John Johler.

ailed by Chief Gurrell to do duty during the early evening in the neighborgood where the thieving has been oc-Patrolman John Johler was one of the two who were assigned to this work last evening. Shortly after 6 o'clock he noticed a suspicious tooking fellow ambling along Jefferson avenue near Linden street.

The officer thought he would bear watching and followed him up. could do this quite readily without fear of detection because of the street at these blocks being dark from the shadow of the numerous shade trees The Tacoma arrived yesterday; aniwhich line the thoroughfare.

When the block above Mulberry street was reached the suspect skulked along scrutinizing the houses closely as he passed, sometimes stopping for a few moments to survey the premise The officer by this time was sure

that he was hot on the scent of the game which the police have hunted so vigorously and vainly for the last month or more, and drawing his gun gaged a suite at the hotel last Friday. vowed to himself that if that fellow got away he would have to be a quick runner and a mighty good dodger.

The next moment the shadowed suspect settled any doubts the officer could have entertained by leaping over the low stone fence surrounding the residence of James Archbald, chief engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna gram from Charlotte, N. C.: and Western company, at 424 Jefferson

When the fellow moved around to the side of the house the officer climbed the fence, and, taking a station behind

a large tree, watened his prey, The prowler's actions for the next moments were convincing to the officer that he was looking for a way to enter the house, and not wishing to risk matters any further closed in his man by dodging from tree and tree and

covered him with his revolver. The fellow was taken by surprise and ould not offer even an attempt at an explanation of his presence there. attempted to act as if he was a little bit off, and tried to give the impression that be was only a harmless wanderer.

At the police station he said his name cas John Cramer and his residence Rochester, N. Y. He is roughly dressed and looks, generally, like a very tough ustomer. One of his arms is slightly crippled making it a couple of inches chorter than the other. His age is

A VICIOUS DEAF MUTE. Assaulted Two Girls, Badly Injuring One of Them.

A deaf mute, whose name is unknown o the police, assaulted two girls in front of the Lackawanna laundry on Penn avenue shortly before 12 o'clock last night and inflicted on one of them a sash across the bridge of the nose in which the Lackawanna hospital physicians put six stitches. Their refusal to accept an invitation to go with him provoked him to the assault. Patrelman Tom Jones arrested the asailant. The girls refused to give their names. They are from Provifence and are employed at an Adams

venue boarding house. Rank of Admiral Created. Washington, March 2.-President Mc-Kinley at 11.15 p. m. signed the bill cre-

ating the rank of admiral in the navy.

MORE TROOPS FOR MANILA

Six Regiments Will Be Sent to Reinforce General Otis.

VOLUNTEERS TO RETURN

The Reinforcements Made Up of Troops Who Are Regulars in Full Sense of the Term and Have Seen Service in Cuba and Porto Rico. The War Officials Deny the Story Published by the Filipino Junta Concerning Prisoners Taken by Aguinaldo.

Washington, March 2.-The secretary of war has just ordered the reinforcement of General Otis by six regiments. These are the Eixth artillery, Sixth infantry, Ninth infantry, Thirteenth infantry, Twenty-first infantry and the Sixteenth infantry. These regiments have been ordered to make ready to proceed to San Francisco and thence o Manila. In an answer to the direct mestion as to whether or not these regular troops are intended to relieve a orresponding number of volunteer soldiers at Manila, it was said at the war department that while this probably would be the ease it was not possible yet to make a positive statement. This means that if when the reinforcements arrive at Manila the conditions are satisfactory the volunteers will be brought home; but if Otis shall have need for all of the combined forces then they must wait.

The reinforcements are made up of roops who are not only regulars in the full sense of the term, but who have been through the Cuban campaign or Porto Rican campaign, They know what it is to be under fire; how to hunt Indians, and also now to fight in the tropical jungles. With these replacing the same number of volunteers Ceneral Otis will have a majority of regulars to his command, something the war department has earnestly desired to bring about at the earliest possible moment. The position of the American commander at Manila also will be safeguarded against the effect of a sudden and forced discharge of volunteers by the ratification of the peace treaty.

An Absurd Story.

The war department officials nounce absurd the characteristic Filipino junta story to the effect that Aguinaldo has taken several hundred soldiers prisoners and removed them to the interior. As a matter of fact General Otis' bulletins have accounted for every man in the American army at Manile, and there is not on record a single case of missing. Secretary Alger has brought the report to the attention of General Otis with a view to securing the most specific denial. The war department today received

the following dispatch from General Otis dated today: "The Morgan City arrived this morning: passengers good health; no deaths,

muls in excellent condition; no loss, CHADWICK'S SUICIDE.

A Southerner Shots Himself at the Parker House.

Boston, March 2.-C. N. Chadwick, of Charlette, N. C., apparently a person of wealth, committed suicide by shooting, at the Parker house today, Last night he was found in his room in a delirious condition, and a male nurse was summoned. This morning Mr. Chadwick went into the bathroom adjoining his chamber, while the nurse was ordering his breakfast, and put a bullet through his brain. Among the man's effects was the following tele-

C. N. Chadwick: "Absonce enusing auxiety. Let me know how and where YOU RES. (Signed) (Manche.

The man was about 28 years,

BALLOT FOR SENATOR.

Harrisburg, March 2.-The ballot for United States senator today resulted in no election. Senator Miller, of Cumbesland (Democrat), was the only absenter unpaired. The vote follows:

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Necessary to choice, 110; paired or not

voting, 35.

Increase of Wages. Chicago, March 2.-The American Tin Plate company today gave notice of an increase in the wages in all its plants. The men affected are those who have been receiving less than \$2.50 per day. The in-erense ranges from 5 to 10 per cent, a day, Pully 16,000 men will benefit by the ad-

Wilkes-Barre Gets a Public Building. Washington, March 2.-Among the bills signed by the president today was that

**************** WEATHER FORECAST.

Wilkes-Barre.

Washington, March 2.-Forecast or Friday: For eastern Pennsyl- vania, generally fair; warmer; ex even on the coast; fresh to brisk + casterly winds.