TWO CENTS.

BEACOM BILL INTRODUCED

Measure for the Relief of Election Gontests Galled Up on First Reading.

DEFECTS IN THE RIPPER

A Paragraph Which Leaves the Recorder Without Authority-Other Irregularities - Routine Proceedings-Bills Introduced in the House-A Measure Regulating the Sale of Patent Medicines Calculated to Prevent the Sale of Injurious Drugs-The General Appropriation Bill Reported and Read.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 18.-The Heacom bill, by which it is proposed to save the petitioners in the Langstaff-Kelly contest from paying the \$110,000 costs, passed first reading in the house tonight, and will come up on second reading tomorrow. To pass secand reading it must be called up when reached on the calendar, and if it is not called up within two weeks it is taken from the calendar, under the tules of the house. No one has as yet signified their intention of calling I up. Representative Beacom declared when he introduced the bill that his connection with it ended at that,

In the senate, the Vaughan bill, provising that liquor licenses shall remain at \$550 for a period of three years in office of the second class emerging from the third class, passed first read-

Senator Vaughan is confident the bill will pass the senate. A lobby will be here this week to have a way for its passing through the house,

Defects in the Ripper.

The tipper bill as reprinted in the form in which it is to appear in the books does not contain the corrections which it was expected would be made by the printer at the behests of the friends of the bill. The most importand clause in the whole bill, that designating the authorities who shall exercise the corporate powers of the municipality, is dangerously irregular. It dendly;

"The powers bereby granted shall be exercised by the mayor and councils of such cities in the manner herein presenthed.".

There is no mayor in second class cities, or, at least, there will not be after a few days. This being the case the recorder is left without authority to exercise any corporate functions and, as a city cannot be conducted unless its chief executive is vested with his due share of corporate powers, it will behoove the friends of the act to stir themselves to remedy the mistake If the difficulty came to a test in the court it might be successfully smoothed over with the claim that the "legislative intent" should prevail, but, as it is an irregularity and liable to furnish. a loophole through which the anti-riv perites can shoot some shufts of delay, its presence in the bill is, to say the least, mischlevous.

The irregularity in question resulted from the fact that the "corporate powers" article of this act was copied bodily from the third class city act and inserted in the bill without being properly edited.

The misprints which made the asses sors appointive and jumbled up the section relating to contracts have been corrected, as have also various minotypographical and grainmatical errors. T. J. Duffy.

STREET CAR POLICEMEN.

Mr. Focht's Bill to Extend the Coal and Iron Police Law to the Street Railways.

Special from a Staff Corresponder

Harrisburg, March 18,-Senatol Pocht's bill relative to the appointment of police for street passenger reliways is substantially an extension of the coal and iron police law to trol-

The bill provides that any street rails way company chartered under the laws of the commonwealth may apply to the mayor of any city, burgess of borough, or justice of the peace residing in any township through which the railway shall run "to conmission such person or persons as said corporation may designate, to act as private policemen for said corporation," and such official upon receipt of the application "may appoint" such person or as many of them as he may deem proper, and shall grant them a commission.

There is nothing in the act to prohibit the appointment of men from any part of the state or any state, for that matter. The policeman is to have "all the powers of a policeman in the county in which they shall be so autherized to act." Keepers of jalls. lock-ups and station houses within the county are required "to receive all person's afrected by such policemen, for commission of any offense against like entertained no collect

he cars or premises of any such corforation to be dealt with according

Provision is made that these policeen shall wear metallic badges while on duty, except when netting as doectives. They are to be paid by the company applying for their appointment. T. J. Duffy,

SENATE IN SESSION.

State Capital Appropriation Bill Recommitted at the Request of Its Author-Mr. Vaughan's Bill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 18.-The senite was in session only twenty minutes night. The bill appropriating \$5,000,-000 for the completion of the state capitol building, which was to have ome up for final passage tomorrow as recommitted to the committee or oublic grounds and buildings on motion of Mr. Fox.of Dauphin, its author. Mr Fox explained that he wanted the bill committed for the purpose of giving those interested a hearing before the senate passes upon it finally.

Mr. Henry, of Philadelphia, presented memorial of the allied exchanges and ousiness organizations of Philadelphia, protesting against the Philadelphia 'ripper' bills. The paper was read, and referred to the committee on

municipal affairs. The calendar was cleared of bills on irst and second reading.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Vaughan, of Luckawanna, proposite amendment to the constitution in acith the provisions of the eighteenth artireal, by adding at the end of section 7, article the following words: "Unless before it sha introduced in the general mesembly such preed special or lead law have been first subtoed to a popular vote at a general or speci-lection in the locality or localities to be affecd by its operation under an order of the cor pleas of the respective county att arting and application granted, and shall he approved by a regionity of the voters -clarifon, provided that no such electicill be held until the occree of court, authority ring the same shall have been advertised for flected in such manner as the court may di-net"; also a hill authorizing councils of citle if the third than by ordinance to sell or less while park or common owned by said rity at apply the proceeds thereof to improvincing and lighting the said park or common abor a bill appropriating \$37,000 to the Pittston Hospital association, and a bill enlarging to were of mutual savings tund or building a sesserations, authoriting them to rec dds of premium or bonus made or authorize eventing by members or persons intending I tore received and loans heretotore made thereo-By Mr. Stiller, of Lebigh, directing town conals of boroughs to ux by ordinance number ank, compensation and regulation of police and otherwing largess to appoint and control said ollegmen, and to appoint all such subordinat ficers of the berough excepting treasurer, secre

ary and engineer. By Mr Gransback, of Philadelphia, providing nat all erossings becauter established, whether erreof, and all such crossings as now are only becauter be at grade shall be subject to altered or abeliabel under the operation such at girole tury, so far at practicable to me away. The bill also provides that when nirods wish to cross at grade the matter shall submitted to the common pleas court which all have power to decide the question. When unthread or a reunicipality wishes to do awa sall present a petition to the court which shall

The senate adjourned until 4 p. m. temorrow.

IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Garner Introduces a Patent Medicine Bill-Other Measures Consid-

A bill was introduced in the house onight by Mr. Garner of Schnylkill, to prevent the sale of so-called patent or proprietary medicines unless the fornula is registered with the secretary examining board, who shall receive a stered, one-lifth for the use of the secretary as compensation, and the balance for the use of the board. These bills were also read in place;

Mr. McCune, of Favette, providing that th resident of council in boroughs shall exercise be duties of burgess in the absence or disquality Mr. Alvere, of Combestand, appropriating \$2.08

or the erection of a marker for the grave of lovernor Joseph Bitter in the elegiolysised of Meunt Rock, Cumberland roomey,

Mr. Graft, or Venotrong, fixing a penalty of the dollars to limit them private lands without be written permission or the owner.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, of Philadelphia, the companion bill of the Philadelphia "ripper," which provides or the election of the board of revison of taxes in Philadelphia, was reommitted to the municipal corporalons committee.

Mr. Paul, of Philadelphia, offered Solution that hereafter the clerk shall not record any member as voting unless he shall be actually present within the bar of the house and shall have voted when his name was called. oreamble of the resolution recites that the practice has heretofore prevailed for members to absent themselves from th bar of the house and to previously instruct the clerk to record their names s voting on bills to be voted on during their absence and that names of members actually absent from the bay of the house have thus been recorded as present and voting. Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, raised the point of order that the rules already provide for the condition asked for in the resolu-

The general appropriation bill was reported from committee and read the first time without being printed, after which it was recommitted. Chairman Bliss explained that the bill when complete would be placed on the calendar one week before it was taken up for second reading.

After clearing the calendar of first reading bills, the house adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Cleveland's Birthday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pelneston, N. J., March 18 - Ex-Preside at home with Mrs. Cleveland and their children the laws of this commonwealth, upon aluminate from triends were received

CANAL TREATY IN PROSPECT

It Is Expected That New Negotiations Upon the Nicaraguan Affair Will Be Opened Soon.

ENGLAND IS ANXIOUS

Great Britain as Well as the United States Is Desirous of Having the Matter Amicably Arranged at an Early Day-Senate Will Be Consulted-Many Members Realize Now That They Blundered Over the Hay-Pauncefoie Convention-Recognize the Foolishness of Amend-

ity Exclusive Wire from Line Associated Pross. Washington, March 18 .- A prominent nember of the foreign relations committee of the senate expresses the pinion that before the meeting of congress in December a new treaty will have been negotiated with Great Britain which will answer all the purposes of the Hay-Pauncefote convention, yet meet with the approval of the senate The senator quoted is one of those who opposed any amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and who hoped earnestly that it would be ratified without change. He expects that the state department will recognize the nue, and will strive by preliminary consultation with senators to prepare

an instrument which will satisfy them. There is really no vital point of diference between the two countries," he says. "England is as anxious as the United States that the canal should be built and is quite willing that it should be built and controlled by the United States practically under such condidown, I happen to know that when the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was drawn it was supposed by Lord Pauncefore that its terms were precisely what the United States would want. He yielded to every suggestion and had only one object in view-to have the canal built according to our ideas, and to clear the path of everything which stood in the

Useless Amendments.

"The amendments which the senats were useless-the Davis amendment especially. It goes without saying that in case of war no hostile nation would try to send a ship through the canal, to attack the coas or fleets of the United States, Tha would be the rankest and most reckless of folly. The senate amendment, therefore, was a matter of pure sentiment and so was the British refusal to accept it. The United States could not have been alded by the amendment and the change could not have hurt Great Britain.

"There is really no obstacle in the way of negotiating a new treaty containing in other language all that the senate asks for. For that matter several senators who voted for the amend ments have since assured me that the believed they made a mistake, and that in similar circumstances they would not vote so again. One thing bound to hasten negotiations. That is the certainty that unless a new treaty is offered, congress will abro gate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty next

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, is outspoken in his criticism of the action

of the senate. "I regard the amendment of the of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Hay-Pauncefote treaty by the United States senate as the worst political es of \$25 for every such formula reg- blunder of the times," he says," "In my opinion that treaty was the great est diplomatic achievement by this ountry during the present generation. With or without the Chayton-Butwer convention it was just such a treaty as the United States ought to have been anxious to make, not only with England, but with all civilized nations The consent of the whole world that the United States might build the cause, to be used by the commercia world on the payment of such tolls or charges as would pay interest on the investment, coupled with the pleage of all commercial nations to maintain the neutrality of the canal, both in peace and war, would have been the best and only available guarantee for the uninterrupted use of the same by the United States in common with all other nations.

The Fortifications.

inited States would have involved normous expense and invited the hos lilty of the world. It would be the entral point of any was in which the United States might be engaged, end therefore utterly useless at the very time when its use would be most reportant and destrable. It is aband to assume that the commercial world would be less scrupulous in maintaining the neutrality of the canal which all mankind is interested than in maintaining the neutrality of the ports of a weak and helpless na-The blunder in amending the treaty has involved the senate as well as the administration in diplomatic ontroversy with Great Britain, which has postponed the commencement of the canal for two years and may result in the indefinite delay of the most important project that has been conemplated by our government since its

oundation. Secretary Hay had a long conference oday with Senator Morgan respecting sthmian canal matters and the adisability of reopening negotiations for treaty with Great Britain. The sec cetary is losing no opportunity of acquainting himself with the views of enators on that subject, and the conerence today with Senator Morgan is only one of about a dozen he has had on the same subject with leading sena-tors and representatives since the ad-Journment of the fifty-sixth congress.

WILKES-BARRE EXPECTS

The Key to the Situation Given by a Superintendent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 18,-The meeting of the executive board of the United Mine Workers scheduled to take place in this city today, is supposed to have been held in Scranton as neither of the officers appeared here It is given out, however, that President Mitchell and his advisers will come to Wilkes-Barre tomorrow, but for what

surpose is not stated, The superintendents located in this by are not permitted to discuss the situation for publication, and all that they say they lay special stress upon he request that their names are no used in the public prints. During the last strike they were in position to follow their own discretion in the mat er, but since the advent of the Morgan regime their lips are sealed. What ne or them said today, however, is

likely the key to the situation: The corporations are organizations chartered by the state and liable to the law; the United Mine Workers is an organization which is not chartered, and liable to nobody. It is not a ques lion of recognition of the union, but rather disinctination for a chartered corporation to meet on equal terms with an Irresponsible organization.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT ST. LOUIS

Ice Storage Plant of the Annhaueser Busch Brewing Company Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Louis, Mo., March 18 .- Perhaps the most disastrous fire in the history situation at the other end of the ave- of the South Side this afternoon burned the ice storage plant of the Annhaueser Busch Brewing company, the repair shop of the American Car and Foundry company, together with a number of box cars, the factory of Stule & Company, pickle manufactur ers, five rooming houses and a number of small sheds. The total damage is estimated at \$100,000, the greater part of which is covered by Insurance. Two tions as the United States may lay men, employes of the American Car and Foundry company, were lejured, but not seriously

The burned dustrief embraces two mare blocks bounded by Zepp, Utah, First and Kosclosko streets. Several valuable building which escaped damige, were seriously threatened. Th estimated list of losses is: Annhaeuser Busch fee storage plant, \$37,000; American Car and Foundry company's to the Annhaueser Busch and William J. Lempe Erroving companies, \$25,000 Stule & Company's plant, \$5,000; five rooming bouses, \$15,000.

BROSIUS FUNERAL PARTY.

Committee from Senate and House to Leave Washington Tomorrow. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 18.-The senator and members apopinted to attend the funeral of the late Representative Brosius, of Pennsylvania, will leave Washington at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning over the Pennsyylvania ratt-The committee on the part of he schale is as follows:

Senators Penrose, Quay, Sewall, cott. Martin and Gallinger, The hous ommittee consist of Representatives Julzell, Grow, Olmstead and Butler, of Pennsylvania: Theyer, Massachusetss. Unpron, Ethode Island: Hill, Connecttcut; Fowler and Loudenslager, New Jerrey: Talbert, South Carolina; Shattue Ohio: Eddy, Minnesota: Ruckow, Miscouri: Stephens, Texas.

QUESTIONS EDWARD'S RIGHTS.

William Redmond Objects to Inscriptions Upon English Coins.

By Exclusive Wite from The Associated Press. London, March 18 .- In the house of ommons roday William Redmond. rish Nationalist, gave notice that be ould take an early opportunity of informing Kind Edward that he had no arthly right to use the title of deender of the faith. The argument ame up on Mr. Redmond's question as to whether the title would appear on the new coins and, if so, what parleular faith was meant,

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replied that so long as the king's title remained unattered they would appear on the coins. Then Mr. Redmond protested and was alled to order.

WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

By Englaster Wire from The Associated Prace. Chicago, March 18 .- A special to the Chronicle from Jeffersonville, Ind., says: Memphis, Ind., was almost to-The fortification of the canal by the fully destoryed by fire today. Only ten houses remain and scores of familles are homeless. The fire started from a spark falling from a stair fac tory smokestack. The loss is esti-mated at \$200,600.

Objects to Morgan's Profits.

By Exclusive Wire tran The Associated Pres-New York, March Di.-Richard Pins Collin to against the late Railway company are . Pierpont Morgha, viting them to appear an applain why Mr. Morgan, as the controlling truof the Exic road, compelled the purchase ude a transit of 59,400,000,

Supreme Court Will Take Recess. by Exclusive Wise from The Associated Props.

Washington, March 18, Chief Justice Puller the United States Supreme court, today as ext Monday for a fortnight. The opinion e Porto Rican and Philippine questions will at he announced intil after the conclusion of ie totrot.

Cotton Mills Shut Down.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Full River, Mass., March 18.-The Chaslobeson, Merchanis', American Linen and Meta-emet cotton mills, operating 350,000 spindles ery stormed today in pursuance of the ent to certail production. It is probable that ext week the majority of the mills in this city

PRESIDENT MITCHELL. RULE IN THE **PHILIPPINES**

The Natives of Marinduque Go-Operate with Americans.

SENTIMENT OF NATIVES

Wholly in Favor of Forming a Separate Province-Taft Commission Leaves the Formulation of Municipal Laws Largely in the Islanders' Hands - Their Committees Seek Peaceful Establishment of American Sovereignty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prets. Boac, Island of Marinduque, March 6.-The question of attaching this islnd of Marinduque to the province of Tayabas, discussed by the American Philippine commission since lts arrival re, has been decided in the negative. The sentiment of the people was wholly in favor of forming a separate provnce. A population of 50,000 was repreented during the discussions, and the ommission has met intelligent delegaons from all towns on the island.

The port of Rombion, on the island of Rombion, will be the capital of the newly formed province, which will be omprised of adjacent islands. Romblon is situated at the mouth of a deep valley, and has a fine harbor. cople are thrifty and prosperous and

there are no insurgents there, Major Evan M. Johnson, Jr., of the wenty-ninth volunteer infantry, will e governor, and Captain Albert S. Williams, of the same regiment, will be treasurer of the new province,

In the Mountains.

There are 300 insurgents still in the iountains of Marindaque, but othervise the inhabitants are anxious for the pacification of the island and for the acceptance of American sovereign-

Judge Taft has appointed Captain Bandhortz as chairman of the various ommittees of natives formed to organize municipal law in the towns of Marinduque. He has promised that the commission will return and organize the province of Marindaque, Major Smith, commanding the Amercan garrisons on the island, has issued sheds, \$10,000; fifty for cars belonging an order requiring all natives to live in the five principal towns where the American troops are stationed, Those who continue to reside in the country will be considered insurgents.

The American Philippines commission will soon prepare a recommenda-tion to President McKinley on the character and force of the general civil government to be established in the rehipelage. The matter, however, s yet received but informal consid-

ASSAULT ON AMERICANS

Major and Mrs. H. B. Mulford Attacked by Mobs at Kioto-North German Lloyd Steamer Lost.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Victoria, B. C., March 18.-The steamer Kinshu Maru arrived today from Yokohama and the Orient. She brought news of a brutal assault on Major H. B. Mulford, of the Thirtyminth infantry, and his wife, at Kioto. shile returning from Mantla. A mob f 100 attacked the Mulfords while they were embarking on a train. Their clothing was torn and both were oughly used, despite the major's strenuous resistance. He was in uni-

form. The North China Daily News tells f an outrage committed by Russians at New Chwang, where a party of Cossacks, pursuing Chinese into the British consulate, shot and killed the watchman there.

The North German Lloyd mail steamer Muchen was lost near Yap. one of the Caroline islands, lying 800 miles east of the Philippines, en route to Yokohama from Australia. All hands were saved:

THREE BOYS POISONED.

Killed by Berries Supposed to Have Been Wintergreen.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pre-Sharon, Pa., March 18.-Three boys in search of wintergreen on Wintergreen hill, about haif a mile west of Sharps ville, this afternoon, are a quantity of poison berries, and died in terrible ageny about an hour later. They were Claude Morford, aged 15: Fred Morford, aged 17, and Howard Milier,

The boys gathered a large quantity of red berries and ate heartily of them. In a short time they were thrown into terrible convuisions, and all died within an hour.

President Leaves Canton. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Canton, O., March 18,-President and Mo-McKinley lett at 10,49 e'clock tonight for Wast igtor. They occupied a private circ attucked the regular Petropylvania tesin. There were number of citizens to see him, and he had pleasant social visite with old triends.

Carnegie-Cambria Case. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prose-

Washington, March 18.-The United States 8 preme court today restored to the docket for re-argument the case of the Carnegie Steel consony vs. the Carobria fron company. The case colver the patent process of steel making, and was argified last January.

Pittsburg's Ball Team.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, March 18.—Beaumout, Pittsburg piddle fielder, has renewed his allegiance to be old club and the team is new complete will the exception of Zimmer and Philippi, and their signed contracts are expected before the 20th botel is protect instant, when the team will leave for Hot Springs, proof fire wall.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today. INCREASING CLOUDINESS | WARMER.

- General—Legislative Proceedings, Filipinos Co-operate with Americans, Chinese Crists Over,
- Prospect of a New Canal Treaty.
- General -Carbondelo Department. Local-Interesting Lecture in St. Luke's Par-
- ish Horse, Court Proceedings. Editorial.
- Note and Comment. Local-Mine Workers Others in Conserence Manager Weyland Discharged at Bribery Hea
- Loral-Wost Securion and Schurbon
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Compercial Local-Liquor Dealers Preparing to Appeal Live News of the Industrial World.

\$50,000 FIRE

WILLIAMS & M'ANULTY STOCK COMPLETELY DESTROYED

Fire Started in the Elevator Shaft and Broke Out Simultaneously on the Four Floors of the Building. Flames Gained Much Headway Before Firemen Could Control Them.

The four-story building at 129 Wyo ning avenue occupied by William | & McAnulty, carpet dealers, was almost completely destroyed by a most destructive fire which broke out in the elevator shart this morning shortly after 2 o'clock.

The blaze was discovered by Patrolman Palmer, who noticed smoke curling out from the front of the third story, and who prohiptly turned in an darm from box 22, corner of Wyoming venue and Spruce street. The central ity companies, in charge of Chief F. W. Zizelmann, were on the scene within two minutes and at that time the whole upper part of the building semed to be ablaze in the rear.

The chief, realizing that the fire was in the very heart of the business sechouse, with its valuable stock, turned in a second alarm, which brought out several other companies. The building front was open, allowing a splendid Tsin, to go there, draught for the flames, which eat their Questions regarding the dispute at way up and down the elevator shart.

of very peculiar construction. It is three stories high for a distance of sevuty-five feet back and then drops to one story for another sevenly-five feet, mly to raise to three stories again. Two lives of hose were carried upstairs and out on to the one-story root, me was carried from there up to the front third-story root, from where a tream was directed upon the flory tongues which had burst through the roof of the Williams & McAnulty

building. The other stream, with the full force of the Nay Aug steamer behind it, was directed at short range from the onesstory roof right into the raging roaring mass of flames inside the building. This was the stream which really did the work, though a counte of others were soon put into play from Oakford court in the rear.

There was a fire-wall I owner the burned building and the Library buildlog, and this is what say of the latter from the flames. Had they once got full liberty to ant for his government, the least bit of a good start in the Globe, with its tremendous stock of inflanmable goods, one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the city would have, no doubt, resulted. The whole interior of the Williams & Mc. Anulty building was completely gutted. The loss could not be learned, but itssmuch as the firm occupied the entire tuilding a rough estimate would place he stock valuation over \$50,000, Mr. Williams, a member of the firm, when interviewed by a Terbune men could

was fully insuced. The origin of the flames is a complete mystery, as there was no fire in the building, the heating being rurnished by the Economy Light, Heat and Power company. The supposition is that it was caused by an electric

not give an estimate of the coronal of

stack curried, but said he believed it

Killion. A workman was engaged in the store up to II o'clock, repairing the cable on the elevator, and one of the employee was with him, looking the store ofter they were through. When the flames were discavered they appeared to emunate from the elevator shaft, and when the firemen turned a stream into he shaft the large store room illed with smoke.

The flames then shot up through the thaft and into the partitions and stock on the second, third and fourth floors, although these rooms were upset on account of the repair work in progress At 3.30 o'clock the flames seemed : se under control and were entirely confined to the Williams & McAnulty

building. The guests at the Hotel Jermyn ere aroused by the fire alarm and the clanging of bells in front of the building and many of them left their rooms. There was no danger, however, as the hotel is protected by an immense fire-

THE CHINESE CRISIS OVER

British and Russians Have Decided That They Will Withdraw from Tien-Tsin.

GOOD FEELING RESTORED

Dispute to Be Settled Diplomatically Mr. Conger Sails from Shanghai. Li Hung Chang's Health Better. Report That the Governor of Hsi-Ning Is to Be Dismissed-Delay Over the Indemnity.

THIS MORNING | By Pacladre Wire man The Associated Press. London, March 18 .- On the highest official authority, the Associated Press. s authorized to announce that the difficulty at Tien-Tsin between the Russians and British over the construction a railroad siding in territory claimed by both, will probably be solved by the withdrawad of both the British and Russian troops from the grounds in

dispute. Officials of the British foreign office have not yet received official confirnation of Russia's nileged backdown, and inquirles on the subject are being made in St. Petersburg and Pekin. The British government is not relaxing its efforts to obtain a more satisfactory dutement of the intentions of Russia. but the officials deprecate the British

press agitation on the subject. On all sides it is officially and othervise said that Great Britain has not the slightest idea of resorting to hostilitles against Russia, whatever may be the outcome of the present negotia.

British Influence in Yang-tse.

In the house of commons today, redying to Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett (Censervative) Mr. Balfour, the govnment leader, said the government lid not possess any information indiating any decline in British influence in the Yang-tse provinces. As to the Russian claim for the waters of Blone ad Ellioft Islands, the British government had certainly not accepted that, The government had received no communication on the subject from Rustion and right next to the Globe Ware- sia. The Russian admiral had remonstrated against the presence in the waters of Elliott Island of H. M. S. Ployer, which was engaged in pursuing pirates, but British ships had a pergwas being remodeled and the whole feet right, under the treaty of of Tien-

secretary for foreign affairs, Lord The Library building, next door, is Cranborne, who refused to answer them without notice.

William Redmond raised Nationalist heers by asking why Great Britain had hoisted the white flag and backed down, after threatening to use force of

In a dispatch from Shapekai the sailing today of United States Minister Conger is announced.

Tien-Tsin, March to.-The Anglo-Cussian dispute is unchanged. Franch troops are quieter. More than forty acrests have been made. Pekin, March 18.-Li Hang Chang 1st represented as better in health. His mental faculties have not been imcircd in the stinitest degree by I Biness, and he takes as keen an inter

est as ever in the negotiations. The railroad between Pekin and "han-Sing-Ou was opened on Sarurday in the presence of the French and Belgian ministers. A review of the groops

was a feature of the celebration

Delay Over Indemnity. Little was accomplished at today's neeting of the foreign minbaters, on recount of the delay of the various governments in agreeing to the concinsions reached in the matter of indemnity claims. No minister is allowed

The court exempnial on the recep-

tion of ministers was the subject of

conversation, but nothing definite was General Chaffes and H. C. Sauleria the United States charge Caffaires have examined property adjoining the tegration suitable for barracks and care-

this of housing 150 men. Rerlin, March 18.—In a dispatch flore from Swatow it is said that on the temand of the German consul at Swaow the district governor of Hsi Ning (Sec-Ning) will be dismissed on as oung of his anti-Christian attitude and his dilatoriness in dealing with Cerman claims. Two Chinese participants in the anti-German riots have been beheaded at Ho-Ping.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Explosite Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March Dr., Hon, Mark S. Brewer, I Michigan, a member of the Civil Service comof the half but mays, although for some time of his health has been poor. He was 61 years i age, and leaves a widow. The inneral will e held at Ponciae, Mich., Tietrsday. Mr. Brewer as at one time make in the politics of his tale. He served as a state sensitor several terwas in coughes for tone terms. SSI to 1985 he was in the consillar septice, being ationed at Borlin. He has been a member of the civil service commission for several years. Novaria, O., March 18.—design Roler, inventor the tomens Remitigated rifle, is dead at his home in this city, of heart discour, aged st.

Pedlar Palmer Defeated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press London, March D. - At the National Sporting Harry Harris, of Chicago, defeated Pedlar" Palmer, of England, on points, in a

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