TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 3, 1902.

TWO CENTS.

GREATEST FLOOD IN MANY SEASONS

also being used at No. 14 shaft, owned

be swept away at any moment.

the possibility of fresh disasters

1876, and great anxiety prevails over

The River Over 31 Feet Above Low

Water Mark-Record of 1865 Is

Equalled-At Plymouth.

ainfall and rush of water from it:

upper tributaries caused the north

apidly today. At 8 o'clock this morn-

ing it was *29 feet above low-water

mark, and at noon had reached the 30-

oot mark. At 10 o'clock this evening

the gage showed 31 feet and 3 inches.

It is thought that there will be a

water recedes. Today's high-water

mark is equal to that of 1865, which

has always been known as a record-

The water is over both banks of the

of the city is under water. At West-

all the residents vacated their houses.

The water had reached the first story

ond. Those who have lingered too long

and was gradually going up to the sec

had to be removed in boats. The cel

lars of the Sterling and Wyoming Val-

ley hotels and many mercantile house:

in the central part of the city were

The people living on River and ad

joining streets, which is the principal

resident portion of the city, were

semmed in by the water, and are un-

able to leave their houses unless by

All the streets of West Pittston are

Two hundred families living in the

to leave their homes hastily this after-

noon, the waters covering the first floor and putting out the fires. The body of

Mrs. Rowland, who died this afternoon,

had to be removed from the premiser

Butler had to be rowed in a boat to

iouse at Riverside to attend a woman

vho shortly afterwards gave birth to a

At Nanticoke several houses were

the people living in them had a narrow

day afternoon. It will take a week be-

fore the bed is in such shape as to per-

time. The tracks of the Delaware,

Lackawanna and Western railroad, be-

and it will take some days before they

tween this city and Pitttston, are coy

ered with several feet of water.

scape with their lives. The flooding of

ouse being carried away. Dr.

filled with water early in the day.

under several feet of water.

boat

hild.

Railroad Traffic Is Seriously Hampered in Pennsylvania and New York.

THE GREAT RIVERS OVERFLOW THEIR BANKS

Susquehanna, Hudson, Mohawk, Delaware and Their Branches Become Raging Torrents---The Highest Water Marks Are Passed in Almost Every Instance---Nearly All Railroads Are Affected and Obliged to Abandon Train Service---The Floods in New Jersey---Paterson Again Suffers.

pecial to the Scranton Tribune

Pittston, March 2 .- The first disas- by the Erie company. trous effects of last week's storm and the flood which the weathermen have predicted would follow in its wake, was felt here Friday. The overflowing of a reek in the lower section of the town caused a flood of water, the like of which has never been seen here outude of the ragings of the Susquehanna lyer. Over ten residences or buildings ave been more or less seriously afected, and in the basements of some f them the water reached a height of lfteen feet. Since that time the river ias been constantly rising, leaving disister and ruin in its wake.

The most rapid increase in the vole of water occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, when the river rose 814 inches. The increase has continued all day at the rate of two or three inches an hour, and at 8 o'clock in the evening overflowed its banks on the West Side. Along Susquehanna avenue, the finest residence portion of the city, the water came over the road and into the yards. The roads in that vicinity are impassable, though the Ferry bridge is still open. Through the overflow of Carpenter's creek to Sturmerville, West Pittston is practically an island.

Stevens Mine Flooded.

At Stevens' colliery the river has broken into the mine, and though every effort is being made to prevent disaster it does not seem probable that the pumps will be able to keep up with the flow of water into the chambers. Water is also pouring into the Clear Spring mine, and the pumps are submerged under eight feet of water, but are still working and have thus far been able to prevent further increase of water. The homes of Mrs. William Costello, Hon. E. J. Burke, representative from

the Third Luzerne district, and Mrs. James Frick, on Railroad and Price streets, lie close to the creek, and were completely drowned out. The back and front yards were veritable ponds. The basements of the houses were filled with water, and the occupants were compelled to lift the carpets and move the household effects from the first The overflow found an escape by way

of Price street, and a roaring creek flowed from that street north, joining the original creek bed at Dershimer & Griffin's planing mill. The course of the creek runs under the mill building and the place was flooded quite badly. There was fifteen inches of water in the fireroom, and the mill was compelled to close down for the day. The glass room also suffered considerable damage, while loose lumber in the yard floated around like boats on a lake, The old Tobias Ingram homestead, or Price street, near the planing mill, was surrounded by three feet of water, and the occupants were unable to get out. Other houses that were in the line of flood and were damaged, were as

follows: J. J. Gallagher, Cornelius Evans, David McMurtrie, John McAndrew, Mrs. Toole, John Hastie, "Castle Garden," a big tenement occupied by Italian families: the barns of Dr. Newth and John O'D. Mangan, and the paint shop of T. Evans.

Train Service Demoralized.

The Lehigh Valley railroad service is completely demoralized in this section. No attempts have been made to run trains today. The tracks are submerged and water covers the ground floor of the station on the East Side to the depth of ten inches. At Coxton yard all sidings are under water, which reaches halfway to the top of the coal cars standing on the tracks. The river is a mile wide at that point, reaching from Exeter borough to Marcy. Water rushes through Vosburg tunnel at the lepth of four feet, and from twenty to thirty miles of telegraph wire is down along the line. It will probably be several weeks before the regular business

of the road can be again resumed. Heidelberg colliery, No. 2, at Dupont, owned by the Lehigh Valley company, is flooded. The mules were taken out yesterday, when the pumps ceased to work. An effort is being made to keep the water down by means of buckets, with little success. Buckets are to his home, in Luzerne borough, early in the cars until daylight when boats last thirty-six hours. Row boats are relieve the suffering.

this morning. The carriage, horse and North street bridge and carried down stream. The horses were quickly drowned. Reilly clung to a limb of a tree, but was finally drowned before help could reach him. Beckert landed on a big cake of ice. His cries were heard in the darkness. Two men started after him in a boat, and after floating around on the ice for an hour he was finally recovered. The other victims were unknown. One is believed to be a tramp, who had taken refuge in a barn that had been swept away. The damage to property is already estimated at one million dollars. The Record Flooded.

Wilkes-Barre, March 2.-The Record was forced to go to press at 1 o'clock

owing to the water gaining headway in their press room.

FLOOD AT HARRISBURG.

Two Piers of the Oldest Bridge on the Susquehanna Are Washed Out.

Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 2.-The secnd and third piers of the famous old amelback bridge on the Harrisburg were washed away by high water early this morning. The bridge was built in 1816, and was probably the oldest bridge across the Susquehanna river. It is owned by Harrisburg capitalists, and will immediately be rebuilt. The Pennsylvania railroad's steel bridge at Rockville is in danger, and the com-pany is sending its trains over the Cumberland Valley bridge at Bridgeport. The Pennsylvania steel works at Steelton and the iron and steel mills in South Harrisburg have been forced to close down on account of water in the flywheel pits.

A telegram was received from Elmira South Harrisburg is under water, and stating that the ice in the Chemung many of the families in that locality river was on the move and might be are living in the upper stories of their expected here tonight. It is also Last night 200 persons sought rumored that one of the piers of the safety in the school house at Lochiel. Tunkhannock bridge had been battered The water has been receding since down and that the bridge is liable to noon, although it is feared it will again rise, when the volume of water up the Nothing has approached the magni-tude of the present inundation since

At Williamsport.

river comes down

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Williamsport, Pa., March 2.-The WILKES-BARRE FLOODED. west branch of the Susquehanna river reached its high stage at this point at into the water. o'elock Saturday night when the guage registered 23 feet % inches above low water mark. Since that hour the water has slowly receded, and at 6 o'clock tonight the guage staged at

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 2.-A heavy

branch of the Susquehanna river to rise | Traffic on New York Central Railroad Interfered with-No Street Cars in Albany-Situation Elsewhere.

IN THE EMPIRE STATE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 2.-The floods along further rise of a few inches before the the line of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad are interfering extensively with traffic on that line according to reports given out at the Grand Central station in this city. No river from Pittston to Nanticoke, and through trains for the west were being Genesce river been so high, nor conesembles a vast lake. Nearly one-half despatched in the afternoon and evening. The 3.35 p. m. train for Albany left on time but went only as far as Hudmoor, Firwood and Riverside, nearly son. No passengers would be taken beyond that point, as bridges are down and tracks washed away between Hudson and Albany.

The greatest trouble, however, was eported at points along the main line between Albany and Buffalo, where trains are stalled or have not been sen! out because of the floods along the line, and all day long hundreds of travelers wishing to reach Rochester, Syracuse Buffalo, Detroit and Chicago were in despair, and making anxious inquiries as to when trains would start for those points, only to be told by the station master, "it might be any minute, and it

might be hours." The Southwestern limited, due at 7.55 lowlands in the town of Plymouth had this morning was seven hours late, while the Chicago express, due at 10 a m., the second section of the South-western limited, the Buffalo express and the Atlantic express, all due in the morning, were not heard from up to a n a boat, as there was danger of the late hour in the afternoon.

No Street Cars at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., March 2.-Railroad traffic has been badly interfered with, and not a wheel has turned on a street car line today, as a result of the Hudwept away by the rushing waters, and son river overflowing its banks. The entire southern portion of the city is under water and residents have to use boats to get to and from their homes he boiler room of the power houses of The New York Central railway trains the Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley from New York city are from two to Traction company disabled the entire lectric railway system of the whole five hours late as a result of having to ralley. The Lehigh Valley railroad was use the tracks of the Harlem branch ble to get a train through from from Hudson to Chatham and then Mauch Chunk this afternoon. It was over the Boston and Albany railway the first train from the east since Fri- tracks to this city. The New York Central tracks west of Albany are entirely under water and all trains ar mit the running of trains on schedule transferred to the West Shore railroad at Rotterdam Junction. A heavy rainfall which set in about 4 o'clock morning and continued until sunset has caused one of the highest freshets in the history of the Hudson river at this Washouts are reported all along the line of the Central Railroad of New place. It has swept away hundreds of Jersey. It is not known when this road dollars worth of portable property and will be able to resume the running of caused much suffering to the residents trains. Three feet of water covers the of the southern section of the city tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad at whose houses are completely cut off by Buttonwood. Reports from the mines the water and are accessable only by show that many of them were flooded,

means of row boats. The trains which left New York at can be pumped out. This will curtail 7.39 last night, and on board of which the output of coal. Nine lives have been were more than one hundred passenlost so far. The casualties for the past | gers. did not reach this city at all. At Will- Castleton the water was so high that iam P. Reilly hired a cab from Richard | the engine fires were extinguished and Beckert to drive him across the river the passengers were forced to remain

were procured and they were trans-ferred to carryalls, which took them to About a thousand families have been Brookview, where a Boston and Albany train was in waiting to bring them to this city.

At 8 o'clock tonight the water began

Highest Water Mark Passed.

Lyons, N. Y., March 2.-It has been raining hard in this section for 24 hours and is still raining tonight. The water is rising in the Clyde river and the New York Central and Hudson River and West Shore tracks are washoccupants were caught in the swift ed out between here and Palymra, and current on the roudway above the between here and Clyde. The chief between here and Clyde. The chief rallroad communication is by way of Geneva over the Pennsylvania division, then east and west over the Auburn divisions, the tracks running under water part of the way. The Northern Central road weighted its bridges down with cars to hold them. The water here is six inches above

the highest mark ever known. Eastwater, Forgeham, Franklin, Elmer and Shuler streets are reached only with boats and the current is so strong in the streets that boating is dangerous. If the water rises two inches more it will extinguish the fire under the Wayne county electric company's boilers. This company supplies Lyons and Clyde with electric light, heat and power. Telegraph and telephone communication is hampered by washed out

Along the lowlands the farmers are ompelled to use boats to reach outbuildings and are removing the live stock and turning it loose on the highlands. Apparently the entire lowlands between Rochester and Syracuse are inundated.

Saratoga, N. Y., March 2.—Heavy rain prevailed throughout today and added to the great volume of surface vaters that are inundating the valleys and lowlands in the lower Adirondacks and northwestern New York. Railroad raffic is not seriously impeded, but vashouts are generally feared inside of wenty-four hours unless a sudden cold vave intervenes.

Schenectady, N. Y., March 2.-The vater in the Mowhawk has receded several feet and unless today's storm fills up Schoarie creek the danger point is passed. Eastbound trains are several lours late.

At Yonkers.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 2 .- A flood at Conkers has caused the wrecking of he steel and granite viaduet across the ravine in which runs Rawley's brook at the dividing line between this city and Hastings.

This afternoon, as a trolley car was pessing over the viaduct, the structure began to sway. Passengers and pedestrians made a rush and just as all had cleared the bridge it slipped from place, owing to the sinking of one of the pillars, but it did not drop families have been driven from their

At Ithaca.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 2.-The water which has been poured into lower Ithaca from all gorges during the past we days continues to rise steadily to-Tonight the Lehigh Valley tracks to the south of the city are completely submerged and no trains rave reached here from the south since Friday. Traffic over this part of the read cannot, it is thought, be resumed for reveral days. Delaware, Lacka vanna and Western trains reach the city with great difficulty and several trains have been unloaded on West Hill, the passengers being brought in on busses. All mails are late and New York papers did not reach Ithaca to-

Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., March 2.-Not since the memorable flood of 1865 has the ditions within the city been so favorable for a disastrous flood as at pres ent. At 10 o'clock tonight the river is as high as it was in '65.

A big washout at Palmyra last night completely tied up the main line of the New York Central at that point and all passenger trains were sent from here over the Auburn branch to Syracuse. All westbound trains are from one hour to almost a day late enving this city. Not a wheel is turning on any of the other roads entering the city on account of washouts at banks today. Very little damage is bedifferent points on the several lines.

At Utica.

Utica, N. Y., March 2 .- The Mohawk river, from far above Rome to way lown the Mohawk valley, is a rushing torrent, over its banks, and miles of lowlands are under several feet Railroad traffic is greatly impeded. New York Central passenger trains being run over the West Shore, between Schuyler Junction and Canastota, a distance of thirty-three miles, Trains on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western have been abandoned because of the flood. In Oneida the fire department was ordered out to rescue persons from their homes, ladders and boats being employed.

At Olean.

Olean, N. Y., March 2 .- Tonight the caters of the Allegheny river rose to within a block of the center of this city. The Shawmut bridge at Haskill is gone the swing bridge at Riverhurst floated down the river this afternoon The only railroad track that is passble is the Pennsylvania, between Olean and Buffalo. The inhabitants of 200 houses along the river have been forced to abandon their homes.

Middletown.

Middletown, N. Y., March 2.-There is to change for the better today in the flood situation over that of yesterday in Orange and Sullivan counties. The water in the streams is higher than ever known before. Many bridges have gone with the flood, and Midwar park, near here, is inundated. Railway traffic is much interfered with.

DAMAGE AT BINGHAMTON.

One Thousand Families Affected. Many Forced to Vacate Homes. John Richardson Drowned.

y Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Binghamton, N. Y., March 2 .- The Susquehanna and Chenango rivers have been over their banks here for the

affected by the flood, being damaged all the way to being compelled to move out of their homes to minor cellar

The electric light plant is unable to operate. The water now stands at

west of Waverly.

the highest mark in forty years. The Erie and Lackawanna railroads are running their trains from here to New York and the latter roads gets through to Buffalo, but the Eric cannot

From all points in the Southern Tier come reports of bank-high streams, impassable highways and flooded towns. The only encouraging feature at this hour (10,30) is a slight drop in tempera-

At Upper Lisle John Richardson was carried away with a bridge and drowned. The body caught in the iron work and has not been recovered. The total loss here will be in dollars

When the Susquehanna reached its greatest height the city water works only had nine inches between its grates in the boiler rooms and the wa-

PATERSON AGAIN AFFLICTED.

The Fire-Swept City Now Overwhelmed by a Raging Flood.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paterson, N. J., March 2 .- This city, so recently swept by fire, is now overwhelmed by flood and the quarter occupied by the houses of the poorer class is unundated. Hundreds of familles have been made homeless by the overflow of the Passaic river and the country for miles around the city is under water. So far but one death has been report

ed. The great peril now is that the Spruce street raceway may overflow, in which event a fearful loss of property in the manufacturing district is sure to ensue. At this point the city authorities have placed expert engincers who are instructed to touch off a blast of dynamite which will open a new channel for the immense volume of water held there, and by diverting it to the bed of the river in a new direction the authorities hope to save a great deal of valuable property.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the water in the raceway was within three inches of the danger point, but four hours later it was reported that there was a recession of from four to five inches.

The fire of three weeks ago did not reate such suffering and widespread desolation as the flood of today. The district for a mile along the river front is covered with water which in many instances reached to the second story of the dwellings. In this district are situated the Rogers locomotive works and several silk mills and dye works, In the immediate vicinity of these hives of industry, fully six hundred tenements. Of these unfortunates sevhouses in boats and barges amid scenes

of much excitement. The Fifth regiment armory was openthe homeless families, more than a hun-

dred of whom are housed there. In the work of rescue, one of the most earnest toilers lost his life. This was Richards, a carpenter. After making several successful trips, on each of which he brought three or four persons from the neighborhood of Kearns Brothers dye works, his boat was upset and he was swept away in the waters which were rushing with the

force of a mill race. The danger to the city from the flood and especially from the raceway was diminished late tonight when it was noticed that the water in the river had begun to recede. At 10:30 it had gone

DELAWARE ON THE RAMPAGE.

The River Full of Ice and Fourteen Feet Above Normal Level. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Trenton, N. J., March 2.-The Delaware river reached its greatest height here at 3 o'clock. At that time it was fourteen feet above the normal level. The river is full of ice and the water is rushing through in torrents and thousands of people visited the river ing done by the rise in the river, so far as the actual destruction of property is concerned. Fair street, in Trenton, and Mill street, in Morrisville, which are along the river edge, are overflowing at their lowest point and some twenty-five families are obliged to use boats to get to and from their

The lowlands on both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania sides of the river are overflown and the tracks of the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad between Bordentown and Trenton are under water and the operation of the road has been suspended. Information was received here this afternoon of a washout on the Belvidere road near Lambartville and doubt is expressed of the ability to get through the evening train from Trenion to Phillipsburg.

SUFFERING AT ELMIRA. Homeless Families Quartered in the Salvation Army Barracks.

Eimira, N. Y., March 2.-Rain fell

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

ontinually all day today until nightfall when the temperature suddenly lowered. The Chemung river has receded and the additional danger, which was threatened because of the rainfall has passed. There is much suffering among the large number of families who were driven from their

homes by the waters. A large number of people are quartered in the Salvation Army shelter, the club house of the Father Mathew Temperance society and the various hotels. The Northern Central, Lackawanna and Erie railroads are gradually resuming traffic. The Lehigh Valley probably will not be able to resume the running of trains within a week The property damage is conservatively estimated at \$75,000. Mayor Flood has

called a meeting of citizens for Monday

afternoon to devise ways and means to

FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

ASKS \$15,000 FOR THREE KISSES. Wisconsin Woman Alleges She Was

Hugged Against Her Will. y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Baraboo, Wis., March 2 .- Mrs. Sarah Staten, of Sauk county, wants \$15,000 r three kisses. She has appeared be ore Judge Kelsey here and given he

deposition, alleging that David G.

lames, of Richland Center, had hugged and kissed her three times against her will. The trial will take place in Richland county circuit court in April. James is well-to-do and is known all over Wiscensin, having served last year as department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. He owns farm in Sauk county, upon which Mr. and Mrs. Staten live and work James frequently visited the farm, and t was on one of these visits that Mrs.

mitted. James denies the charge and declares t a case of blackmail. He was present with his lawyer, Frank Burnham, during the taking of Mrs. Staten's deposition. Mrs. Staten is 47 and James is 58 years of age.

Staten elleges the offense was com

PRINCE HENRY MOVES WESTWARD

He Visits Lookout Mountain-Meets with Enthusiastic Receptions All Along the Line.

Indianapolis, March 2.-Prince Henry of Prussia went up Lookout mountain today, and after viewing the ground where the Union and Confederate armies met in conflict and hearing afresh the story of the battles, resumed his journey to the north and west. Leaving Chattanooga over the Nashville. Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad, his train ran through a corner of Alabama and then turning to the north hurried across Tennessee, with a short stop at Nashville, through Kentucky, with brief stays at Louisville and Bowling Green, and up into Indiana to another brief halt at Indianapolis. At Indianapolis the course was changed to the westward again, and on the tracks of the Vandalla line, his train is on the reach for St. Louis. His reception in the south was hospitable and demon-strative. The negroes manifested great

terested and amused him. He had an opportunity to hear them sing at Nashville, and was greatly pleased at the experience. It was the ed tonight as a temporary residence for glee club of Fisk university that sang, and at the close he asked the young woman who led them to come into his car. He shook her hand, and congratu-

curiosity as to the prince, and they in-

lated ber. There was a great crowd at Chattanooga, and the people presented the prince with a handsome souvenir of his visit. Nashville also made a demon stration of friendliness, as did Louis, ville and Indianapolis. At every station along the route the people gathered to salute him with cheers. There was much enthusiasm over Admiral Evans as well, and at several points after they had seen and cheered the prince the people called for the admiral. Brief though it was, Prince Henry was delighted with his southern tour, and as

"The people have been very kind to me. Everywhere they have received me In the kindliest manner, and I very deeply appreciate it. I wish they might

he was leaving Nashville, he said:

all know how thankful I am." Guided by a pilot engine, the royal special made a rapid run from Cincinnati to Chattanooga. Tired from his exertions of the day, the prince retired after leaving Cincinnati, but his slumbers were disturbed by the clamorous calls made for him at some of the Kentucky towns.

TRAITORS ARE REVEALED BY LUKBAN'S CAPTURE

Correspondence Secured Which Implicates Many Filipinos Who Were Supposed to Be Friendly.

y Exclusive Wire from the Associated Prest Manila, March 2.-While Governor Flores of the Province of Rizal was chasing Felizardo and his band of Ladrones over the hills of Vavite province, Felizardo at the head of twenty five men armed with rifles, entered the town of Cainta, in Morong province,

and captured the presidente. Senor

Ampil, and a majority of the police of

Senor Ampil has long been known as an enthusiastic sympathizer and it is feared that he may be killed by the enraged ladrones. A strong force of constabulary has been sent to effect

The correspondence captured with General Lukban, in the island of Samar, is of the greatest value. It implicates several Filipinos who heretofore not been suspected of com-

plicity with the insurgents. Manila, March 2.-The United State Philippine commission have received a cablegram from the governor of Cebu saying that a violent assault has been ommitted by the municipal police of 'ebu upon the person of the Spanish onsul at that port. The governor says the assault was instigated by the presidente of Cebu, Senor Reyes, who has been suspended pending an investigation, which was at once ordered.

Steamship Arrivals.

r Exclusive Wice from The Associated Press. New York, March 2.—Arrived: La Bretagne Havre; Trave, Genes, Naples and Gibraltar; Um bria, Liverpool and Queenatown. Boaton, Arrived; New England, Naples. Philadelphia—Arrived; Westernland, Liverpool and Queenatown. Liver-pool—Arrived; Noundie, New York. Gravesend— Arrived; Haverford, New York.

The Senate Will Take Up the Ship Subsidy Measure

Today.

TILLMAN-M'LAURIN

INCIDENT CLOSED Mr. Turner Abandons His Announced

Intention of Reviewing President Pro Tem Frye's Ruling-The House Will Give Attention to Postal Affairs During the Week, Beginning With the Bill Placing Free Rural Delivery on a Contract Basis,

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Washington, March 2.-In accordance

with yesterday's decision, the senate will take up the ship subsidy bill tomorrow and it will continue to hold ts place as the unfinished business until disposed of. There is, however, no lisposition for the present to press the natter to the exclusion of all other business, so that it probably will be laid aside temporarily at different imes to permit the consideration of other matters, including Senator Hoar's bill for the protection of the president against assault. The legislative appropriation bill will be reported during the week and will take precedence of he ship bill in its own right if Senator Cullom, who will have it in charge, shall decide to ask the senate to take t up as he probably will. The subsidy bill will not be debated for so great a ength of time as was the measure of the last congress. There will be number of speeches on it, however, before it shall be allowed to go to a vote. Senator Frye, chairman of the comnittee on commerce, who will have the bill in charge, will explain the measure when it is taken up on Monday Senator Clay will address the senate from the Democratic point of view and probably will be followed by Senators Furner, Vest, Mallory and other Demcratic senators. Senator Turner has abandoned his announced intention of reviewing President Pro Tem Frye's lecision in the Tillman-McLaurin contempt proceeding and the present indiction is that that incident will not receive any further immediate atten-

Rural Free Delivery.

The house of representatives will give most of its time during the present week to postal affairs, beginning tomorrow with the bill placing the rural 'ree delivery system on the contract basis and following later with the postoffice appropriation bill. The cural free delivery measure has aroused much controversy and there promises to be in active debate, with considerable doubt as to the passage of the bill. It was the original plan to make the hange in the rural delivery system a feature of the postoffice appropriation bill, but as this would have necessitated a special rule, the proposition was brought forward in a special bill. It is expected that debate on the bill, which is to have the right of way until disposed of, will take about two days. The postoffice appropriation bill contains items relating to subsidy for fast mail, which are usually fruitful of much discussion. It is expected that the appropriation bill will occupy all the latter part of the week, although next Fri-

day is set aside for war claims, Aside from the regular house work, the Republican members hold a second caucus on Monday night to consider further the course to be pursued on Cuban reciprocity.

TUNNEL NOT ABANDONED.

New Trolley Company Will Use Old Mine Workings. Reports to the effect that the new

rapid transit company has abandoned he project to reach the central city by tunnel along through the old mine workings in South Scranton are not wholly correct. The tunnel route has not been wholly abandoned. take a year or more to complete the and as the company is desirtunnel, ous of having its road in operation before next fall, it has decided to use a emporary surface route until the tunnel is ready. With this in view, options have been secured on South Side properties for a right of way from the Irving avenue and Elm street terminal to a convenient point on the line of the narrow-guage railroad connecting the North and South mills, and while awaiting the completion of the tunnel, cars will be run to and from the cen-

tral city on this roadway. The work of clearing the ground for the company's power house and car shops will begin this morning. All the buildings now occupying the ninetyseven acres north of Mattes street, excepting the brick and frame dwellings near the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks, are to be razed within ninety days, and the ground leveled off. Henry A. Heitner's Sons, of Philadelphia, have the contract for this work. Every vestige of the old rolling mill and blast furnace will have been oblitcrated inside of three months. John Frichtel, who has been for years a superintendent at the blast furnace, the sub-contract for the demolition of the blast furnace buildings.

. WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 2 .- Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern vania, fair and colder Monday

clearing in north portions; Tueslay Lair,