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BOSTON SITUATION IS PERPLEXING

The Strikers After Resuming Work for a Day Again Decide to Quit.

LACK OF EMPLOYMENT CAUSES THE TROUBLE

Dissatisfied Because All Unionists Were Not Taken Back in a Body. Some Transportation Companies Reluctant to Part with New Employes Who Had Done Good Service-Governor Crane's Plan Suddenly Falls to the Ground.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Boston, March 14.-The labor situation in Boston tonight is extremely perplexing. To give weight to statements of labor men, who spoke without authority, that harmony is not restored, is to make the outlook far more critical than at any time since the allied freight transportation council began its fight against the R. S. Brine Transportation company. On the other hand, Governor Crane and the state board of arbitration believe that the problem is being solved quite rapidly, considering the immensity of the strike, and only ask for time and patience from both laboring and business men, to remove all obstacles for a resumption of freight traffic under customary conditions. As a matter of fact, the strike was com-"letely broken today, although indl-

coubles cropped out in many quarters, some of which were adjusted without delay, and others dragged along in uncertain state, so that they came in for consideration by the various labor bodies tonight.

During these meetings, judging from what was argued by the men, independent strikes of bodies seem impending, but the leaders in the strike just ended are sanguine that they still hold control of the entire organized labor body and would not again be obtiged to order a strike of the freight handlers or its more serious accompaniment, a sympathetic strike of affiliated bodies Tomorrow will show more clearly the

conditions in this respect. ing today presented an army of workingmen rushing helter skelter to get to | n their old positions. There had been more than 20,000 places vacated, but effice to aid in this beneficient work, which eral Herrera, in his official report of fully ten per cent, of the union men found their places filled. This was the dividual in the commonwealth. reason for friction all day affecting only the men themselves, for concerns were too busy raising the embargo on goods in their keeping to give heed to

talk of unfairness. Freight began to move at docks, freight sheds, from and to wholesale houses and factories, and upon the streets, and by night great inroads had been made on the four days' accumulation of goods. With the breaking of the strike, employers of freight handlers, team drivers or lumpers rushed into print with calls for more help. Even concerns which heretofore has been bound to unionism seem to have grasped the opportunity of hiring whom they liked. It is on this point, of all others, that the critical phase of F. M. Osborne's New Corporation the situation tonight hangs.

The real battle today was between the men who controlled the strike and By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. representatives of great interests who i had been prevailed upon to consider certain propositions as a way to a settlement of the trouble. As for three days past, it was Governor Crane, at that has purchased the product of the his office in the state house, who stood between the parties at issue.

Governor Sees Many Delegations.

The governor received many delegations during the afternoon and by great exertion got together President John M. Hall, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad: President Tuttle, of the Boston and Maine, and Samuel Hoar, general counsel for the Boston and Albany, at the state house at 4:30 o'clock. W. E. Chamberlain, general manager of the eastern division of the New Haven road, was also admitted into the executive chamber. These gentlemen were with the governor for an hour and a half. In the meantime a number of the labor leaders who had been holding conferences with the state board of arbitration and at the labor headquarters arrived and were taken into the council chamber. For an hour the governor held alternate interviews between employer and employee. During these conferences Secretary Easley of the civic federation came into the waiting room and saw the governor. He was eccompanied by Frank P. Sargent, of "leveland, president of the Brothergood of Locoomtive Firemen, and George E. McNeill, of this city.

Mr. Easley said that he had attended meeting of the 'longshoremen during the afternoon and spoke there with Mr. Sargent and Mr. McNeill. The meeting was a hot one, but at the close the men all voted to sustain the officers and to return to work. The several conferences ended early this evening, the men leaving before the railroad officials.

The governor then granted an interview with the newspaper men. He

"The situation looks very much more encouraging than last night. The railhave all agreed to take back as many men as possible without discrimination. As far as the steamship lines are concerned. I understood that the men have returned, or practically all of them. The railroad companies will not consent to discharge whom they have hired in place of the strikers but they are well disposed to ing. There were 100,000 pounds of the men and are very anxious to take building. Loss 800,000; fully insured

back as many as possible. The question of the loading and unloading of teams, while it came up incidentally to night was not very much discussed. It will be taken up next week."

NORFOLK CAR STRIKE.

Road Operated by the Company, but Not on Schedule Time. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Norfolk, Va., March 14.-The street car strike here today is practically in the same condition as yesterday. Cars are running, but not on regular schedule. Strike sympathizers are stoning cars at every opportunity, especially in the dark places in the suburbs. E. L. Allen and H. J. Ruth, both former employes, who were arrested last night, charged with shooting into and stoning cars, were today held for

GOVERNOR DESIGNATES THE ARBOR DAYS

the grand jury. They are in jail, not having been able to give ball.

Are Named as Proper Days for Tree Planting.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 14.-Governor Stone today issued a proclamation des-The proclamation states that the recent floods show the need of forest preservation in Pennsylvania. It fol-

The growing demands of our industries have in recent years brought about such a rapid de-struction of our forests that it became necessary to take active steps for their rehabilitation The forestry department of Pennsylvania is cap-idly acquiring forest lands and establishing forestry preservations and efforts in this direction will be productive of greaf good; but if the end sought are to be accomplished it is of vast im portance that trees be planted upon the impro-inctive lands of the commonwealth in order that the damage already done may be in part,

east, repaired.
The recent floods have again emphasize! danger in further reducing the wooded areas, the improductive lands of the state were adquately protected by trees the heavy rains would pass into the streams more slowly and the los to the commonwealth would be infinitely less. Owing to the frequent floods and resultant muddy waters and inpure water, the cities and town of the state are fast realizing the nece in the state can have pure water if forests are maintained at the source of suitable streams.

These conditions make it the duty of every

affects not only the state at large but each In order that our citizens, both young and old, may have an opportunity to continue to contribute their share in this laudable work,

I, William A. Stone, governor of the com-monwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with law, do hereby designate and proclaim Friday, the fourth day of April, and Friday, the eightcenth day of April, A. D. 1902, to be observed as Arbor days throughout the commonwealth.

Two days are set apart for the observance of this custom, inasmuch as the climatic conditions may render one of these days more favorable for the purpose intended than for the other, the selection if left with the citizens of the various sections of the commonwealth. W. W. Griest,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

COMPANY BUYS COAL OUTPUT.

Takes 1,000,000 Tons Yearly.

Cleveland, March 14 .- F. M. Osborne, former president of the Pittsburg Coal company, otherwise the soft coal trust, is said to be at the head of a company mines of the river combination in the Pittsburg district, which amounts to a million tons yearly. The firm of Osborne, Saeger & Co., which was absorbed by the Pittsburg Coal company several years ago, is likely to be reorganized to compete with the trust in handling coal for this and other lake points. Four officials recently in the employ of the Pittsburg Coal company have resigned to go with Mr. Osborne. The Pittsburg end of the deal was closed last week,

LYONS CONSUL IN CONFLICT.

United States Agent Declines to Pay Tax and City Makes Threats.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Paris, March 14 .- A dispatch from John Lycsys there is much comment there over a diet between the municipality and the United States consul, John C. Covert, on account of an ittempt to impose certain new taxes on that of The latter says he is exempt by the co vention of February 2, 1853, and refuses to pay, The municipality threatens to selze the co

FARMERS FIGHT OFF ROBBERS. Ohioans Resist Attack on House with Rifles.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Bowling Green, O., March H .- Barricaded in chonse, John Dries, a wealthy turner of this unty: his two sons and several farmers who had come to their assistance, fought a battle with rifles with several men who attempted to rob Dries of money yesterday.
The robbers were driven off without booty. The bandits exchanged shot for shot with the

THE SENATE RATIFIES HAGUE CONFERENCE

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 14.—The senate today rati-fied The Hague conference treaty of July 29,

Cocoa Butter Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Philadelphia, March 14.-The relining building men of the India Refining company, manufacturers of the of cocoa butter, was destroyed by fire this mornised to ing. There were 199,000 pounds of oil in the

OVATION TO ELKIN.

The Candidate Is Given an Enthusiastic Reception at Bellwood.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Altoona, March 14.-Gubernatorial andidate Elkin visited Duncansville ind Bellwood this forenoon and was fulte cordially received. This evening e was tendered a public reception at the Logan house in this city. While the parlors and porches were crowded a brass band entertained those who only got as far as the sidewalk. Candidate Watres arrived in the afternoon and went to the Altmont hotel, where ie met his supporters. . In the evening he made a speech in

he hotel, explaining his motives i ecoming a candidate, and attacking the last legislature and the Stone adninistration, particularly stigmatizing he trolley franchise and Ripper bills From present indications Elkin will arry Blair county by a large majority very little effective work having been accomplished by the opposition.

POLITICAL CURFEW.

Colombia's Efforts to Check Revolution-Government's Opponents Not Allowed on Streets.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Colon, Colombia, March 14 .- A decree ssued at Cartagena March 8 permits the Liberals resident in that city and its suburbs to walk in the streets from 6 a, m, to 6 p. m, daily. If seen on the In a Proclamation, April 4 and 18 streets outside of those hours they are liable to be imprisoned until public order has been restored.

The minister of war, General Fernandez, has issued a circular letter to the civil and military chiefs of the departments. In it he says that the recent engagements between the government troops and the insurgents were altoignating April 4 and 18 as Arbor days. gether favorable to the government, reminds them of the value of individual good example, and says that morality and discipline in the amy are the keynote of victory, while demoralization results in laxity and annihilation. The minister also tells the departmental officials that one final effort is necessary in order to end the revolution,

The Norwegian steamship Simon Dunois, which arrived here yesterday bringing Generals Castro and Ortiz, sixty officers and 200 men, also had on board about forty government officials from Agua Dulce. Those officials had all made their way through the woods to Bocas del Toro, where they chartered the Simon Dumois. Castro and Ortiz were engaged with General Herrera, the insurgent commander, February 21, 22 and 23. Herrera is reported to have attacked Castro and Ortiz with 2,000 troops, while the government com

mander had only 1,000 men. It was reported in a despatch from ama last night that Go tro was forced to retire from Agua Dulce with from 400 to 500 soldiers suffering from thirst, although Genthe engagements, said General Castro had only about 200 followers in organized form. The revolutionists in the recent battles at Agua Dulce had fifteen colonels and majors and seventeen officers of lower rank killed. The number of revolutionary soldiers killed was not specified in General Herrera's report. He said that, onsidering the position of the government troops, the revolutionary losses were not as high in proportion. The losses on both sides were estimated at not less than 1,200 or about 33 per cent. of the number engaged.

General Castro reported to Panama that the heavy losses suffered by Herera's forces made it impossible for the revolutionists to attack the government roops for some time to come. This inormation was received with great enthusiasm at Panama.

DARING CHICAGO MAIL THEFT. Wagon Robbed of Registered Sack in View of Crowd.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Chicago, March 14,-Some one by means of a duplicate key opened a mail wagon last night and extracted a regstered mail sack. The contents of the pouch are estimated to be of the value or \$1,700.

The robbery was committed in front of the Masonic Temple, in State street, as hundreds were passing. E. A. Hannum, who was in charge of the wagon, went into the rotunda to the Temple sub-station to take up a registered mail sack there. He was absent only five ninutes, but when he returned he found he lock of his wagon open and the valuable sack gone. There is no clue to the robber.

THE PROHIBITIONIST STATE CONVENTION

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Altoona, Pa., March 14.-State Chairman Jones, of the Prohibition party, stopped here today on his return from Newcastle, where he made arrangement for the Prohibition convention to be held in Newcastle May 21 and says five hundred delegates will attend the convention. The most prominent candidates for governor, he says, are Rev. S. C. Swallow, the former candidate; John E. Gill, of Venango; ex-Mayor James Manaell, o Williamsport; Frank H. Taylor, Pittsburg; Le . Grambine, of Lebeuen.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 11 .- Arrived: Germanic Liverpool, Cleared: Lucania, Liverpool; States dam, Roterdam, via Boulogue, Cherbourg - Ar rived: Kronprinz Wilhelm, New York via Ply-mouth for Bremeh, Boulogne-Sailed: Rynd-ham (from Rotterdam) New York, Lizard-Passed: Souhwark, New York for Antwerp; La Bretzgne, New York for Havre.

Pool Tournament. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 11 .- At the world's cham pionship pool barmanent in progress at Brook-lyn in the first game of the evening play, Will-H. Clearwater, of Ellwood, Pa., defeated Irving Long, of Nashville, Tenn., champion of the south,

By Exchance Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, March 14.—Pendichs granted: Samuel Hummel, Wilkes-Barre, 88; minors of Joint 45t; Tracy, 440; Glick, 45t; Day, 422; Rames. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Brannan, Ashley, \$14,

SENATORS PRO RATA

Mr. Penrose Would Have Them Selected in Proportion to the Population.

HIS PLANS LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Introduces Amendment to Resolu tion Concerning Election by Popular Vote, Providing That Each State Shall Have at Least Two Senators and an Additional Senator for Each 500,000 Persons.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 14.-Senator Penose today introduced, as an amendnent to the pending resolutions providing for the election of United States enators by direct vote of the people, proposition to increase the number of senators in proportion to population, and providing for other important changes in the senatorial representation of the states. The provision is as

"The senate of the United States shall be composed of at least two senators from each state and an additional senator for every ratio of 500,000 perof the people thereof for a term of six years, and each senator shall Iron Age the weekly capacity of pig have one vote. A plurality of votes iron furnaces in blast on March 1 had east for candidates for senator shall elect, and the electors shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature. Vacancies in the representation of any state in the senate shall be filled in the same manner as such cacancies are now filled in the house f representatives.

"It shall be the duty of congress, hen fixing and apportioning repreentatives from the several states in the house of representatives after very census, to likewise fix and apporion the representation of senators rom each state in the senate, provided that each state shall have at least two

PERMANENT CENSUS CHANGE.

House Committee Would Provide for Retaining Present Employes.

Washington, March 14.-By a vote of ve to four the house committee on ensus today directed that the bill drawn by Representative Hay, of Virginia, be reported amending section 5 of the recently passe! permanent census act, by peremptorily placing all of the employes of the census office who were on the rolls on March 7, 1902, except unskilled laborers, in the classified service. The purpose of the measure is to retain in the government service the large number of census employes who would be discharged under the construction which the executive branch of the government has placed on section 5 of the permanent census

The vote to report the bill was: Heatwole and Stewart (N. Y.), Republicans, and Hay, Kluttz and Burleson, Democrats. The negative vote was: Crumacker, Hughes and Russell (Conn.) tepublicans, and Griffiths, Democrat.

THEY CANNOT INTERFERE. State Courts Have No Power in Case

of Fraudulent Enlistment. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Harrisburg, Pa., March 14,-The

tate superior court today reversed a and 34 in Canada against 33 in 1901." decision of the quarter sessions court of Philadelphia which ordered a maine, said to have been illegally enlisted, to be released from custody. appeal was taken by Captain Smedley D. Butler, of the United States marine orps, against whom a writ of habeas corpus had been directed.

The relator, Phillip Wade Smith, enisted in the marine corps while under 21 years of age without his father's consent. Mr. Smith, said to be a vealthy resident of Courtland, Ohio, brought the writ of habeas corpus, as serting that the enlistment was illegal, as his consent had not been obtained. The youth, after joining the corps, wa sent to Legaue Island navy yard, and assigned to duty under Captain Butler. The attempt to obtain Smith's ease was contested by the United States authorities, who claim that the state courts had not the power to interfere and that fraudulent enlistment was a crime punishable under the na-

BOND PURCHASES TO BE DISCONTINUED

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 11.-The secretary of the reasony has announced that he will discontinue, or the present, the purchase of United States sonds of the 5 per cent, loan of 1994, the 4 per

unreasonably high and that the effect of the overnment being permanently in the market implates and helps to maintain this price to the prejudice of National bank circulation

Democrats Want a Boer Policy. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 14 .- Democratic member of congress have numerously signed a petition being circulated asking Representative Hoy, *he

caucus chairman, to call a caucus on the 19th to formulate a policy in reference to the Boe The Walking Match. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

MR. BRYAN AT THE CAPITOL.

The Orator Shares Attention with Editor Watterson, of Kentucky.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 14.-William Jen nings Bryan returned to Washington today form Culpepper, Va. During the morning he received a number of prominent Democrats and discussed the coming congressional campaign and other matters of interest to the party.

He visited the capitol this afternoon. Mr. Bryan again visited the members' lobby of the house and met a large number of members. While he was a center of attention in the corridor. Henry Watterson, of Kentucky. was a noticeable figure on the floor of the chamber in conference with Representative Richardson, of Tennessee. Mr. Bryan left the city at 3:30 o'clock for Harrisburg, Pa.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Labor Situation Free from Controversy, Outside of Massachusetts-General Situation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 14.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomor-

row will say: "Outside of Massachusetts the labor situation is exceptionally free from controversy and even in the coal mines there is less than usual agitation as April approaches. Distribution of progress, the most sanguine expectations being fully realized in all sec-

tions outside the strike area.

"Consumers of iron and steel products are still anxious regarding conditions during the next three months. ons, who shall be elected by direct After July 1 it is believed that deliveries will be ample. According to the declined to 330,710 tons or about ten thousand tons from the production of Feb. 1. Considering the numerous disturbing factors at work during the month of February, it is gratifying that a much heavier curtailment of output did not occur. All records prior to Feb. 1 are still eclipsed, and the resumption of many idle plants this month practically assures new high water marks in the near future unless some unforeseen interruption occurs. As operations at steel works were also retarded, furnace stocks of pig iron declined only about 25,000 tons during February. The most important event of the week was the heavy buying of steel bars by makers of agricultural implements in anticipations of higher prices becoming effective on April 1. Billets command large premiums for spot delivery, and more purchases are reported from foreign makers. Pipes and tubes are more active as the season advances, while large contracts have been placed for structural shapes. Better transportation for coke is rapidly reducing surplus stocks in the yards and supplying furnaces with all the

"Labor disturbances have tended to strengthen the tone of textile products by reducing available supplies which

were already none too large. "Official indications of farm reserves on March 1 were not surprising as to corn, dealers anticipating that supplies would be only about one-half last year's, but the statement that 23 per cent. of the enormous wheat yield remained in farmers' hands was not calculated to sustain values. "A sustaining feature was the inter-

ior movement of only 2,681,891 bushels against 3,902,650 last year, while on the other hand total exports from the United States were but 2,598,472 bushels, compared with 4,962,674 a year ago. As to corn, both comparisons were striking, receipts aggregating only 1,893,950 bushels, against 4.131,337 a year ago, while Atlantic exports fell to the lowest record for many years, 96,179 bushels, against 3,329,902 in 1901.

"Failures for the week were 232 in the United States against 209 last year,

SUPERIOR COURT DECISIONS. Handed Down at Close of Harrisburg Session.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 14.-The Superior court today announced a number of decisions, and adjourned to meet in Pittsburg. April 14. Among the decisions announced were the following: Kulp vs. County (U. P. Luzerne county). Af-

Abington Turnpike, Lackawanna; affirmed. Hennessy vs. Almsock (C. P. Columbia coun-

Canfield vs. Borough (C. P. Monroe county). Albright vs. Township (C. P. Luzerne county). In re lunacy of Boyle (C. P. Luzerne county)

Wesley vs. Sharpe (C. P. Luzerne). Reversed. Edgar vs. Callender (C. P. Lackawanna) (two ases). Affirmed. Rasder vs. Butler (C. P. Luzerne), Reversed. Gummaer estate (O. C. Lackawanna). Aftirmed.

Two Men Asphyxiated. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, March 14 .- Two men lost their ives by asphyxiation in the neighborhood of Harrisburg in the past eighteen hours. Daniel Mc-Rea was overcome while working in the inside of onds of the 5 per cent, loan of 1904, the 4 per a boiler at the Paxton formaces this morning, cent, funded loan of 1907, the 3 per cent, loan of Charles Giles fell into a sleep from which he 1988-1918 and the 4 per cent, loan of 1925, such never awake on top of a furnace of the Penniscontinuance to take effect at the close of bush sylvania Cicel company's plant last night.

The Queen's Reception. By Exclusive Wite from The Associated Press.

London, March 14.-King Edward and Queen Atexandra tonight held the first evening court of the new reign. This function replaced the drawing rooms, and was naturally very brilliant. irt was held in the ball room of Buckingham palace.

THE HARVEST OF DEATH. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Little Rock, Ask., March 14,-Gen. D. H. Rey-nolds who was a brigadier general in the Confederate army died today at Lake Village, Ark.

Bultimore, March 14.—A private cablegreceived here today announced the death Naples yesterday of General Clinton P. Paine, a prominent financier of this city. General Paine was formerly active in Democratic policies in

POSTOFFICE BILL

POLICEMAN BADLY BEATEN. Criticized His Superior and Was Knocked Out by the Latter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Williamsport, Pa., March 14.-During quarrel tonight at the city hall, between Chief of Police Frank F. Stryker and Patrolman A. B. Simmons, both officers came to blows and as a result of the encounter Simmons is now lying in the hospital in a critical condition. The trouble is believed to have been

the result of criticism of the chief of police on the part of Simmons, as of the numerous burglaries result which have recently occurred. Simmons, who is a candidate for the position of chief of police, under the newly-elected mayor, called at the city hall tonight and in an aggressive man-

ner proceeded to criticize the administration of Chief Stryker. The latter resented the insults heaped upon him by Simmons, and in his anger struck Simnons, knocking him to the stone floor and administered a terrible beating. Simmons was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition, from

which he had not recovered up to a late hour tonight. The physicians state spring merchandise is making rapid that he is suffering from concussion of the brain, and that his condition is serious Chief Stryker disappeared shortly

abouts is unknown. It is reported that warrant will be issued for his arrest. NO CONCLUSION

ifter the encounter, and his where-

Members of Ways and Means Committee Are Still Unable to Agree. Will Meet Again Today.

ON RECIPROCITY

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 14.-Mem. ers of the ways and means committee who liffer on the Cuban reciprocity issue held a conference this afternoon. The conference lasted from 2 until 5 p. m., and at its close Chairman Payne said that after further consideration on the subject the conferees had come to no conclusion and had adjourned

until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon It is understood that considerable of the time was given to an argument by Mr. Morris, Minnesota, on the constitutionality of a rebate. Individually the nembers after the meeting said the prospects for an agreement were good, but that the form of the agreement was still in doubt, no one plan having yet shown its advantages over the others. There were no votes taken at the

meeting today. BERESFORD CRITICIZES NAVY. British Admiral Points Out Eeffets

of Initial Disasters. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London: March 14 .- In an address today, before the London chamber of commerce, on the lack of administrative efficiency in the British organization for defense, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford remarked that initial naval reverses similar to the military reverses in South Africa would entail disasters which would be irreparable and which would be eternal in their effeet. It was lack of organization which led to the remount and other scandals. His plan for insuring naval efficiency included the addition to the board of admiralty of a naval war lord of the admiralty, who would be responsible for placing before parliament the full

requirements of the navy. The government, Lord Beresford added, ought to purchase coal fields at home and in the colonies. All warships useless for fighting purposes or valueless on account of lack of speed ought to be abolished. The reserves ought to be reorganized and, as early is possible, the whole war fleet should be mobilized, to test its organization

and discover its weak points. Instancing the shortage of coal a some of the principal stations, Lord Beresford said he had succeeded, after much obstruction, in finding out how inadequate were the supplies at Gibraltar and Malta. He represented this state of affairs to his chief, but he had to threaten to haul down his flag and publish the whole business in the newspapers in order to get the matter rem-

edied. SOCIETY EVENT AT PEKIN.

Mrs. Conger Entertains the Exclusive Set of the Tartar City. By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Pekin, March 14 .- Mrs. Conger, wife of the United States minister here, assisted by the ladies of the American legation and of the missions, entertained at Tiffin today, eleven princesses and ladies of the court.

This departure from the exclusiveness of the Chinese court is quite unprecedented. The dowager empress sent her greetings and expressed the hope that the kindly relations established will remain unbroken.

Four Barns Destroyed

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Norristown, March 11.-Four large barns wer lestroyed by fire and two houses were damage today at Shippack, thirteen miles from The flames started in the barn of Stephens and the high wind blew the spirits several involved feet to the barns of Christian Steinger, Mary Bertelette and Henry Pryex. The dwellings were occupied by Dr. J. Y. Hunsberger and John Faust. The loss will reach \$10.

Action to Revoke Charter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 14 .- Judge Simonton to ay granted a writ of quo warranto in of the commonwealth vs. the Girard Coal com-pany, of Scranton, to show cause why its char-ter should not be revoked for non-use. The case will be argued March 20.

The Only Amendment of Importance Was That Regarding Free Delivery.

MARINE HOSPITALS MEASURE-PASSED

The Burleson Resolution Calls for the Facts Concerning the Application of Dr. Thomas and Wife-Letter from Secretary Hay-Ship Subsidy Bill Discussed in the Senate. Messrs. McLauren and Harris Allege That It Is Class Legislation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 14.-The house oday passed the postoffice appropriaton bill. The only amendment of importance adopted was one to incorporite in the bill the provisions of the bill to clasify the rural free delivery

service, passed a few days ago. Quite a number of other bills were passed, including three bills for marine hospitals at Buffalo, Savannah and Pittsburg.

The Burleson resolution calling on the secretary for the facts concerning the case of Dr. Thomas and wife, who desired to go to South Africa to distribute relief funds, was adopted after short debate, in the course of which Mr. Hitt. chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, presented a letter from Secretary Hay explaining what the department had done in the prem-

ises. The letter of Secretary of State Hay to Representative Hitt is as follows: Department of State, Washington, March 12, 1902, Sir: Referring to the resolution recently introbuced in the house I beg to make the following

statement of facts:
A few days ago a young gentleman called and asked Section this department would essentially ports to the Rev. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, who were intending to go to South Africa for the purpose of distributing funds which lad been collected in Illinois for the benefit of the sufferers by the war. I said at once the depar-

ing him to every one whom I could influence and asking their assistance on his etraud. Inquiry was then made whether this government would ask of the British government per-mission for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas to go at will through the British military lines and suggestion which I thought impracticable. This department is ready at any time to consult with a representative of Governor Yates as to the best means of getting into proper hards sums contributed by charatable people in Illinois relict of the sufferers by the war in-

South Africa. I am, sir, very respectfully your obedient ser-

vant, Senate Session. Throughout the session of the senate today the ship subsidy bill was un-der discussion. The bill was discussed by Senator Foraker, Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Harris, of Kansas, Mr. Foraker supported the bill, although he admitted that he would have preferred to build up the American merchant merine by the levying of discriminating duties. He was willing, however, to defer to the judgment of the majority

that the pending measure embodied the Both Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Harris opposed the measure on the ground that it was class legislation, which amounted to little short of robbery to the people for the benefit of a few ship owners. Mr. Harris made the point hat the United States was now paying more to the American line for the carrying of ocean mails than was paid

GOMPERS ADDRESSES STUDENTS Objects to Compulsory Arbitration.

to foreign ships for greater service.

Talk at Bethlehem. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Bethlehem, Pa., March 14.-In an address before the students of Lehigh university today, President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, said, in speaking of strikes: "We try to prevent strikes, but there are some things that are worse than strikes, and that is manhood that becomes degraded and demoralized."

In his further remarks, he said "Compulsory arbitration, or any acion that would make slaves of men, are worse than strikes. A strike is the most humane method to change a wrong or to make a right. I am not dyocating strikes, even indirectly, notwithstanding there are times when to refuse to strike is a surrender of one's nanhood."

He said the organization of unskilled labor was practicable, but hard to ac-complish. The great Boston strike, he said, was caused by the discharge of men of the teamsters' union, in which other unions joined rather than be

used against their fellow-workmen YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for March 14, 1902; Relative humidity:

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Washington, March 14.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness Saintday, probably rain at night; Sunday, fresh to