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## ERS ARE CONSIDERING.

Some of the More Important Work of the Committees Report Favorab The Housa Robbins, a Democrat from the Fourtl Alabama District, and seated in in
stead william $\mathbf{F}$. Aldrich, a Republi can, who has been three times a coti

## round of fraud

amendment to the Puerto Rican bill
axtending the customs United States to Puerto Rico, and add ing a provision for free trade betwee
the ports of the island and the Unite The House Committee on Foreign
Affairs has reported the bill for the on a civil service basis.
A full attendance of Senators and in unusually large number of auditor pine question. The speech was
lengthy, and soon after its conclusion the Senate adjourned out of respect
to the memory of Representative The conference report on the Finan Senate by a vote of 44 to 26 . amendment to the Porto Rico bill extending the customs laws of the
United States over the island of Porto Senator Hoar has given notice of
an amendment he will offer to the Dip-
lomatic lomatic Appropriation bill providing kalani lately Queen of the Hawailan In the House March 5 there was tween Mr. Bafley, of Texas, and
Speaker Henderson over a bill to in corporate the "Frederick Dougtass
Memorial and Texas member objected to. Mr. Un pointed to the, vacancy on the Com
mittee on Ways and Means, which it served for General Wheeler had he
returned to Congress. offered an amendment to the Porto Rican tariff bill granting free trade
to the island and extending to it the
provisions of the Constitution, while implying that such priviliege canno
be extended to the Philippines except by legislative action. Rerpresentative De Vries, of Cali
joint resolution fored in Congress a on the materials from which it is

## bURIED IN A MINE

At the Red Ash Mine, in the New
River region, West Virginia, an explosion near the entrance resulted in the
entombing of 100 miners. Thirty large rescuing party is at work. Cause Mourning, hungry women and chil
dren have all day surrounded the opening of the mane from which hero-
ic rescuers, succeeding each other staggereds, out exhausted, have taken
ten bodies or alive, are in the mines-a living
tomb whose slab is huge masses of bers. It is almost vain to hope that
any of these forty will survive, for
the mine is on fire. One can better understand the ef
fect of the calamity when it is stated that four-fiths of the miners were
married. It may be added that the vast majority were white men.
The Red Ash is a large drift and was heavily timbered. The explo-
sion occurred near its mouth, and its frightful force blew the bodies of a into the air. Part of a man's body sixty yards on trom the mouth of the

## rance were smashed the fall of

 wall. But the rescuers attacked this work took out ten mons desperat of the dead three were BlackLong and his two sons. Long's widow Long and his two sons. Long's wido
was maniacal for swhile There was no use for caskets. A
the black and mangled corpses wer taken from the mise they were lai
in a b blacksmith shop on the mountain So the grief of the women waiting
there was the more extreme, for their was nothing on whith to spend it
force. Each woman prayed a burne
piece of clay was not piece of clay was not her man: eac
woman declded it might be. statement reruses a proing, the supe the explosion. John of the mine not more than ten min.
utes before the catastrophe thinks the fire-damp gas
by a miner's open lamp.

At the Carlisle plantation, near
Chappell Hin, Texas, King Howard, In
a fit of jealous rafe, strinck his wife

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