#### THE WASHINGTON NEWS

WHAT OUR NATIONAL LAW MAK-ERS ARE CONSIDERING.

Some of the More Important Work of the National Congress-Bills That the Committees Report Favorably Upon-Washington Topics.

Representative Hay, of Virginia, has prepared a bill to create out of the militia of the several States a reserve volunteer army for use in time of war. There will be a Government appropriation and a measure of Governmental control. The bill is designed to obviate the necessity of a large standing army after the present large standing army after the present law expires in July, 1901.

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The Secretary of State and the Spanish Minister in Washington have signed a protocol extending for six months, the time allowed Spanish

months, the time allowed Spanish residents in the Philipines to elect whether they shall remain Spanish subjects or adopt the nationality of the territory in which they reside.

The United States Senate continues the consideration of the Porto Rican measure. Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, advocates reciprocity between the United States and Porto Rico, but announces that if all efforts to secure free trade should fall he would support the pending bill.

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Senator Platt has introduced an amendment to the Indian Appropriation bill, providing for a congress of the various Indian tribes of the Unit-ed States at the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition, and appropriating \$40,000

The House Committee on Commerce directed a favorable report on the Sherman bill, to prevent the false branding or marking of food and

The secretary of war has created a The secretary of war has created a new military "Division of the Philippine islands, under the command of General Otis. It will be sub-divided in four departments—Northern Luzon, under General Bates; the Viscayus, under General Hughes, and Mindanao and Jolo, under General Kobbe.

Efficuence sonetary under pressure

Fifty-one senators, under pressure from the Administration, will vote for the Porto Rican Tariff bill. In the Senate March 26 the Alaskan

Civil Code bill was under considera-tion during a greater part of the ses-sion. An amendment was agreed to fixing a license upon almost every kind of trade and commerce in the District of Alaska.

Senator Foraker, in charge of the Porto Rican bill, announces that he will press the measure to a vote as soon as possible.

The House has begun the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill.

A bill to provide for the absorption of the Hawaiian silver circulation has been reported by the House Commit-

tee on Territories.
Senator Allison has introduced a bill amending the National Bank act so as to allow banks of deposit to be designated in cities of 25,000 popula-

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, has introduced a substitute for the Porto Rican bill, providing for free trade between the United States and Porto Rico, and extending the internal revenue laws, with amendments, over the island. The act is to continue for

two years only.
It is intimated at the War Department than 25,000 men will be given employment in public works in Porto Rico under the operation of the Re-

lief Appropriation act.

The military post at Cayey, Porto Rico, will hereafter be known as Henry Barracks, in honor of the late Brigadier General Guy V. Henry, United States Army, who was Military Governor of the island.

### DEATH RECORD.

Ex-United States Senator Charles Gibson, of Maryland, of heart disease, aged 57 years. Sydney A. Kent, a well-known Chi-

Sydney A. Kent, a well-known Car-cago broker, aged 66 years.
Dr. St. George Miyart, former lec-turer on zoology at St. Mary's Hos-pital Medical School, and professor long recognized as the leading scientist within the Roman Catholic Church

in England. Philetus Sawyer, formerly United States Senator from Wisconsin, aged

Charles K. Holliday, of Topeka, Kansas, one of the directors and founders of the Santa Fe Railway,

aged 76.
Mrs. Felicity Pickard, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, aged 103 years. 9 months and 16 days.

Dr. Francis Sinclair Barbarin, for twenty-seven years curator of the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington,

aged 67 years. Joseph W. Merriam, United States Consul at Iquique, Chile.

Hon. J. M. Stone, for ten years Gov ernor of Mississippi, is dead. At the time of his death, Mr. Stone was Pres ident of the Starkville Agricultural

and Mechanical College.

Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, founder of the
Hebrew Union College, is dead in Cincinnati. Latest News From the Active Business World.

It is announced that as a result of the conference at Chicago a few days ago of manufacturers of wagons, carper cent. over the old scale is now in effect.

The coal miners and operators, in conference at Saginaw, Michigan, have agreed on the wage schedule, an advance of 30 per cent. being secured

Fancy small, Late made, by the miners.

A strike has been declared at the Arboussier Works, near Point-a-Pitre, Western ungraded.

#### JULIAN RALPH'S ATTACK.

## He Declares the Boers Have No Brav-

The most serious indictment of the Boers' methods of warfare which has just appeared in England comes from Julian Ralph, the American war correspondent, in a letter from Kimberley, published in the London Daily Mail. It is, in part, as follows:

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Mail. It is, in part, as follows:

"It is a war steadily and stealthily planned by the Queen's Dutch subjects and the Dutch republics for fully twenty years. For between four and six years they have been equipping for it. They began purchasing arms and planning defenses before the Jamison raid. Let no one fool you with the falsehood about that. Finally, Kruger begged President Steyn to declare war three weeks before President Steyn consented. Next rid your mind of the notion that you are crushmind of the notion that you are crushing two farmer republics. There is not a farmer in the two countries, and only one, the Free State, was a republic in any way except misnaming.

"These people are herders of cattle, sheep and goats, like the Israelites of old and the Aridis, Turks and Balkan people of to-day. His (Boer's) so-called farms are as nature made them, merely reaches of veldt whereon his cattle graze. On each one he has to put up a home, but its surroundings are almost invariably most repellant and disorderly than any houses I ever saw, except the cabins of freed slaves in the United States.

Their camps and strongholds from Their camps and strongholds from which we have routed them are the filthiest places I have known men of any sort to live in, and I have seen red Indians, Chinese and Turkish camps, and the camps of many sorts of black men.

There has hardly been a battle in which the Boers have not abused either the white flag or the Geneva

cross, or both. "At many places they fired on our ambulances. I saw them do it at the Modder river, and saw them fire on our stretcher bearers in that battle time and time again. When we entered Jacobsdal it looked like a city of dectors. Every man in the street doctors. Every man in the street wore the Red Cross bandage on his These were the men who had just been shooting us from behind the garden walls. There was nothing novel or original about their seeking cowardly shelter of the doctor's badge.

#### CUBA MUST WAIT.

#### Official Statement as to the Protest of Her Independence.

The official statement given out by Senator Platt, of Connecticut, Chairman of the Committee on Relations with Cuba, indicates clearly that Cuba will not get independence for a long time.

Years must elapse before that gov-crnment is established, if ever, for this official statement refers to the people of Cuba as children who must be taught; a people who have had very little opportunity to study the principles, details, necessities or re-sponsibilities of self-government. It is not believed in Washington

It is not believed in Washington that Cuba will ever have absolute independence. The Administration will bring it about when the vote is taken in Cuba for the election of members of its first General Assembly, a vote will be registered simultaneouly in favor of annexation to the United States. Should this fail, this Govern-ment will have paved the way for a practical protectorate over the island. It is even now being asserted that the United States will dominate the foreign policy of the "Republic of Cuba," if it is ever established, and that no treaties will be negotiated without first having received the approval of this Government. Cuban treaties of the future will not be permitted to include the "most favored nation clause," which would permit other nations to compete on an equal footing with the United States. If there is not annexation, the United States will force a protectorate.

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Chicago and Eastern lithous Rail-ry, shook the Chicago dust from his ses about two years ago and went New York. He gave as his reason excessive taxation and persecu-against corporations.

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#### ABOR TROUBLE SETTLED.

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n agreemnt has been reached by Carpenters' Union and the Car-ter Contractors' Association of alo, whereby the threatened strike carpenters on Monday has been red. The carpenters demanded a imum scale of 30 cents an hour at hours to constitute a day's work. agreement reached provides for eight hour day, the men to receive ents an hour for finishing. Time a half will be paid for overtime double time for Sundays and holi

e machinists' strike at Columbus o, has been settled. The employ-agree to take back all the old by but they are left free to em-y non-union labor on equal terms union labor.

dicago pattern makers have sed the signatures of twenty job bosses to their new agreement, by so doing avoided a strike and every point for which they conded. The agreement becomes ef-ive April 15, and expires February 901.

## CRIMINAL.

arles H. Cole, formerly President he Globe National Bank in Boston ared in the United States Dis Court March 29 and pleaded not ty to an indictment charging em

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### OMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

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