

OUR GROWING NAVY.

Two Brazilian War Vessels Purchased by Uncle Sam.

PAIN HAD MADE A BID FOR THEM

Not Unwilling to Close the Bargain. An Auxiliary Cruiser Board Examining Vessels at New York—Unusual Activity at Sandy Hook.

Washington, March 15.—A week's negotiations closed yesterday by the triumphant purchase by the navy department, in London, of the two fine cruisers built and building at Elswick by the Brazilian government.

To Rush Rifle Manufacturing. New Haven, March 15.—Preparations are going on at the Winchester Arms factory in this city that indicate the factory will be set running 24 hours a day at once.

Plenty of Ammunition at Tampa. Tampa, Fla., March 15.—Ammunition continues to arrive in large quantities for the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron, but the cruiser Marblehead, which arrived here Saturday under orders to load with ammunition for Key West and Tortugas, is still lying at anchor a quarter of a mile from the railroad dock where she will have to take the cargo.

Refused to Sell to Spain. London, March 15.—The Press Association yesterday gave out a statement that Spain had purchased the battleship O'Higgins, built by the Armstrongs for Chile, but the Chilean charge d'affaires announces that the offer made by Spain was declined.

Mrs. Thurston Dead. Wife of the Nebraska Senator Expires Suddenly in Cuba.

Washington, March 15.—Consul General Lee has notified the state department of the death yesterday at Sagua La Grande, Cuba, of the wife of Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, on board the yacht Anita.

Activity at Sandy Hook. The Navy Board Bustly Inspecting Proposed Auxiliary Cruisers.

New York, March 15.—The 300 artillerymen ordered from Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth to Sandy Hook were transferred to the latter point yesterday. Under the direction of army engineers hundreds of soldiers and workmen are busy mounting guns, building ramparts and laying out defenses at the Hook.

Engineer Menoal's Court Martial. New York, March 15.—Chief Engineer A. G. Menoal, of the navy, whose court martial was to begin today, is still under the care of a physician, and the trial will be postponed until further orders.

Barney Barnato's Trustee Murkined. Cape Town, March 15.—Mr. Woolf Joel, the trustee of the estate of the late Barney Barnato, the South African millionaire, was shot dead in his office yesterday at Johannesburg by one Von Veitheim, a former soldier.

The Illinois Mine Strike. Chicago, March 15.—The coal operators and miners of Illinois held a meeting here yesterday to arrange the details of the contract in accordance with the agreement reached at Springfield two weeks ago.

A Russian Opinion. European Governments Would Sympathize With Spain.

London, March 15.—The Vienna correspondent of The Times telegraphs an extract of an article in the St. Petersburg Novoye Vremya which he thinks deserves attention as giving an accurate account of the views and intentions of at least three of the great powers.

GEN. ROSECRANS DEAD.

The Veteran Warrior's Death Was Peaceful in the Extreme.

TO BE GIVEN A PUBLIC FUNERAL.

The Veteran Was Stricken With No Particular Disease and the End Came Through a General Weakening of the System—Two Children at Deathbed.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 12.—General W. S. Rosecrans died yesterday at his home near Redondo. The old warrior's death was peaceful in the extreme. For several days he had been between life and death, at times unconscious and again in a comatose state.

The place where he died is called Rosecrans, in honor of him, and is near a station on the Redondo, about 12 miles from the city.



THE LATE GENERAL ROSECRANS.

General Rosecrans was born in Kingsport, O., Sept. 6, 1819, and was graduated from West Point in 1842. He served 12 years in the regular army, and then entered into business life.

AN AMUSING CHALLENGE. Spaniard's Alleged Desire to Fight Senator Mason With Swords.

Washington, March 15.—Senator Mason yesterday received the challenge sent him by the editor of the Spanish illustrated paper, El Cardo.

The Produce Markets. As Reflected by Dealings in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Philadelphia, March 15.—Four week's winter supplies, 450000 bushels, Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$1,200,000, city mills, extra, \$1,250,000.

Threatened Strike of Miners. Cleveland, March 15.—Concerning the possibility of another great strike of coal miners, Thomas Young, manager of the M. A. Hanna Coal company, extensive operators in Pennsylvania, is quoted as saying: "A strike involving about 25,000 miners will probably occur in full swing in central Pennsylvania."

Rhode Island's Democratic Ticket. Providence, March 15.—The Democratic state convention, which met here yesterday, nominated Hon. Daniel Church of Tiverton for governor.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, March 9.

William J. Cahoun, of Illinois, was yesterday named by the president as interstate commerce commissioner.

A dirt car fell upon four Italians at the new East river bridge, New York, killing two and badly injuring the others.

William O. Hutchins, a prominent jewelry manufacturer of Providence, R. I., was killed by a burglar whom he had chased from his home.

Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, has begun civil proceedings to oust Rev. J. T. Tuohy, pastor of St. Patrick's church, that city.

Thursday, March 10.

Senor Polo De Barnabe, the new Spanish minister, arrived at Washington today.

The strike at the Globe shipyard at Cleveland, O., has ended in the defeat of the strikers.

Great Britain's defensive preparations for next year call for an appropriation of \$240,000,000.

The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, at Wilkesbarre, for the latter's shooting, ended in acquittal.

Four men were given 12 years at Hagerstown, Md., for destroying monuments and tombstones in the cemetery at Williamsport, Md.

Friday, March 11.

The Kachins, a Burmese hill tribe, have massacred five military policemen at Allahabad.

Mrs. "Jack" Wilmerding is said to have been committed to the Bloomingdale asylum.

Ross Smith, marshal of Morley, Mo., arrested for drunkenness, set fire to the jail and was fatally burned.

Although the government Klondike relief expedition has been abandoned the remainder will be sent to Alaska.

Insurance Commissioner McNeill, of Kansas, says the insurance companies have formed a combine to prevent rebates.

Anna W. Corbin-Borrowe makes charges of mismanagement in the handling of the estate of her father, the late Austin Corbin.

Saturday, March 12.

No treaty has yet been signed between this country and Great Britain fixing the Alaska boundary line.

Ex-Congressman Jason B. Brown, of the Third Indiana district, is dead of congestion of the liver, aged 59 years.

A regiment has been organized in Chicago known as the "First Illinois Volunteers," who will fight against Spain, if need be.

The women of St. John's Slavonian church, Bridgeport, Conn., have given the pastor, Rev. Father John Pribly, 15 days to leave town.

Frederick Brotz, who was to have been married Thursday afternoon to Miss Gertrude Holbre, in New York, was found in his room with his throat cut.

Monday, March 14.

The homes of McKinley and Bryan will be represented at the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha.

The safe in the postoffice at Ashland, Va., was blown open Friday night and robbed of \$600 in stamps.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York by the steamer Advance, from Colon, was Shen Sen Yu, secretary of the Chinese legation at Washington.

George B. Erb, formerly of Sherman, Pa., who thought he had divine power and could fly, tried it, and is at the Eastern District hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., suffering from internal injuries and a broken leg.

Tuesday, March 15.

The finances of Korea will hereafter be managed by Russian bankers.

Over 700 deaths occurred from plague in Bombay during the week ending Feb. 1.

Senor Domingo Gana, Chilean minister at Washington, has been appointed minister to England.

Judge Archibald, of Scranton, Pa., declares the school board of that city, which has been in existence for 20 years, to be illegal.

Pennsylvania's supreme court refused to grant an injunction restraining the building commission from awarding contracts for the new capitol at Harrisburg.

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ELEVEN LODGERS DEAD

As the Result of Fire in a New York Lodging House.

BODIES TERRIBLY DISFIGURED.

The Five Boke Out While the Men Were Asleep, and in the Who Scrambled For Life Many E-scaped to the Street Naked.

New York, March 14.—Eleven men perished by fire in the Bowers Mission, at 105 Bowery, early yesterday morning. The bodies were recovered, but so disfigured as to make identification in most cases impossible.

The injured, all of whom will recover, are: Robert Ashman, aged 48, badly burned about the feet; Lieutenant Graham, fireman, burned about the hands; George Wilson, 24, burned about the face and hands.

A thorough search of the premises disclosed the fact that 11 persons were burned to death. At first it was rumored that the loss of life was much greater, but after searching the ruins carefully the police and firemen discovered 11 charred bodies and removed them to the morgue.

No. 105 Bowery is one of the best known lodging houses of that thoroughfare. It is called the Bowers Mission lodging house, and is conducted by The Christian Herald.

Several of the most destitute were brought to the station house in patrol wagons, and on their arrival there were partially clothed by members of the force and kind hearted neighbors.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Bill Appropriating \$30,000,000 For Defense Passed Unanimously.

On Tuesday of last week the house, after numberless patriotic speeches, passed the bill appropriating \$30,000,000 as a national defense fund.

On Wednesday the senate unanimously passed the bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for the national defense.

On Thursday the house refused to concur in the senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill.

On Friday only the lower house was in session, and the time was consumed mainly in filibustering against the Rowland claim for \$1,000,000 for supplies furnished the Union army during the war.

On Monday last the senate passed a number of bills, among them the act relating to the reparation of clothing revenue cutters to and from coast.

Premier Salikhanov to the U. S. President.

London, March 15.—It is officially announced that the Premier of Russia, Salikhanov, is expected to visit the United States in the latter part of the month.

Death of a Noted Dissident.

New York, March 15.—John Shore, one of the most famous dissidents in Europe, died in London. He was connected with the London police force for 25 years, and for many years was at the head of the criminal investigation department of the new Portland Yard.

JOHN WANAMAKER ACCEPTS

The Business Men's Nomination For Governor of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, March 10.—John Wanamaker will be the candidate of the Business Men's Republican League for governor. He gave out a letter last night addressed to the notification committee appointed at the meeting of representatives from nearly all the counties in the state held in this city on Feb. 7.

"I am neither deceived nor influenced by false hopes and know full well what my prospects of success are, with the delegate electing machinery in the hands of the enemy; with the primaries and conventions so manipulated as to defeat instead of register the will of the voter."

"I accept your invitation as a call of duty, and making the issue one of principle, not spoils, I am ready to go forward with you in your battle for political emancipation, convinced that the right will ultimately triumph and that the people desire to settle the question themselves, and settle it this very year."

"If this action of yours in bringing me into the field creates discord within party ranks, I take no blame therefor, as I have not solicited the nomination. Neither is it essential that I be elected governor. It will cost me nothing to step aside at any time for such a man as you and your associates agree to, who represents something more than a slate or the will of a perpetuating boss."

Let there be no misunderstanding as to where the responsibility rests, and let the Republican voter demand strict accounting. With school funds long past due and personal property taxes withheld from counties to allow the state treasurer to farm out millions of dollars to favorite banks, with a capitol commission breaking down the restrictive barriers erected by popular sentiment, and planning a building that will cost millions when completed; with the knowledge that indemnity bonds, padded pay rolls, Lexow bills, legislative junketings and mileage grabbers will be paid out of the state treasury, if the machine elects its governor, I am convinced from proofs in my hands from all parts of the state that the people are ready to unite with you in driving back the bosses and re-entering upon their rightful inheritance."

THREATENING LETTERS

Sent to Judge Woodward During the Martin Trial at Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 14.—Some of the anonymous letters sent to Judge Woodward during the Lattimer trial are being made public. One signed "Justice" is dated Elmira, N. Y., and is as follows:

"I am a member of a secret organization sworn to end your life, and it will carry out its purpose even though its last member dies in the act. I have been chosen to follow you to the end of the earth. My fate is as nothing to me. Should I fall, another will be chosen."

Another, signed "From a Friend," reads:

"Information reaches the public that you receive reparation on every ton of coal mined, and that you are in sympathy with mine owners as well as with Sheriff Martin and his deputies. Your life is in jeopardy if you are not impartial and absolutely free from bias. Do your duty, and there will be no complaint. Threats are being made beware."

A letter dated Harrisburg, Pa., and written by a woman, says: "I have traveled much, and my sympathy has been aroused in favor of the one much abused innocent. See that justice is done."

Another woman, writing from Mahoning City, Pa., writes a line to Sheriff Martin and his deputies, and says the men at Lattimer were on the same footing as the "M. B. Maguire."

A clerk at Harrisburg, Pa., who signs himself "From the South," writes the letter "Justice" signed "Justice."

The vital role a horse has played in the world is being recognized.

Several of the most noted horse men in the world are gathered in New York and New Jersey for the purpose of discussing the horse industry.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington, March 15.—The House of Representatives today passed the bill appropriating \$30,000,000 for the national defense fund.