## TO SAVE THE PARTY

## Question for Democratic Senators to Decide

so Said Mr. Brice in a Vigorous Speech at the Tariff Caucus-Other Interests Must Be Considered Besides Those in the South-The Bill May Be Reported Back to the

Committee—Sugar Men Persistent.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The democratic senatorial caucus on the tariff bill, which adjourned last night, was rich in talk, but poor in action, and the members are again in session to-day struggling to reach a final agreement. Some plain and rather emphatic English was spoken, but no action was taken on an item in the bill. This morning a member of the finance committee said it was hoped that now that the speeches had been made all round, action would follow and something definite be accomplished before another day had closed. It was thought by this senator that the conference would send the bill back to the committee with in tructions to amend in certain particulars as the result of the conference on disputed schedules. Under this plan the details of the arrangement of the changes agreed upon would be left to the finance committee and two or three days would elapse before the corrected bill could be laid before the full committee on finance. It is doubtful, however, if the caucus can reach any conclusion before to-morrow or Friday. Committee-Sugar Men Persistent.

Friday any conclusion before to-morrow or Friday at was not the only topic commanding attention yesterday, although much depends upon the action taken on that schedule. The committee offered the cancus what might be called a "flat" rate on sugar of one cent a pound, based upon pure sayar for matter. This would fix the duty on sugar testing but 80 degrees and the sugar testing but 80 degrees show the reliner a very slight favoritism. The sugar men believe, however, that they will be able to get the one-eighth clear they have claimed, and some go so far as to claim a quarter of a cent. It is understood that the majority of the democratic members of the finance committe expect to see refined sugar get the extra one-eighth for which the friends of sugar have been contending.

No expression as to how senators stood was heard in the cancus sufficient to indicate what the result will be. There appears to be no further uncertainty as to coal and it is conceded that fifty cents a ton will be given it.

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The action of the caucus shows that that body is possessed of a changeable mood. Up to within the last half hour there seemed to be a spirit of concession abroad, but after that time the committee and its followers stood out more firmly for the bill as laid before the caucus.

It is understood, a scene somewhat sensational in its features took place during the morning session. Monday, Senator White, of Louisiana, made a very vigorous speech while on the subject of sugar, in which he bitterly denounced the attitude of some utors. No reply was made until year, when, it is said, two or three senators replied in language that was decidedly personal and unpleasant. It is also said that Mr. White has declared that he would not send his resignation as senator to the governor of Louisiana until he knew what was to be done with sugar.

Senator Brice, of Ohio, who was the prime mover in calling the caucus, made a forcible and vigorous speech. He is said to hand of three senators, whose status as a sub-committee had been attacked on the floor of the senate and gone unchallenged, and who were not, apparently, in sympathy with any of the manufacturing centres of the councry which were most affected by the bill. It was evident, he said, that the party was rent by dissensions and the question for the conference to decide in connection with the tariff bill was, what should be done to save the democratic party. "If," said Mr. Brice, "you are going to frame this bill in accordance with the platform of the democratic party as adopted at Chleago, that is one thing. If, on the other hand, you intend to frame it so that you protect the sugar interests alone, at the expense of the great industries of the north, and you intend to frame it so that you protect the sugar interests alone, at the expense of the great industries of the north, and you intend to frame it so that you protect the sugar interests alone, at the expense of the great industries of the north, and you

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Mr. Brice spoke freely and his remarks had much weight with the senators. He is counted as one of the six "conservatives," in whose hands the fate of the bill appears to rest. These men are Senators Brice, Hill, Smith, Murphy, White (La.) and Caffery.

## A. U. O. W. in New England.

Boston, Feb. 28.—At the 16th annual session of the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, New England jurisdiction, now in session in Odd Fel-lows hall, it was shown that 39 lodges

lows hall, it was shown that 39 lodges have been instituted the past year. Twenty-three new lodges have been exhibished in Massachusets. The order has 337 lodges in New England with a membership of 37,442, a net gain of 5,124.

Five Children at One Birth.

KITTANNING, Pa., Feb. 28.—The wife of David Roseberger, a farmer living near here, has just given birth to five children, three girls and two boys. All the children appear to be strong and healthy and appear to be strong and healthy and KHTANNING, Pa., Feb. 28.—The wife of David Roseberger, a farmer living near here, has just given birth to five children, three girls and two boys. All the children appear to be strong and healthy and likely to live.

## WASHINGTON.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Decidedly the most racy chapter in the bulky volume of Hawaiian testimony is Lieut. Lucien Young's description of the last days of the monarchy. Lieut. Young was an often of the Boston, and attended the closing ceremonies of the Hawaiian parliament in full uniform and in an official capacity at the request of Capt. Wiltse, "When I got there there was quite a crowd around the rear end of the building, and two or three leading. Americans and Judge Hartwell, who was one of the leading lawyers of the place and minister under Kaiakana, informed me that the queen contemplated the promulgation of a new constitution immediately on the adjournment of the legislature, and asked me if I would not go on board ship and inform Capt. Wiltse. I went in to speak of it to Consul-General Severance, and he laughed and sadi: 'I do not believe a word of it.' I went in and was shown the soat assigned me in the legislative hali, a little to the left and in front of the rostrum, where the speaker used to sit, and which the queen used when she read her proclamation. After waiting some little time they commenced, and I believe it was about the funnies thing it was about the funnies thing ever saw in my life—a circus.

"The procession was headed by two or three lackeys, and then followed the governor of Oahu, father to the helress apparent, dressed in a guady uniform covered with gold and orders; the chamberlain with attendants all dressed up in uniform, and then came her majesty, with a long train, and four lackeys in knee breches carrying the train, and then the two royal princess, ladies in waiting, a staff, the four ministers, and other attendants. I was a very amusing scene. Afterwards the proclamation was handed to her in a portfolio, when she atepped to the front of the rostrum and began reading, first in English and then in Kanaka.

"After the legislature was prorequed the queen passed into her reception room.

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Mr. Young—Yes; the governor of Oahu, Mr. Cleghorn, stopped me at the door and talked to me in a nervous strain as though to retain me. I passed in and bowed to the queen and her ministers standing on the right and her aides and passed on through the door. The queen looked tme rather savagely and did not return my sailutation with any cordiality at all. I noticed that she acted in a peculiar way. First when she was reading her proclamation I thought she had a little stagerfight, but in this reception room I saw that she was under the influence of a stimulant, in fact she was drunk. There is no question in my mind about it at all Majority and Minority Reports of the

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Washington, Feb. 27.—A volume of
nearly 800 printed pages, exclusive of
maps, was laid before the senate, representing the testimony taken by the senate committee on foreign relations and
their findings of facts thereon, under a
resolution directing them to inquire
whether any, and if so, what irregularities have occurred in the diplomatic intercourse between the United States and
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The report of the majority of the committee was prepared by the chairman, Mr. Morgan of Alabama. It exhaustively reviews the facts, the laws and precedents, justifies Mr. Stevens' actions excepting in proclaiming a protectorate, and finds nothing irregular in the appointment of Mr. Bount, but in effect says the evidence taken by the committee under more favorable circumstances leads the committee to different conclusions than those which he formed.

This report is concurred in as to all its essential findings by the republican members of the committee. Senators Sherman, Frye, Dolph and Davis, making a majority of the committee. They characterize it as an exceedingly able document, but they dissent on sveral points:

First—They condemn the appointment of Commissioner Blount as unconstitutional.

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lulu under the orders of Mr. Blount or Im. Willis were without authority of law.

Third—That the order of Blount to Admiral Skerrett to lower the flag was unlawful and susceptible of being construed as unfriendly to the provisional government, and they regard the inter-course of Mr. Blount and Mr. Willis with the deposed queen as violative of international law and unwarranted.

Fourth—They consider the president had no right to reopen the predetermined legality of the provisional government.

The report of the minority, signed by Fenators Butler, Turple, Daniel and Gray, without denying or conceding the correctness of other portions of the report, dissents from that portion of it "which declares that the only substantial irregularity in the conduct of Mr. Stevens, the late minister, was his declaration of a protectorate by the United States over Hawaii."

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submitted to the committee, excepted incidentally, they think it not improper to
say they are heartily in favor of the acquisition of these islands by the United
States in a proper manner, but not by
taking advantage of internal dissentions
for which they believe the United States
in some manner responsible.

## Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—The president sent to the senate the following nomina-tions: Charles Jonas, of Wisconsin, consul general of the United States at St. Peters-burg.

general of the United States at St. Petersburg.
Albert Fowler, of Maryland, United States consul at Stratford, Ontarlo.

## FOREIGN.

Rumors About Gladstone.

London, Feb. 28.—The rumor that Mr. Gladstone had resigned the premiership is officially denied.

London, Feb. 28.—The Edinburg Evening News says, unqualifiedly, that Mr. Gladstone has resigned and that his resignation will go into effect at Easter. The paper says that the premiership was offered to Lord Rosebery, but he declined it. The position was then offered to Earl Spencer and he accepted it.

Inquiries made by representatives of the United Press tend to confirm the report that Mr. Gladstone's resignation is inevitable within a few we-ks. Since Mr. Gladstone's return from Blarritz the cataract which has been forming in his eye has ripened fast, and Dr. Bend, Dr. Grainger and other physicians whom he has consulted consider an early operation advisible. The treatment will necessarily involve seclution in a darkened room for a long time, probably three months, with complete cessation of all work attended by brain strain or worry.

Mr. Gladstone's colleagues wish him to postpone his resignation of the premier ship until the latest possible moment, and keep a sinecure seat in the cabinet, such as taking the office of lord privy seal. Liberals are divided in opinion as to whether Mr. Gladstone's retirement will be temporary or permanent. Mr. Gladstone himself freely tells his frieads

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sight. His health otherwise, however, is still vigorous.

The Daily News denies that Mr. Gladstone has resigned. In discussing the possibility of his infirmity competing Mr. Gladstone to retire—an event watch it hopes is far distant—the news says there is no doubt that Lord R. seebery will succeed to the premiership and that Sir William Harcourt will become leader of the house of commons.

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Berlin, Feb. 28.—Marie Deppe, of the royal opera, Prof. Wirth, violinist, and Ernst Jedliczka will take part in the concert to be given on Wedneslay for the benefit of the American church. W. D. Howell's comedy, "The Unexpected Guests," will be performed this week at at Mrs. Symmes' residence by Mr. Willard, Miss Kate Willard, Prof. Forster and other Americans.

Chapman Coleman, Secretary of the United States embasy, will give ad dinner in Ambassador Runyon's honor at the Kaiserhof on Wednesday evening.

As was expected, several versions of the emperor's speech at the Brandenburg banquet Saturday evening have become current. The Reichsanzeiger has been ordered therefore to print an official report of his majesty's words. Whether this report will contain another allusion to the divine right of Prussian kings is not yet known. There is a concurrence of testimony, however, that the emperor said he had been placed by God at the post of emperor and king and held thimself responsible to God alone for whatever he did. This sole responsibility to the Almighty, the emperor is said to have declared, was always borne in mind by him.

Troubles in Italy.

Naples, Feb. 28.—An interesting trial of socialists and anarchists will begin shortly in this city. There will be 32 defendants, one of them a deputy. All are implicated with the Sic lian socialist, Cipriani, in plotting to start a revolution in Italy. The plot had been formed with great deliberation and detail. Fires were to be set simultaneously in several were to be set simultaneously in several were

## Salisbury's Amendment Rejected.

## Insurgent Victory in Brazil.

Three Officers and Thirty Sailor. Killed By the Explosion,

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A dispatch from Buenos Ayres confirms the report of the explosi no the magazine of the insur-gent steamer Venu- at Rio Janeiro. The bommanader, two other efficers and hirty salors were killed and fifty were

Reported Russian Frontier Skirmis

troops on the rontier have been cut, in military circles in M scow for sevi days. One version of the reported fit is as follows: A squadron of Russ dragons saw a party of Prussian Unimaking a target of a frontier post which the Russian arms were daplay. The Russian commander requested if Prussians to stop firing at the post the Prussians ignored the request, skirmish followed in which several monoboth sides were killed. The Russian pursued the Prussians for some distant after the fight.

## France's Crusade Against Anarchists.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The police continu-their search of the houses of known an-archists. Since yesterday morning 20 or more anarchists have been arrested, and the police believe that among the number are some whose examination will disclose their identity with recent outrages and lead to important revelations.

## Life Sentence for Anarchist Marpeau

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The anarchist, Mar-peaux, has been sentenced to penal servi-tude for life for murdering Police In-spector Colson in November last.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

STUDENT DINGENS RETURNS

Explains the Cause of His Absence and Says He Can Prove an Alibi.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Carl L. Dingens, suspected of complicity in the freaman banquet poisoning case, has returned to the city, after having been absent since last Wednesday morning. He claims to have been called home on that day by a telegram from his folks. While returning to ithaca the following day he says he was taken sick and went to Syracuse for medical atteadance. He was not allowed to see the newspapers and, consequently, did not know of the charges made against him. When he learned of the charges he came at once to Ithaca, Dingens claims that he will be able to prove an alibi. Explains the Cause of His Absence rove an alibi.

Erastus Wiman's Case.

New York, Feb. 27.—Erastus Wiman, indicated for forgery in the second degree on two counts, pleaded not guitty before Judge Martine in the court of general sessions. The defendant did not utter a word when arraigned at the bar of the court. General Tracy, his counsel, who stood besides him, pleaded not guilty for him.

"We plead not guilty, of course," said Gen. Tracy in a matter-of-fact-tone. "I suppose," he added, after a moment, "that you consider the present bail large enough and will discharge him on bail. "Yes," said Judge Martine, "I will discharge the defendant on bail until trial. I consider it large enough."

It has not yet been decided in the district-attorney's office when the case will come to trial, but it is expected some time during the April term.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 37.—Judge Gross rendered a decision in the United States district court which will make the interstate commerce law practically inoperative for the reason that it will in the future be impossible to convict anyone for acts violating its provisions. The court held that General Freight Agent James of the Lake Shore road, and Gordon NcLeod, agent of the Merchants, Depatch Freight line, the witnesses who refused to answer questions put to them by the grand jury, were right in the position which they took and that they cannot be compelled to answer.

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Washington, Feb. 28.—Secretary Herbert laid before the house naval committee a letter in which he stated that he had one bid from a responsible wrecking company which requires only \$10,000 for making the attempt to raise the Kearsarge and \$35,000 additional if successful. The secretary suggested that, as the matter was urgent, immediate action should be authorized, without advertising for bids. In compliance with the secretary's suggestion, Mr. Geissenhainer of New Jersey was authorized to report a bill appropriating the amounts above named. When the bill was presented to the house, Mr. Cummings, the chairman of the committee, asked unanimous consent for its immediate consideration. Mr. Bland quietly remarked that no doubt this and other important measures demanded immediate consideration but he would object to its consideration until the pending business was disposed of.

Weathered the Storm All Right.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28,—The lighthouse tender Violet with the president and Secretary Gresham on board was compelled to seek shelter from the violent storm in an inlet below Mount Vernon soon after leaving here Sunday afternoon. She proceeded to the naval gun proving grounds at Indian Head, Monday afternoon, and continued down the river, making a stop late in the evening at the Cedar Point light. Some ettempts to create alarm on account of the failure to hear of the Violet's arrival at Norfolk, fell very flat at the white house, where the president's plans were known. It is understood that the boat will go in and out of the numerous coves and rivers along the Potomac and, if sport was found, the president would stay there as long as the birds kept him company.

Baseball Convention Closed. Weathered the Storm All Right,

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The National Baseball league concluded its convention last night. A general toast was given to the delegates present and to the news-paper representatives by Harry Wright, who was yesterday elected chief of um-prizes by the baseball magnates. His du-ties will be to assign the umpires to their stations in the different cities and to look after their actions.

Greater New York.

ALBANY., N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Burtis greater New York bill has passed the senate without amendment, ayes 28, noes 2.—Senators McMahon and Reynolds—and the bill now goes to the governor. The bill simply provides that the question of consolidating into one municipality the places about New York harbor shall be submitted next fall to a vote of the people.

## Little Left of the Fair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Collector Clark of Chicago reports to the treasury de-partment that the work at the World's partment that the work at the World's Fair, as far as custom matters are con-cerned, is practically ended. All aban-domed goods will be sold at public au-ction early in March, thus disposing of all goods displayed at the great fair.

## Shot Down in Their Cells.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 28.—Andrew Carter and Budd Montgomery, murderers, were riddled with bullets by a mob over a thousand men, while shackled and locked in cells in the Mountain, Ark., jail at midnight yesterday. The men died protesting their innocence.

## Wilson Has Typhoid Fever.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Chairman Wilson is now in the City of Mexico with a marked case of typhoid fever. His condition is grave, although the fever is in a

# No New Trial for the Slayer of Carter No New Frial for the Stayor of Carter Harrison. Chicago, Feb. 25.—Judge Brentano has case of Eugene Prendergast, the murderer of Carter Harrison, and sentenced the prisoner to be hanged on March 23.

General Sickles Wins. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—By the decision of Second Comptroller Mansur, General Daniel E. Sickles is entitled to hold his seat in congress and to draw his pension.

Another of the "600" Dead.

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Whiteon, Wash, Feb. 26. — Capt. W.
C. H. Graham, a survivor of the famous charge of the light brigade at Balaklava, is flead.

# **NEW YORK INDUSTRIES**

ort of the commissioner of the bureau of atistics of labor contains the result of a investigation in this state on the sub-

questions was sent to the owners of the different manufacturing establishments in the state:

1. Did the recent and present hard times cause a suspension of work in your manufacturing establishment?

2. If so, has your workshop been closed entirely or partially?

3. If partially, what per centage of your employes were kept at work?

4. Were they employed upon the half time system?

5. For how long a period were your works close!?

6. Was there any reduction in wages on account of the business depression, and, if so, what percentage?

7. At the time your works closed did you have orders shead sufficient to keep them running provided the banks would render you the usual discounts and assistance?

The commissioner presents no views of

more?
The commissioner presents no views of his own on the questions contained in the circular letter, but simply gives a contained to the replies received from 2,011 manufacturing concerns in 64 general industrie. The number of manufacturers who reported the length of time their establishments were closed was 618, and the tim ranged from one week to eight month the average being 47 working days.

The average percentage of employes re

time of closing ranging from 5 to 10) per cent.

In partially closed workshops where all the employes were kept at work it was on short time by mutual agreement.

The total number of entirely closed establishments was 190, while 25) were entirely or partially closed.

Fity-five manufacturers report that banks absolutely refused to lend them money or to discount the paper they were obliged to take from their customers. Some of the answers to the question on that point were as follows:

"We had over \$60,000, and liabilities less than \$2,000, but could not get one dollar discounted."

"An autional bank has charged us all kinds of rates for money, as follows: Ten, twelve, fifteen, eighteen and even as high as twenty per cent. You can imagine whether or not business has been handicappet by such proceedings."

banks to accommodate us kept us short of money, and, consequently, we could do no more business."
Under the head of "remarks" some of the manufacturers attribute the business troubles to uncertainty about the tartif, the prevailing idea being that the question "should be settled one way or the other," as many of them express it, and that when it is so settled manufacturers will know just what to do in order to conform to the condition imposed by the law, and will arrange their business accordingly. Some assert that the passage of the proposed bill will oblige them to reduce wages, while others hold an entirely different opinion. On the other hand, some declare that, in their opinion, the tariff has little or nothing to do with a business depression that is affecting all the civilized countries of the word, and the chief factor in the trouble is "too many goods in the market, or, in other words, "over-production."

Two thousand and eleven manufacturing concerns engaged in the numerous branches of the 64 general industries cov-

closed entirely or partially? Of the number responding, 470-or 33 per cent—stated that they had not been affected by the business depression and consequently did not cease operations in their workshops, employing their usual working force on full time.

Fifteen hundred and forty-one manufacturers reported that they were affected by the hard times, 190 declaring that their works had been entirely closed. Among the latter were 80 in the clothing industry, 15 in the metal and metallic goods business, 10 hosiery and knit goods houses, 9 carriage and wagon manufacturers. Ten hundred and eighty-seven establishments were partially closed, the principal ones being as follows: Agricultural implements, 12; boots and shoes, 38; building, 48; buttons and dress trimings, 21; carriages, wagons, etc., 25; clothing, 234. Two hundred and fifty-five mun actories were closed both partially and entirely, that is, they were totally shut down for a time, then partially opened with a recluced labor force or on short working time or vice versa.

Briefly, according to the reports made to the bureau from 54 industries, 36; extendishments were closed one week; 37, three weeks; 47, four weeks; 17, one month; 72, six weeks; 92, two months; 83, three months; 13, six months; 75, seven months, and 5, eight months. The establishments still closed number 98 according to official returns, of which 38 are clothing manufacturers.

In response to the wage question 494 establishments reported that they had re-

Fears for an Overdue Steamer. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Fears are felt for the safety of the steamer Briscoe, which sailed from Queenstown for New York Jan. 30 and has since neither been seen nor heard from.

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Fine French dress ginhams, 122-cent quality, now 8 cents per yard.

Eighteen cent double fold cashmere, now 12 cents.

Forty-cent fine henrietta and chevron, now 25 cents. Seventy-five-cent all wool fine henrietta, go during this sale

49 cents per yard. All broad cloths, flannels and woolen goods, at less than cost manufacture.

Princess 8-inch curling irons, 5 cents each.

Ladies' extra heavy wool skirts, 68 cents. Four by four chenile covers, best quality, 75 cents. Six by four chenile covers, that formerly sold for \$2.50, we v offer at \$1.50.

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By the Hard Times.

Number of Suspensions and Partial Su-pensions of Factories and the

ALBANY, Feb. 28 .- The 11th annual re-

an investigation in this state on the subpict of the recent hard times, and is at
this moment of particular interest to employer and employe.

During the month of September last a
circular letter containing the following
questions was sent to the owners of the
different manufacturing establishments

The average percentage of employes remaining at work in partially closed establishments was nearly 63 per cent., the

whether or not business has been hands-capped by such proceedings."
"Had plenty to do, if banks would ad-vance money."
"Had more orders than we could fill, but slow collection, and the refusal of banks to accommodate us kept us short of money, and, consequently, we could do no more business."

Two thousand and eleven manufacturing concerns engaged in the numerous branches of the 64 general industries covered by the investigation, returned answers to the following question contained in the letter of inquiry: "Did the recent and present hard times cause a suspension in your manufacturing establishment; and, if so, has your workshop been closed entirely or partially?" Of the number responding, 470-or 23 per centatted that they had not been affected by the business depression and consequentify

clothing manufacturers.

In response to the wage question 404 establishments reported that they had reduced wages, while 1,408 replied that they had not, and 57 failed to answer. The elothing industry represents the largest percentage in the reduction of wages, which ranges from 4 to 68% per cent.