

ago with the Minnesota delegation on the first trip to the exposition. This design shows a building constructed of logs with the outer bark still on, something on the order of a Swiss cottage. The design has been regarded as favorably by the Minnesota commission and will probably be used in the construction of the state building.

Work of the Woman's Board.
The executive committee of the Woman's Board of Managers held a special session for the purpose of taking final action on approving the amended plans for the Girls' and Boys' building, but the plans had not been returned by the architect and could not be acted upon. When they are returned a meeting will be held at once and measures taken to commence construction at once.

An organization known as the Colored Women's association submitted a communication, in which it is stated that the organization is prepared to furnish "dozens of colored women or girls" for any of every "remunerative" position within the gift of the board. The communication was received by Mrs. E. J. Mahoney, president, and Carrie King, secretary. The secretary of the Woman's board was instructed to notify the parties that the board has given due consideration to the proper time.

Labor Congress Difficulty Overcome.
The slight difference between the committee of the Woman's Board of Managers and the special committee representing organized labor, regarding the tone to be given the prospective labor congress, has been amicably adjusted by leaving the matter in the hands of the committee appointed by the congress. The committee will nominate the men who are to be asked to take part in the congress and will arrange the program. The committee of the Woman's board consists of W. H. Bell, P. A. Kennedy, F. M. Young, J. C. Fletcher, John C. Russell and George Clark.

Tennessee Commissioners Appointed.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 11.—Governor Taylor appointed today the following as Tennessee commissioners to the Omaha exposition: Theodore Cooley, John J. McCann, Van L. Kirkman, John W. Morton, Captain H. C. Ward, E. W. Davis, J. H. Killebrew, J. M. Safford, Joe W. Allison, George M. Goodwin, A. J. Harris, Nashville; W. R. Rankin, Jasper; Paul P. Kiferator, Madisonville; F. H. Evans, Paducah; J. W. Roseman, Gadsden; H. L. Bedford, Hallowell; W. L. Chapman, Knoxville; G. W. Davenport, C. V. Brown, Chattanooga; S. M. Young, Memphis; J. C. H. Beatty, state commissioner of agriculture.

Directors Lock a Quorum.
Yesterday was the day for the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the exposition, but there were but twelve members present when President Watkins rapped for order after waiting three-quarters of an hour for a quorum. The president finally wished to call special attention to the fact that over 70 per cent of the subscriptions for exposition stock has been collected. The president stated that numerous other facts were obtained that more than 50 per cent of them would never be collected.

More Midway Attractions.
A characteristic Japanese tea garden is the latest acquisition to the Midway. Manager Reed having been authorized at the meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon to make a contract with T. Mizutani, a native of the Flowery Kingdom, to construct a resort of this character on the bluff tract.

Wiring for Space.
March 15 is the time fixed by the Department of Exhibits as the last day on which applications for space will be received, and as this time approaches the telegraph wires are becoming hot with the many messages sent by excited exhibitors who make their applications in this way. Twenty messages of this character were received by the Department of Exhibits this morning and as the final day for applications is near it seems to be increasing at an immense rate.

Hatchet Will Come Some Day.
Secretary Ford of the Woman's Board of Managers says she has stepped making any predictions regarding the date of the appearance of the famous Hatchet, the paper which is to be issued for the benefit of the fund for the relief of the South. She says the public is to be given a surprise by having the paper issued very soon, but she refused to divulge the exact time it will make its appearance.

Special Stamps Hang Fire.
Postmaster Martin has been notified from the special issue of the Tennessee Exposition stamps since February 1, when he had a letter from Washington stating that it would be several months before the stamps would be ready. Many wholesale firms write to Mr. Martin wanting these stamps and thousands of dollars worth of them could have been sold if they had only been on hand.

Chauncey M. Depew's Sentiments.
Chauncey M. Depew, one of the members of the New York Exposition commission recently appointed by Governor McKim, in a letter to the Department of Publicity and Promotion regarding exhibition matters says: "I do not know what our commission will do, or what the legislature will do, or how the state represented as creditably as possible at the exposition."

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Spring
Is the season for new life in nature, new vigor in our physical systems. As the fresh sap carries life into the trees, so our blood should give us renewed strength and vigor. In its impure state it cannot do this, and the aid of Hood's Sarsaparilla will purify, vitalize and enrich the blood, and with this solid, correct foundation, it will build up good health, create a good appetite, tone your stomach and digestive organs, strengthen your nerves and overcome or prevent that tired feeling. This has been the experience of thousands. It will be yours if you take

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association held a meeting at Yoakum, Tex., recently and decided that the southwestern portion of Texas should be represented by an exhibit at the exposition. The members of the association have raised \$1,000 for the expenses of making the exhibit.

The people of west Florida are becoming aroused to the importance of having their portion of the state represented by an extensive exhibit independent of anything that may be done by the state commission. They have applied to the Department of Exhibits for space and announced that they will make an extensive exhibit of their resources.

Clement Chase has issued a very handsome exposition booklet containing sixteen full page photographs, printed on heavy end paper and bound in a small size in a parchment cover bearing a handsome design. Mr. Chase has also issued a series of sixteen souvenir cards on the style of postal cards, presented in the same size in small size the main state building.

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BUYING RAPID-FIRE GUNS

Government is Engaged in Getting More Defenders for Coast Line.

ORDERS ISSUED TO ORDNANCE BUREAU
Contractors Instructed to Work Double Time and Commandants at Arsenals Put on All Men Who Can Be Used.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary Algie has authorized General Flagler, the chief of ordnance, to make arrangements for the purchase of large numbers of rapid-fire guns for coast defense. This action is taken without waiting for the allotment among the various bureaus of the War and Navy departments of the \$50,000,000 voted for the national defense. The secretary felt that there was no reason for further delaying the necessary steps for the procurement of these guns, as it was felt there would be no trouble in arriving at an equitable adjustment of the money available.

General Flagler's plan was to purchase the guns from the Ordnance department, but he has been hastening the delivery of guns already finished and making arrangements for a supply of additional ones as is felt necessary. The Ordnance bureau will take all the rapid-fire guns that can be procured within a reasonable time and they will be shipped to the coast fortifications as rapidly as possible. The guns are being procured from the Ordnance bureau, but they are being procured from the Ordnance bureau, but they are being procured from the Ordnance bureau.

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Oregon will remain for a considerable length of time near San Francisco. The report that the ship will go to China is not credited.

THEY ARE CONFIDENT OF PEACE.
Washington Opinions as to What War Will Result. WASHINGTON, March 11.—Hoping for the best and prepared for the worst about represents the situation in the War and Navy departments these days. The officials still profess confidence that there is to be a peaceful outcome of the present threatening difficulties, but meanwhile prepare with serenity to meet their duty if events should shape themselves otherwise.

The most important and significant developments of the day were the decision of the House of Representatives to appropriate \$10,000,000 for the purchase of three new battleships, and a conclusion on the part of the secretary of war to issue tomorrow morning an order granting a new military department, including within its confines that part of the country which would be in all likelihood nearest the field of hostilities in case of a war.

The order will create a command in the south. The present Department of Texas is abolished, and the headquarters which have been at Austin are transferred to San Antonio, are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one, the Department of the South.

General Graham, present commander of the Department of Texas, will command the new department. This department will include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. All of these states save the last are at present attached to the Department of the East, under command of General Sherman.

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The new undertaking at Watertown results from the opinion of the Ordnance department at Washington that the government has been paying too much money for mortars manufactured by private establishments.

COREA YIELDS TO RUSSIA.
Imprisoned Military Instructors Are Released. YOKOHAMA, March 11.—In reply to the recent charge d'affaires at Seoul, the Russian representative in the customs, and the Russian military instructors, and to his demand for an answer within twenty-four hours as to whether the king wished to retain their services, the king asked Russia for three days' delay.

Yesterday the cabinet met at Seoul, discussed the demand, and decided to answer that the government wished the release of the drill instructors and of M. Alexioff, the acting foreign minister, contending that the national integrity of Korea was only possible with Russia's assistance, dissented from this decision and resigned.

LONDON, March 11.—The Morning Post says that the Japanese have warned Russia that if the latter retains Port Arthur Japan will retain Wei-Hai-Wei and the islands adjacent. The same paper says the Japanese ambassador has ordered the men of war building abroad to be hurried, and it denies the report that Japan will sell the cruisers now building in the United States.

The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is reported there that the Philippine rebels have captured Bolinao, near Manila. According to the same correspondent the British cruiser Edward will sail for Manila this (Friday) morning.

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CHINA CANNOT WITHSTAND RUSSIA.
Situation in the East Becomes More Complicated. PEKING, March 11.—The British minister, Sir Claude M. Macdonald, visited the Chinese foreign office on Tuesday and lodged a strong protest against the cession of Port Arthur to Russia, saying it would destroy the balance of power in China.

The Chinese official, however, denied their inability to withstand the Russian demand. M. Pavloff, the Russian charge d'affaires, wished the cession to take place within five days, in order to forestall the arrival of the British fleet in the bay.

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MERCER WILL RUN AGAIN

Second District Congressman a Candidate for Re-election.

WILL GO INTO THE FIGHT TO WIN OUT
Believes the Outlook for Republican Success is Excellent—Judge Strode Will Not Stand for a Re-nomination.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Mercer for a number of days past has been in receipt of many letters from his constituents asking whether he proposed being a candidate for re-election. Until this time Mercer has remained silent, but so persistent have correspondents become that he announced today that he would be a candidate for re-nomination for congress and that in the event of nomination, he would go into the fight determined to increase his majority over that of two years ago. He said to The Bee that conditions were much more favorable to republican success than a month ago and expressed the belief that the second congressional district would give a good account of itself in the election in Nebraska.

In this connection it was stated tonight that Judge Strode would not be a candidate for re-nomination in the First district. There are a number of candidates already in the field for the place, Hayward being especially mentioned for re-election. The Treasury department has commenced retrenchment in the old postoffice building at Omaha. Michael Hogan, watchman-laborer, having been let out of the building, and many of the offices still remain in the old building and are likely to continue there for a year to come.

Contracts for the completion of the new building being made on the basis that it will take a year to put the upper stories in habitable shape. The secretary of war, however, wished the cession to take place within five days, in order to forestall the arrival of the British fleet in the bay.

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the banks have slightly strengthened their loans and discounts, individual deposits and average reserve. Loans and discounts in the current statement are \$1,918,263, which is \$488 in excess of amount reported for this item in December, and individual deposits have increased from \$1,480,359 in December to \$1,515,562. The average reserve held by the banks in December was 25.34 per cent, against 25.75 per cent in the current report. Present holdings of gold coin are \$109,480, a reduction of more than \$43,000 since December.

GERMANY IS ACTING REASONABLY.
Secretary Wilson is Pleased with the Fruit Regulations. WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural department expresses his satisfaction at the manner in which the German regulations concerning the importation of American fresh fruit are being carried out. The reports from the United States representatives in Germany, he says, show that all fruit not in any way affected is allowed to enter, while that affected with the San Jose scale—a small proportion—is being excluded.

Germany appeared to be doing what was reasonable in the matter. The inspection necessarily causes some delay to shippers, but the country of the origin of the fruit are doing all they can to facilitate entry. A question has arisen as to whether the parings and cores of fruits shipped to Germany from America should be made into jelly are free of duty or liable to tax. The subject is under consideration by the German government.

Dr. Silligoe of the Agricultural department, who has been designated as agricultural attaché at Berlin, will leave for his new duties in a few days.

HOUSE CONSIDERS WAR CLAIMS.
Day is Largely Spent in Filibustering Against an Bill. WASHINGTON, March 11.—The bill to pay the Bowman act claims, aggregating \$1,200,000, for stores and supplies furnished the union army during the war, was before the house until 5 o'clock today, but beyond completing the general debate little progress has been made. Of the 800 odd claims in the bill, but a few come from the south, and military tactics were resorted to to prevent progress with the bill. During the filibustering the house was in an uproar.

At 5 o'clock, after completing two pages of the bill, the house recessed until 8 o'clock for an evening session to be devoted to the consideration of the bill. The evening session of the house adjourned over to Monday.

SETTLING THE CUBAN QUESTION.
Many Plans Are Submitted to the President for Consideration. WASHINGTON, March 11.—Projects for the settlement of the Cuban question are numerous, but most of them are regarded in official circles as unworthy of serious consideration. One plan, however, has been presented to the president which has received the approval in a general way of leading men whose counsels have weight with the administration and there is reason to believe it is the subject of studious reflection in the cabinet.

The proposed plan to Cuba all of the rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed by the United States in Cuba, and to grant to Canada, Spain reserving to itself only such rights as England exercises over its colonies.

ADVERSE REPORT ON POWDERLY.
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