Busies Herself Buying Christmas Presents for Members of the Family.

Usual Ceremony Observed on the Anniversary of His Death-Persian Prince Coming to England.

(Copyright, 1898, by Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 17.-Queen Victoria on Friday transferred the court from Windsor to Osborne, Isle of Wight. The anniversary of the death of the prince consort, who died December 14, 1861, was scrupulously observed on Wednesday. The memorial service at the Frogmore mausoleum was attended by the queen, the prince of Wales, the duke and duchess of York, and the entire royal family, each member placing a wreach on Prince Albert's sarcophagus.

The queen is enjoying particularly good health at present. She has been busy buying Christmas gifts, which were taken to Windsor castle for her selection. Her majesty makes it a point in choosing presents to see that her gifts are peculiarly suitable to each of her innumerable relatives or friends. The prince and princess of Wales and the duke and duchess of York have been visiting the stores in the west end of London and have frequently been seen gazing in store windows and choosing Christmas purchases,

Society is already discussing the spring drawing rooms. The queen will personally hold one or two and the others will be presided over by the Princess Christian and the duchess of Connaught, the princess of Wales not being available, owing to the fact that she is in deep mourning. Princess Margaret of Connaught, who will be 17 years of age in January, will be the only royal debutante.

Prince Malik Mansur Manzani Shua, second son of the shah of Persia, a young man about 19 years of age, is coming to England in January. His visit has not aroused particular enthusiasm in view of the experience resulting from previous visits of Persian royalties. The manners of Prince Malik, who is described as a diminutive, weakly youth, are, however, said to be pleasant and he is fairly cultured.

Increased Ravages of Consumption There has been a great deal of talk recently of the need of widespread action to cope with the increasing ravages of Great Britain's national disease, consumption. The prince of Wales has now summoned a private meeting at Mariborough house to promote a war against tuberculosis. The marquis of Salisbury and a number of ous medical men will take part in 't. It is hoped the outcome will be more successful than the prince of Wales' wonderful stamp scheme to assist the London hospitals, which proved more or less a flasco, collectors refusing to touch the stamps, as they were not available for postage. last issue was thrown almost entirely upon the hands of the organizers of the scheme. It is announced that Mr. L. Z. Leiter of Chicago, the father-in-law of Lord Curzon Kedlestone, the new vicercy of India, paid for the Indian outfit of Lord and Lady Curzon, who started for India under the happiest auspices, and after a splendid send-off from their friends. Lady Curzon enters upon her duties as vicereine with a trosseau of unprecedented magnificence, while Mr. Leiter presented Lord Curzon with three official durbar (conference) cloaks of the finest velvet and gold in pale blue

in gold and diamonds. The question was recently broached of placing a statue of Washington in Westminster abbey. Dean Bradley now ansubmitted to the authorities and he is of the epinion that it is impossible for the matter to be officially entertained.

ruby and white, each with the star of India

An interesting letter from a marine on

QUEEN GOES OUT SHOPPING board the British first-class cruiser Pow- intention of retiring from the post of dramatic critic of the Daily Telegraph. He between the British tars and American troops has been published. The writer says: United States. "Our men and the Yankee soldiers are awfully friendly. Very few of the Americans were in uniform. They often only had the number of their regiment written on a plece of paper and pinned to their jackets. FLOWERS FOR GRAVE OF PRINCE CONSORT It was a sight to see them come on board, speaking to everybody. When we saw them go up to officers without saluting we felt as if we must drop on the spot. They offered cigar cases to our men, with "Have a cigar, my boy," and afterward handed us

visiting cards, saying, "Now, be sure and look us up if you are down our way." The awful fate of the French line steamer La Bourgogne was vividly brought home to the British by the details which are just leaking out regarding the disaster to the Clan Drummond, which foundered in the Bay of Biscay while on its way to Algoa bay. These details have also served as a warning of the danger which has been fre-quently pointed out of having a large proportion of Lascars in the crews of British vessels. Great reticence is maintained on the subject, but it appears that the Lascars became panic-stricken and fought like demone. A survivor relates that several Europeans were drowned by being dragged down by the feroclous and frantic Lascar coolies. who lost all discipline. The captain of the Clan Drummond was being hauled on board the rescuing steamer when a number of Lascars grasped the rope and pulled him back, with the result that the captain was drowned. The Malays also crowded into the

boats, which were swamped and caused their occupants to perish. The new law enabling conscientious obectors to escape vaccination by making a statutory declaration has been widely availed of throughout the country and is causing serious misgivings and strong protests from the press. Thousands of children have thus been exemplified from vaccination during the last year. Sir Richard Thorne, the cipal medical official of the British local board, in his report on vaccination during the past year announces that one-third the children in England and Wales have escaped vaccination. He concludes with remarking: "The country is being prepared for widespread epidemics of smallpox such as are unknown to the present generation." It is suggested, in order to counteract the antivaccinationists, that insurance companies refuse to issue policies to unvaccinated people. Mrs. Druce, after apparently surmounting the last difficulty in the way of opening the Druce vault, by securing permission from the consistory court in her attempt to establish that her son is the rightful sixth duke of Portland, by determining whether or not the body of her father-in-law, T. J.

Druce, is really buried there, is now confronted by a still more serious obstacle in the refusal of Mr. Herbert Druce, whom the cemetery company recognizes as the owner of the vault, to give his consent to ts being opened. Moreover, the home secretary has intervened. He declares his permission is necessary and the proceedings thus seem interminable. Nevertheless, Mrs. Druce is issuing £100,000 (\$500,000) of 'Druce-Portland bonds," the holders which she claims will receive £5 (\$25) for every £1 (\$5) within twelve months after her son succeeds to the dukedom and estates. She declares that £11,000 (\$55,000) of these bonds have already been taken up. It is announced on the other side that the present duke cannot lose his dukedom as he has taken the oath in the House of Lords and that if Druce succeeds there will be two dukes. It is also declared that the estates, owing to the conditions of the succession, cannot be alienated from the present

Wyndham will close the theater for a month, Clement Scott announced this week his

Princess Louise (the marchioness of Lorne) has promoted a matinee performance to take place next Monday at the Strand theater in aid of the East End Mothers home. In addition to the leading actors and actresses, the duke of Manchester, the earl of Yarmouth and Lady Grenville are billed to appear.

DEATH RECORD.

Harland P. Halsey. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Harland P. Halsey, the author, known as "Old Sleuth," died last night of cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Brooklyn. He was born in New York sixty-one years ago. Treat, the first colonial governor of Con necticut, was one of his ancestors, and Halsey was a member of the Sons of the Revolution. In all he had written 135 books, and his fortune was estimated at \$500,000. wrote often two books a week. His last book was "Only a Photograph." He was the organizer of the Hamilton Trust company, helped to organize the Kings County Trust company, was a member of the Union | finance-though this subject did not come League club of Brooklyn and of the Board

Colonel Enos Woodward. LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 17.—Colonel Enos Woodward of Philadelphia died at the Styer house, New Holla, Ind., last night, aged 67. He was captain of Company B, First California volunteers, and later colonel of the Forty-fourth regiment of California volunteers and was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post No. 259 of Pitteburg.

Henry A. Chapin. NILES, Mich., Dec. 17 .- Henry A. Chapin, the multi-millionaire mine owner and richest man in Michigan, died last night at his home in this city. He was 86 years old. Mr. Chapin leaves a widow and one son, C. A. Chapin of Chiacgo. He was estimated to be worth from \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Death was caused by old age.

John E. Wooten.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—John Wooten, at one time general manager of the Philadelphia & Reading company, died at his residence in this city late last night. aged 76 years. He was ill only a few days. Mr. Wooten was the inventor of the Wooten fire box, designed for the consumption of

Baron Rothschild. LONDON, Dec. 17.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, M. P., is dead. Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild was the second son of the late Baron Alphonse de Rothschild. He married his cousin, Evelyna, sister of the first Lord Rothschild. He was a member of Parliament in the unionist interest for Aylesbury.

Captain H. S. Cole. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 17.-Captain H. S. Cole, a prominent and wealthy resident of Fergus Falls, Minn., and well known as northwestern politician, died at his daughter's home in Spring Green, Wis., today, aged 58. He served throughout the civil war as a captain in the First Maine cav-

FIRE RECORD.

Large Elevator Destroyed. ST. EDWARD, Neb., Dec. 17 .- (Special.) -About midnight Thursday fire was discovered in the large elevator of P. D. Smith. By the time the fire department arrived the fire was beyond control and all that could The reappearance of Robert Arthurs at the be done was to save the buildings adjacent comedy theater after a long absence in the thereto. The fire started in the engine room provinces is the only theatrical novelty of near a cob pile used as fuel for the engine the week. His play "Milord Sir Smith," is and the corn carrier to the elevator from a weak musical comedy; but it served to the sheller carried the flames to the top give an opportunity to Ada Reeve, who story, causing two different fires, which quite eclipsed Robert and the others in the were beyond control of the firemen from "Jest" is to be withdrawn from the was a total ruin. All of the papers and Criterion on Wednesday and Charles books in the office were saved and Mr. Smith states that the elevator and contents were fully insured, and also that he would commence the erection of a new elevator just as soon as the rules could be cleared away.

> Business Houses Damaged. ALTON, Ill., Dec. 17.-The Pierson & Carr dry goods store was destroyed by fire today. The loss was \$35,000, partly covered by insurance. H. J. Bowman & Co.'s dry goods store adjoining on the west was damaged to the extent of \$15,000; fully insured. E. Pfeiffer's shoe store on the east was damaged to the extent of \$7,000, and was also insured.

Catarrh, Asthma, Deafness, Lung Disease, Kidney, Liver or Del Monte Hotel. BEAVER CITY, Neb., Dec. 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Del Monte hotel burned to the ground this morning at 8 o'clock. Adjacent buildings were saved by hard work. The fire started from some ashes thrown out of a window. The loss amounts to \$1,000, with no insurance. The building was owned by Carrie E. Havens of New York.

Unpleasant Housewarming STELLA, Neb., Dec. 17 .- (Special.)-The unfinished residence of J. A. Nutter in North SHEPARD MEDICAL INSTITUTE Stella burned to the ground at 2 o'clock this morning. The building was nearly completed and cost \$2,500. It was insured for \$1,500. No cause can be assigned for the

> Dry Goods Establishment. FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 17 .- A fire in the Voorman block, the lower floor of which is occupied by the extensive dry goods establishment of Ragin & Kemp, has caused a loss of about \$150,000. For a time the business district of the city was threatened with

HYMENEAL.

Greenwood-Kennedy. NELSON, Neb., Dec. 17 .- (Special.)-The marriage of Miss Edith Kennedy to G. F. Greenwood took place yesterday morning at the residence of the bride's parents in this city, Rev. W. M. Porter, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The bride is the daughter of one of Nelson's leading families and the groom is in the employ of the B. & M. at Wymore. They will be at home in that city after December 24.

Vincent-Pattisen. PIBRRE, S. D., Dec. 17 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The marriage of F. B. Vincent and Florence Isabel Pattison occurred at the Wellington hotel, Chicago, last evening. Miss Pattison was a prominent young society weman of this city and a neice of Surgeon General Sternberg. The groom is first lieutenant in the United States engineer corps and at present is stationed at Augusta, Ga. He is under orders to go to Havana, where their home will be for the

Enamel doll beds, 25 cents, worth 50 cents People's Furniture and Carpet Co.

Men Supposed to Be Friends. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—The killing of W. J. Gilfillan by John D. McCrillis of Car-W. J. Gilfillan by John D. McCrillis of Carthage, Mo., created much surprise here,
where both men are well known. They were
together here less than a fortnight ago and
parted apparently the best of friends to return to Carthage, but by separate routes.
Gilfillan came here about four years ago to
contest the claim of James H. W. Pattison
to the estate of his father, A. M. Pattison.
He won his case and was appointed administrator of the estate and lived here until last
February, when it was settled up. February, when it was settled up

DEBATES IN THE REICHSTAG

Statesmen Justify Empire's Attitude Toward United States in Late War.

SYMPATHY FOR DONS NOT UNDERSTOOD

Report of Experts on American Meat Importations Favorable-Days of Dreibund Probably Numbered.

(Copyright, 1898, by Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 17 .- The sessions of the Reichstag during the last week, though not so sensational as expected, were very interesting from several points of view. The debates were notable for giving rise to the first official utterances on the Lippe-Detmold affair, Emperor William's trip, the Anglo-German understanding and the pending German-American tariff negotiations. Some of the statements were significant. Thus Baron von Thiellmann, minister of

Amorican war, said: "While it is true that during the war the sympathies of our nation-I admit it quite freely-were on the side of the weaker and wrongfully-attacked party-(loud leftist cries of "No!")-yet the attitude of the empire throughout was perfeetly correct and statements to the contrary in the foreign press were malicious inventions."

in his province-speaking of the Spanish-

Herr Richter, leader of the opposition, while confirming the correctness of Germany's attitude during the war, remarked: "I do not see why the sympathies of the German people could have been as overwhelmingly strong as they were on the side of Spain."

Experts' Report Favorable to America Count Posadowski-Wehner, secretary of the interior and representative of the chancellor, referring to the reduction in mports from America, said: "Experts have been sent to the United States to investigate the matter and it depends upon their reports whether we can facilitate such im-

ports. This statement refers to the dispatch o the three German experts to the leading American exporting centers, especially Chicago and New York, last spring and summer. Their mission was secret, and their reports now in the hands of the German government are understood to be generally favorable to American interests. Another remarkable feature of the debates

was the reference to the Dreibund and the Anglo-German understanding. Neither Baron von Buelow, minister of foreign affairs, nor any other minister or the em peror himself, in confidential talk with the presiding officers of the Reichstag, has been explicit in respect to either.

The Berlin Tageblatt, commenting on the speech of Baron von Buelow, says: "The speech was more remarkable for its omissions than for its contents." The impression left in the Reichstag was

that a deep and lasting fissure had been driven into the Dreibund and it is significant that Herr Basserman, the spokesman of the national liberals and hitherto the stoutest friend of the Dreibund, said: "The provocative tone of Count Thun-Hohenstein toward Germany is unjustifiable. It is apparent that the German empire must be strong enough to stand upon its own bot-

A number of other speakers expressed themselves similarly and outside in the lobbles the opinion was repeatedly expresed that the days of the Dreibund are num-

On the other hand the press has much the comment is distinctly friendly. For Abolition of Lese Majeste.

The social faction has introduced in the Reichstag a number of motions in favor of the abolition of lese majeste paragraph in the criminal code, the abolition of the dictator paragraph respecting Alsace-Lorraine, the establishment of an eight-hour day and the widening of the present rights of political associations.

These matters come before the house after and Missouri river commissions Christmas adjournment. Several of them have not the ghost of a chance of adoption but they will lead to debates.

A scandal affecting a number of aristocrats has been brought to light and has created a sensation in club circles. A smart set called the "Jovial club," frequented by officers of the guard, cavalry, high government officials, bankers and members of the Reichstag, has existed in Berlin for some years. A stranger was recently introduced by two highly respected members and soon became a favorite. All went swimmingly until rumors about his ante- tistics. cedents began to circulate and it was noticed that luck invariably favored him. The Berlin Tageblatt says the stranger got many young men of the best familles into his power. The affair will shortly be sifted in the law courts. Several club men lost immense sums and the affair is likely to \$12,645,894; during that period the total imhave serious results for the military officers, in view of Emperor William's determination to suppress gambling in the

William to Visit Eternal City. The Italian papers say they learn that

Emperor William will pay a ten days' visit to Rome in January and give a magnificent fancy dress ball at the German embassy. The costumes, it appears, will be of the time of the Roman empire, his majesty appearing in a Roman tunic with a great purple cloak.

Particulars of the acquisition of the legendary abode of the Virgin Mary at Jerusalem, by the German Catholics, which the press announced during the Palestine trip, have thrown fresh light on the scandal regarding the sale of the American cemetery at Jerusalem. Coffins were said to have been exhumed and the bodies dismembered and packed in small boxes and reinterred elsewhere. The names of the purchasers of the cemetery and the members in the transaction have been concealed. It now transpires that the cemetery formed part of the site of the abode of the Virgin rangement by which the sultan, to oblige Emperor William, would place them possession of the rest of the property, which was in the hands of Mussulmans who were forced to sell under order of the sultan. The Catholic press asserts in mock surprise formally and generally thanked the emperor for what he has done for them in Palestine the Protestant press and episcopacy have remained silent.

It is a curious fact that though Count CONTENTS OF THE PEACE TREATY. Posadowski-Wehner in the Reichstag asserted that Emperor William had gained high results through his oriental tour 'about which the secretary of state wil tell you in detail," the latter official, though present when the anonuncement was made did nothing of the kind in his subsequen

Potsdam Palace Unhealthy.

The committee of experts appointed inquire into the unsanitary condition the new palace at Potsdam, hitherto the land about the palace and unless the

Prussian Diet will be asked to vote the necessary sum. The empress of Germany has been using for some time as a treatment for obesity, tablets containing the active principle o thyroid glands of sheep, which is a specific for this trouble. While she has succeeded in reducing her weight, she has suffered greatly in general health, has become very

nervous and is threatened with heart trou-The emperor, therefore, has induced her to stop using the remedy. A mass meeting at Kiel attended by 3,000 persons has adopted a strong protest against the expulsions from Schleswig-Holstein.

The German cabinet is working in confunction with the Russian authorities in order to facilitate the importation of Rus-

ARGUMENT FOR EXPANSION Bellef Expressed that United States Should Not Hesitate to Take

Forward Sten.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- "Expansion o Civilization" was the topic of the address of Hon. David J. Hill, assistant secretary of state, last night at the annual banquet of the Baptist Social union. "This year." said Mr. Hill, "is one of the most important of the century. To some this period appears the beginning of an era of imperialism. A malignant disposition could not have selected a worse word than imperialism. A better word which expresses the true condition is expansion. It is a new one, and the idea is not novel. It has existed since the inception of national growth. Civilization must go on until there is not one province, one island one individual upon which its benign light does not fall. Europe, congested, is seeking new outlets for trade and commerce. If not now, when and how can America expand.

when three-fourths of the globe is already

appropriated? It is a choice between expan

sion now or expansion never. "But, I am asked, what is to become of the principle of self-government if the peo ple to be governed are not accorded the right to say what shall be their form of government and who shall administer it? To this I say that nations as well as individuals must pass through periods of minority. It was so with this nation. See how closely our forefathers guarded the right of franchise. All constitutional lawyers agree that the franchise is not a natural right, but that it is a legal gift. The natural rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. and I cannot believe that it is an evil for the stars and stripes to float over any people, and it is therefore our duty to extend the blessings of our civilization to all men capable of receiving them."

NEEDS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon Sternberg Urges Enlargement of Medical Corps. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Surgeon General Sternberg of the army was heard by the house committee on military affairs today concerning the proposed increase in the army. In the main the hearing was confined to the bureau needs, with reference to the recent war.

General Sternberg said the medical branch of the army at no time had been adequate, even in time of peace. Now that it was proposed to expand the army fourfold the medical branch should be expanded at least threefold. He urged that the most essential need of the medical corps was to have experienced men quickly available for emergencies. The want of experienced medical officers had been the main trouble in the recent war.

The surgeon general, he believed, should be given the rank of major general, although he hardly expected this to be done. He was ready to go on until retirement on the present basis himself and merely urged the rank as a matter of proper organization. He approved the appointment of trained pharma-

The subject of complaints of the Santo say on the revivial of good feeling toward tiago campaign was brought up by Mr. Hay Great Britain and the United States. Nearly of Virginia, who asked a number of quesons. General Sternberg said the military situation was responsible for what occurred. General Wilson, chief of engineers, was heard on the needs of that branch of the service. He kept closely to the work of the bureau, declining to be led into discussions on the conduct of the war. He pointed out the extent of work done by the army engineers, covering not only army operations but also the vast river and harbor improvements, lighthouse boards and the Mississippi

FIGURES ON THE CUBAN CUSTOMS.

Collections at Five Ports for November Are \$60,627-Large Increase. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Assistant Secretary Vanderlip has transmitted to the secretary of the treasury the report of Walter Donaldson, the collector of customs at Santiago, Cuba, covering the transactions of his office at that point and at the subports of Guantanamo, Manzanillo and Baiquiri for the month of November last, and also some rather interesting general sta-

The exports from the United States to Santiago for 1894 are shown to have been \$1,505,806 and \$8,580,455 in 1895. The total customs receipts in the island of Cuba from 1886 to 1897 is shown to have been \$151,750,728, or a yearly average of

ports were \$11,316,298 and the total exports The total collections at Santiago, Guantanamo, Manzanillo and Baiquiri for November amounted to \$60,627, an increase of \$11,787 over November, 1897. The total collections at the five ports included in the

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS, Survivors of the Civil War Remem

Santiago province since the occupation by

the American forces to December 1 were

bered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- (Special.)-The following western pensions have been granted Issue of December 6:

Nebraska: Original—Gilbert M. Jacobs, Superior, \$8; William H. Garrison, Ohlowa, \$8; John Bigler, Soldiers' Home, Grand Island, \$8, Increase—Daniel B. Miller, Iowa: Original-Vincent Williams, Fre-

donia, \$6; Moses H. Urquhart, Sioux City, \$12; Samuel G. Ruby, Winterset, \$6. Additional—Norman P. Rogers, Boone, \$2 to \$10. Restoration and Additional—George R. Jackson (deceased), Brandon, \$6 to \$12. Restora Mary and was bought by the German Cath-olics in confident anticipation of an ar-ceased), Kirkwood, \$30. Increase—Philip Kiester, Ottumwa, \$24 to \$30; Ellison R. Wright, Cordova, \$8 to \$12. Original widows, etc.—Martha J. Jackson, Brandon, \$8. Re-issue—Jennie Reeves, Kirkwood, \$12. Mex-ican War Widows—Ann M. Corey, Marne, \$8. Colorado: Original—George R. Metz, Crip-ple Creek, \$6; Frederick Lottes, Ohio, \$6. that while the Catholic clergy and press Increase-Alexander Ludium, Yuma, \$6 to

South Dakota: Original-Marvin Trowbridge, Milibank, \$8. Additional—Davis Gil-borne, Aberdeen, \$4 to \$12.

Will Not Be Known Until Submitted

been definitely settled upon. The text is still lacking here, and as the commissioners have not thought proper to entrust the document to the mails, it will not reach Washington before next Saturday. Although de sirous of placing it before the senate at the earliest opportunity, the president will not regular royal residence during the greater be able to do so for a week after its repart of the year, reports that the water celpt for the reason that congress will then from the Havel is increasingly permeating be in holiday recess. Meanwhile the treaty will not be given to the public. Strong river is regulted the whole palace, which pressure has been brought to bear already cost 20,000,000 marks and on which the to change this decision, but a strict observpresent emperor has spent 6,000,000 marks, ance of the established custom in such cases | zantilo; Captain George A. Corlish, at

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Your kidneys should keep it so. That's what they are there for. And as long as they are well they perform their duties with thoroughness and dispatch. You are well when your kidneys are. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kid-

ney remedy, will make your kidneys well when they are sick. Kidney trouble often comes from overwork or over-exertion. From exposing them to cold and other weakening influences, from lifting or a strain, worrying. From over-eating or over-drinking. All these things weaken your kidneys and poisonous germs begin to creep into your blood. It is at just such times that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is needed.

When your kidneys are not doing their work, the symptoms which prove it to you are backache, headache, sediment in the urine, scalding irritation in passing it. obliged to go often during the day and te get up many times at night, dizziness, irregular heart, bladder or uric acid troubles, rheumatism, neuralgia, sleeplessness, nervousness, irritability, sallow complexion, bloating, dropsy, tired feeling, loss of energy and ambition. Swamp-Root is a vegetable remedy, the

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uselessly animosity against the treaty on the part of sticklers for the observance of the courtesy due the senate.

BARUMETER IS HIGH WEST Forecast of General Conditions Show

Prospects Are Good for Temperate Weather in Middle West. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The Weather

bureau tonight issued the following bulletin on weather conditions and general fore-A storm is developing in the west gulf and has caused rain in the gulf, middle and South Atlantic states. A slight movement

of the high pressure area upon the land has caused a temporary clearing in the middle and South Atlantic states, but it is expected that this high pressure will be dissipated and will be followed by increasing cloudiness Sunday afternoon, with prospects of rain in the South Atlantic states and Monday morning in the middle Atlantic

The storm last night in Manitoba has moved to Ontario. The pressure continues high from the Mississippi valley to the Pacific coast, except

a slight depression in southern Texas.

LONG STORED COINS OUT AGAIN. Their Appearance Excites Suspicion

of Counterfeiting in the South. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Regarding the rumors which recently have been given wide circulation through the southern central states pointing to the circulation of large amounts of counterfeit silver dollars, Chief Wilkie of the secret service today said: About six weeks ago, when it was reported that counterfeit dollars had made their pearance at Hollywood, Miss., agents of the secret service division of the treasury made a careful investigation and were shown a number of the alleged counterfeit coins and in each instance they proved to be genuine. About a week ago these reports were revived at Memphis and secret service agents were again detailed to investigate. Not a single counterfeit coin was discovered in the course of the investigation, although hundreds of coins described as counterfeit were seen and handled by the agents. The suspected coins were minted at New Orleans, bore the date of 1890 and evidently have been stored in the vaults of some bank for a long time, as in appearance they are practically new.

RECIPROCAL BASIS OF EXCHANGE. Cuban Commissioners Discuss Details

of the Cuban Tariff.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Members of the Cuban commission now in Washington, under escort of Secretary Queseda of the Cuban delegation, called today on Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee and discussed the details of the Cuban tariff, the idea being to obtain a better arrangement than at present, especially on the imports of sugar and tobacco.

Mr. Dingley pointed out that pending the determination of Cuba's future form of government congress could do nothing in the matter of tariff rates and this determination, he said, rested largely with the Cu-WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The president bans themselves. If they organized a stable will submit the peace treaty to the senate system of self-government and an indeduring the present session; that much has pendent nation was established, then a reciprocal basis of exchange doubtless would follow between the United States and Cuba.

Customs Collectors in Cuba WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Army officers have been assigned to duty as collectors of customs in ports of Cubs, as follows: Major Lasker H. Bliss, at Havana; Captain Wirt Robinson, at Cienfuegos; Captain T. E. Davis, at Santiago; Major L. S. Roudlez, at Matanzas; Captain W. P. Evans, at Cardenas; Captain J. F. B. Landis, at Caibarien; Captain W. Y. Stamper, at Manwill become permanently uninhabitable. The will be followed in order to avoid exciting Nuevitas; Captain J. Bigelow, fr., at Sagua

nention that you read this liberal offer in the Omaha Sunday Bee. regular fifty-cent or one dollar sizes at the

Baracoa; Captain F. S. Foltz, at Batabano; Lieutenant W. S. Newcomb, at Trinidad; Captain W. F. Blauvelt, at Santa Cruzi Captain H. C. Benson, at Zana. EXTRA PAY FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

la Grande; Captain F. A. Ellis, at Guan-

tanamo; Captain G. K. McGonnigle, at

Chairman Hull Introduces Bill in House for that Purpose. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Chairman Hull of the house committee on military affairs

today introduced a bill giving two months' exrta pay to volunteer troops recently serving abroad and a month for those serving at home. Other house bills introduced were: By Representative McRae of Arkansas, ex-

tending the alien labor laws to Hawaii. By Representatives Hay and Lamb of Virginia, separate bills for copying confederate records from the War department, By Representative S. W. Smith of Michigan, for a national military reserve, con-

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sisting of one regiment for each congres-

sional district.

Bill Proposes Widespread Changes in Navy Organization. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Application has been made to the house committee on rules to fix a day for the consideration of the naval personnel bill, which has attracted widespread interest in the navy by reason of the extensive changes in personal or-

ganization which it proposes. The naval committee has now proceeded on the naval appropriation bill beyond the point raised by the secretary of the navy for an increase of the navy up to 22,250 enlisted men and boys, thus giving assurance that this item will apear in the bill as finally reported.

Military Postoffice Established. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Acting Postmaster Heath today received the following cablegram from Major General Greene a Havana:

"Military postoffice established and ready for business. Can handle all the mail for the troops in the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, and when the Spanish evacuate Matanzas, can handle everything east as far as the terminus of the railroad at Santa Clara, Mail for Puerto Principe and Santiago can only be handled by water and it will be necessary to have naval vessel or transport before anything can be

done with it through Havana." Distribution of Appropriation Bills. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The subject of distributing the appropriation bills to various committees of the senate has again been brought forward. Sixty senators have signed an agreement to vote for the change, and about the same number have united in a request to Senator Allison that he bring the matter up in the senate and propose a rule to that effect.

House Passes Indian Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-The house gave today to the Indian appropriation bill, passing it substantially as reported. This is the third of the appropriation bills to pass and it clears the cafendar of the big supply bills, although another, the agricultural bill, will be ready and knocking for attention by Monday.

Oregon and lows at Valparaiso. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- A cablegram at the Navy department today from Captain Barker announces the arrival of the battleships Oregon and Iowa at Valparaiso, Chill. They will continue northward to Callao, their orders to Honolulu remaining un-

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