GREAT NAVY FAVORED

Cummings of New York Champions Course of Administration.

THAT OLD QUESTION OF ARMOR PLATE

Appropriation Carries \$13,000,000 in Excess of Previous Billa.

CHARGES EXTRAVAGANCE

Secretary Long's Opinion Decides Against Government Building Ships.

KRUPP ARMOR IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Lively Debate Occupies the Session of the House-Matter of Price in Different Makes of Armor a Bone of Contention.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The house today entered upon consideration of the naval appropriation bill with the prospect of a severe struggle ahead over the question of armor plate, building ships in government \$13,000,000 more than any previous naval and Mr. Cummings, the ranking minority member of the committee, defended the nine months. bill. The latter declared himself in favor of paying \$545 for Krupp armor, at least until all the ships authorized were built, and said that the committee had information, the source of which he was not at liberty to reveal, showing that we could obtain Krupp armor at a price lower than of North Carolina, one of the members who he termed the general extravagance of the this statement: bill and advocated the establishment of a government armor plate factory to protect the government against extortion.

All efforts to secure an agreement falled and the house went into committee of the whole (Payne of New York in the chair), with an indefinite period for general debate ahead. Foss made a general preliminary

In opening Fees paid a tribute to Boutelle of Maine, chairman of the committee, whose illness prevented him from attending the sessions of the house since the Christmas

holidays The bill. Foss explained, carried a total appropriation of \$61,200,000, the largest naval appropriation bill ever reported to an

American congress. After explaining the various items in the bill Foss said: "We are building for peace; we are building it, not to provoke war, but to conserve international concord; we are building it in order that the nations may take warning that if American honor is assailed American valor will defend. The The best peace conference is a strong and \$100 cheaper than Harveyized plate." efficient navy. See power is recognized the "The secretary of the navy says that is world over as the strength of a great nation. Impossible," observed Barber of Pennsyl-We are building a navy to maintain our vanta. foreign polity, to defend the Monroe doctrine and to guard the proposed Nicaragua canal, which, I trust, will never be built unless the American navy has the right, as it has the

ability, to defend it in time of war. "While protection to ourselves was the watchword of the past century, commerce will be the watchword of the coming. We will not only continue to build our own ships of American material, fashioned by American hands, but at the same time we will build as we have been building recently, ships for Japan and Russia, and in time, by reason of the decreased supply of fron and steel in other countries, we will be building the navies of England, of France, of Germany and the other great naval powers. Men will not embark in commercial enterprises beyond the seas unless they know that their own country has the ability to protect them in every port and harbor in the world, and when an American merchantman goes to foreign ports she will go there backed, if necessary by an American man-of-war to see to it that she has the rights and privileges of the most favored nations. The American navy will thus play an important part in securing our commercial supremacy.

The American battleship would also play he said, a not inconsiderable part in the civilization of the Filipinos. "The American schoolma'm with her spelling book may enlighten the mind," he said; "the American missionary with his bible may soften the heart, the commercial traveler may teach them the laws of trade, but they recognize no virtue unless accompanied by force, and the American battleship anchored in the harbor of Manila will do more than anything else to teach them that liberty is not license, but that through liberty is liberty under law, respect for

order and reverence for justice." Secretary Long's Opinion Considered. Mr. Foss said that except as to the Maine, Wisconsin and Missouri, the committee had concluded to leave the armor plate question to the house. The committee deemed it unwise to recommend the establishment of a government armor plate factory. He quoted Admiral O'Neill's opinion that such an establishment would cost \$4,872,000 and that he did not believe the government should

manufacture its armor plate. Mr. Underwood of Alabama asked if Mr. Foss would permit the house to vote upon the direct question of establishing an armor plate factory.

Mr. Foss evaded a direct reply. "I shall

erations which arise when the amendment is presented." 'The gentleman realizes," observed Mr.

Underwood, "that such an amendment cau be thrown out on a point of order," Mr. Fess said the committee had been fargely moved in deciding against the huilding of ships in government yards by the

opinion of Secretary Long, that it would cost to build them in government yards twice as much as in private yards. Mr. Cummings of New York, the ranking

minority member of the committee, said the people in all sections of the country recognized that the navy was vital to the United States, as to all other maritime nations. And what was being done, he added. Three battleships were on the stocks without armor. Three were authorized with string attached. They were not even to be contracted for unless the armor could be procured for \$300 a ton. This bill recommended two more. Was a string to be attached to that? It would be like voting for a declaration of war and then refusing to provide ammunition.

"Why buy rotten armor plate?" interrupted Mr. Ridgeley. "Why not make our

Time Country Should Know "Rotten armor plate!" ejaculated Mr.Cummings, indignantly. "You paid \$400 a ton that in case of the death, sickness or abfor it after I proved it was full of blowholes.

I spent three months in yonder committee

it was burted in the senate. It is time that the country should understand that the lives of our sailors and marines are en-dangered by the action of this house and the senate. The men who fought with Dewey are entitled to the best protection

that can be en, especially as they are no longer to orize money."
"Why not persisted Mr. to "The same old sto."
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"The same old sto." "Why not persisted Mr. to "The same old stamings. "Authorize ships instead

of building them, go to work armor plate factory. That would the ships from five to eight years." "But you said the armor we bought was rotten.

"Not the Krupp armor. The Krupp armor has seven treatments and is tested by our own experts. If our experts do their duty behind the guns."

Continuing, Mr. Cummings raised a burst of applause by stating that he believed in reason for going to Massachusetts for a keeping the army and navy in the Philip- candidate, because they believe that the place on the calendar. pines as long as a single rebel defied the Old Bay state is perfectly safe to repubauthority of the United States. "But when licans, no matter from what section the we have conquered them," he added, "I am vice president is taken. Western repubin favor of treating them as we propose to licans, on the other hand, are still cantreat Cuba. On the whole, I think the vassing the advisability of crossing Ohio Filipinos were more gallant than the Cubans for their vice presidential caididate, and and certainly deserve as fair treatment." belief in sheathed ships, although he was diana, Illinois or Nebraska. Congressman ready to stand by the action of the com- Grosvenor said: "I have all along been in mittee.

Committee Heard from Dewey. The committee, he said, had taken the

yards and the provision in the bill for the word of Dewey regarding battleships and in some sections of the country where the coast and geodetic survey. The bill carries gunboats, but it had refused to take Dewey's contest promises to be close." word regarding sheathed ships. Dewey bill. Today Mr. Foss, the acting chairman, had said that sheathed ships could go two the past few days. Senator Spooner of Wisyears without docking; unsheathed ships but consin would be the favorite if it was be-

ton to the fact that it was not sheathed. Speaking of the building of ships in gov- slatemakers are looking closely into the ernment yards he said if ships as good as Nebraska project. If his candidacy seems the Oregon, Massachusetts or Indiana could likely to threaten Mr. Bryan's hold upon be built at government yards under the the state, there may be some interesting eight-hour rate he would favor building developments in the Mercer boom within any other country in the world. Mr. Kitchin them there, even if they were to cost \$500,- the next few weeks. Representative Doili-000 more each. Later on Cummings, revert- ver is spoken of freely, but the eloquent signed the minority report, criticised what ing to the question of armor plate, made young lowan says he is going to keep on

"It was demonstrated to the committee not get flustrated with the idea of presiding in a way that cannot be revealed here that over the senate. Among those who are in paying \$545 for Krupp armor we are nearest the president it is believed that paying less than any nation in Europe or nothing will be done until the temper of the Asia. England is paying \$587 for the same convention is felt. armor, Russia \$565, France \$656 and Japan \$700. Until the ships already authorized are supplied I am in favor of buying Krupp armor at \$545. When we are even up I will be willing to talk about an armor

plate factory." Kitchin of North Carolina, a member of the committee who signed the minority report, argued that unless the government was in possession of its own armor plate the government in the future as they had in the past. A government factory was as these have agents who are looking after the only relief from extortion. Krupp men for producers, that great body who armor, in his opinion, could be manufactured as cheaply as Harveyized armor could would be vitally affected should the present five years ago.

"I am in possession of information," interrupted Wheeler of Kentucky, "the source of which I am not at liberty to disclose, out of the committee. Not wishing, hownation which is armed and ready to fight is of which I am not at liberty to disclose. the least likely to be called upon to do so. which shows that Krupp armor can be made

"The secretary of the navy," retorted

Wheeler, "knows no more about it than the man in the moon." At 5 o'clock the house adjourned.

MINING QUESTION IS DISCUSSED. Alaskan Bill Occupies Upper Branch

of Congress-Amendment Made. the entire session today the senate had in the city en route to New York. under consideration the Ataskan civil code White is here on matters connected with bill. The amendment providing for the min- the internal revenue department and will ing of gold along the beach in the district call on Commissioner Wilson tomorrow. was perfected after a discussion lasting nearly four hours

The provision in relation to mining at Cape Nome was modified to read as follows: day that he would probably be attacked in "Provided further. That the rules and regulations established by the miners shall be subject to such general rules as the secretary of the interior may prescribe for mining below high tide and shall not be in conflict with the mining laws of the United States."

After the amendment had been perfected Mr. Berry offered an amendment to it, read-

"It being the intention hereof that locations upon or claims to lands within said reservation shall be originated only after the passage and taking effect of this act." Mr. Berry said he had information that a company had located some claims along the beach at Cape Nome in opposition to a ruling of the secretary of the interior. The idea of his amendment, he said, was to prevent the confirmation of the title of the day gave a hearing to representatives of company which had located its claims in defiance of the ruling of the secretary of the interior.

ruling was not made until January 3, 1900, and it would have been a physical impossibility for any location of claims to have tained in its action and that the full apbeen made since that time by persons going propriation for conducting the bureau of from here.

The amendment, he said, would disturb every mining claim along the Behring sea. The amendment was defeated, 27 to 17. On motior of Mr. Pettus the senate struck out the provision heretofore agreed to providing that the mining regulations shall be subject to such rules as the secretary of the interior may prescribe. The amendment as finally agreed to and incorporated

in the bill is as follows: "That subject only to such general limitations as may be necessary to exempt navigation from artificial obstructions all land and shoal water below mean high tide on be moved largely," said he, "by the consid- the shores, bays and inlets of Bering sea, within the jurisdiction of the United States shall be subject to exploration for gold and other precious metals by citizens of the United States, or persons who have legally declared their intentions to become such, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the miners in organized mining districts may have heretofore made or may

hereafter make governing the temporary possession thereof for exploration and minng purposes until otherwise provided by Provided further, that the rules and regulations established by the miners shall lach, at Lyman, Cass county. South Danot be in conflict with the mining laws of kota-Llewellyn Morgan, at Bath, Brown the United States and all permits heretofore | county. granted authorizing any person or persons. inder any of said waters are hereby revoked and declared null and void. And the reservation of a roadway sixty feet wide, under W. N. Morris and Howard Babcock are the 10th section of the act of May 14, 1893, named as incorporators. ntitled 'An act extending the homestead laws and providing for the right of way of western national banks are announced: railroads in Alaska and for other purposes'

shall not apply to mineral lands or town The provision in the bill that no person tional bank of Oskaloosa, H. L. Spencer. years of age shall be eligible to appointment as United States district judge Hawarden, no cashier in place of T. N.

Alaska was stricken out. Warren of Wyoming offered amendment which was agreed to, providing

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Washington Ticket Builders Not Contented by Long's Announcement.

SECOND PLACE IS HAFD TO FILL

Reasons Why Massachusetts May Not Have the Honor and Why Nebraska Stands a Good Show for It.

gram.)-Mention of Secretary Long's name for vice president has not caused the flutter. He declared it was the function of a comthe merits of the various candidates who tion had been so thoroughly considered that as Senator Nelson said, it would be good like to have the senator attack the com- Evidently the feeling at Bicemfontein is Mr. Cummings announced his personal politics to take candidates from either Infavor of going to the west for the vice president, and I believe we ought to take a

lieved he would accept. Senator Fairbanks He had attributed the loss of the Charles- of Indiana is in the same category. Representative Mercer is growing in favor and running for congress just the same and

Fighting the Oleo Bill. J. A. Hake, W. B. Cheek and D. S. Parkhurst, a trio of stalwart South Omahans, are in the city in relation to the cleomargarine bill now pending in Congressman Wadsworth's committee on agriculture. The South Omaha delegation came to Washington as representatives of the Live Stock exchange, which is fighting the bill tooth factory the steel companies could hold up and nail. Mr. Hake stated they are not representing the packers of South Omaha, measure become a law. This is hardly within the range of possibility, and the ever, to run any risk, the South Omaha delegation will meet the congressional delegation from Nebraska in Mercer's committre room on public buildings and grounds ton Neville is in favor of the bill, with some modifications, and especially as to the tax which it is proposed to put on the product, believing that it is the sense of the people of Nebraska as expressed in the state legislature that olcomargarine should be secondary to dairy

product. Fred W. White, manager of the German WASHINGTON, April 16.-During almost Mutual Insurance company of Omaha, was

McPherson Explains a Vote.

Congressman McPherson of Iowa said to some quarters of his district for his vote against the resolution submitting to the states an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of senators by the people, but he thought when his people knew the circumstances they would stand by him. He said he voted for the proposition to allow each state to elect senators legislation as the state might see fit to

constitution. Senator Thurston has introduced a bill of Omaha.

Free Blackleg Vaccine Wins.

The senate committee on agriculture tothe drug manufacturers, who are opposing the free distribution of blackleg vaccine by the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Carter stated that the secretary's western members of the committee, Messrs. Heitfeld, Hansbrough, Allen, Foster and Warren, urged that the department be susanimal industry, by which the distribution s made, be allowed, as provided by the house bill. This was agreed to and free distribution of blackleg vaccine to stock-

men of the western states will be continued. The Omaha National bank of Omaha and First National bank of Newman Grove, Neb., also the Ninth National bank of New

An order has been issued discontinuing the costoffice at Lavaca, Cherry county, Neb.

Some New Postmasters.

Postmasters appointed; Nebraska-George W. Bell, at Bristow, Boyd county, vice Emmet county; Christian Montague, at subject consideration. Lourdes, Howard county; William E. Ger

Comptroller Dawes has approved the or orporation or company to excavate or mine ganization of the First National bank of Sisseton, S. D., with a capital of \$25,000. Henry S. Morris, A. J. Norby, J. A. Rickert

The following changes in officers of north-Nebraska-The First National bank of Lexington. M. Temple, president, in place of H. V. Temple. Iowa-The Oskaloosa Navice president; the First National bank of Greiner, resigned.

Farmers to Get Weather Cards. WASHINGTON, April 16.-Secretary of vantage be taken of the rural free delivery ton, W. Va.

weather forecasts and warnings,

CAST SLURS ON COMMITTEE

Small Wrangle Between Senators Over Referring a Resolution from the House.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- When the enate convened today the house joint recolution in favor of a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by the people was laid before the senate. As it was about to be referred to the committee on privileges and elections WASHINGTON, April 16 .- (Special Tele- Butler of North Carolina asked that it be read and then addressed the senate briefly. mittee and he therefore moved that it be

mmittee he desired right now to inform him that he was mistaken.

mittee on privileges and elections in adance of its action on the measure."

should not be considered by a committee of be chiefly thinking of retreat. man who will give strength to the ticket the senate. He did not approve of the proposed amendment, holding that its adoption a special dispatch from Bloemfontein, has day reversed this opinion. would give the United States two legis-Many names have been suggested within lative bodies, both chosen by the people in that the senators would have a larger constituency than the representatives.

Pettus of Alabama expressed his regret that reflections had been made upon the ommittee on privileges and elections. The motion to place the resolution on the calendar was withdrawn and it was referred the committee on privileges and elec-

Hale presented an additional urgency deficiency bill and it was passed without de-

A bill providing for the removal to a n United States courts was also passed. Davis of Minnesota reported from the ing resolution and it was adopted:

That the secretary of state be directed to send to the senate a copy of the memorial of horses required. of Edward Gottfried, a estizen of Wilkesbarre. Pa., and late a consular agent of the United States at Trujillo, Peru, sworn to March 21, 1900, now on file in the State department, together with all papers, letters and exhibits attached to said memorial, and also copies of all correspondence of this State in connection with the action of a party of Peruvian revolutionists against the constitutional government of Peru on and greatly exaggerated." after August 28, 1898, the memorialist at the time being consular agent of the United States in Peru, the wrong-deers perpetrating, it is alleged, depredations on its property and injuries and indignities upon his person in violation of treaty rights."

The senate then resumed consideration of

PORTO RICO'S NEW GOVERNOR

Mr. Allen Will Be Inducted Into Office May 1 with Much Ceremony-Arrangements All Completed.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- Mr. Allen, the the presidential contest. newly-chosen governor of Porto Rico, is He will be accompanied by Mrs. Allen and at the expense of ruined Britishers." their daughter. The trip will be made on which is now lying at the Lavy yard. It is Governor Allen's intention to make this a flying visit. He will set up the new civil ever. government and inside of three weeks will his private affairs.

The president and Secretary Long have determined that the inauguration of the turned, and the bombardment was renewed civil governor of Porto Rico shall be marked with as much pomp as is befitting an event by direct vote of the people through such of that magnitude. Therefore, the United States will see to it that there is at San adopt, but he voted against the proposition Juan on the occasion of twe inauguration to compel election by the people, believing of the first American governor a dignified this struck at the very cornerstone of the and impressive ceremony that will fix the

event in the minds of the veople. The Dolphin, which will carry Mr. Allen increasing the pension of George W. Howard to San Juan, will enter the harbor there escorted by the entire North Atlantic squadron, under the command of Rear Admiral Farquhar on his flagship New York. The burg 'zarps' actually entered the town squadron is now at Bermuda and will time one night and escaped without being disits movements so as to arrive off the north covered. coast of Porto Rico about the time the Dol-

phin is sighted. Governor Allen will be inaugurated at San Juan on May 1, and deneral Davis. the military governor, will turn out all of the United States troops under his command in honor of the occasion. The ships of the suqadron will fire salutes, which will be answered by the shore batteries. There will be some speeches and as night the fleet will use their electric lights and there will be general illuminations.

After setting up a civil government and conferring with General bayls Mr. Allen the Chase National bank of New York were will return to the United States to arrange today approved as reserve agents for the his private affairs, returning to Porto Rico on the Marflower.

The crew of the Mayflower will be drawn York for the First National bank of Lin- from that of the Detroit, which has been oln, and the First National bank of Omaha ordered home from Chiriqui Lagoon, Colomand the Western National bank of New York | bia. The Detroit will be ser. to Portsmouth, for the City National bank of Weeping N. H., where she will be put out of commission. It is the purpose of the Navy department to make some repetrs on the Detroit in this navy yard, the extent of which Mail will be sent to Gordon, Sheridan cannot be stated until a navar board of survey has examined the ship. It is thought that there will be at lease a year's work on the vessel.

It cannot be learned that anything has A. Brooks, resigned; Josie Wenze, at yet been done toward selecting a successor Tate, Pawnee county, vice U. Blukenstoff, to Mr. Allen as assistant secretary of the front. resigned. lowa-Herbert Moore, at Halfa, navy, though Secretary Long is giving the

TWO NAMED IN NEBRASKA

President of National Woman's Relief Corps Appoints Her Aids for Memorial Day Celebration.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 16 .- Mrs. Harriet B. Bodge of this city, president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, has issued her orders refative to memorial day, which were made public today. Mrs. Bodge has warfare would continue for some time.

Frederick Villiers, the veteran war correspondent, who arrived at Southampton to-day from Havre; Pretoria, from Hawre; Pre were made public today. Mrs, Bodge has warfare would continue for some time. appointed the following special aides, two of whom are from Nebraska:

Auguste C. Pfeit, Baltimore; Alice C. Superior, Neb.; Estella E. Gage, Lincoln. Neb.; Cora E. Tanner, Springfield, Ill.: Ad-

Investment of Wepener is Said to Have Been Abandoned.

BRITISH NET SPREAD FAR AND WIDE England Awaiting Favorable News from the Front-Oom Paul's War-

riors Again Showing Near Lady-

smith-Conflicting Dispatches.

LONDON, April 17.-4:15 a. m.-Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandos that among politicians as expected. Those who mittee of the senate to consider, not to have been making mischief in the southwe will have done our duty by the men are watching the situation and balancing smother, legislation. He thought this ques- eastern part of the State. The net has not yet been drawn in, but at the headquarters have been suggested do not find any special it was not necessary to send it to a com- of Lord Roberts the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreasing.

A Daily News correspondent has them Chandler, chairman of the committee on flying to the southeast. A Standard corre-Chandler, chairman of the committee on spondent reports them fleeing northward. A handed down by Justice White and was was disposed to make imputations upon the Daily Telegraph correspondent says that some are going north and others south, while a Morning Post representative says "I do not," he said with a snap, "quite it is not known what the Boers are doing. to the effect that the dispositions of Lord Express company, against Attorney General Roberts will enable him to concentrate a Maynard of the state of Michigan. The case Hoar called attention to the gravity of the large force at any place on short notice. roposition submitted, that the matter The Boers, aware of this, are supposed to of the state supreme court of Michigan,

The investment of Wepener, according to of the express companies. The opinion tobeen abandoned. According to a Bethany | The original proceeding in this case condispatch the Boers are unable to retreat sisted of a prayer for a mandamus compopular elections, the only difference being northward because the British strongly hold manding the company to receive packages all roads.

> serting that the Boers have retired beyond seeking to compel shippers to pay for the the Biggarsburg range and another saying stamp. The express company contended that that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

Favorable News Looked For.

London waits confidently for almost imuediate favorable news. Distrust exists, however, as to any rapid, continuous advance toward Pretoria, chiefly on account of the lack of horses, many of which die from long voyages. A letter from the cape says the three days' journey is made in open oper district for trial or persons indicted trucks, arrangements for feeding and watering are inadequate and that the unfortunate committee on foreign relations the follow- of these hardships. Despite the energy of its buyers abroad the War office sees much if it should be conceded that the act imdifficulty in supplying the enormous number

A dispatch to the Times from Mafeking, ascertain whether the act forbids the comdated April 6, confirming earlier reports, pany from shifting the burden of the tax says: Commandant Snyman sent a message in decision, therefore, turned upon the conviting Colonel Baden-Powell to send out to struction of the law on this point. Quotcollect the dead and wounded, but when ing the section of the law imposing the tax the ambulances appeared the Boer com- upon express company receipts Justice White government and that of Peru and of any mando declined to allow them to be taken. said: opinions or decisions of the Department of It was discovered, however, that the Boer reports of the British casualties have been by the widest conjecture can be construed

as expressly forbidding the person upon A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph whom the taxes are cast from shifting the from Ladysmith dated April 16, says: "The same by contract or by any other lawful Boers are down again at Dewdrop, east of means." Ladysmith."

Boers in Full Retreat.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday says: The the Alaskan civil code bill, the pending Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, question being an amendment offered by hugging the Basutoland border. The Basu-Stewart as to regulations for the mining of the are marching parallel with them along morrow and talk over the situation. It is gold below low water mark along the coast the frontier watching eagerly for the slightest encroachment.

> the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday, April sion to a tax would be con, rary to its in-The Lourenzo Marquez correspondent of 15, says: The tone of the Standard and Diggers

News shows that the Transvaal government ally presumed to effectuate. is relying strongly upon American intervention. Great results are expected from

arranging to leave Washington for San has not done the slightest harm to the questionably," he said on this point, "a car-Juan toward the end of the present week. Transysal, it has enriched foreign firms rier is subject to the requirement of reason-

the steamer Dolphin, Captain Southerland, Lady Sara Wilson, dated Mafeking, April 5: this record or is at issue in this cause." "The pinch of hunger is beginning to be For these reasons and others given the felt and relief seems more distant than decision of the supreme cour, of the state of hour previously. Michigan was reversed.

"Since March 31 there had been no shellreturn to the United State and arrange ing until today, Commandant Snyman hav- pany, coming to the court from the circuit ing taken his burghers to bar Colonel court of appeals for the second circuit, was Plumer's road. Yesterday, however, he re- also decided in favor of the company. today with splendid high-velocity guns fir- from the opinion of the Michigan case on ing 14-pound shells such as had not been the ground that "the war tevenue act imused since the first days of the siege. The posed upon the express company the duty military authorities say the British artil- not only affixing at its own expense the re-

guns. Demonstration Covers Retreat. The Bloemfontein correspondent of the TO NEW YURK AND CANTON Morning Post, telegraphing Monday, says "Small bodies of Boers are prowling around and are even coming within eight or ten

miles of Bloemfontein. Three Johannes-

"The Boer demonstration yesterday Karce siding was designed to cover the withdrawal of an immense convoy of provisions. There is no doubt that the Boer incursion into the southeastern part of the Free State was largely due to the need of replenishing victuals in the most fertile part of the country. This explains why the enemy marched couth with empty wagons. Various important movements are occurring which naturally it is not desirable to

specify." The Daily News has the following from Reddersburg, dated Friday:

"General Chermside caw the rear guard of the Boers disappear southeast in full retreat. The enemy appear to be in strong force fourteen miles east of Reddersburg. They are falling back before our advance

guard. LORENZO MARQUEZ, April 16.-Lieutenant Smith-Eman, a Rhodesian scout, who entered Mafeking through the Boer lines, has returned to Colonel Plumer's camp with dispatches from Mafeking, saying that all PROFESSOR ANDREWS' PLANS was well there April 8.

Repors Are Conflicting.

LONDON, April 16 .- 2:10 p. m .- Conflictng reports regarding the conditions at Wepener continue, but at this hour there is no definite or important news from the

A Capetown dispatch says nearly 3,000

13, which indicates that every effort is being put forth to remedy the great defect in the British organization. The chief Boer delegate, Fischer, accompanied by Dr. Leyds, visited the president of the Dutch cabinet today at The Hague,

speculation in England. Frederick Villiers, the veteran war cor

but the doings of the delegates create little

An official bulletin issued at Pretoria, At Southampton - Arrived - Kaiser Wil-April 12, reports that the burghers captured belm der Grosse, from New York via Cher-500 slaughter oxen at Wepener and that Gen-Gladden, New Britain, Conn.; Louis K. eral Froneman that day defeated the British, r Tufts, West Mystic, Conn.; Jennie E. Stone, causing them to fly in the direction of Wol-The Irigh-American ambulance arrived at from Philadelphia

At Portland, Me.—Arrived—Tunislan, from At Portland, Me.—At Port verport, apparently over the Orange river. die Libbey, Brooklyn; Martha Card, East Pretoria April 13. The Boers report no WASHINGTON, April 16.—Secretary of die Libbey, Brooklyn; Martna Card, East Pretoria April 13. The Boers report no Liverpool.

Agriculture Wilson has directed that ad- Providence, R. I.; Mary J. Worthen, Graf- casualties during the recent fighting at Liverpool.

At Gibraltar-Arrived-Ems, from New

room, night and day, taking testimony, in-vestigating the subject, and my report was STILL LOUKING WESTWARD by having carriers on such routes distribute BOERS REPORTED ON RUN CONDITION OF THE WEATHER SLAIN BY HIDDEN FOE Forecast for Nebraska-

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Rainy and Colder: Northerly Winds

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SHIPPERS MUST STAND H

Stamp Tax Case Decided in Payor o

Express Companies-Two Federal

Justices Dissented.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The supreme

court today decided the case involving the

stamp tax as it applies to express packages

the question involved being whether the

shipper or the carrier shall pay the stamp

There were two cases before the court in-

volving the question at issue, but the opinion

was based upon the case of the American

came to the supreme court from the decision

which decision was adverse to the claims

for transportation by express and to issue

stamp was one for adjustment between ship-

per and the express company. It was al-

but increased its rates on express ship-

the tax. It was emential, he said, also to

"There is nothing in this provision which

Continuing he said that the contention in

behalf of the shippers amounts to saying

that the act is not merely one for levying

void. To add by implication such a provi-

The opinion also disposed of the conten-

The case of the Adams Express com-

Details of Trip of President McKinley

and Party Contemplated-

The Itinerary.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The details of

the president's trip to New York and Can-

ton are practically completed. The party,

consisting of President McKinley, Mrs. Mc

Kinley, Secretary Cortelyou, Assistant Sec-

The presidential party will remain in

ington on their return Thursday or Friday

Will Resign Chicago Position and

After a Brief Trip to Europe Will

CHICAGO, April 16 .- Friends of Dr. E

Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of pub-

He schools in Chicago, stated today that it

its meeting Wednesday evening to take

said, take a brief trip to Europe and on his

return will assume his duties as chancellor

Movements of Ocean Vessels, April 16.

for Bremen. Auckland-Satled-Alameda, from Syd-

presented to the Board of Education at

Come to Nebraska.

stay at Manhattan hotel.

of next week.

recently offered him.

York, for Naples and Genoa,

horses have been landed there since April is probable Dr. Andrews' resignation will

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congress against this increase.

favorable to the express companies.

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First Bloodshed Marks the Strike of Italian Laborers at Croton Dam.

SERGEANT OF THE MILITIA THE VICTIM

Shot Came from the Direction of Where the Strikers Are Camped.

TROOPS GREATLY EXCITED OVER AFFAIR

Killing May Be the Signal for General Conflict with Strikers.

HOW ITALIANS GREETED THE TROOPS

Couriers Announced Their Coming and Strains of Soft Music Greeted Them-Attempt Will Be Made to Resume Work.

CROTON LANDING, N. Y., April 16,-The first bloodshed as the outcome of the strike at the Cornell dam was the life's blood of Sergeant Robert Douglass of the Eleventh, a separate company, of Mount Vernon, who was shot dead by an unknown assassin while he was relieving guard at ten minutes to 9 o'clock tonight. The wildest excitement prevailed throughout the camp as soon as the news of the assassination Diverse reports come from Natal, one as- a receipt with stamp duly canceled without spread to the different tents and the soldiers are frantic over the crime.

The point where the sergeant fell is known the question as to who should pay for the as "Post Ten," which was in charge of Corporal McDowell. It is situated on top of the hill near Little Italy, where armed leged also that the company had in effect strikers were seen drilling or marching about early this morning, brandishing rifles ments by adding to the previous rates the and shotguns. The spot is high over the sum of the stamp tax. It was contended huge pile of masonry and from it one can that there was no inhibition in the act of command a view of the country for miles up and down the Croton valley. Douglass was talking to Corporal McDow-

Justice White in his opinion said that it ell and other members of the guard when was unnecessary to consider the law forbids the express companies from requiring the he suddenly elapped his hands to his stomanimals break down rapidly in consequence shipper to furnish the receipt stamp since ach and said: "Load, boys, I'm shot," and it would not be decisive of the cause even immediately fell to the ground. It was pitch dark at the time, but Mcposes on the company the duty of paying

Dowell and the others fired a volley into a clump of bushes nearby without hitting any one. No one saw the flash or heard the sound of the shot which killed Douglass "After Colonel Plumer's repulse by means of an increase of rates. The whole and it was a most mysterious affair. Meanwhile the men picked up the fallen sergeant and carried him down the hill on a stretcher. but as they reached Douglass' tent the poor fellow died without saying a word.

Lieutenant Glover with a squad went up to the hilltop, where they made a thorough search, but failed to find any person up there. Then the guards were called in and concentrated in the valley, with the exception of those placed at the cable station. where the shooting took place.

Deputies Fire at Strikers. At about 10:30 tonight the deputy sheriffs who are guarding the cable house on the taxes, but is a statute determining that the east side of the river saw three figures lurkburden must irrevocably continue to rest ing near the place and the deputies fired upon the one whom it is permarily placed. upon the one whom it is permarily placed, their revolvers at them. The figures dis-"The result follows," he continued "that appeared quickly in the darkness. A few all contracts or acts shifting the burden and minutes later while the deputies thought which should be otherwise valid become there was no person near them three rang out from the direction of Little Italy. but the sheriff's men were not injured.

tent and be in conflict with the general At about 8 o'clock this evening three object which a law levying taxes is natur-Italians were found within the lines and when searched by the soldiers each was found to have a loaded revolver on him tion that the tax should be imposed upon The soldiers extracted the cartridges from the campaign of Webster Davis and from the express companies because they are the revolvers and returned the weapons common carriers and therefore should bear to the men, who were allowed to go away "While the semi-blockade of Delagoa bay their share of the burden of the tax. "Un- When Sergeant Douglass was killed be had one of these same cartridges in his pocket and as he was one of the men who unloaded able rates, but no question of the unreathe weapons it is thought that the short The Daily Mail has the following from sonableness of the rates charged arises on which killed him was fired by one of the three men who had been allowed to go free with their empty pistols scarcely an

The troops arrived at the dam today There was no disturbance. At present the Fourth and Eleventh, esparate companies, are in camp in the Croton valley and a cavalry troop from New York is at Ardsley.

Justices Harlan and McKenna dissented Early this morning the strikers held a meeting and finding that no effort was going to be made to work on the dam, dispersed. From the New York newspapers they learned that troops were on the way. lery has nothing to compare with these quirement stamp upon any receipt issued by Before the hour for their arrival the Bowit to a shipper, but of concelling such stamp, ery was filled with Italians, who stood in groups and listened to the talk of the lead-

> About 11 a. m. a telegram was received by one of the leaders from Consul Blanchi advising them to be quiet and informing them of the fact that the militia was on its way to the dam.

> It was after noon when the special train from Yonkers carrying the soldiers arrived here.

Italian Couriers Carry News. Their arrival was noted by an Italian on retary Barnes, Mrs. Hobart and Garret A. a bicycle who remained long enough about Hobart, the widow and son of the late vice the station to count them and then started president, and Dr. Rixie, will leave here for the dam. About haif a mile from the for Paterson, N. J., in a private car at- village he was met by another strike mestached to the regular 10 o'clock train on senger on a wheel, who carried the news the Pennsylvania road next Thursday morn- about a mile, where a third messenger rode with all haste to the Bowery. Before the deputy sheriffs about the works knew of the Paterson as the guests of Mrs. Hobart until arrival of the troops in Croton valley the Saturday morning, when they will go to strikers were aware of it. There was a New York to attend the conference on for- blowing of horns, and while the troops eign missions at Carnegie hall Saturday were resting at the station waiting for the evening. While in New York the party will word to move forty armed Italians carrying an American flag and two Italian flags Late Sunday night the party will take crossed the Little Italy hill to the Bowery. a train for Canton, O., where they will They were cheered by the men in the Bowremain about three days, reaching Wash- ery and watched with interest by the dep-

> When the troops had been rested and the wagons carrying the camp equipment had been loaded the march to the dam was egun. When they were approaching the Bowery three nervous militiamen dentaly discharged their rifles, but no one

As the troops awang into the narrow lane called the Bowery a strange sight met their eyes. About 200 men were on the broad sidewalks. Flags were hanging from the windows and crowded on the stoops. About twenty Italians with mandolins and guitars were seated on the walk playing a lively tune. Today is Easter Monday, a holiday effect May 1. Dr. Andrews will then, it is in Italy,

The militiamen pitched their camp inside the ground where construction work on the of the University of Nebraska, the position dam is temporarily suspended and patrols were thrown out. The company says it will make no attempt to begin work until General Ros says so. It is thought the at tempt will be made on Wednesday. The strike leader, Rotella, said tonight that there would be no trouble. He said: "We do not propose to fight soldiers. We are behaving and we gave the soldiers

a fine reception with our mandolins and

gultars.

Late this afternoon Major General Ros ordered the Seventh regiment to assemble at its armory. Tonight Companies B and H left the armory for Croton dam.

At Halifax, N. S.—Arrived—Corsan, from Glasgow and Liverpool, for Philadelphia, At Bremerhaven—Afrived—August Korft, Strikers Seek New Fields. FROSTBURG, Md., April 16.-Nearly 100 of the younger men among the strikers of