THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

WITHDRAWS HER REQUEST BOYCOTT MAY END SOON. THE SCARE CONTINUES LONDON PAPERS' WARNING CHINA YIELDS TO RUSSIA. U.S. WILL BUY SHIPS.

PRESIDENT DECIDED TO TAKE THE VESSELS.

Eight of Them in all Thinks it Best to Strengthen the Navy- Will Ask Congress to Make the Necessary Appropriation-Built for Brazil and Japan.

WASHINGTON, March 8. -- It is stated on good authority that the President has decided to purchase the men-ofwar which have been offered to this government. There is no intention of the administration to be caught napping. The United States has a very efficient navy, but it can be strengthened to advantage, and, with this object in view, the President will buy the two battle ships, one protected cruiser, one torpedo ganboat and four torpedo boat destroyers which have been placed at the disposal of the United States. A formal agreement will, in all probability, be made when the President shall receive assurances that Congress will ratify his decision.

President McKinley gave very careful consideration to this matter. He conferred with several senators in regard to the advisability of securing foreign built ships and they advised him to make the purchase.

He had a further conference with Assistant Secretary Day and Secretary Long, and it is understood that there was a very lengthy discussion of the situation in its relation to the army and navy. The President is adverse to taking any action looking to the purchase of ships without express authority from Congress, but it was learned last night that he proposes to continue his discussion with members of the naval committee of Congress and with leaders of the Senate and House. Once assured of their support he will direct Secretary Long to take the ships on behalf of this government. It is appreciated by the authorities that in case they should agree to accept the ships they will have to pledge this government to pay in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000 for them.

At is further appreciated that an agreement is not binding unless there should be a transfer of money. This sum need not be large, but consideration already has been given in some quarters to the appropriation from which it might come.

It was suggested that the President might use a small portion of the secret fund placed at his disposal by Congress and leave it to Congress to make the necessary appropriation in the regular naval estimate.

The vessels which the president is considering are the two battle ships Marshal Deodoro and Marshal Floriano, building at La Cheyne. France, for the Brazilian governmant, a cruiser under construction at Elswick for the Japanese government; a torpedo boat of 400 tons displacement and four torpedo boat destroyers ander construction at Thorneroft.

One phase of the matter which the authorities have been considering is whether, in the event of hostilities,

Spain Does Not Demand Recall of General The Pool Lines Waver in Their Fight-Lee-Was Only a Suggestion.

WASHINGTON, March 8 -The state

department recently received a cable from United States Minister Woodford, at Madrid, stating that Senor Cullon, the Spanish minister of forsign affairs, had intimated that the Spanish government desires the recall of Consul General Lee from Havana. Senor Cullon also requested that the American warships designated to convey supplies to Cuba for the relief of the sufferers there shall be replaced by merchant vessels in order to deprive of an official character the assistance sent to the reconcentrados The state department replied to Minister Woodford, refusing to recall General Lee, in the present circumstances, or to countermand the orders for the war vessels, making the representation that the relief vessels are

not fighting ships. The reply, declining both of Spain's requests, was promptly made. The answer was sent at least two days ago, and maybe longer. The indorsement of Lee's past and the reliance upon his future action was made emphatic. The language employed was such as to leave no doubt in the Spanish mind of the intention of this administration

to stand by General Lee. Assistant Secretary Day gave out the following official statement last night:

"The President will not consider the recall of General Lee. He has borne himself throughout this crisis with judgment, fidelity and courage, to the President's entire satisfaction. As to the supplies for the relief of the Cuban people, all arrangements have been made to carry a consignment from Key West by one of our naval vessels, whichever may be best adapted for the purpose, to Mantanzas and Sagua."

REQUEST WITHDRAWN.

This morning Spain withdrew her request for the recall of Consul General Lee, and it is now believed that the incident is practically closed. The withdrawal came in the shape of an official communication from Minister Woodford. It is now stated that the request was never put in the shape of a demand, but that it was merely a suggestion on the part of Spain. When she found that it would not be pleasantly received by this country,

she promptly receded. It is learned that the Spanish objection to Consul General Lee is based largely upon his sympathy for the Cubans and on some of his utterances which have found their way into print. It is understood that the Spaniards also take exceptions to the friendly relations and companionship existing between General Lee and correspondents of papers which have been decidedly unfriendly to Spain. It is believed that Senor De Lome carried to Spain papers and information calculated to make the Spanish government request the recail of Consul General Lee.

The correspondence, as under-

Will Declare it off.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March S .- The freight boycott of the railroads in the Southwastern and Western traffic pools on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway, is supposed to be in full force to-day. The notices from the St. Louis & San Francisco, the Cotton Belt and Southern Pacific lines that freight divisions with the Pittsburg & Guif would be canceled and full local tariffs exacted on through traffic took effect this morning. C. A. Braley, one of the Pittsburg & Gulf's counselors, is in Texas, and if any attempt is made by the railroads in the Southwestern pool to boycott the Pittsburg & Gulf he will secure restraining orders from the federal courts.

Most of the other freight boycott notices went into effect on March 1. Thus far the Pittsburg & Gulf has not suffered from the attempt to crush it because it refused to join the freight traffic pools. Its volume of freight traffic has increased to a remarkable degree.

"The boycott has done us no harm thus far," said John Sargent, general freight agent of the Pittsburg & Guif to-day. "I expect to see the whole difficulty fixed up this week. We have had no trouble thus far except at Texarkana, Ark., where the Texas Pacific agent refused to accept about fifty cars of freight from us. The freight was in trausit before the boycott notice went into effect, so it was finally forwarded by the road. We will not hear of the disposition of our freight by the Southern Pacific, 'Frisco and Cotton Belt for a few days, but we expect no trouble because of the ruling of the federal court at Galves-

ton in the Lone Star Steamship company's case. We are hauling freight to and from Texas points and to Chicago, Quincy, Omaha and other points north of Kausas City and will continue to handle all the business offered to us."

Many of the railroads in the traffic pools have weakened in the fight on the Pittsburg & Gulf and are anxious to exchange business with it. Some of them are doing so and this is the weak point which will cause the collapse of the freight boycott.

A meeting of Western freight lines will be held in Chicago on Wednesday to adjust rates on white and yellow pine. John Sargent, general freight agent of the Pittsburg & Gulf, will attend the meeting. The Pittsburg & Gulf aroused the ire of the Western lines because it hauled yellow pine from Louisiana and landed it in Chicago in successful competion with the white pine of the North. Then the lumber boyeott was declared on the Pittsburg & Gulf. The meeting is expected to end it.

THE PARTITION OF CHINA. Czar Bluntly Demands Possession of

Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan. Loxbox, March 8.-The Pekin cor-

respondent of the Times says: "Russia has demanded that China mense appropriation was needed to stood here, did not show that surrender to her all sovereign rights prepare the country for war.

Certain Defeat for Spain in Case of War-NEW INFORMATION FOR THE PRESIDENT. Loxpon, March 2 -The London

Europe Not With Her.

Times editorially says this morning:

"If Spain is placed in an awkward

position respecting the Lee incident

she must thank the indiscretion of her

foreign office. She cannot blame

President McKinley, Mr. Cannon's

bill can hardly be explained by the

Lee incident. It is probably due to

the rumors that Spain is purchasing

"We do not believe that Spain de-

sires war, but if she does this evidence

of America's alertness offers a most

effectual check. President McKinley

appears to be adhering loyally to the

policy of the firmness, caution and pa-

cific circumspection he has hitherto

port of the sober and conscientious

mass of the American people, but he

has had to face outbursts of popular

clamor that a weaker man might have

The Daily News, in its editorial on

the Cuban situation, says: "We can-

not doubt as to the ultimate issue of

a war between the United States and

Spain; but America might have a bad

quarter of an hour before victory.

European alliances against the

United States may be left out of the

question despite the talk of

Spain's friends. The attitude of the

Spaa sh-American republics, how-

over, may give the Americans pause.

The one thing needful, so far as Eng-

land is concerned, is that those who

"It may be taken for granted that

MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE

An Emergency Fund of \$50,000,000

Asked of Congress.

no fewer than live important events

yesterday baving a bearing more or

less direct upon the troubled relations

between the United States and Spain,

The introduction in congress, by

The withdrawal of the Spanish gov-

The order of the cruiser Montgom-

The passage through the House of

the bill increasing the artillery arm

The institution of negotiations look-

ing to the purchase of warships for

Mr. Cannon's resolution probably

led all other topics in interest, partic-

ularly when it became known that it

was the result of a conference be-

tween the author, the pres dent, Sen-

ator Hale and other leading spirits in

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our navy.

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WASHINGTON, March 9. - There were

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pursued. No doubt he has the sup-

war vessels.

Believed to Have Received Report of the Work of the Board of Inquiry -Sent by Special Messenger Makes Plain That There Has Been Foul Play.

Curcago, March 9, -The correspondent of the Chicago Chroniele telegraphed the following from Washington last night:

"The feeling to-night in the inner circles of the administration is that the country is on the verge of war. Hostilities may begin next week or they may be postponed as late as the middle of April. but an outbreak cannot · long postponed.

"There is good authority for the statement that Congress will declare war against Spain soon after the report of the board of inquiry into the Maine disaster has been made public. President McKinley has had in his possession since last night a transcript of the evidence taken up to last Friday before the board of inquiry, which is seeking to discover the cause of the disaster to the battleship Maino in Hayana harbor.

"That testimony is of the most tartling character. John W. Hulze, who was stenographer to the board of inquiry, reached here last night from Key West and proceeded at once to the White House, where he submitted a transcript of the evidence to the 'resident.

have so often mismanaged our rea-"This evidence shows that the tions with the United States should daine was not only blown up by denot repeat their historic mistakes. ign, but that her destruction was the result of a carefully laid conspiracy. America wants nothing from us but a which a number of Spanish guerilsympathy and that, with or without as and volunteers and at least one it, she will come out on the right side." panish officer was implicated.

When the full report of the board of inquiry is made public, it will disclose facts which will shock the civilized world. The evidence now in possesion of President McKinley has caused him to reverse completely his Cuban policy. It is now his belief that the

tinal report of the board will be of such a character as to compel this government to declare and maintain a war of aggression against Spain. He considers that he has done all that

Mr. Cannon, of a resolution carrying could be expected of him to prevent \$50,000,000 for the public defense. war. Now he can see before him no other honorable course to be taken ernment of its intimated objection to except that which leads to war. He the continuance in office of Consul will not hesitate to take it, his friends General Lee.

say, no matter where it may lead. "Congress is doing everything it its ery to proceed to Havana in place of power to put the administration upon the Fern. a war footing.

"The bill offered by Representative Cannon, appropriating \$50,000,000 for the national defense, was the outcome of a conference held at the White house yesterday morning, at which the President, Secretary Long, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Dingley, Secretary Alger, Senator Allison and Senator Hale were present. The President explained the situation at length, and it was agreed by all present that an im-

Congress. As there has been no explanation so far of the purpose which promoted the introduction of Mr. Cannon's resolution, it may be said that the money is primarily as an emergency fund. It by no means follows, because Congress presented a claim for pension on acplaces such a sum of money in the control of the President, that he will feel bound to spend all of it. Those who look for a wholesale purchase of warships are likely to be disappointed. The navy department at present is inclined to make but one purchase of this kind in the shape of a substantial ironclad. It does desire to get possession of several of the larger class of torpedo boat destroyers. A naval officer, whose name was not obtained, will leave here to-morrow on his way to Europe to inspect naval vessels that are building there.

To Lease Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan -What Will Japan Do?

BERRIS, March 9 -- The Tageblatt to-day publishes a dispatch from Pekin saying China has agreed to lease Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan to Russia for ninety-nine years

PERIN, March 9 --- Much unensiness is feit in Chinese circles in conseowence of the Russian demands The Russian minister of finance, moreover, is reported to have urged these demands peremptorily, and to have complained that the Chinese loan was settled in spite of the disapproval of Russia.

All kinds of speculators are flocking here for the purpose of scenning concessions for electric lighting, street railronds and regular railroads, etc. The Chinese merchants are showing great eagerness to participate in the enterprises.

Russia demands the settlement of he lease of Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan by March 26. The Tsungil-Yamen has given fail powers to Yang Yu, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, and negotiations have been transferred there. The matter is practically settled.

What will Japan do? England will do nothing.

China has given Japan a written undertaking to pay the indemnity in May.

London, March 9. - All the morning papers comment on the menacing aspect of affairs in the far East. The ministerial Standard's editorial says: Years may pass in the execution of the designs, but from the moment the covenant is signed the partition of China is begun. The disguise is too thin to be meant to deceive.

"It is no wonder that the eves of the nation are fixed in cager expectation upon Japan. The question remains whether England with resist Russia or proceed to restore the equilibrium by independent measures of her own."

A NEW ROUTE FOR GRAIN.

Westerners Get a New All Lake and Rall Line From Chicago.

CLEVELAND, Ohlo, March 9 --- The steel steamers Saxon, German, Grecian, Briton and Roman of the Menominee Transit company, have been chartered for two years by the new Canadian-Atlantic line, which will operate them between Duluth, Chicago and Parry sound. The steamers. which were built for the coal and ore trade, will be fitted up for grain by the Menominee company before delivery on May 1. The steamers can carry about 459,000 tons of grain in a Season.

The significance of the deal is that it gives Westerners an all lake and rail line from Chleago and Daiuth. The line will cut into the Southern trade.

Drew Four Feasions at Once.

WASHINGTON, March 9. - A remarkaable case of pension fraud has just been made public by the pension office. About eight years ago George Watson was sentenced to fine and imprisonment for having drawn four separate pensions Being an exemplary prisoner, Watson was discharged in June, 1895. Shortly after, under the name of George Kelley, he count of service in the Mexican war on the ship Savannah, and later filed application for still another on account of service in the reballion on the ship Pawnee. In this his daplicity was discovered, and as a result he is held in Philadelphia in \$1,000 bail.

France and Great Britain could allow the deliveries of warships to the United States, even if this government had purchased them before the outbreak of the war.

The terms under which the battle ships, cruiser and torpedo gunboat have been offered to the United States contemplate their delivery to this goveroment armed, equipped and ready for sea. The builders have gone so far as to say that if the United States desires they will place a navigating crew aboard and deliver them in pertect condition at New York.

Minister Wu Ting Fang of China said last night that his government would not sell war ships to either power.

NEBRASKA LOSES THE CASE

The Maximum Freight Law is Declared to be Invalid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.-The long awaited maximum freight rate case was handed down yesterday by the supreme court, Justice Harlan reading the decision. The court affirms the decision of Justice Brewer in the lower court with costs. Briefly stated, it holds that railroads are entitled to the same protection of their property under the constitution as are private individuals; that they are subject to proper regulations as to their rates by the states through which they run; that the rates fixed under the law in Nebraska were excessive on the showing made and if applied would not have given a reasonable return to the railroads at the time in which they were endeavored to be enforced, but at other times such rates might not be unreasonable and excessive. The decision is likely to prove unsatisfactory to both sides, the state believing that it had made out its contention that the earnings justified the rates fixed and the railroads hoping that the power of the state to intervene might be declared inapplicable. There were no dissenting opinions, although neither the chief justice nor Justice McKenna concurred in the decision.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 8 - Many persons have been speaking of Miss Frances Willard as the founder of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The founder of the W. C. T. U. resides in this city. Mrs. McClellan Brown was instrumental in calling the first convention inaugurating the movement in Columbus, in February, 1874, and in August following she went to Chautauqua assembly with a full plan of organization. Mrs. Brown still holds the copyright of the original plan of work of the W. C. T. U., dated January 12, 1875, and bearing the signature of Librarian Spofford and the official seal.

Spanish charge d'affaires, but when signed within a month. the matter was fully explained to him he freely expressed his entire satisfaction with the present arrangement and intimated that he would with-

draw h s protest. COUNTRY BEFORE PARTY.

WASHINGTON, March 8.-The senti-

ment at the capitol to-day and especially on the House side, was unanmous in support of the action of the president in declining to recall General Lee. The immense gravity of the situation seemed profoundly to impress the members who stood about the lobbies before the House met. Without regard to party, all united in commending the president's firm stand, and the unanimous desire expressed was in support of any measures he may deem necessary to maintain the American contention.

Representative Livingston of Georgia, a minority member of the approprintion committee, and Mr. Bodine. a minority member of the naval affairs committee, both declared that they would vote for anything the President should ask. "Congress ought to be solidly behind the President now," said Mr. Livingston "This is no time for criticism or blekering of any kind. In the face of an impending foreign war party lines should be forgotten. We are Americans first, partisans afterwards.

Speaking of the Madrid dispatch and the statement made by Assistant Secretary Day, Chairman Davis of the Senate committee on foreign relations, said: "It is a circumstance which added to the present strained conditions makes things more vexations. 'l approve the president's action in every particular.

Liberty Graves Robber.

LINERTY, Mo., March 8. -It was discovered yesterday that ghouls had robbed the grave and taken the body garded as having obtained their legitof Jack Field, who was buried hege Tuesday.

Gets \$7,000 for a Leg.

S P. Tanner against the Missouri Pa- disinterested and calculated to adcific Railway company, \$30,000 being vance China's welfare and to mainasked for damages sustained by the tain her independence. plauntiff's loss of a log at the Union station, in Sedalia about a year ago. has been concluded. The jury brought in a verdict awarding Tanner \$7,000.

Drought and Bush Fires.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 8 .- The Abstralian mail by steamer Aorangi brings reports that the colony of Vietoria, like Tasmania, has suffered featfully from bush fires.

Spain had made a demand for Gen- over Port Arther and Ta-Lien-Wan for eral Lee's recall, or that the Madrid the same period and on the same con- of making the appropriation \$100,000,government had gone so far as to re- ditions as in the case of Germany at 000, but it was finally decided that quest his recall. The extent of its Kino-Chou. Besides this, Russia de- half of that would be sufficient at displeasure was expressed in an inti- mands the right to construct a rail- present. This bill will be pushed mation simply that his presence as way under the same conditions as the through both Houses with all possirepresentative of the United States trans-Manchurian railway, from Pe- ble speed, and a considerable portion government was not agreeable to tuia on that line (near the River Sun- of the money will be devoted to the them. The complaint against sending gari) to Kwang Chung-Tsu, Mudken relief supplies to Cuba in war vessels and Port Arthur. Five days are given was made through Mr. Du Bose, the for reply, and the agreement must be

"In the event of non-compliance Russia threatens to move her troops into Manchuria. China will, perforce, yield. By this agreement Russia will obtain the right to send soldiers into Leao-Tung, ostensibly for the protection of the rallway engineers.

"Russian assurances that the ports will be open to the world are deceptive, inasmuch as, while conforming to these assurances. Russia can convert either port into a second and stronger Vindivostoek."

"Russia's protest is neither more nor less than a thinky veiled demand upon China to abandon the whole of Manchuria and the province of Shin-King, which includes the Liao-Tung peninsula.

"If China yields, these provinces will practically pass away forever, to be incorporated in the czar's empire. While recognizing that Russia's desire for an ice-free terminus for her Asiatic railway is reasonable and legitimate. England cannot assent to the practical absorption of two great and wealthy Chinese provinces."

PEKIN, March 8 .- On Friday last, Yano Fumio, the Japanese minister to China, demanded an officially signed assurance of the payment of the indemnity due next May. The Chinese government instructed Yang Yu, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, to urge Russia to evacuate Port Arthur. 29,264,197 oxen and other cattle, 37,-Russia deferred a decision, alleging that the presince of Russian war- These figures show a decrease of 403, ships at Port Arthur was beneficial to 756 horses, 109, s41 milch cows, 1,244,-China and favorable to peace in the Orient.

On Friday, M. Gerar, the French and 42,011 mules. minister to China, made a similar complaint, with corresponding demands for compensation in the South

England and Germany are now reimate aspirations; and Russia and France desire to secure theirs.

The Chinese acknowledge that the SEDALIA. Mo., March 8 - The suit of British late loan negotiations were

The Underwriter in Fort.

CHARLESTON, S. C. March 9 .- Tha tug Underwriter, which was reported lost in a gale off liatteras, came into Charleston harbor yesterday, towing the Merritt Wreeking company's der-rick, Chief. The tug reported that she rode Thursday's storm well, though she lost a deckload of coal that was washed overboard.

Some of the conferees were in favor purchase of warships and ammunition." Two representatives of Wall street

were among the early callers at the White house this morning. The first to arrive was John J. McCook, and he was closely followed by Senator Hanna. Mr. McCook is the attorney for Spanish bondholders' syndicate. The two men were closeted with President McKinley twenty minutes. Nothing is known as to the nature of their visit, but it is believed that they tried to persuado him against taking any steps to-day in the direction o war with Spain.

LIVE STOCK VALUES.

Animals on the Farms Are Worth \$236. 000.000 More Than a Year Ago.

WASHINGTON, March 9. -The aggregate value of live stock in the United States January 1, 1898, were \$236,162,-559 greater than a year ago, an increase of 14.27 per cent, though there was a decrease in the number of animals, according to report of the statistician of the department of agriculture, issued late yesterday. The total value of farm horses increased during the year by \$25,713,011, that of mules \$6,729,973, of milch cows \$65,573,833, of oxen and other cattle \$104,367,213, of sheep \$25,700,191, and of swine \$5,075,639.

There were on farms in the United States on January 1, 13,969,911 horses, 2,257,665 mules, 15,840,886 mileh cows, 456,950 sheep and 39,759,993 swine. 214 oxen and other cattle, 840,283 swine and an increase of \$38,317 sheep

Of the seventeen states reporting a total of over 1,000,000 hogs, Pennsylvania, Ohio. Georgia, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska show an increase and Indiana, Itimo's, Iowa and eight Southern states a decrease.

Easting for Conscience Fake.

Arcuisos, Kan., March .-- Addison Alexander, a Kalioka, Mo., colored man, became insane in Atchison eight days ago, and has not eaten or drank anything since, saying the Lord has called upon him to fast until his sinv are forgiven.

Dies at a Church Door.

pired.

VINCENNES, Ind., March 9 --- While Afrs. Lydia Harvey, aged 80 years, was elimbing the steps leading to St. John'e German Catholie church she stumbled, fell on the steps and ex-

WORK ON SECRET ORDERS.

Great Quantities of Explosives Shipped From a Government Storehouse.

NEW YORK, March 9.-During the past week the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western road has shipped great quantities of guupowder and ammunition from the government storehouse at Dover, N. J. Secret orders. nave been received from the government officials in Washington that the railroad shall place a train at the disposition of the government to carry ammunition from Dover in the event of war. The railroad officials have completed arrangements for such a train. A large force of men can be summoned on five minutes' call to load the cars.

A trainload of ammunition has left Dover during each night of the week. The government officials refuse to state where or to whom it was consigned.

France Envies America.

LONDON, March 9 .- The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail comments upon the fact that the Bourse Monday for the first time was seriously affected by the situation of Spain and the United States and that Spanish stocks fell heavily. "French sympathies," says the correspondent of the Mail, "are undoubtedly with Spain. Furthermore, France desires to see a check put upon the growing political and commercial importance of the United States."

Norway Wants Better Terms.

STOCKHOLM, March 9 .- The Scandinavian union was brought up in parliament yesterday by the reports of the Swedish and Norwegian committees on the federation. The Swedish committee proposes the creation of a foreign council of state, to be composed of ten Swedes and two Norwegians. A majority of the Norwegian committee recommends that each country contribute towards the expenditure of the foreign ministry in proportion to the population of each. for fifteen years, and that then each country be entitled to demand a dissolution of the consular union.

Steele Will Have to Stand Trist.

TOPERA, Kan., March 9 .- The state upreme court to-day overruled the demurrer filed by Chief of Police Henry Steele, of Topeka, to the quo warranto proceedings instituted against him to oust him from office. In the original proceedings. Steele is accused of violating his oath of office and the constitution of the state by entering into a deal with the jointists whereby they are permitted to run upon the payment of monthly fines. His attorneys filed a demurrer, claiming that the petition did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. The supreme court thought differently, and overruled the demurrer.

A Boat for St. Louis Naval Reserves.

Sr. Louis, Mo., March 5 .- The City of Vicksburg, one of the finest steamers on the Mississippi river until the tornado of May 37, 1896, when the boat's upper works were demolished, has been bought for the St. Louis naval reserves, to be remodeled into a gunboat. It will cost \$25,000 to remodel the boat. It will be armed with rapid fire guns from the Navy department. The purchase money will, it is assured, be raised among business men here.

Queen of Pickpockets Shot.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.-Mabel Keating, known from New York to San Francisco as "the queen of pickpockets," was shot and fatally wounded by Jerry Sullivan, a city hall janitor, in the saloon of her husband, who also received a bullet from the same pistol. Mabel Keating is stated by the police to be a notorious confidence operator and is reported to have cleared over \$50,000 by disreputable practices at the world's fair ip Chicago.

Hypnotizet to Do Marder.

Cuicago, March 9 - The police believe they have in custody the men responsible for the death of aged Andrew McGee, who was found murdered and robbed about ten days ago. One of the supposed murderers is George H. Jacks. His alleged accomplice is William J. Willows, a janitor. Willows has made a confession, in which he charges Jacks with the murder and also implicates a woman and two other men. Willows says he is in deadly fear of Jacks, and claims that Jacks is a hypnotist. Jacks says Willows' statement is a lie throughout