MAINE'S DEAD ARE PUT TO REST WITH **GREAT SOLEMNITY**

President, Cabinet, Naval Offi. cers and Those in Charge of Doomed Ship Pay Last Tribute.

Washington, March 25 .- With all the pomp and solemnity that a mighty nation can pay its heroes of war, the last of the dead of the Maine were laid away today in Arlington cemetery.

Side by side with the bodies of those brought back from Havana harbor after the war with Spain, they were con-signed to the earth of the old dominion, while a nation paid its last measure of

while a nation paid its last measure of honor to the "unidentified" of that great catastrophe, that brought on a war, changed the map of the world and extended the empire of the United States into the corners of the earth.

Seldom in the history of this country has there been planned a higher tribute to the memory of any man or men, than that for the 64 dead of the Maine. Government business in Washington was practically suspended by executive order. President Taft, most of the members of his cabinet, the highest officers of the army, the navy and the ficers of the army, the navy and the marine corps, officials of the depart-ments and the representatives of many foreign powers participated in the ser-

Over government buildings flags hung at half mast, while congress ad-journed for the day. The booming of minute guns and the tramp of soldiers added the touch of military pomp and

eparations Were Elaborate.

borate and careful preparations had been made for the ceremonies of the burial. Beginning with the removal of the dead from the United States ship Birmingham, which brought them up from Havana and ending with the firing of three volleys of musketry over the new made graves across the Potomac, the exercises were designed to show all honor and respect to the martyrs of the doomed battle ship. The escort for the slow march through the martyrs of the doomed battle ship. The escort for the slow march through the streets of the capital from the Birm-ingham to the state, war and navy building was picked from the Birmingham and other vessels now in Washington. The speakers who faced the crowd in the plaza behind the navy building were only three—President Taft, Father Chidwick, chaplain of the Maine when the explosion of February 15, 1898 sent her to the bottom, and Chaplain Bayard, United States navy.

The marine band, the show band of Washington, was chosen to give the solemn music for the dead, and an army battery stationed near the Wash-

army battery stationed near the Wash-ington monument, was selected to fire the 21 gun salute, as the ceremonies at the navy building ended and the quiet march to Arlington was begun.

Ship's Officers Present.

Conspicuous among the officials for whom reservations had been made just behind President Taft on the steps of the big granite building were Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, who commanded the Maine at the time of the explosion. Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, Lieutenant Boyd and Medical Director L. G. Heneberger, officers under him at the time. For Admiral Dewey and Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, the ranking officers of the navy and the army, special places had been set aside. During the memorial exercises, the Ship's Officers Present.

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During the memorial exercises, the
committee had arranged for the tolling
of the "Paul Revere" bell of All Souls
Unitarian church, which has been tolled
at the funerals of presidents, admirals,
generals and other prominent men.
Winding slowly out from behind the
navy building into Pennsylvania navy building into Pennsylvania avenue, the funeral procession found its way through the older part of Washington, across the Potomac river and up the gray road to Arlington. Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fisk had been assigned to lead the parade and behind him were placed first as escort of police; a detachment of troops from Fort Myer; the market band a saudron of Myer; the marine band, a squadron of cavalry and the first battalion of en-

The naval escort comprised a battalion of marines, two battalions of seamen, the naval band and the District of Columbia naval militia.

Taft's Eulogy.

President Taft in his eulogy at the Maine funeral ceremonies said:

"We meet to pay appropriate honor to the memory of the first of the country's sons who gave up their lives in our war with Spain. I do not mean by this to charge responsibility to the Spanish government for the explosion of the Maine, but that the tragedy was part of the causes which led up to the Spanish war, no one familiar with the circumstances can now doubt.

"Of that war every American can President Taft in his eulogy at the

the circumstances can now doubt.

"Of that war every American can
feel proud, because it was fought without a single selfish instinct and was
prompted by the most altruistic motives. Beginning with a self-denying
ordinance with respect to Cuba, we
were forced into the attitude of taking
over the Philippines, and our course
in those islands has reflected the higher credit on our purposes and civilizat credit on our purposes and civiliza-

"These, our honored dead, "These, our honored dead, were hurled into eternity without the inspiration of anticipated battle or hoped-for victory. But they were on duty when they went down; they wore the uniforms of their beloved country; and they are to be classed well to the fore in that long list of naval heroes whose steadfastness and courges have given the American navy

heroes whose steadfastness and courage have given the American navy the high position it occupies in history among the navies of the world. "It is well that we should halt the wheels of government and stay the hum of industry to take time to note by appropriate ceremony the debt we owe to those who gave up their lives for the nation. We raised the ship from the mud bottom of Havana harbor, and gave her remains honorable burial in the blue waves of the ocean. We now consign to the sacred soil of burial in the blue waves of the ocean. We now consign to the sacred soil of Arlington the recovered bones of those who gave the Maine her personality end made her a living weapon for the protection of national honor and vital interest. We have given to those ceremonies all possible solemnity that are included in the honors of war, and we shall fail if they do not express in unmistakable tone and sign the deep and lasting gratitude of a nation to her martyred defenders."

LOCAL OPTION IN MAINE DEFEATED BY LEGISLATURE

Augusta, Me., March 25.—The legislature today defeated the proposed amendment to the Maine constitution to allow local option on the question of permitting the manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquors in all the cities and in such towns as accept the amend. of permitting the manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquors in all the cities and in such towns as accept the amendment's provisions. The democratic majority in the house failed to muster the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote on the final passage of the resolve and it was not carried. was not carried.

SCHEME TO IMPEACH SPEAKER R. L. BACA

Expected That Open Attack Will Be Made On Him in New Mexico House.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 25.—A conference of republicans that met last night presumably to take steps to impeach R. L. Baca, speaker of the New Mexico house of representatives, adjourned after midnight. Participants refused to disclose any action taken. It is believed no open attack upon Speaker Baca will be made in the house. Baca, according to claim, is charged with having withheld the contest papers of three republicans because they are voting for him for United States senator.

INFANT IN BARREL IS RESCUED FROM RIVER

Well Dressed Baby Tagged "Goodby, Willie," Found By River Men.

Glasgow, Ky., March 25.—A baby boy about 1 year old was intercepted on his voyage in a barrel down Cumberland river today by raftsmen. The child was well dressed and had a cozy little bed in the barrel and was seem-

little bed in the barrel and was seemingly enjoying the trip.

The barrel was securely fastened to two ordinary sized saw logs and was arranged so that the child could not in any way fall out. Pinned on its dress were the words, "Goodby, Willie."

The child was carried to a farm house near the river, where kind persons are taking care of it until its mother can be located.

MAN BEHEADED; HAD FORETOLD HIS FATE

Tells Associates They Would Pick Up His Severed Head, and They Did.

Newark, N. J., March 23.—Before going to he work as a freight conductor for the Lackawanna railroad last night, Albert S. Barkman told his associates that before the night's work was done they would pick up his severed head. He was beheaded at 11 o'clock by his

own train.

One of his associates, deeply impressed by Barkman's remark, tried to induce him to stop work for the night, but the conductor is said to have re-

'Oh, I don't believe in dreams. Any how, when my time comes we can't do anything to stand in the way."

WORLD WIDE COAL TRUST WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Chicago, March 25.—A nation wide inquiry into an alleged "coal trust" with Chicago as the center, is in prog-

with Chicago as the center, is in progress by the government, according to a report current yesterday.

Chicago, New York, Pennsylvania and a number of southern states where the coal supply is large, the report said, were being investigated by government agents gathering evidence.

The inquiry is said to have been ordered several weeks ago from Washington, and the report had it that statistical information touching the coal trade has already been gathered by

trade has already been gathered by government agents.

According to the rumors charges are to be made that certain large coal pro-

ducers and their selling agents com-bined for the purpose of maintaining a stipulated price.

The fuel situation at the head of the

The fuel situation at the head of the lakes, in which Congressman Steenerson, of Minnesota, presented a request for a congressional investigation, is thought to have a bearing on the report. Attempts by the municipality of Two Harbors, Minn., to purchase coal according to reports, were balked by according to reports, were balked by Duluth dealers, who refused to sell.

CHINESE WAR IN 'FRISCO BROUGHT TO AN END

San Francisco, Cal., March 25.-Because they could not obtain gun men to fight their battles, the Gom Yorn Lee Sor and Bing Kong tongs called off their feud last night. In view of the fact that four mem-bers of the Gorm Yorn Lee Sor were killed last night by Sing Long assassing and that no reprisals have been made by the rival tong, this peace agreement is regarded as one of the most remarkable in the history of tong wars in this coun-

This peace agreement does not affect the other warring tongs, and the police de-partment has not relaxed its vigilance in Chinatown. It was because the other militant tongs have hired all available gun men that the two tongs decided to end hostilities. Each had arrayed itself with other fighting tongs and they were dismayed to find that they could obtain no professional killers to fight for them and

CALLAHAN TO BE UP FOR ARRAIGNMENT TODAY

St. Louis, Mo., March 25.—Dauiel Callahan, arrested here Wednesday night, and who is under an indictment night, and who is under an indictment charging him with attempting to rob the Bremen postoffice a year ago, was scheduled to be arraigned before United States District Judge D. P. Dyer this morning. Callahan is said to be wanted in other cities for robberies, amounting to \$200,000. He admits his identity and acknowledges he knows he is wanted in various places, but will not say anything more.

anything more.

Callahan will go to trial on the same indictment on which William Raftus, James Sheridan and Martin Thorsen were tried, convicted and sent to the Fort Leavenworth prison, where they are serving sentences.

CRACKSMEN PUT TOO MUCH "SOUP" IN SAFE

New York, March 25.—Cracksmen set It so much dynamite under a safe in the office of a Staten island manufact-

is no clew to the cracksmen.

DOCTORS WORK ON WOMAN, HER HEART AND LUNGS BARED

Operators Able to Remove Cancerous Tissue-Believe It Will Probe a Great Success.

New York, March 25 .- Watching an exposed human heat beat and the lungs perform their functions of maintaining life, a group of surgeons bent over the body of a woman in the amphitheater of Bellevue hospital and observed events for 20 minutes, while the combined efforts of science and nature

von a triumph over death. won a triumph over death.

The triumph was described as all the greater because nature was assisted by a humanly devised contrivance which was tried for the first time in this city. It is known as the Ellsberg apparatus. It forces air into the lungs and withdraws it, thus maintaining an artificial

respiration in a patient incapacitated from breathing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Engleman, aged 57, was the medium for the experiment. She was admitted to the hospital on March 14, suffering from recurrent cancer. Because of an operation performed nine years ago, the surgeons were reof an operation perior meanine years ago, the surgeons were reluctant to repeat the work. Dr. Harrison Betts consulted with Visiting Surgeon Rogers and it was agreed yesterday that an immediate operation was the only means of saving the woman's life.

Prominent Physicians Present.

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Mrs. Engleman was told of the crisis confronting her and eagerly consented to an operation. Because of the experimental value of the demonstration with the Elisberg apparatus, invitations to witness it were accepted by several prominent physicians, members of the faculty of the Cornell University Medical school and the house staff of Belleville Cornell Cornell University Medical school and the house staff of Belleville Cornell vue, consisting of Drs. Howe, Halliday and Wood.

and Wood.

They assembled in the amphitheates at 3 p. m., and anaesthetics were administered to the patient.

It was necessary to make an incision which exposed the heart and left lung. As much of four ribs as covered the heart and lung was removed, leaving the vital organs absolutely bared to the surgeons. Because of the surgeons. Because of the

the vital organs absolutely bared to the gaze of the surgeons. Because of the removal of the supports furnished by the ribs, the lung would have collapsed without artificial assistance.

This was supplied by the Ellsberg apparatus, which is electrically equipped to supply air in the requisite quantity and at the requisite pressure. The air was supplied to the lung through a woven silk tube which was placed in the patient's mouth and deflected until connection was made with the direct air passage to the lung.

Watch Heart at Work.

Extreme care had to be exercised in

Extreme care had to be exercised in applying artificial respiration at a time when otherwise the exposed lung would collapse. This was accomplished so successfully that the lung and therefore the heart maintained their funcions as if fairly normal conditions ex-

The deceased tissues were expose at the same time so as to enable the surgeons to remove them. While this was being accomplished, those not actually engaged in the operation had ample opportunity to watch a human heart at work. Mrs. Engleman came out of the in-

fluence of the anesthetic and her condition was such that the surgeons felt confident last night of her complete

FOUR LEADERS STILL FLEEING FROM POSSE

Sidna Allen Says That He Was in No Way Connected With the Murders.

Hillsville, Va., March 25.—No furthe captures had been reported early to day by the posses endeavoring to round up the Allen fugitives on the North Carolina border. The arrest of young sidna Edwards yesterday, left four of the wanted at large—Sidna Allen, the clan leader, who is supposed to have fired the shot that killed Judge Massie and his nephews, Wesley Edwards and

fired the shot that killed Judge Massie and his nephews, Wesley Edwards and Friel and Calude Allen. The massing of the hundred or more searchers about the hills south of this place indicates that the officers believe the outlaws are still secreted in that vicinity.

Sidna Edwards, who was found alone, unarmed and hungry in a deserted mountain house, insists that he has not seen his uncles or cousins since the day of the court house tragedy. He says he had no part in the shooting that he went to the court house and later took to the mountains, only because he heard the posses intended to shoot on sight any members of his family.

family.

Worn by hunger, fatigue and the pain of a scalded foot, Edwards slept last night in the jail here with two men standing guard. He will be taken to Roanoke today.

There is much talk of the reported offer of Sidna Allen and his nephews to surrender on condition that they be allowed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree in a court outside of Carroll county. Governor Mann says if such a proposition has been made to the detectives he knows nothing of it.

ROOSEVELT SPENDS NOISY HOUR WITH BOSTONIANS

Boston, March 25.—An hour's delay in Connecticut made Col. Theodore Roosevelt's trip through Boston today on his way to Portland a hurried, but a noisy one.

He had planned to breakfast leisurely with several of his political lieutenants.

He had planned to breakfast leisurely with several of his political lieutenants, including Medill McCormick, of Chicago, and Matthew Hale, of Boston. Instead, he pushed his way through a big throng at the south station. He jumped into an automobile, was cheered frequently on his way across the city and was given another ovation at the north station by a large growd. tion by a large crowd.

****************** THOUSANDS IN CHINA FLEE—FEAR MASSACRE

Swatow, China, March 23.— Business of all kinds has been suspended in this city and peo-ple are fleeing in thousands ow-ing to fears of a massacre. Se-vere fighting has occurred be-tween a body of Cantonese troops and a force of local soldiers at Chao Chow Fu, about 25 miles to the north of this city.

MINORITY WOOL BILL PRESENTED TO HOUSE

Republicans Have Substitute-Contains Their Views On Tariff Board's Report.

Washington, March 25.-Republican mittee today introduced a minority bill members of the ways and means com-revising the woolen schedule of the present tariff law in accordance with their interpretation of the report of the tariff board. The bill would reduce the duties on wool and manufactures of wool about 40 per cent. In an analytical statement Repre-sentative Hill pointed out that the re-publican measure, by combining for-

sentative Hill pointed out that the republican measure, by combining former classes 1 and 2 wools to a single rate of duty as class 1, would eliminate discriminations, so far as shrinkage of wool is concerned, between the woolen and worsted branches of the industry. He said it would make woolen rags dutiable at 2 cents a pound, instead of 10 cents, practically would fix a duty on the wool in the manufactured article precisely the same as the same amount of wool imported in the grease, and would fix in addition an ad valorem duty adjusted to the cost of conversion from wool to cloth, in accordance with the tariff board's schedule.

LINDBERGH WOULD DO AWAY WITH THE PRESENT SENATE

WITH THE PRESENT SENATE

Washington, March 25.—The abolition of the United States Senate and the effice of vice president, with a reduction of the membership of the House to 300, is proposed in a resolution which Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, announced yesterday he would introduce next week.

The main feature of Mr. Lindbergh's resolution provides for the creation of a committee at large which would have absolute control over the legislative activity of congress. The members of the committee would be elected by the country at large for a term of 15 years and it would prevent the submission of bills to the president. This opposition could be overcome only by a two-thirds vote of the House.

PRIVATE PENSION BILL.

Washington, March 25.—By a vote of 19 to 17 the Senate yesterday decided not to be bound by the rule of the committee on pensions fixing \$50 per month as the limit to be granted in private pension bills. Senators McCumber, Gallinger, Borah and Lodge contended for a fixed limit, while Senators Bradley. Heyburn, Brown and ators Bradley, Heyburn, Brown and Smith, of Michigan, advanced the idea that pensions should be determined by the condition of individual beneficiar-

TO HONOR WILEY.

Washington, March 25.—The Senate has learned with profound regret of has learned with profound regret of the resignation of Dr. Harvey W. Wil-ey, head of the pure food bureau of the United States government." Such was the first sentence of a resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Mar-tine, democrat, of New Jersey. He asked for immediate consideration, but Senator Galliger objected and the reso-lution went over after being read.

WOULD CLEAR UNCLE IKE. Washington, March 25.—To gain a parliamentary advantage in the final disposition of the Stephenson election case Senator Jones yesterday introduced a resolution declaring that Mr. Stephenson was "not guilty and legally elected to the Senate." This was offered as a substitute for the Heyburn resolution, from the majority of the resolution, from the majority of the privileges and elections committee, which declared that Senator Stephen-son's election was valid.

JELAY IN DECIDING IOWA RATE DISPUTE

Developments Before Comsult Until October.

Washington, March 25.—Develop-ments today before the Interstate Com-merce commission indicated that no demerce commission indicated that no de-cision would be reached in the Iowa interstate rate cases until next fall, probably in October or November. The commission has decided to hear no ar-gument in June. This will throw the arguments in the Iowa cases over to the first two weeks in September. A decision will not come until some time decision will not come until some time

after that.

The commission sat this morning on the Iowa cases and then, on account of the Maine exercises, adjourned until Monday morning. Assistant Freight Traffic Manager Eyman, of the North-western, and Traffic Manager Crosby, of the Burlington, were examined. Mr. Crosby offered many exhibits to defend existing rates. existing rates.

CARACAS GIVES KNOX A BIG RECEPTION

Caracas, Venezuela, March 25-With the capital in holiday attire, Philander C. Knox, the American secretary of state, arrived here at 11:30 yesterday morning from La Guayra and was accorded the greatest popular welcome given him during his tour of the Latin-American republics.

Today and tomorrow have been de-clared legal holidays in honor of Mr. Knox's visit and the city is profusely decorated. When the American secredecorated. When the American secre-tary reached here, attended by Lino Duarte Level, undersecretary of state, he was greeted by Foreign Minister Gen, Manuel Matos, and when he and his party took carriages at the depot thousands swarmed about the vehicles waying files, cheering and giving oth-

waving flags, cheering and giving other indications of friendliness.

City in Brilliant Attire.

On the drive to the residence of the prime minister, General Linares Alcantara, which had been selected for his occupancy during his stay in Caracas Mr. Knoy's eye everywhere met. nis occupancy during his stay in caracas, Mr. Knox's eye everywhere met with interwined flags of the United States and Venezuela, multicolored buntings, triumphant arches, garlands of flowers and medallions of Washingon and Bollver.

TWO ARE KILLED IN AEROPLANE ACCIDENT

Sabastapol, Russia, March 25.—A clouble aeroplane fatality occurred here today. Sub-Lieutenant Albokrinoff and his assistant, an engineer, were making a flight in a Farman biplane at the flying ground attached to the millitary aviation school, when the aeroplane was seized by a sudden gust of wind, which overturned it and hurled it to the ground. The two aviators were instantly killed and the aeroplane was destroyed. ******* was destroyed.

MEMBER OF ALLEN BAND UF OUTLAWS IS UNDER ARREST

Statement of Governor Mann Leads People to Think the Whole Gang Will Be Taken Soon.

Mount Airy, N. C., March 23 .- A cosse has captured Sidna Edwards, an Allen clansman, wanted in connection with the murder of the Carroll county court officers at Hillsville it is re-Edwards was captured near Lambsburg and will be taken to Galax or Hillsville.

Young Edwards was arrested by Detectives Tom Felts and W. W. Phauts, who found him wandering about aim-lessly and hungry. His foot, burned recently in a distillery, had troubled him greatly and it is believed he was unable to keep up with the swift changes of base made by the other fugitives. He probably will be put through a rigid examination when he gets here, but there is little thought that he will disclose the movements of his kinsmen. his kinsmen.

his kinsmen.
Sidna is 22 years old and a splendid type of the young mountaineer. He stands over six feet in height, weighs between 180 and 190 pounds, had dark hair and blue eyes. At first a reward of only \$300 was offered for his capture, but after an investigation as to his part in the shooting. Governor Mann increased the amount to \$1,000, the same as offered for the capture, dead or alive, of Sidna Allen, reader of the clan.

It is probable Edwards will be taken to Roanoke for safe keeping.

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Silent Search Is On.

Out in the hills along the Virginiahills and mountains along the Virginiahills and mountains along the VirginiaNorth Carolina border today are all of
the sheriffs, detectives and possemen
enlisted for the taking of the Allen outlaws, apparently determined to stay in
the field this time until they have run
down something besides false clues.
Just where the hunters are, or what
they are doing, no one here knows.
This community awoke today in a state
of excited expectancy over Governor
Manu's announcement yesterday that
steps were being taken which he believed would result in the capture of
the Allens the latter part of this week
or the first of next week. No inkling
of the nature of the proposed coup has
been given out, however, a grim silence
having taken the place of the early
confident talkativeness of the state officials. Fear that information as to the
plans and movements of the searchers connect talkativeness of the state of-ficials. Fear that information as to the plans and movements of the searchers will be taken to the fugitives has even resulted in an attempt to censor press dispatches

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Floyd Allen, the old man whose sentence to a year in jall for interfering with an officer precipitated the killing of judge, prosecutor, sheriff, a juror and an innocent young girl, has given out an interview from the Roanoke jail carefully censored by his attorney. No reference to the tragedy itself was made by the prisoner. He gave a sketch of his life and an account of the events leading, up to his indictment for interfering with an officer, and denied emphatically that he had ever made "moonshine" whisky. His son, Victor, also a prisoner, said he took no part in the court house shooting; that he went to Hillsville unarmed to fake a witness for his father and after the tragedy for his father and after the tragedy made no effort to get away, because he was innocent.

DR. MARY WALKER ILL, **BUT STANDS BY CREED**

Assistant Issues Statement Saying She Can No Longer Bear Long Vigils.

New York, March 23.—Dr. Mary Walker's steadfast refusal to have a physician attend her during her serious illness here, brought forth a statement today from Mrs. Nellie B. Van Slingerland, secretary of the "Betterment league," who has been almost constantly at the bedside. The statement says that Dr. Walker spent a "very bad night," and continues:

"As I am nearly collapsed myself with six sleepless nights and anxious, busy days, I have written two of Dr.

with six sieepiess nights and anxious, busy days, I have written two of Dr. Walker's woman relatives that some one must come to share the responsibility. Dr. Mary refuses to let any one but myself and a Japanese servant do anything for her, and the day and night vigils are beyond our physical endurance; hence I shall be forced to have acceptance from some direction. have assistance from some direction, even though it is against her emphat-ically expressed wishes, for her own

"Dr. Walker's mind is as keen and alert as ever and she is watching her own progress with intelligence and with professional discrimination. "Thus far she has proved the power of mind over medicine, as well as mat-

EXCISE BILL WILL STAND COURT TEST

ter, I should say.'

Solicitor General Lehman Expresses Opinion New Measure Is Constitutional.

Washington, March 23.—Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, has conferred with Solicitor General Lehmann as to whether the excise tax measure passed by the House, will stand test in the courts. Mr. Lehmann advised him it would in as much as Mr. Lehmann is regarded as the greatest authority on the corporation tax law in Washington, having made the successful argument for it before the supreme court, the friends of the excise and income tax measure are jubilant.

MAJOR BUTT SEES POPE.

Rome, March 23.-The pope received today in private audience Maj. Archibald W. Butt, personal aide to Presipontiff an autograph letter from President Taft, with which the dent Taft. Major Butt presented to the Taft, with which the pope greatly pleased.

KELLEY-FARMER FIGHT TONIGHT St. Louis, Mo., March 22.—Leo Kelley, local lightweight and "Kid" Farmer, of Peoria, Ill., will fight eight rounds before the Irigh-American club here to-

WAGE AMENDMENT REFUSED; A LONG **CONTEST CERTAIN**

All England Is Suffering-Gov. ernment to Take "Other and Different Means to End Strife.

London, March 23 .- Premier Asquith In the house of commons this afternoon refused to accept the miners' amendment to the minimum wage bill, providing a minimum of \$1.25 and 50 cents as the daily wage for men and boys, respectively.

parliament, and president of the min-ers' Federation of Great Britain, at once announced that the premier's rejection of the miners' amendment, closed the door to an immediate set-tlement of the strike.

Enoch Edwards, labor member of

The house had just entered on the committee stage of the minimum wage bill, when the miners' amendment was moved and Premier Asquith's pronouncement, the gravity of which was immediately recognized, because it is practically certain to bring about another deadlock, caused a sensation among the members.

In convening the miner amendment.

among the members.

In opposing the miner amendment, the premier said that he was inclined to think the figures reasonable ones, but that it was most undesirable to insert in the bill any specific minimum wage or to establish the precedent of fixing the rate of wages by act of parliament. It would, he pointed out, be peculiarly dangerous to the men themselves, because if parliament once expressed its judgment that \$1,25 was a fair minimum wage, that sum would be found to be treated as the maximum. mum.

All Hope Shattered.

All Hope Shattered.

Enoch Edwards, the miners' leader, declared the decision announced by the premier had shattered his hopes that the final form of the bill would commend itself to the good sense of both sides. The refusal of the amendment meant the closure of the door which yesterday appeared open to a settlement.

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The bill, which the government intro-

ment.

The bill, which the government introduced into parliament to put a stop to one of the greatest calamities that ever overtook this country, and which was read a second time in the house of commons last night, still has to run the gauntlet of the committee stage. It was here that the miners' representatives in parliament endeavored to procure the acceptance of amendements fixing minimum rates of wages.

If the miners refuse to return to work, the government must face the necessity of taking those "other and different measures" foreshadowed by the premier yesterday and which are believed to mean adequate protection for those men desiring to return to work. Despite the decisions of the unions, there already is, particularly in Scotland, a steady trickling of the miners back to the pits. Even with a general resumption, however, the mines will not be in working order again before Easter, and some of the smaller ones which have been flooded will never be reopened.

er be reopened.
Some of the large mine owners, too, declare it will be impossible to work their pits if the minimum rate of wages

In the meantime starvation faces the industrial population of the country. The funds of the trades unions are running low, and in some places this week's payment of out-of-work benefit will be the last.

Have Not Even a Penny. At Bursiem, in Staffordshire, one of the centers of the potteries district, 40,000 meals have been served by the vicar of the parish in the last 11 days, for which a small charge has been made. Now the people of the district are unable to bear the burden of paying even a penny for the meal, and are compelled to fall back on charity.

In Wales and Scotland, and in the industrial district of England, relief work has been started and soup kitchens established. There is scarcely a mining

tablished. There is scarcely a mining village in Scotland, where the children are not being fed by the public author-

are not being fed by the public authorities.

The work of relieving the distress is getting beyond the means of the local charities and demands are being made on the government to take it up.

It is estimated the miners thus far have lost in wages \$26,408,850, besides the depletion of the union funds.

Factories and work of all kinds over the country continue to close down and all the railroads are reducing their services to the minimum. The food supplies from abroad are threatened. The bacon factories and creameries of Denmark, which depend entirely on Egnland for their coal, will soon have to discontinue their shipments to this country.

News comes today that one of the South American governments are commanding the stocks of coal on hand, in its ports for naval purposes, which will prevent the shipment of meat to England country.

land.

It is officially declared today that the Derbyshire pits will not be reopened until the surface men's demands for increased wages have been complied with.

In political circles, it is thought the return of Mr. Balfour to the leadership of the unionist party in the house of commons, is more than a temporary one and that in the big debates he will take the actual, if not titular, leadership of the opposition.

WITH CLEVELAND CONFERENCE RESTS QUESTION OF A STRIKE

Cleveland, Ohio, March 23.—Whether 200,000 miners in the bituminous coal fields would strike or merely would suspend operations after April 1, depends largely on the deliberations today of a subcommittee composed of two winers and two operators each from miners and two operators each from western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The subcommittee with John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America as the chief delegate of the miners, may continue its sessions several days in an effort to effect a compromise agreement following the flat refusal of the operators to grant the miners' demands for a 10 per cent increase in pay and shorter working hours.

DANGEROUS FLOODS COME FROM MELTING OF SNOWS

St. Joseph, Mo., March 23.—Every railroad train entering St. Joseph was delayed by high water today. The bridges at many points are menaced by ice jams and in some localities many acres of farm lands are inundated. The Burlington has a large force of laborers protecting its tracks in the buttoms between Forest City, Mo., and Council Bluffs, Ia., and like precaution has been taken by other roads. taken by other roads.