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DECIDES THE CREIGHTON CASE PAVING ON COUNTRY ROADS.

Cloud Lifted from the Title to a Lot of Real Estate.

Court Holds that Joseph Creighton Was Not Insane When He Made the Transfer to His Brother,

the transfer her father was of unsound mind and furthermore, that fraud was practiced upon him by not disclosing the real value of the property so deeded away. She also alleges that in making the transfer her father received only a fraction of what the property was actually worth.

The case was brought to trial at the last term of court and after being partially heard a continuance was granted until this about the changes material that can be laid for its secured. They say that on country roads, if well laid, it will wear during a lifetime and sumber of witnesses examined. Including physicians, who testified to Joseph Creighton's montal condition at the time of making the deed to the defendant.

On the propositions before him, Judze Scott sustained every contention of the (certain, building that doep the country of the intent and purpose of the transfer.

PAGE CASE BECOMES SENSTIONAL.

Prosecuting Witness Charged with

gives every indication of being as strong a drawing card as the Kastner murder trial on the Dodge street thoroughfare. that was on in the cirminal court for a period of three weeks.

In the case of the State against Page, the

defendant is charged among other things with having broken up the family of Nick Yager and caused the instigntion of a divorce. The executive committee of the Commer-Yager and caused the instigation of a divorce suit that is now pending. This is the story told by the prosecuting witness who admits that upon numerous times his wife. Louisa Yager, has been altogether too initimate with the prisoner. The case has been running along for a couple of days, during all of which time Yager has been upon the stand giving his direct testimony. In this he made a strong case against Page, but when taken in hand on cross-examination, some unexpected sensational developments came to the surface.

Attempts Compleh and Battin conducted

came to the surface.

Attorneys Corolish and Battin conducted the cross-examination along the usual lines for sometime, when, all of a sunden, Attorneys Corolish etcaped in frest of the witness and pulling a roll of money from his posker, shook it in the face of the witness and paked; "Did you not on last Friday give this roll of bills and a meal ticket to Gus A. Tyler, telling him that if he would promuse testimony against Mrs. Yager and Page, he could have the money?"

Yager denied ever having seen Tyler, but the surface of the act to regulate commerce in accordance with the specified recommission, in its last report to congress, For ten years the commission was supposed to have power to regulate railroad rates, but recently the supreme court decided otherwise. The matter was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of Members Meilugh, Dumont and Utt.

The following new members were elected: B. S. Scanpell, E. E. Andrews and F. Harmon.

Yager denied ever having seen Tyler, but when the man was asked to stand up for identification, he admitted that he had seed him once or twice. Yager was asked if it was not true that he went to Creston for His Brother Was Convicted Of. charge of another woman.

Levi Martin Makes a Scene in Judge

Buxter's Court. The Goldie Martin guardianship is manapolizing the time of County Judge Bax- KILLED IN A QUARREL OVER WAGES ter, and at the same time it is bringing to

town a goodly number of the rural residents. The case comes from the vicinity of Me-Ardle and has attracted considerable atention out there.

The mother, Mrs. Levi Martin, died some Prietrese of the Williams hotel here, shot

Stephens, a distant relative, filed an appli-cation in probate court, alleging that the father, Levi Martin, was not a suitable per gen to have the care and cust dy of a gir of such tender age. This application the father resisted and both sides brought in the neighbors to substantiate and deay the allegations. Witnesses for Stephens went upon the stand and testified that the buman manner and that if she was not taken away from him, her life would be ruined. At this point the court adjourned and the sensational part of the trial began. The father grasped one of the witnesses about the neck and mounted red cried in a manner that brought tears to the eyrs of come of the spectators. Between his sobs he declared that it was an attempt to steal his child from him Letting go of his friend, he ran to the little girl and picking her up in his arms kissed her and cried over her o a most hysterical manner After this he dropped the little one god threw himself at full length upon one of the berefice and burying his face in his hands, gave full vent to his sorrow. While Martin was going through the last perform-ance the little girl was taken out of the court room and the morning session of court

Sue the Cudahy Company.

Edward Callaghan and Michael O'Day have each sucd the Cudahy Packing comhaving certain portions of its packing house in a safe condition. The plaintiffs allege that on January 20 last, while working in debris, sustaining broken limbs and bruised

Another Drawing of Jurors. drawn for the third three weeks of the Pebruary term of the district court. It is more than likely that additional Jurors will have to be drawn for the present three weeks of the term, as when the judges return from the sutside counties where they

Shelion Family Disappears.

are now holding court there will

In all probability some time will slapse before Arthur and Ella Shelton again take up their residence in Omaha. The former, who was under a thirty-day jail sentence for contributing to the support of a house of ill repute, escaped from the chain gauge and has disappeared. His wife who was under a similar sentence in the county jail for being an inmate, was ordered by Folice Judge Gordon to leave the city within an hour, which she did, going to Council Bluffs, where her husband went after giving the chain gauge the slip. Shelton is the barber who placed his bride of seven weeks in a house of ill repute.

Mrs. Florence Caok, his wife, took the conco and was poisoned. It was with the concourse with the concourse with the concourse with the concourse was enough archerist who said there was enough archerist who said

Highway Improvement One of the Main Features of the Program. The county commissioners have deter-

nined to extend the pavement on the Center street and the West Dodge street roads and have instructed the county clerk to invite bids for doing the work. The advertisement JUDGE SCOTT RULES AGAINST SHELBY states that bids will be received on mac- ACCEPTS SECURITY COMPANY NOW adam, asphalt, Colorado sandstone, Sioux Falls granite and vitrified brick, to be laid on a sixteen-foot roadway and under substantially the same specifications as were adopted by the board at the time when the original pavement was laid on the roads in

Judge Scott has driven off the clouds that for some time hung over the title to Walnut Hill. Creighton Heights and a number of the other northwestern additions to the triffe too expensive, and unless some expensive to the triffe too expensive, and unless some expensive to the triffe too expensive, and unless some expensive to the triffe too expensive, and unless some expensive to the triffe too expensive, and unless some expensive to the triffe too expensive, and unless some expensive to the triffe too expensive. of the other northwestern additions to the city. He has decided the case of Mary B. Shelby against John A. Creighton and has sustained the contention of the defendant.

Years ago and years prior to his death. Joseph Creighton deeded to John A. Creighton a large tract of land that now includes a number of the additions in the northwestern portion of the city. After the death of Joseph Creighton, Mary B. Shelby, his daughter, brought suit to set the transfer aside, alleging that at the time of making the transfer her father was of unsound mind and furthermore, that fraud was practiced upon him by not disclosing the real value.

The time to expensive, and unless some extremely low bids are offered, the men who lay this class of pavement will not be in it. Macadam has been tried in this county, it being at the present time on West Dodge and Center streets. While it is true that it makes a smooth roadbed, the commissioners contend, or at least some of them say that it lacks the wearing qualities, and moreover, they say that in wet weather it rolls up and is carried away on the wheels of the wagons passing over. It is also contended that in dry weather the macadam grinds up into dust and when there is the least wind it is very objectionable. Sloux Falle granite and Colorado sandstone both have their advocates on the board, but they

Prosecuting Witness Charged with south through the county. Should they be trying to influence Testimony. The case of the State against Lyman A. to a point seven miles west from the city Page is becoming highly sensational, and limits. To reach the Millard road would re-

ENDORSES THE LOUD POSTAL BILL.

His Brother Was Convicted Of. the purpose of corrupting Mrs. Felder, a His Brother Was Convicted Of. witness for the defense. He admitted that CHICAGO, March 1.—Frank Hill will ge he saw the woman, but denied having talked with her about the criminal case against Page or the divorce sui' against Mr. Yager. The witness admitted that he publishe expenses of Sadie Williams if she would testify, but justified by saying that she is even order to keep his brother. Robert J. Hill most of the facts, having worked in the from the positentiary. The latter is now Yager family at the time the crime was under sentence, having been convicted of alleged to have been committed. Yager deproblems a saloon. At the trial several witnied that he went to the Rospital to try to nesser testified positively that Robert J. Hil secure the dismisseal of his wife, who was was one of the robbers while two witnesses escure the dismissal of its wife, who was was one of the robbers while two witnesses employed at the place, though he said that said Frank Hill was the man. The brother he went there to try to secure the dis-lock very much alike and it would be an casy matter to confuse their identity. It FATHER'S FIGHT FOR HIS CHILD. arranged that the witnesses who identified Frank Hill during the trial shall go before the grand jury and procure his indictment. If he pleads guilty, as it is said he will the act will release Robert J. Hill.

Murderer Hires a Livery Rig and

Drives Out of Town. AUSTIN, Minn, Morch 1 -- Million Williams, son of Mrs. A. A. Williams, promonths ago since which time the little one, and killed Daniel P. Flynn last evening. The a girl 6 years of age, has been living with the father. Not long ago, William II. only seems to be the result of an element end seems to be the result of an altereation over Flynn's wages. There were a great many people on the street at the time. Wi liams is still at large. He hired a rig be driven to Lyle, about twelve miles sout of here. Chief of Police Galt sent a poon each road in pursuit, going on south him self. Galt followed Williams into Iowa and

Bauman is Discharged.

police court and discharged on an accusation of obstructing the sidewalk in front of
his tinship at 420 South Thirteenth street.
It appears that Bauman built for a baker
in the city an oven, which the latter refused
to accept after it had been put into his
bakery. He called upon Bauman to take
it back, but the latter refused to do so,
whereupon the baker dumped the oven on
the sidewalk in front of Bauman's shop and
left it. In spite of warnings from the
police Bauman refused to touch the oven.
City Prosecutor Miller filed an information
against Bauman, but the court held if anybody was guilty of obstructing the sidewalk in this case it was the man was deposited the oven where it lays and not
Bauman, whose responsibility wer the
property is assumed to have ended when
he filled the order given to him by the police court and discharged on an accusa operty is assumed to have ended when e filled the order given to him by the

For Larceny as Bailee.

the city jail Harry S. Hall, a well dressed pany, demanding in the aggregate the sum of \$10,000 on account of personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by reason of the negligence of the defendants in not large of largery as balles. The complaining with side refined appearing young man pleaded of each to have been sustained by reason of a negligence of the defendants in not ving certain portions of its packing house a safe condition. The plaintiffs allege at on January 29 last, while working in a building, a portion of the floor gave way of they were buried beneath a mass of bris, sustaining broken limbs and bruised lies.

and refined appearing young man pleaded not guilty in police court to a churge of larceny as balles. The complaining with the analysis of a pleture enlarging concern of Chicago. He alleges that he engaged Hall to safety with \$55, but that the latter appropriated the money to his own use. The police are looking for another man whom Carpenter is seeking to prosecute under a similar charge. large. Hall's case was called by Judge Gordan terday afternoon and it was arranged at the hearing should be had this after-on. He was release ton his own recogni-

> Indicted for Poisoning His Wife. CHICAGO, March L.-Luyern A. Cook arpenter, wh se home was until recently n Englewood, has been indicted on a chargin Finslewood, has been innerder by poison, Cook is now said to be in Kanaas. He will be brought back on a requirition. He is alleged to have put arsenic in some cooks. Mrs. Florence Cook, his wife, took the conco and was poisoned, it was with the

BONDS FOR MAIL CARRIERS

Uncle Sam Makes a New Deal with His Faithful Employes.

Arrangements Made Whereby the Carriers All Insure with One Concern and Get a Low Rate of Premium.

furnished the government as a guaranty of many miles north of the delta. The govern-the faithful performance of their duties frient experts, however, expect to find an

sired, either a real estate, a personal or a security company bond. About two months ago orders were received from the Washington department that in the future all carriers would be required to obtain bonds from

lowed to furnish any kind of a bond he de-

men Now all that is required is to investigate the standing of the company. While the carriers have no objection to the new plan, some of them in this city are

agitating a scheme which they consider to be still better. This is nothing more or less than the formation of a stock security company among themselves. According to this plan an assessment of \$1 is to be levied upon every member in the association, netting some \$15,000 or \$16,000. It is proposed point of view it would be a good business proposition, because the money would be kept virtually in their treasury, whereas now they have to pay out between \$7,000 and \$8,000 a year for their honds. They have to doubt of their ability to carry out such a scheme, because they are now carrying on an insurance department which pays death lesses of \$1,500 and \$3,000.

revenue office here. The other is a fireman's job in the new postoffice building. Civil secvice examinations for these positions will

be held on April 6. In the case of the position of deputy colfirst grade basis, together with exercises in stenography and typewriting. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and they must file their applications for the examinaion with Miss Coffin, secretary of the local cress on March "S. Application blanks and aformation will be furnished by Miss Coffin. Men after the firemen's job will be regrade basis, together with practical questio a n addition applicants will be graded upon their experience and character as working. Attention is called to the fact that it is the practice of the department to appoint only persons who are residents of the place where the vacancy exists. Applications for this examination must also be filed.

Today is the last day upon which appleanations in the internal revenue department the customs house, the pustoffice and other departments can be filed with Miss Coffer, the scoretary. Over 100 applications have al-ready been handed in and these will be forwarded at once to Washington by the secre It has been not ceable that the number of applicators for positions in the South

of the date upon which the examination will take place. From the fact, however, that the spe tal examinations for fireman and deputy collector are to take place on April it is believed that the other will occur on the same date, unless the Washington authorities decide that the number of applicants are too numerous to be accomnodated then. In such case other dates may

There is some doubt, also, just where the examinations will be held. There is no recom at present in the new postoffice and, therefore, the old postoffice will probably be workroom which has just been vacated by

Federal Building Notes. United States Marsha! Thummel is pre-

ommencing to wonder whether the corri dors are to be kept as dicty as those in the old building were. There are five janitors employed to keep the floor clean, but it is said that the corridors have not been scrubbed since the new building was occupled. They are covered with dirt.

February was one of the lightest months he customs port at this point has ever en-countered. Articles upon which duty, could countered. Articles upon which duty could be collected were far between. The smelting works also fell down in the amaint of metal it received. Ordinarily it gets from forty to sixty carloads a month but last month it received only about sixteen. This s due to the storms which have prevailed in

Work upon the interior finish in the up-per three stories of the new postoffice hulld-ing will be commenced some time next of Minueapolis, which has the contract, has so notified Superintendent Latenser. The contract is for \$85,000, all of which is avail-able. Contractor McCloud was backward in

ACQUITS THE INDIANA LANCHERS. Men Most Have Broke Jail and Hong

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. March 1-A special to the News from Dillaboro, Ind., says Justice Craig at Cross Plains this morning significant protest. Among the speakers was rendered a verdict acquitting Wese Hughes. Mrs. Ida B. Welle-Barnett of the anti-lynch who was charged in an affidavit filed by ing league.
Governor Mount with completty in the
Versailles lynching. Attorney General
Ketcham is enroute for indianapolis. In an

Ed. Sutt men broke jail and hung themselves."

SURVEYING WATERS OF ALASKA.

Hope to Find New Entrance to the Yukon River. WASHINGTON, March 1.- Government work in the way of reducing to record the channels, anchorages, berbors, pavigable water bodies and other important features of geography in Alaska will be carried on this summer and expedited as rapidly as possible. Superintendent Pritchett of the Coast and Geodetic survey has completed the plans for the seeson in Aleska. When the season opens Lieutenant Heim with the coast survey steamer Gedney and a steam launch will begin work in Cook's inlet. As the ice leaves the vicinity of the mouth of the Yukon river a search will be made for anchorages and harbors south of the delta and for a channel into the Kusilvak slough. This feature of the field comparing is of the greatest importance to navigation, as at gaged in filing applications with the re-present vessels entering the Yukon have to curity company for bonds which are to be follow a channel running in from a point during the coming year. All these bonds must be filed in the office of the postmaster general at Washington by April 1.

In past years each carrier has been al-Meantime a large launch will be taken in sections to St. Michaele island at the mouth of the Yukon, to be set up there in charg of Mr. Pratt, and a survey will be made of the region from Cape Dyer to St. Michaels extending inland through the various sloughs to the head of the delta. The two parties will make a comprehensive survey of the shoals lying off the river's mouth. Every effort will be made to collect material for such a chart as the growing importance of the great river demands. The lower portion of the Copper river, now becoming prominen through extensive gold discoveries, will be investigated and the practicability of it navigation deficitely determined. Other parties will make detailed examinations the Chilkoot, Taiya and Sagway passes.

ABANDONS KLONDIKE RELIEF TRIP.

Conclusion Reached that it is Not Necessary.
WASHINGTON, March 1.—The War de partment has decided to shandon its expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike country, because the conclusion has been reached that no necessity exists for it. Secretary Aiger has written a letter to Sens tor Hawley, chairman of the senate com-mittee on military affairs, explaining the department's position, and asking that congress take action by joint resolution au-thorizing the department to dispose of the supplies purchased for the expedition, in-cluding the reindeer which have just ar-rived from Norway, and to abandon the project entirely.

In his letter Secretary Alger says the

to deposit this amount in the treasury of the United States as a guaranty to make good any possible embezzlements. It is believed that the government officials will not object to the scheme. From the carriers' this effect by the Canadian minister of the interior. Later advices than those receive last December, when the expedition was decided upon, indicate, he says, that the min ers are in no danger of suffering, and he thinks the great crowds of prespectors now going in over Taiya pass will carry sufficient provisions to divide with the miners in case they need assistance.

General Alger expresses the opinion that the reindeer can be sold at a price sufficien to reimburse the government for their cost. He says he has been offered \$100 each for 100 of them. This amount is above the cost price. He also states that the Interior de-partment is auxious to take charge of the animals. He also asks for authority to sell the supplies purchased for the expedition.

The military committee met today, but did not act upon the request.

WOULD CRUSH COSTA RICA ALONE. Greater Republic Too Strong for Its

WASHINGTON, March 1 .- In the event of a war between Nicaragua and Costa Rica it s said that the alliance known as the Greater Republic would give to Nicaratus the armed strugth of Salvador and urae. The Nicaraguan army is estimated at about 8,000 men. Salvador has not mor best drilled and equipped force in Central America, numbering 50,000 men. Against these the Costa Rican army of about 5,000 ceems insignificant. But in the present calculations it a thought that Gustemals would cast its influence with Costa Rica With Gustemala for an allay the armics would be everly matched, with Nicaragia Henduras and Salvador arrayed against Gustemala and Costa Rica. The basis for he view that Guatemala may be drawn to the controversy is the fact that the taxy president of Guatemala, Senor Estrada Ca rera, was a special envoy to Costa R.: whom the latter country was in a former codiet with other Central America, states, A eady ally of Costa Rica, and it is though that Cabrera would again tuctine to the same alliance.

Memorial Tablet for Maine Victims WASHINGTON, March 1 .- The senate t tay passed the Pacon resolution for the ereicu in some suitable place in the capito f a brouze memorial tablet commemorative fithe officers and sailors who lost their live in the Maine disaster. Before the resolution was passed Socator Perkins of California nade an eloquent speech in its support an n culogy of the American navy. Senator Hoar endeavered to have a co erence committee appointed in the bank-upley bill, but Senator Stewart talked the

right of way and homestead bill came in the Appointments by the President.

WASHINGTON, March 1.- The presiden today sent these nominations to the accuse War-Lieutenant Color el William J. Volknar assistant adjutant general, to be colone nd assistant adjutant general; Major Arthu Wagner, misister t adjutant general, to s-fifth infaritry, to be major and a slatar djurant general. Interior—To be registers of land office. Interior To be registers of land offices William A. Merrill at Lamar, Col., and John

Receipts Exceed Expenditures WASHINGTON, March | 1.- The month treasury statement to be iskued today will how an expens of receipts over expenditures for the month of February of \$1.973.102.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, March 1.- Today's state ment of the condition of the treasury shows Available cash balance, \$215,561,203; gold reserve, \$107.623.182.

NEGROES ENTER SOLEMN PROTEST. Call Upon Congress to Punish Baker's

Assussius. CHICAGO, March 1.-Two thousand Afra Americans, at a mass meeting held here kest night, entered solemn protests against the recent assassination of Postmaster Frazier commencing his work, and Superintendent B. Haker and his intent stild at Lake City Laterner called him to account a few days S. C., and memorialized President McKinler and congress to take prompt action to punis the courderers. The resolution adopted celites that effective steps should be taken t pur a stop to lynching, and proper protection afforded every citizen without regard to color. The gathering was in many ways re in personnel it was a most emphatic and

Ed Sutt in is under arrest accused of rectebant is enroute for initial apolis. In an interview he stated that "It is evident from all the evidence obtainable that the five men broke jail and hung themselves."

Enrihquake in Kentucky.

PADUCAH, Ky., March 1.—A distinct but light carthquake shock was feit here at 11:30, very perceptible in the southern end of the city.

PADUCAH is enroute for initial apolis. In an burginry. It is charged that last Sunday night, together with a pai known to the police as "Doc" Hoy, he broke into the residence of Mrs. Brown 1926 South Seventhenth street, during her absence from home, and stole a fine clock. Mrs. Brown's two little boys are said to have witnessed that last Sunday night, together with a pai known to the police as "Doc" Hoy, he broke into the residence of Mrs. Brown 1926 South Seventhenth street, during her absence from home, and stole a fine clock. Mrs. Brown's two little boys are said to have witnessed that last Sunday night, together with a pai known to the police as "Doc" Hoy, he broke into the residence of Mrs. Brown 1926 South Seventhenth street, during her absence from home, and stole a fine clock. Mrs. Brown's two little boys are said to have witnessed that the police as "Doc" Hoy, he broke into the police as "Doc" Hoy, he broke int

(With obligations to last Sunday's Philadelphia Times.)

## SPECIAL YELLOW KID WAR NEWS

### SPECIAL NOON EDITION

### WAR ACTUALLY UPON US

The President Declares That We Are Now at War by the Act of Spain

### HE CALLS FOR A \$500,000,000 APPROPRIATION WITH AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A LOAN FOR THAT AMOUNT

Special Telegram to the Times,

WASHINGTON, February 26. An unusually respectable looking tramp, who received a cold breakfast at the rear of the White House this morning, has given the startling information that he was informed by the waitress who served him with the dumistick of a chicken and a piece of mince pie that she had heard the maid of Mrs. McKinley say that the president had been engaged most of the night in preparing a message to congress declaring that we are already at war by the act of Spain and calling for an appropriation of \$500,000,000, with authority to Issue a loan for that amount, and also asking prompt authority to call 500,000 men to the field.

Thus all the many rumors which have so thickly crowded the disturbed atmosphere of the capital have finally crystalized into actual war, and we are now not only apprehending war, but war is upon us, and by the act of Spain. The message of the president will go to congress on Monday morning.

#### Later Information Leaves Some Doubt as to the President's Message

Careful analysis of the information received from the White House this morning from the waitress who served the tramp with breakfast at the rear of the executive mansion throws a shade of doubt as to the extreme position reported to have been assumed by the president. It is possible that he may not in his message go to the extent of declaring that we are already at war by the act of Spain and that the appropriation be calls for may not be so large as \$500,000,000,

#### THE LATEST INFORMATION AS TO THE ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Special Telegram to the Times.

Grave doubts are expressed by those who have seen members of the cabluet as to whether the president has prepared the startling war message that was currently reported earlier in the day. It is admitted, however, that the situation is very critical and that war may come at any moment.

#### GIBRALTAR TO BE TAKEN

Its Guns to Be Turned on Spain-Three Men on Their Way to Europe to Capture the Rock

Special Telegram to the Times.

NEW YORK, February 26. gers on the liner Furst Bismarck, which left here this morning for Liverpool whose mission to Europe may result in the gravest consequences to this country. At present I do not feel justified in disclosing their identity, but every prompting of patriotism impels me to expose the desperate scheme, to the exe cution of which they have so recklessly committed themselves. In view of the gross and scandalous misstatements made by certain American newspapers, whose sole ambition appears to be the precipitation of a war with Spain, I can scarcely expect that public credence will be given my story. It is, however, absolutely true in outline, and even the details are vouched for on the swoon testimony of a half dozen of the most prominent men in Wall street.

From Marathon to Gettysburg history teems with deeds of reckless during, but during all those centuries the scheme of the three mysterious passengers of the Furst Bismarck is without parallel. This is nothing less than the capture of Gibraltar and the turning of its terrible guns upon Spain. The men engaged in this despirate venture are neither visionaries nor cranks. One is a scientist of almost world-wide reputation, another is one of the most successful manipulators of stocks in this city, while the third is a multi-millionaire, who made his fortune in the pickled herring indestry out west. Their scheme-reckless though it be is the acme of simplicieity, and unless the influence of the Britshi government secures their arrest in Europe, Gibraltar is likely to pass away from the dominion of England. Of course the capture of "The Rock" would lead to international complications, if not actual war. Federal authorities here realize this and it is likely that the Washington government will instruct its ambassador in England to have the men arrested on the arrival of the ship at Southampton,

#### OUR CONSULATE IN A STATE OF DEFENSE

General Lee Locks His Door at 12 O'Clock and Looks Out of the Window Special Telegram to the Times,

HAVANA, February 26. The exclusive news cabled by your correspondent of the fear of Spanish outrage held by American residents here since the Maine explosion can be confirmed beyond a shadow of doubt. At 12 o'clock last night I called on Consul General Lee and made the important discovery that the door was bolted. Mr. Lee was doubtless suspecting an outbreak

of poular fury and did not answer my repeated ringing of the bell for fifteen minutes, and then cautiously poked his head out of the window. His language was rude, probably from the impression that I was a Spaniard. I can on the highest authority state that the windows on the first floor were locked, and there is a strong suspicion here that the parlor furniture is used to barricade the kitchen door. This in itself shows the awful horror of the situation.

#### DECISIVE MEASURES AT LAST

#### The United States Marshal to Levy on Morro Castle and Bring Spain to Terms

Special Telegram to the Times.

Special Telegram to the Times.

WASHINGTON, February 26. The administration has made up its mind to vigorous action against Spain. It being evident a priori that the Maine was blown up by a submarine udne, the president will demand from the Spanish government an indemnity of \$500,000,000,000, payable one-half in cash and the balance in 500 year non-interest bearing bonds of the Republic of Cuba, which, it is believed, General Branco can capture from the insurgents. Should Spain refuse to pay this indempity a United States marshal will be prompily sent to Havana to levy on Moro castle, which, after being duly advertised for ten days, by posting notices of the sale in the conspicuous places on the island, one of which shall be General Blanco's door, will be sold at public auction to the highest hider for eash,

#### SAGASTA SPEAKS

His Telegram Intercepted by The Times and Given to McKinley-War at Last

WASHINGTON, February 26.

The following dispatch was received from Senor Sagasta by the Spanish minister late last night: "Will declare war tomorrow; wait for further instructions. This dispatch was called to the Atlantic Cable Telegraph company's office on E street. It was being delivered to the Spanish minister when it was stolen from him by your daring correspondent. Its contents were made known to President McKinley, who immediately called a special meeting of the cabinet. What action will be taken is not known, but the president intimated that the cabinet was unanimous for war,

#### FRANCE AIDS AMERICA

Incident in an Up-Town Church Shows How Strong is the Feeling For This Country in the Republic

A sensational incident occurred yesterday in a big up-town church after the Lenten service. The organist played a sailors' hornpipe as a recessional and the congregation not only refused to leave the church, but many of them even jumped on the seats and wept for excitement. Several women fainted, and an excited gentleman, evidently a Frenchman, caused tremendons enthusiasm by shouting, "Conspuez espagnod!" This means, in the opinion of the well informed, that there is a strong current of popular feeling in France to aid the United States in any trouble which

#### WAR NEWS FROM NEBRASKA

The State is Greatly Incensed at the Alleged Treachery of the Spaniards

Special Telegram to the Times. WHITE PLAINS, Nebraska, February 26.

Your correspondent has completed h tour of this city for the purpose of ascertaining the number of men available to take the field if war is declared. The Society for the Preservation of Titles is firmly of the opinion that there will not be war. The town is incensed at the action of the Spanish authorities in connection with the investigation of the divers of the hulk of the Maine.