United States.

SCURRILOUS PAMPHLETS CIRCULATED

Press Censor Lets Some Inflammatory Matter Go Through.

LOWER CLASSES SCOFF AT OUR NAVY

Think the Montgomery is the Biggest Vessel in the Navy.

SPANISH BUSINESSMEN ARE EXCITED

Fail to Fully Understand the Recent Drop in Values_Accident Theory of the Explosion Much

Harped Upon.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) HAVANA (Via Key West), March 13 .-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The feeling here is uneasy. The air is heavy with vague rumors and every one prays for a quick firlsh to the American inquiry court's labor. The anti-American sentiment is growing day by day. Scurrilous pamphlets increase and now some are really written by Spaniards. The censor whom General Blanco keeps to cut just such things from the local press is unable to prevent veiled threats and abuses of Americans daily to the local columns, though he does cut out reams and reams of highly inflammatory matter. The censor's waste basket is jammed full of red penciled matter written for the Havan press. Our navy is especially attacked. Even La Lucia, Havana's brightest daily, butimates that our ships are poor and that our discipline is poorer. The lower clases thought the little house tender Fern was a regular battleship and now that the Montgomery is here they are sure the cruiser must be the biggest fighting vessel left in our fleet. The suggestion was most timely that the Iowa and the New York

should steam into the harbor here for the members of the board of inquiry and to steam right out again. Of course, such yulgar ideze are not shared by the government, but it would not be gov-ernment officials who would kill Americans in a public riot. The government is allowing the local press to assume a belligerent tone. conservative paper, printed a warning to Spain to be on the alert, as Mcwas securing England's promise of non-interference in America's Cubsa policy. Certain war is foreshadowed. This was in-corporated in a Madrid dispatch which the comfor allowed a morning paper to print.

It said that although war seemed improbble, still Spain was fully prepared for it. Taken together with the recent attacks upon Captain Sigsbee, the Maine's officers, the American navy and Americans in general, these belligerent actions are very signifi-

Spanish business men are excited over the great drop in Spanish values. The published statement of the fact is qualified by a claim that the fall was caused by false news from Havana. The truth is, however, that the ment that the United States had placed ing to the fact that the Maine affair is the cause of their gravity.

ACCIDENT THEORY. dailies are still stating that the Muine ex-plosion was accidental, their theories ranging from the one generally advanced that the Maine's officers were all ashore and that the discipline aboard was indifferent to the affirmation that the rats got at matches stored in the magazine and that their nibbles detonated the sulphur and that then the ship blew up. The disclosure that the ship was broken in two is publicly acknowledged to be true in the Commerciou, a rabid Spunish hopkeepers' journal. Spanish divers have reported it, as such a paper would take no American's word touching a fact so much against the accident theory. The article begins: "But supposing the Maine's keel The article broken," and then it undertakes to show that an interior explosion did it, although acknowledging that an explosive force surely would take the course of least resistance— which would be upward. Curiously every Spanish theory is based upon an explosion of the big twenty-five-ton ten-inch maga zine. Every Havana editor sees that nothing else on board the ship could have so eaten it up. But the same men refuse to listen to the number of filled powder cases raised, even though their own divers have raised and examined just such final proofs of

while working on the ruins of the super-structure of the Maine, a large part of which still lies under the sluggish waters of Havana harbor, Diver Olsen found an un-recognizable mass of flesh, attached to which was a small patch of hair. It was the head of one of the Maine's sailors. The body to which the head belonged probably was blown to atoms. A large case of surgi-cal instruments belonging to Surgeon Hen-maserger of the Maine was found in the hills of Cabanas, haif a mile from the wreck. A the big magazine's integrity. of Cabanas, haif a mile from the wreck. A small looking glass was the only thing in it broken. The case was found by a woman, who sold it to another person for \$3, from whom it was secured by Dr. Hennuserger.

The case is worth more than \$100.

The members of the American court of in quiry are indignant at anonymous interviews ascribed to them constantly printed by the newspapers. They say the interviews mostly originate in the brains of irresponsible reporters. SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

QUIET SUNDAY SPENT IN MADRID

Press Discusses Probabilities European Alliance. (Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Com-Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-This has been a generally quiet day in political circles. The press of every shade continues to discuss the probabilities of Spain finding something substantial outside the platonic demonstrations in European press and gov-ernments. El Tiempo, the organ of the newly reorganized conservative party and of Senors Pidal Silvela, Marshal Campos and General Palavieja, again advocates for-eign alliances as the best safeguard for the Spanish colonies. El Imparcial has a severe article against alleged American pre-tensions to invade Spanish rights in Cuba, thereby virtusily menacing the rights of the interests of the European powers in the West Indies and Central America, which ought to enlist European assistance for Spain. Other papers comment in the same strain and the ministerial organs deprecate digressions on delicate matters that pa-triotic and state reasons oblige the ministers and their friends to treat with much re-serve. The welcome given the new Span-

sh minister by the president and the official world at Washington is favorably commented upon by the Madrid press.
ARTHUR E. HOUGHTON. WHY CONSUL BARKER RESIGNED

Not Propose to See Any Mor Cubana Starve to Death. HAVANA (Via Key West), March 13 .--New York World Cablegram-Special Tele-(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—"I do not propose longer to be a party to a useless sacrifice of lives." That is what Walter B. Barker, the United Blates consul at Sagua La Grande, wrote January 3, and it is the ground upon which he sent his resignation to Washington. The latest of the latest moved as the latest incident favorable some statement of th

AMERICANS INSULTED

proves that he did not resign on account of friction with General Lee, as has been reported, over the distribution of relief supplies. Sagua is a hotbed of ultra Spaniards. Thousands of Cubans have starved to death here without a helping hand from a Spanish merchant. Even the American government relief for its destitute citizens government. bas seen nothing but Cuban misery and Spanish hatred and he is sick of it. Like WAR VISSELS ABOUT READY FOR ORDERS

brave man he says so and acts so. Here is a sample of Spanish generosity i Sagua which I can vouch for: With the reconcentradoes dying like rats some Cuban women directing a children's dispensary asked ex-Mayor Noneigo, a lawyer named Badia and a merchant named Garcia for donations. These men had never given any-thing and just before that had drawn more than \$1,000 in a lottery. They contributed about \$3 worth of condensed milk. The same women asked Senor Tonalla, mayor of Santeander, and his brother-in-law for con tributions. Both men were fresh from Spain and had come to Cuba to look after the sugar estates their Cuban wives had by hunger, not by war. Starving Cuba is

blot upon civilization.
SYLVESTER SCOVEL. SPAIN WILL STAND BY ITS REPORT.

Predicts that it Will Charge an In-

ternal Explosion.

MADRID, March 13.—El Imparcial says: 'The government is momentarily expecting to receive the report of the Spanish commission which it is understood will maintain that the Maine explosion was internal. Although the American commission may give another explanation, the government energetically uphold the Spanish re-

The view held in official circles is Spain will not provoke a war, because if it did it will find itself isolated, but if America gives the provocation Spain will not be olone in the struggle. The general opinion is that in event of war Spain will not need to attack American territory. It will suffice to pursue a war of privateering. As American commerce is sevenfold greater than Spain's, American interests would suffer most. War would be madness, benefiting neither nation, and good sense therefore counsels peace.

PARIS, March 13.—The Temps says: "Spain does not deceive itself when it counts upon the sympathies, at least latent, of European governments, but it would be a governments, but it would be a for it to expect any effectual sup- i either Great Britain or the triple Before all it must rely upon mistake for it to expect any effectual sup-port from either Great Britain or the triple alliance.

publishes from its Berlin correspondent an interview with United States Ambassador White on the attitude of the United States toward Spain and the Cuban situation. Ambassador White, according to this dispatch, declared the statement that the United States had entered into an alliance with England and Japan as absolutely without foundation.

"The United States," Mr. White is reported to have said, "will never bind itself by such an alliance. President McKinley's administration cannot act against the tradi-tion which forbids all such complications in America's international relations. Least of all will it do for the sake of American interests in the far east.
"The fear of war with Spain must not be

taken too seriously. The \$50,000,000 credit is no proof that the United States intends going to war, since the government had long demanded such a credit for the purpose of harbor defense. This, however, had been

large orders with Herr Krupp, Mr. White is reported as adding: "America possesses ammunition of all kinds and war material in the government factories sufficient for every

COURT OF INQUIRY KEEPS BUSY.

Examines Ensign Powelson and eral Divers. HAVANA, March 13 .- The court of inquiry did a good deal of work today, examining Ensign Powelson and such divers of the wrecking company as have been investigating the wreck. It is said today that these divers have been released from further work of this kind and instructed to pursue their labors under the wrecking contract. The divers as heretofore, and if necessary can call again upon the civilian divers. It is thought that the court will close its labors here during the present week and will prob-ably re-examine some of the survivors of the Maine at Key West. This rumor, how-ever, is not officially verified, the members

of the court insisting that they can fix no date for the conclusion of the sessions or their departure from Havara. Everything indicates that the distribution of relief stores sent from the United States vill go forward hereafter more speedily and effectively attaining better results than

Matters appear to have reached a crisis in Matanzas yesterday where there was a want of proper preparation on the part of certain relief agents appointed from Havana, and where in view of the large daily aver-age of death it was felt that greater dispatch should have been used in delivering supplies and in arranging to have them properly cooked. But this is now assured. United States Consul General Lee and Louis Klopsch of President McKinley's special mission will hurry matters through. Everyone is gratified to learn that a famous Cathone is gratified to learn that a famous Catholic priest, who will not allow his name to be published, will give all the aid in his power to Consul General Lee and Mr. Klopsch, not only in Havana, where the suffering is much alleviated, but outside, where relief is most urgently needed

CLEAR CRAWFISH ON SPAIN'S PART

quested as Reported. Copyright, 1888, by Press Publishing Company. HAVANA (via Key West), March 13.-New York World Cablegram-Special Telegraen.)-Spain did request Consul Genera Lee's recall unofficially, it comes to light, and then denied it when the matter became public. Basing his action on General Lee's opinions regarding the farcical nature of autonomy, as has been cabled, Senor Amblard took up the cause of the autonomist cabinet, which he thought had been slighted. He wrote to his friend Moret, the Spanish colonial secretary, whom he persuaded to intimate to Washington that General Lee's recall would be agreeable to Spain. President McKinley replied vigorously that General Lee's replied vigorously that General Lee's result of the colonial secretary.

eral Lee was here to stay The general impression here is that Senor Congosto was at the bottom of the affair. He can do nothing with Lee, even by writing him decoy notes. From the moment of the disaster the Maine's officers have been disgusted with Congosto. Their messages were mysteriously held and on any matter involving a discussion between the State de-partment and the Spanish legation Congosto's telegraph somehow always got through in time for Charge d' Affaires Du Bose in Washington to rush to the State department Washington to rush to the State department and get promises which proved advantageous in gaining time for Spain when Captain Sigsbee's or Lee's advices on the same subject got to the secretary of state or navy. Neither Spaniards, Cubans nor Americars admire him. He does not seem to be the man for his important position. Aimost all General Blanco's American views are obtained through Congosto's eyes. The local press is full of reiterated seams of friendliness of McKinley to Spain. It says Senor da Boac considers the latest incident favorably closed.

SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

Minneapolis and Columbia Are All but Prepared to Sail and the Ram and Monitor Need . Only a Few Touches.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.-There was a general absence at League Island navy yard today of the unusual activity which prevailed last Sunday and the Sunday previous. A few workmen were busy about the yard brought them as dowrits. Each gave \$1.26, and aboard the ships, but their work was I have quoted these two true incidents to of a finishing up character. The Miantono and aboard the ships, but their work was show what goes on in every town in Cuba mah, Katahdin, Minneapolis and Columbia and why Cuba is already half depopulated are now all but ready to sail within a day or two if so ordered, and whatever additiona repairs may be necessary can be attended to enroute.

A few more men are needed for the Katah din and Minantonomah, and a detachment of marines under Lieutenant Fuller are expected shortly to complete the Columbia's complement.

All the war ships are coaled and have most of their stores aboard and about all that remains to be done now is to replenish their stock of ammunition. This will be done at the government magazine, a short distance below the navy yard, and the vessels will be ready for sailing at a moment's notice. The Columbia is anchored in the river and as soon as its marines arrive will steam to the magazine.

The government tug Leyden is expected

tomorrow or Tuesday and will tow a large barge load of coal to Key West. It is reported that the government is negotiating for the purchase of a number large barges in this city to be used for carrying coal and supplies.

The work of recruiting landsmen, ordinary

seamen and machinists will continue until further orders.

There has been a rush of applicants for the army and marine branches of the serv-ice all week, but the officers in charge are accepting only those who pass a most rigid examination. In consequence only a few are

of executing government work. The officials LONDON, March 13,-The Sunday Special of the Midvale steel works are always reti of the Midvale steel works are always reti-cent about work going on there, but from other sources it was learned that extra forces of men have lately been working on batteries of disappearing guns and mortars projectiles. No Sunday work is now under way.

TURN OUT CARTRIDGES. Last week an order was received there to work ten hours a day, but whatever contract was involved has probably been completed, pare for practice with them, which is expected to begin within the next ten days. average daily output of cartridges there is 48,000 rounds, but during the ten-hour day this could be increased by from 8,000 to 10,000. It is the only arseral in the United Stales where shell ammunition is made. The number of employes has been gradually in-creased of late to from 600 to 700 workmen.

At the Schuylkill arsenal nothing was going on. This arsenal merely makes cloth ing and tents for the regular army and sometimes for the state militia, and it em-ploys about ninety persons.

There was work today at Cramps' ship

NEWPORT, R. I., March 13.—The tug Leyden left the torpedo station at 12 o'clock today for League Island navy yard with tor pedo outfits of twenty projectiles for the cruisers Minneapolis and Columbia and the torpedo boat Rodgers. The tug has been de ached from this station and will here-

EL RENO, Okl., March 13.—No orders for the immediate movement of troops have been received as far as known at either Fort Sill or Fort Reno, Okl. The troops at bo points, however, are prepared to move at a moment's notice, having been placed on orders last week. There is no artillery stu-

tioned at either of the territory forts.
BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 13.—The Beth lehem Iron company has received orders to push all government, work as yet unfinished on the 100 ten-inch and twelve-inch guns chanics in all departments is working nigh

KANSAS CITY, March 13.-A special the Times from Junction City, Kan., says The three butteries of artillery ordered from Fort Riley to the south are ready to start but a message received here today states that Lieutenant Charles G. Great, ordnane officer of the post, who was on a furlough in New York, cannot reach home before Tuesday night and hence the guns and am-munition cannot be taken away until he releases them. He was telegraphed yester ever, though there are many rumors affoat there is no reason to believe that the artil-lery will be moved before at least the middle of the week, and probably not until Fri-day, as at first stated. Each battery has been expected to take with it a full supply

of ammunition.
ATLANTA, Ga., March 18.—Orders wer eceived here tonight by the master me canics of all the railroads entering the city chanics of all the railroads entering the city to have every engine steamed up and ready for use at a moment's notice. All round-houses in the yards are lighted up tonight, and a full force of men is at work—a very unusual thing for Sunday night.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 13.—The powder works of the E. I. Dupont-De Nemours company are now working day and night on a government order for hexagonal powder for the big gups. Until a day or two area.

for the big guns. Until a day or two ago only the day force was at work, but it is said that orders from Washington ne tated the employment of a night force. In addition some of the buildings are being cularged and more machinery is being put in. There are twenty-six grinding mills on the place and these are now all running.

The daily capacity of the works is said to be ten tons of hexagonal powder. Work is also said to be hurried at the company's also said to be hurried at the company's a sensation.

plant in New Jersey, near Gibbstown. PLANNING TO MOVE TROOPS. WASHINGTON. March 13.—The govern-ment is perfecting its plans to make the movements of troops to the coast defenses, orders for which were issued by the War

A conference was held here today by rep-resentatives of the following railroads to arrange for the transportation of light artillerymen and their accoutrements: The At-lantic Coast line, the Southern railroad, the

Chio.

It was said that companies of artillerymen, consisting of about sixty men each, would be transferred from Fortress Monroe to the following points: Fort Caswell, on the Cape Fear river, Georgia, to Tybee, near Savannah; to Fort Morgan, Dear Mobile, and to Sheridan's Point, on the Potomac. It was said also that a company would be moved from Fort McHenry, Baltimore, to some point on the Delaware river rear Philadelpoint on the Delaware river, rear Philadel-phia. The government wanted, it was de-clared, the arrangements perfected by to-morrow or Tuesday at the latest. morrow or Tuesday at the latest.

No bids have been asked for regarding the transportation of heavy guns, and it was understood that the men were to be carried to the different points simply to man the batteries. It is not known when the contemplated changes will take place.

Secretary Long tonight made the statement that the matter of the purchase of the two Brastilian ships had not been settled.

READING, Pa., March 13.—The promise of a contract for projectiles amounting to over \$1,000,000 to the Carpenter Steel works bept the entire plant in unusual activity leavy. Werk was prached all day in the main

plant, and in the erection of the three new buildings begun resterday, and in getting the Diamond Steel works which have been BRUTAL WORK OF FOOTPADS re-leased into running order. Masons, car-penters, machinists, steel melters and mak-ers, and a score of other classes of work-men were on duty, and id two weeks the company will have an increased plant to double the present capacity, and will prob-ably employ 750 mcg. More shipments will be made tomorrow by order of government officia's.

OMAHA MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1898.

TELESCOPES FOR LARGE GUNS. CLEVELAND, O., March 13.—Warner & Swasey of this city are filling a large order for the government for telescopes to be used on heavy guns for sighting purposes. They are also at work on a new model of a range fatter, which will be ready for shipment to Fort Monroe, where it will be tested within a few days. The inventor of perintending the construction,

The Otis Steel company of this city is also filling a government order for deckplates for cruisers.
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 13.—Plans for the placing of submarine mines in Porte-mouth harbor bave been mapped out and a large force of men has been at work near the fortifications all day. It is said these mines will be of little use, owing to the great depth of water in the river, there being over ten fathoms in the channel from the entrance at Newcostle to within a short dis-

tance of the navy yard. Hundreds of men have visited the navy yard during the last week to enlist, but as there is no collistment bureau here valuable men have been lost to the navy. A request will be forwarded at once to the Navy de-partment for the establishment of such a station for the enlistment of men from Maine, New Hampehire and Vermont. TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 13.—From all

rejorts coming into the adjutant general's office here and letters from commanders of companies, it is learned that the Florida state troops are now recruited up to the full legal standard, with offers of crough men to put 3,000 more in the field in a week. In put 3,000 more in the field in a week. In Tampa and Jacksonville especially the war fever is strong and the commanders of com-panies there, both infantry and artillery, re-port offers of hundreds beyond their needs. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 13.—Light battery K, First artillery, was today re-called from the target range at Kerrville and ordered to Galveston. The battery had just reached the range after a march of three days and without giving the men or horses more than a day's rest has started on the return. The order was issued by Genrigid eral Graham, commoder of the department,

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 13.-Fort Pick-ens, which guards the entrance to the harbor on the east side, is the scene of great activity just now. It is considered one of the strongest of the old style forts in the on Santa Rosa island, the fort will be able to do effective work when they reach the channel. The big disappearing guns are now in position and it is learned that the troops Large quantities of ammunition have been received at the fort and more is on the way. The Pensacola division of the militia have just received from the government a splendid Hotehkiss rapid-fire gun and a full outfit of cutlasses, ammunition, etc., and they are ready to begin practice.

KAISER'S BREAK NOT CONFIRMED. Report of It Stimulates Speculation

in Madrid. LONDON, March 14-The Madrid cor-There was work today at Cramps' ship LONDON, March 14. The Madrid cor-yard, but it was on the new Kiondike steamers, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Nothing of the Berlin correspondent of La Corre-was being done on the battleship Alabama spondencia de Espana, that Emperor William at a private dinner last week declared that "so long as William II is the German emperor the United States shall not themselves of Cuba," is not confirmed. The

correspondent, however, adds:
"The report has stimulated speculation Madrid as to the support Spain is likely to receive there (Berlin). This speculation. however, is marked by an inability to distinguish properly between moral sympathy and material assistance, so that the slightest hint of good will thrown out by foreign newspapers or diplomatists is clutched at as an earnest of impending alliance. the prevailing conjectures are very wild and appear to be based on no concrete informa-

Impossible.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 13 .- The steamer Amur, from Fort Wrangel, reports that the Stickeen route to the Klondike is a failure weather there is slush on the ice and it is impossible to make any progress. The re-port that the steamer Collage City is again ashore is without foundation. It was seen at Mary's island by the Amur seeking shelter from the storm. It should arrive to-

SEATTLE, Wash., March 13.—The steamer Noyo, from Alaska, brought down several of the crew of the steamer Whitelaw, which was destroyed by fire at Skagway. Among its passengers was B. J. Robinson, who came from Fort Wrangel. His feet were badly frozen and it was found on his arrival to be necessary to amputate both above the

The plan for sending worth the government reindeer has again been changed. Captain Robinson was notified today that the entire herd would be sent to Pyramid harbor, together with all the Laplanders.

Kruger Resorts to Threats. PRETORIA, March 13 .- Judge Koutz, who was recently removed from his office as chief African republic by President Kruger, but who disputes the president's power of removal under existing law, has declared, while addressing a deputation that waited upon him, that while the case of the American engineer, R. F. Brown, who sued the government with reference to certain claims at Wiferteless. ng at Witfontein, was proceeding, and before judgment had been given in his favor in the high court, President Kruger in an interview with him (the judge) threatened him with dismissal unless he obeyed the Volkstrad resolution. This statement has caused y's

Issues Cartridges to Troops LONDON, March 14.-The war office, the Daily Mail announces this morning, has issued 100 rounds of ball cartridges to every volunteer in the kingdom in addition to the

Victoria Arrives at Cemies. LONDON, March 13.—Queen Victoria arived at Cemies today. Her majesty is in her usual health.

PEKIN, March 13.-France, it is said, intends to occupy Let Chau in the Quan Tung peninsula north of Hal Nan, as a

Varney's Condition is Serious. CAMDEN, N. J., March 13.—T. P. Varney campen, N. J., March 13.—T. P. Varney, the retiring city cierk, who was beaten and thrown out of the council chamber Friday afternoon by followers of the committee of 100 when transfer of the municipal government occurred, is in a serious condition. His physicians say he has been injured internally, and they have grave fears as to the result. No arreats have been made, but Mr. Varney's friends are busy gathering evidence for the prosecution of the ringleaders of the assault.

Movements of Geon Vessels, March 18
At New York-Arrived-Norge, from Copenhagen; Mississippi, from London; La Nermandie, from Hawre.
At Bouthampton-Arrived-Pesidrichs der Grosse, from New York for Breinen.
At Liverpoo!—Arrived-Umbria, from New York. Salied-Roumanian, from Glasgow for Philadelphia.
At Queenstown-Salied-Campania, from Liverpool for New York.

Unnecessary Violence Used to Secura a Victim's Money.

CHARLES PEERMAN VICIOUSLY BEATEN

Knocked Down with a Sandbag and Kicked Into Unconsciousness by Thieves, Who Lenve Him in the Mud.

An assault and robbery of unnecessary brutality was committed upon Charles Peerman Saturday night about 10:30 o'clock. Peerman was struck with a sandbag as he was crossing a vacant lot from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street, where the latter forms the east boundary of Charles, and he lay for three hours unconscious in the mud. He was robbed of \$12.

Peerman is the engineer in charge of the Nebraska Clothing company's block on Fifteenth and Farnam streets, where he is on duty until 10 o'clock at night. Saturday night he received his week's wages, amounting to \$12, and had the check cashed at a cigar store a few doors east of Fifteenth on Farnam street. After his work was done he started "directly home to 1551 North Eighteenth street, where he lives with his wife and baby. When he had half crossed the shortcut leading from Sixteenth to Charles street two men appeared a short distance behind and told him to stop. Peerman had turned about half way around when one of the men struck him on the back of the head with a sandbag. Peerman was not disabled, but sprang at one of his assailants, whom he observed to be a negro, and seized him by the throat. His companion again struck Peerman, however, and he fell to the ground bearing the colored man with him. The second robber took this opportunity to kick Peerman on the head and back until he was unccuscious. He says he kept his grasp of the negro's throat until he lost consciousness

HIS CALL FOR HELP.

Peerman lay in this condition half submerged in mud and water until 2 o'clock yesterday morning. When he finally re-gained consciouences he heard wheels pacsing on Sixteenth street, 100 feet away. He called, but did not succeed in attracting anycone's attention. After an interval anothe conveyance passed and the driver heard Peerman's shouts. It proved to be a lack driver, and Peerman asked him for help. The driver had some fear that the speaker was a footpad trying to lure him into troubl and he ecceluded he would notify a police man rather than venture into the dark lot himself. He met two officers at Cuming street and took them back with him.

They found Peermrs in a serious condi-tion. He was still dazed from the blows on his head and the kicks in his back, which semed to have paralyzed his limbs. He was unable to stand and the officers carried him Iripping with mud and water, to his home His back was a mass of bruises and he he was reported considerably better and had regained the use of his limbs so that no serious results are feared.

HE WOULD KNOW THEM. Peerman says that he could readily rec

ornize the negro with whom he fought. Both the men were above the middle height and neither wore an overcoat. They were poorly dressed and made no effort to conceal their features. No guns were in eight, but the is money pearably before he was assaulted. Though the robbery was reported at the colice station at once no account of it was given out.

TELLS HIS PEOPLE OF HIS TRIP. Favors Annexation.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13 .- By the steamer China, which arrived today, the Hawailan correspondent of the Associated Press sends the following from Honolulu,

President Dole returned to Honolulu on the morning of March 4. After a cabinet meeting held immediately upon his arrival he was interviewed by an Associated Press reporter. He spoke very frankly on matters pertaining to his mission to Washington. "Yes, I shall be very glad indeed to tell the people anything I know relative to an-nexation," said the president.

"The Maine disaster absorbed the attention of the statesmen in Washington previ-ous to my departure for Hawaii. When that has quieted down I believe Hawaiian annexation will be paramount in congress. When I was in Washington I met many friends of Hawali. They feel confident that annexation will come. While there was loubt whether the treaty would secure the was the consensus of opinion that a joint place much reliance in what was told me by senators and congressmen who are fight-ing for Hawali, for I know them to be work-

ing faithfully and earnestly." president was asked. "When I was in the American capital I learned that he always opposed annexation, although he has made no demonstration

against the treaty. 'My impression of President McKinley Well, I will reply that it is extremely favor-able. I found him to be an unassuming frank and sterling man. He semes to hav heart and soul in the annexation treaty. "Our reception was extremely cordial and hospitable. All along the line to and from Washington throngs of people came to see me. We shook hands and in many instances I was obliged to speak briefly from the car platform. It was from these people that I gathered the impression that Uncle Sam's adoption of Hawaii was the popular senti-ment throughout the land."

The natives on the island of Maul are in

a state of considerable excitement, caused by the rivalry between the Kahului Railroad company and the native railroad line, con-structed in the interests of the Spreckels-ville plantation. The employes of the latter, it is alleged, tore up the track of the Kahului company to cross its line. The work was performed on the night of March 1 by about 300 workmen, it is said, working under the direction of the plantation man-agement. It is believed the government will act in the matter, as the rails of the newly mission not having been obtained for the

It is understood that the object of the line is to obtain a seaport terminal where the output of the Spreckelsville plantation can be landed, to connect with the new steamer line running in its interest. Elitherto the sugar has been shipped over the Kahulul line in order to reach the scaport. The plantation railroad will run clear to the sea, where a steel wharf, which was built in Scotland and which is now enroute here. will be placed in position in the harbor of Captain James A. King, minister of the interior, left on the Mariposa for a trip to the Australian colonies to benefit his health.

Thinks Spain Will Fight. AUSTIN, Tex., March 13.-Judge Dinsmore of Sulphur Springs, Tex., who was con sul general to Havana under Presiden Cleveland, was here today and expresse himself quite freely on the Maine disaster and its probable horrible results. Judge Dinamore is well acquainted with the Span-Dinamore is well acquainted with the Spanish character and in case it is shown that the wreck of the Maine was the result of an accident, to which the Spanish government was not a party, he believes the Spanishs will declare war before they will agree to pay the indemnity the United States government is liable to demand of Spanish

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA.

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11 a. m..... 51 12 m..... 53

SENATOR PROCTOR NONCOMMITTAL

Pleased with the Loyalty Shown by the Southern People.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 13.-Senator Proctor passed through Charlotte this moni-

ing and took breakfast at the eating house

here. He talked freely except on the sub-

jects of Spain and the probability of war.

He said that the most gratifying thing he

met with on his trip was the splendid conduct and spirit of the southern people. He

felt that it was worth the total cost of all preparation for war to demonstrate what a

sterling loyal spirit was cherished through-out the south as he had seen it.

out the south as he had seen it.

He said he had gathered some facts, but did not know just what bearing they might have on the present situation. He would have to find out the situation at home before he could even judge fairly of the knowledge he had gained co the trip.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Scrator Proctor of Vermont and his companion. Colonel

tor of Vermont and his companion, Colonel Myron M. Parker, who have been spending

some time in Cuba, returned to Washington

tonight at 10:35. Senator Proctor was met at the station by friends and was driven

cuss his trip at present and that further than

the best coucse.

to comment the good work Miss Clara Bar-

stration of affairs there.
"The matter of his recall," he said,

Colonel Parker spoke guardedly. He said,

PREACHES A PATRIOTIC SERMON.

church this morning and listened to a ser-

mon by Dr. Hugh Johnson, which dealt at

some length and quite directly with the

situation for his text and during his dis-

"One thing is certain, we shall not have

it. The dignity and honor of the nation shall

volved in_a deadly strife.
"Secure from invasion, with inexhaustible

soldiers into the field, and cover the seas

bankrupt nation that cannot even subdue

of the world in arms and we shall shock

"But this power is controlled by intelli-

gence, patriotism and Christian principle, and only stern duty to humanity and civi-

lization, just relations with our fellow men.

the dogs of war. Desiring and praying for

peace, let us hope that the extert and vigor

of these war preparations will avert the conflict and assist the cause of peace."

HUNTINGTON AND NEW DRY DOCK.

Southern Pacific Magnate Will Pro-

CINCINNATI, March 13 .- A special to the

Commercial-Tribune from Newport News,

owner of the Newport News Shipbuilding

and Dry Dock company, has given instruc-

structed after the most modern ideas and

north of the present dock, which is now the largest in American waters, although

new dock will be the largest on the conti-

PLOT BY SPANISH OFFICERS

Contact.

SIOUX CITY, March 13.-(Special Tele-

rram.)-In a private letter to his sister.

Mrs. Walter Strange of Sioux City, Leo

Redding, the New York Herald's correspond-

ent at Havana, says: "I have information absolute and incontrovertible that the Maine

absolute and incontrovertible that the Maine was blown up by means of a sunken mine fired by means of contact, not by wire. It was, we believe, though we do not know it, planned by petty Spanish officers. The situation in this city is critical. The Spaniards hate and despise us. On the surface everything is quiet, but below bell is boiling. We hope the American government will decide to wage war for national honor. As I stood by the graves of the dead men

As I stood by the graves of the dead men with Captain Sigebee I knew that the men had been murdered and that the same hand that sent them to a horrible death might quickly be turned against us."

Wealthy Man Shoots Himself, NEW YORK, March 13.-Adam Doltt, 76 years old, a wealthy resident of White-stone, L. L. killed himself tonight by shoot-

mentioned there during his visit.

Resorts to Many Subterfuges Simply to 6 p. m..... 57 7 p. m..... 52 Gain Time.

WANTS TO PUT OFF DAY OF RETRIBUTION

of Its Boarl of Inquiry to Bs Delayed.

N DIVERS ARE DOING LITTLE WORK

Discover One Thing and Officers Give Out Another.

NTERNA TIONAL BOARD MAY INVESTIGATE

That Would Take Many Weeks and Meantime the Poor Reconcentradoes Will All Have Starved to Death.

Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) HAVANA (Via Key West), March 13 .-New York World Cablegram-Special Teleat once to his residence.

Senator Proctor said to an Associated Press reporter that he did not desire to disgram.)-The United States naval court of inquiry upon the cause of the destruction of the Maine will force a demand by Spain for an international investigation, and from on was doing in Cuba he had said nothing the delicacy of its own position the Amerin the way of an interview.
Colonel Parker said to an Associated ican court must favor it officially as welcoming an expert examination of its own Press reporter:
"We went to Sagua La Grande, Mutanfindings.

zas, Cientuegos and Artemisia, province of Pinar del Rio. I was with Senator Proctor has been all one way. One by one the The mass of testimony sworn to before it most of the time.

"The stories of the amount of suffering hypotheses from conservative members to a The stories of the amount of suffering in the island of Cuba have not been exaggerated. It is intense over every portion of the island. The reconcentrados are gathered in the villages, where they can be seen in all their pitiable aspects. It is perhaps of their findings have been reasoned out graphically and clearly on paper by expert greater in Matanzas than elsewhere. constructors, also of the navy. There seems "What impressed me most, and what would to be no possibility of misconstruing their doubtless impress any visitor to Cuba, is report if it is not modified in obedience to the utter desolation of the island.

"Miss Barton is doing great work among comes out in full without modification, any the reconcentrades and is to be praised for her heroic efforts in that direction. We were well treated by the Spaniards."

were well treated by the Spaniards."
In answer to the queetion es to what in his mind should be done to put an end to the awful suffering. Colonel Parker would not commit himself, but said significantly that he had no doubt this government would take of a uselessly destructive Cuban revolution, and they look to our Navy department for He commended most highly the action pursued by Consul General Lee, who he said was a man fitted for this place in every respect from what he had seen of his adminis prepared already, shows the contrary, the "The matter of his recall," he said, men themselves frankly admit that the "reached there just a little before the contradiction, and was not credited it was denied that his return to this country was to of the ship points. They endorse the wanted."

In answer to a question as to whether the blown in two and thus confirm the fact that impression prevailed in Hayana that the Maine was destroyed by external influence, explosive force from the outside.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.

The Spanish divers worked late Friday night about the protruding bottom plates where the bow ought to be. The day before they reported finding the Maine's ram on the prot side pointing away from the wreck. Friday they "thought" they found the bow intact—ram and all—in its proper, relative position. Their float is now within float. however, that the same impression prevailed there as it did here. There was little or no war talk, and the De Lome incident was not Washington Pastor Has the President position. Their float is now within fifteen further examining it. The Spanish officers Kinley occupied his pew at the Metropolitan official sketch of divers' operations Friday shows the ram in its proper position-exactly contrary to the reports of their own em-ployes. Our naval experts think the ram lies as I cabled, but that it is presible that problem which most thoroughly engrosses the president's mind. He took the Spanish Spanish divers have mistaken a portion of the upper part of the boat for the heavy ram. It has about the same slope and, as stated, probably was blown off the starboard from the solid steel of the ram. This would place it in about the proper relative position.
I report findings of the Spanish divers acbe upheld and American loyalty remain un-tarnished as ever. But the calm and firm cording to what they really are, and not what their officers report. It is but just, however, to state that they really think attitude of the chief executive assures us that neither by prejudice, passion, popular clamer nor ambition will this nation be intoday that the Maine's bow is intact and in line. But tonight they may discover their error. Much depends on the real position of the ram. If it is in line with the intact portion of the wreck the theory of exterior wealth and resources, with a people full of the martial spirit and able to put 10,000,000 explosion, of course, would not be disproved nor really weakened, but if it is found out of line any small boy could know that something must have hit the Maine on the port 20,000 to 30,000 ragged, ill-fed and poorly equipped Cuban insurgents? Or from an alside and smashed it in two ways from the shock. The Spanish divers now at work are not naval men but the more experienced hands of the local harbor commission, who liance with France and all the Latin na-tions against us? 'Come the three concerns operate regularly in these foul, obscure waters. They soon found the big forward turret in the mud under the wrecking tug derritt, where it was hurled away to star-board on the night of the explosion. They admit that its top is intact. This forever does away with the theory that the big magazine exploded, for the turrets sat di-rectly over the powder and had that exploded its comparatively thin top would have gone

sky high. The Spanish inquiry board expects to take more than a month to finish its investigation of the wreck. Their men work about one a day, and not hard then, but the American court of inquiry has all the evidence it needs.

The position of the ram was the keystone to the arch of evidence which frames the flaming words "Mine or torpedo,"

Va., says: Collis P. Huntington, principal SPARRING FOR WIND. The Spanish policy, it is known, will be anything to gain time to give autonomy tood the starving Cuban pacificos longer time to die; to put off the day of national apology and heavy indemnity as long as possible. tions to commence work on the mammoth dry dock at once. This determination on the multi-millionaire's part is the result of a conference held in Washington last week between his lieutenant, Calvin B. Orcutt, president of the shipbuilding company, and Secretary Long. Mr. Hantlegton will accept The Spanish government now expects, as I am informed, to delay the work of its divers and the operations of its inquiry until into no subsidy from the government. He will furnish the \$1,000,000 or more, if necessary, to build the dock and will keep in close answers to which would require further vestigation by an American be build new season would then be too unhealtherent; \$2.40 touch with his aides from San Francisco, where he will go in a few days. The dock will be, when completed, 900 feet in length and ninety feet in breadth. It will be conmen to work or our ships to stay 1 to sooutd than a few days at a time. Finally, 10 sooutd than a few days at a time. Finally, 1000 (as has already been decided by the Spanish government) the two commissions report diversely, Spain will demand an international board of conservative slowness. Eventually the verdict should be "an evidence or the state of t will be capable of receiving two of the largest battleships at one time. It is understood that 1,000 men will be employed at once to push the work to completion. All the verdict should be "an outside cause." Then Spain would pay after months of postponements and excuses. All this would take at least six months and time is just what Spain has secured for three years of Cuban of the necessity soundings have been made and the material will be ordered at once. The site for the new basin will be directly starvation. She still wants it—and needs it worse every day. The insurgents refused to be seduced by an autonomy so farcial that the majority of its own officers ask for radlacking a few feet of being able to receive the first class battleships of the navy. The ical changes, and its bitterest opponents, the volunteers, are being decorated by Spain in-

stead of being disarmed.

SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

Waive Questions of Indemnity. LONDON, March 14.—The Daily News, commenting this morning on its Washington correspondent's report that President Mc-Kirley's intimate friends believe him in

Kinley's intimate friends believe him in favor of waiving all questions of indemnity providing Spain will accept America's friendly mediation in Cuba, says;

"Such a solution will be the best for all parties. If Spain is not able to manage her own colonies, they must be managed for her. That, and no straining of the Monroe doctrine, is the source of American feeling against Spain. There will be no disgrace or discredit in accepting friendly mediation of a power with so ambitions or designs of its own to gratify. If President McKinley can find a way out of the imbroglio he will earn the gratitude of the United States, Spain, Cuba and mankind."

lows Arrives at Key West KEY WEST, March 13.-The battleship Iowa arrived from the Tortugas this morn's g and is anchored off here. The torpedo boat Dupont sailed this morning with mail and dispatches for the fleet at Tortugas. It will relieve the torpedo beat Porter, new at the Tortugas.