House Will Consider Measure to Care for

Maine Victims.

FIXES A DATE WHEN IT SHALL BE CALLED

Follows the Postoffice Appropriation

Bill, Which is now Under Con-

sideration, Debate Closing

Today.

WASHINGTON, March 15.-The house

survivors of the Maine disaster as soon as

the postoffice appropriation bill, which was

office bill members eagerly took advantage of

Messrs. Griggs (dem., Ala.) and Walker

cotton industry, and Mr. Tawney (rep.,

taken up today, is out of the way.

accordingly covered a wide range.

the bill required unanimous consent.

Mr. Loud objected.

out of the way.

MR. LOUD OBJECTS.

Loud, "and ask that it be stricken from the

It was finally arranged by ununimous con-

time ago that he would today call up the immigration tall. He asked what the par-

During the general debate on the

At a great expense we have engaged Mr. Torayo Katow, of Tokio, Japan, who will be with us for two weeks beginning Monday, March 21, during which time he will give Free Lessons in Embroidery and Art Needle Work. Mr. Katow is a thorough artist in his line and we cordially invite all ladies who are interested to take advantage of

this opportunity. Ladles' House Wrappers-

The call has always been made for a wrapper made full enough to even walk in.

goods.

yard



Some are made hardly wide enough for that. We carry a very pretty calico wrapper, properly made, FOUR YARDS WIDE, for \$1.09 EACH. Think of that.

Tallor Made There is always an impression that Suitshonest goods are higher priced than dishonest

They are sometimes-in the long runnever. No article of apparel shows so plainly its defects, "if it has any," than the tailor made suit. We would not advertise ours if they were not black cotton ABSOLUTELY PERFECT. Some suits make a woman handsomer, some don't. If you will only take the trouble to examine ours critically you will readily see the difference bewill readily see the difference be-tween ours and the common kind sold

everywhere. Perfect tailor made suits at \$11.50, \$13.50, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$35.00. Cotton Some items Wash Goods —of interest.

Satin stripe Zephyr glaghams, new plaids and stripes, nothing finer in wash goods, for walsts, at 45c per yard. Fine Zeptyr ginghams at 12½c, 15c, 18c High novelty corded and looped effects Scotch Zephyr ginghams at 35c per yard. Cotton covert cloth at 121/2c, 18c per

New Colored It is time to plan Dress Stuffs—for the new spring dresses.

New Popline, 85c to \$1.50.

The Spanish inquiry enoves slowly.

divers are not experienced in technical work and are ignorant of the construction

of modern battleships. The reports cannot be trusted as reliable, for even if inspection

had not demonstrated an external initial ex-

plosion, they are not competent to explain the conditions of the different plates. The engineer in charge of the divers says he will

gations, to make a final and comprehensiv

RELIEVING THE RECONCENTRADOES

Measures Taken to Reach Those is Interior of Island.

HAVANA, March 15 .- Up to 10 o'clock this

the death of Mrs. Thurston, wife of Senator

on board the American yacht Anita at Sagua la Grande. The Anita left that place at

midnight with the body and the congres-

Relief Commissioner Klopsch is develor

ing great activity in pushing the work of

relieving the destitute all over the island,

For that purpose he is taking steps to establish relief headquarters at Pinar del

Rio, Matanzas, Cardenas, Sagua la Grande Cienfuegos, Trioldad, Manzanillo and San-

tiago de Cuba, so as to provide for more prompt aid for those who are suffering in

the small towns in the laterior of the

ing statistics regarding the reconcentradoes

twenty days and greatly improve their gen

the Spanish residents of Mexico, will visit

present the Spanish government with a war ship of the same size as the Vizeaya.

Spanish troops to the number of 1,400 ar-

rived here today from Spain. Senor Rafael Arazosa, a prominent resident of this place,

at each of the towns mentioned, so as to

relief workers to send the quan-

also

collect

commissioner is

tity of food needed daily.

may be armed as a war ship.

SOBRAL UNBURDENS HIS

Pictures a Panie When Sailing

Spanish Ships Was Announced.

MADE'D, March 15.-Lieutenant Com

mander Sobral, the former naval attache

of the Spanish legation at Washington, in

an interview at Barcelona on his arrival

there is quoted as saying he is convinced

that "President McKinley, who is a correct president, and the government of the United States do not wish for war and will resist

Continuing, Lieutenant Sobral remarked: "Thoughtful Americans also oppose war,

which is solely desired by the adventurers

and agitators who compose the jingo party. The majority of the house of representatives

composed of men of no prestige and of the education who regard politics as a

trade and who would have already voted

the jingo proposals if they had not en-countered the strength of character of Presi-dent McKinley, whose authority is dicta-torial. Serious opinion of the country.

composed of business men, dreads war with Spain, which they believe would be a verit-

able misfortune, as shown by the fact that

the new Spanish squadron had hardly started

for American waters when a panic seized all commercial and industrial centers.

'The jingo campaign is fomented chiefly

study for the defense of Spain.

sional party for Key West.

himself at the close of the investi

GEORGE BRONSON REA.

Many of the novelties do not tarry long enough for a mention-in some only a single dress pattern-here to day, gone tomorrow Coverts, 75c to \$1.75.

New Whipcords, \$1.00 to \$1.35. New Melanges, 85c to \$1.50. The newest of the new shades in dress febrics is called "Jean Blue. We have

Men's gray mixed | New ton underwear,

A very good garment for early spring wear. Price 50c a garment. Agents for the famous "Stuttgarter" sanitary underwear for men. We have them in medium weight, all wool, also wool and cotton mixed. Men's fancy mixed half hose in dark

color, 15c a pair. Mens plain black and plain tan half hose, double sole, heel and toe, 20c a pair.

Mens fast black half hose with un-bleached sole, 25c a pair.

Corsets—Tuxedo, made of imperial jean, in

sudden hips, made of light blue and pink batiste, lace trimmed with rib-

bons, at \$1.25 each.

Children's black ribbed hose, absolutely fast color, 15c a pair. Women's fast black cotton hose, plain, with ribbed tops and also with maco soles, 35c, 3 pair for \$1.00.

Ladies' ribbed fleeced lined vest, finished seams, very good quality, 25c Extra fine quality, 35c, 3 for \$1.00, and

Patterns—or (Queen of Fashion) for April;

Boys' Waists-Boys' percale waists,

Boys' blouse waists 50c each.
Boys waists made of best quality print,
medium and light color, 25c each.

Grenadines and

Will be much used this season; a brief mention of the few. New plaids, new stripes, new figures. New Bayaderes, in all black and black agreed today to consider the bill for the rewith a dainty mixture of color, all lief of the legal heirs of the victims and very new.

Draperies-For spring.

The bright, new and pretty Swiss ma-terial for curtains, just the thing for cottage and country house chambers, inches wide, with embroidered the latitude allowed in committee of the

36 inches wide figured and striped, at 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c per yard. 45 inches wide at 25c and extra fine at 45c per yard. Ready made ruffled Swies curtains at \$1.00 per pair.

per yard. Guilded crepe for throws and mantel decorating in a large variety of colors, Hawalian islands. 29 inches wide, at 121/2c per yard. Fancy percales at 10c and 121/2c per

Maid's A new lot of Caps - maid's caps,

at 15c and 20c each. Misses caps 15c each. One of these dainty caps with a simple white apron, gives your maid that neat appearance which is always so

Notions—We carry a correct line of dress findings and dress bindings.

Peather bone, light, elastic and durable. Waist bone at 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c per yard. Skirt bone at 5c per yard. Piping bone, for cording skirts, 3c per

Dress stays at 5c, 10c and 20c per set. Skirt bindings at 6c, 7c, 8c and 9c per

Muslin Underwear-We are offering for the week, a



At 25c and 30c lace embeddered and hemstitched trimmed, of the most cor-Also embroiderey trimmed coreet covers

in very desirable styles at 18c, 3 for 50c, best value ever shown. Embroidery trimmed gowns in the lat

speaker's table and could be called up at any time when a privileged matter was not before the house On motione of Mr. Loud the house then

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO. its provisions briefly. It carried \$98,962,300, being \$958,304 less than the estimates and \$3,296,962 more than the appropriations for the current means of

Mr. Bromwell (rep., O.) made an extended against the appropriation for special mail facilities from Boston to New Orleans. GRIGGS REFENDS THE SOUTH.

Mr. Origgs (dem., Ga.) contributed some remarks on the mooted question advanced by the cotton manufacturers of the north and south to prove that the advantages of the latter were not due to the longer hours of labor. He predicted that the south in the near future would manufacture as well ships, where they could be had and at what as grow the cotton crop of the world. He price was talked over, but without coming

to reduce wages temporarily; we may have to lose some departments of our industry permanently; but we glory in this southern competition because it shows the cementing of the common country we love so well.

floor and replied to a speech by Mr. Johnson (rep., Ind.) several weeks ago against the annexation of the Hawaiian islands Tawney was warmly congratulated when he At 5:10 p. m. the house adjourned.

TAKES UP THE QUARANTINE BILL

eral calendar the senate began the consideration of the measure providing for a national system of quarantine. Little beyond the reading of the bill was accomplished, some desultory discussion arising on an amendment offered by the committee, but no prog-

Mr. Gear, chairman of the Pacific railroads committee, called up a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to effect an adjust-ment between the United States and the Sloux City & Pacific Railway company in re-lation to bonds issued by the United States in aid of the construction of the railway, and asked that it be passed.

During the speech of Colonel Graham, prodemon of politics has entered this case

provide for a monument to mark the site of the Fort Phil Kearney massacre; to extend the uses of the mail service, the plan being to adopt the return postal card of the United States Beonomic company; for the purchase of land and the construction thereon of an asylum for insane Indians near Canton, S. D., at a cost not exceeding \$75,000, and to authorize the president to appoint and retire David McMurtrie Gregg, late captain of the Sixth United States cavalry, with the rank and grade of captain. national quarantine bill, the un-

amendment:

Nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with the right of any state to protect its citizens from infectious or contagious diseases by such rules and regulations as the authorities of said state may deem necessary and which do not conflict with the rules and regulations made by the secretary of the treasury, as hereinbefore provided, to prevent the introduction of infectious or contagious diseases into the United States from foreign countries, or the spread of such diseases from one state, territory or the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sowell opposed the bill, maintaining

that it placed too much power in the hands

COMES NEXT of one man, the surgeon of the marine hospital service.

Mr. Caffery opposed the position taken by Mr. Sewell. He held that a uniform system

MAY GET THE O'HIGGINS SAVE MONEY BY HOME DYEING.

in fighting an epidemic or plague was absolutely necessary and that could be had only through the national government.

In response to the intimation of Mr. Sewell that the southern states were actuated by United States Covernment is After the Chilian Cruiser.

selfish motives in proposing the present bill, Mr. Vest said the most violent opposition SHIP LIKELY TO BE ADDED TO THE NAVY

> Spain Has Not Yet Been Able to Make a Purchase and Present Indications Are Favorable to Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- Information in possession of the government is to the effect that up to the present time Spain has not consummated the purchase of the Chilian ship O'Higgins. The Indications, it is stated, seem to be that this ship also will this year that cannot be told from new; but be added ultimately to the United States.

The agent in this country of the Thorny

craft Torpedo Boat company of England Mr. Platt, has submitted to Secretary Long a proposition for the sale to the government of designs and complete working drawings for the magnificent torpedo boat destroyers built by his firm. Predicting that the department would find it absolutely impossible to buy any of these craft in Europe at this juncture, Mr. Platt has urged the propriety of having the government here start imme-diately a number of our shipbuilding firms at work in the construction of these The particular pattern submitted is that of present emergency was made today by a the torpedo boat destroyer Fame, built for man intimately associated with Premier the British government. This craft, the type of those so strongly desired by the Navy department just now, is of more than thirty knots speed, and 300 tons burden, large enough to be thoroughly seaworthy and carrying sufficient coal at eco-nomical speed to run 4,000 knots. This advantage is not possessed by any of our boats and its importance is fully illustrated by the

> Based upon the statements of shipbuild-ers, who have been approached upon the subject, the department has satisfied itself that a number of these boats can be built in from six to eight months. We have now under construction in the United States four boats rated as thirty-knotters, but with the exception of the one building at the Union Iron works, which is 60 per cent advanced to completion, very little progress has been made in their construction.
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> LISBON, March 15.—The United States

crulser San Francisco sailed from here to-day, going in a southwesterly direction. The War department has decided to complete the defenses of the port of Lisbon as speed ly as possible.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—It is stated at the Navy department that the San Francisco is not going to take a southwesterly course but has been ordered to Great Britain, where it will make up a crew for the Amazonas the Brazilian cruiser purchased by the United States. It is the present intention to have the San Francisco convoy the Ama-zones across the Atlantic, but this purpose is not a fixed one yet. CLEVELAND TALKS ON SITUATION

Patriotic Citizens Should Loyally Support the Government.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 15 .- Former President Cleveland was interviewed today by the Associated Press representative upon the subject of the Maine affair and the exciting relations between this country and Spain. Mr. Cleveland at first declined to

express any opinion upon the matter.
"I should only be misunderstoot," he said. "I have been resting here quietly since leaving Washington and I do not wish to say or do anything which may be construed in any way as a comment upon public affairs." Finally Mr. Cleveland, in a firm and em-phatic fashion, volunteered this statement; Though I have no wish to be interviewed

you may state for me that, in common with got to go on with the inquiry to the extent others, I think that every patriotic citize ought to loyally support the government during a period of trial like the present, no matter what exigencies may arise. I will also say that I hope the presen difficulties will be settled without bloodshed. It is possible that an honorable way out will be found eventually and that there will

Mr. Cleveland said he preferred to reserve all comment upon the possible and probable outcome of the Maine affair until after the official publication of the report of the board

Being asked if he would say anything upon gram of the gold standard, or national, demo crats, Mr. Cleveland said that he preferred to reserve all comments upon that topic until his address before the Iroquois club

CONSIDER THE USE OF CAVALRY Mounted Troops May Be Transported to Cubn in Case of War.

CHICAGO, March 15 .- A special to the News from Washington says much significance is attached to the fact that the first orders to soldiers in the west, excepting to light artillerymen, went to commanders of troops of cavalry. Even now the orders and contemplated orders refer to cavalrymen as much as to infantrymen.

Heavy coast guns cannot be managed by horses-in fact, for coast protection mounted troops would scarcely be considered necessary. It is considered that the wholesale movement of mounted troops is part of the hostilities begin.

It is intimated that the conference of Ser ator Proctor, Secretary of War Alger and General Miles was partly given up to the subsistence of troops of cavalry in Cuba. Whether it would be necessary, in case of deporting cavalry to the island, to forward orage from the United States would at once be a serious question.

MOVED BY TIES OF RELATIONSHIP Francis Joseph Wants to Protect an Austrian Archduchess.

NEW YORK, March 15 .- A copyrighted London cablegram to the Evening Post says: "The general English comment on the Vienna news that Emperor Francis Joseph is leading a crusade among the continental powers in Spain's behalf is that this was only to be expected from the family ties, the queen regent being an Austrian arch-duchess, while religious ties all encourage Austrian sympathy with Spain.

"Moreover, there is the emperor's well known dread of the possible future conse uence of American intervention in European

"All that is known in well informed quaters here suggests that both the Austrian and the German emporors would go great lengths to prevent an outbreak of war be

THEIR INTERESTS ARE IDENTICAL.

English Statesman Favors an Alliance with This Country. LONDON, March 15 .- Sir William Robin

son, who has just arrived in London from Hong Kong, of which colony he has been governor since 1891, in an interview today warmly advocated an understanding with the United States on the Chinese question, saying the aims of the United States in regard to China were identical with those of Great Britain. He added. "There is a feeling at Hong Kong and Shanghai that the Chinese provinces cannot hold together much longer. They are already partly in-

BOARD IS ABOUT READY TO REPORT Divers Simply Verifying Evidence

of the imperial government."

Already Collected. NEW YORK, March 15 .- The World's correspondent at Havana telegraphs today that the report of the naval board of inquiry will be ready to forward to Washington in two or three days at the utmost. A few little details of expert testimony are being care-

EASY WAY TO MAKE NEW SPRING GOWNS OUT OF OLD FADED SUITS.

Diamond Dyes Make Beautiful and Brilliant Colors, which Will Not Fade_So Simple That Even a Child Can Use Them Successfully_For Twenty Years the Standard Home Dyes.

Don't wear a faded gown. Don't look shabby simply because you can-

not afford to buy a new dress. It is not necessary to wear clothing that is faded and shabby because you have no money to buy more. With one or two packages of Diamond Dycs that cost only ten cents, the old dress can be dyed a fashionable and beautiful color and made to look like new. Thousands of women will have spring dresses which have cost them only a trifle, the result of coloring over their old materials with Diamond Dyes.

Diemend Dyes are so simple and easy to use that even a child, by following their plain directions, get fast and beautiful colors. They will not fade, crock or wash out, and are the only package dyes that have stood the test of years of use. Do not risk your goods with imitations of the Diamond.

points already suggested by the previous

discovery and to take accurate measurements of certain important port plates of the wrecked cruiser, and the twisted ram, which, the correspondent asserts, lies in such a position as to prove that an outside force destroyed the battleship.

CEBALLOS ENTERS A DENIAL

Has no Authority from the Spanish Government. NEW YORK, March 14 .- J. M. Ceballos, general manager of the Spanish Transatlantic company, made the following state-

ment today:

I regret to see my name published in the morning papers in connection with negotiations looking toward peace to be established in the island of Cuba and stating that I was acting with full knowledge of the Sagasta ministry, all of which I deny to be the case. Whatever interest I may take in this matter is solely prompted by my desire to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States and to establish, if possible, a basis, as every true American hopes to, that will give us peace at an early date with honor for all concerned.

Tomas Estrada Palma of the Cuban revolution party in this city said today that the lution party in this city said today that the proposition for Cuban pacification reported to have been offered by Senor Ceballos was

not satisfactory to the junta. "We will not consider any proposition for a nettlement of the war," he said, "unlessy it be based upon the absolute independence of Cuba. We are willing to pay Spain an indemnity of not more than \$200,000,000. If this is not satisfactory to Spain we will continue the war. Our resources are suffi-cient to do this. I will not receive Senor Ceballos unless he wants to treat on the

basis of absolute independence."

When Senor Palma was told that Spanish 4s were selling in the London market at 52%c he replied: "I have recently sold some Cuban bonds at 60 per cent."

SENATE COMMITTEE WILL WAITS Decides Not to Proceed with the Main

Investigation. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The senate committee on naval affairs had under consideration today the resolution instructing it to make an investigation of the Maine disaster and decided by a vote of 6 to 5 to postpone action for the present. This action was preceded by a sharp exchange of words between the advocates of immediate action and those who think the active investigation should be deferred in order to permit the administration full opportunity to press its own investigation through the naval board of inquiry. After the decision was reached that steps should be taken by the com-mittee to secure from the Navy department all the information in its possession, and this suggestion was adopted. It is understood that the postponement was secured by Senator McEnery's joining with the ma-jority of the republicans and that Senator

COAL MEN ADMIT A COMBINATION.

Chandler voted with the opposition for im-mediate and independent inquiry.

Practically All the Ohio Producers CLEVELAND, March 15 .- It is said that since the senate investigating committee has concluded its work coal operators openly admit that the Ohio Coal and Railroad company is in active operation. It is stated that every big operator in the state is a member of the trust. "The combine," said a leading operator today, "was practically completed at the meeting here a number of weeks ago. It now controls the entire coal output in Ohio. All coal is delivered to the railroads at a stated price, and they assume the re-sponsibility of all the sales. It is the strongest and promises to be the most successful coal combine this country has ever seen. It is expected that other states will be taken

NEW ORLEANS, March 15.-The enlistnent office here was opened this morning at he customs house, in charge of Lieutenant hose who presented themselves the enlist ing officers find an abundance of good mabe easily obtained here.

Discuss Terms of Purchase. NEW YORK, Merch 15.-The board for the inspection of auxiliary cruisers met in secret session today. Clement A. Griscom, general manager, and James A. Wright, second vice president, of the International Naviga tion company, were present and it is understood that the terms on which the govern-ment may secure the St. Louis and possibly the St. Paul were discussed.

More Land for Fortifications. NEW YORK, March 15.-Representatives f the government visited Fort Wadsworth and have secured valuable land adjoining the new fortifications. Extra gangs of mechanics and laborers have been put to work with orders to rush the completion of the three heavy batetries, which, when completed, will nount the heaviest disappearing guns in New York harbor.

RIGHT TO THE POINT.

WHAT A PROMINENT MANUFACTURED SAYS OF GAUSS' CATARRIE TABLETS.

BEST HE HAS EVER USED.

Mr. W. S. Kessler, president and manager of the Albion Malleable Iron Works, Albion, Mich., writes as follows: Mr. C. E. Gauss Marshall, Mich. Dear Sir:-"Enclosed find my check for two dollars for which send me more of your Catarrh tablets. They excel anything I have ever used and I cannot be without them." Yours, W. S. Kessler. The above testimonial is short, but right to the point and plainly demonstrates the actual value of these wonderful tablets. Gauss' Catarrh Tablets will cure any case Gauss' Catarrh Tablets will cure any case of catarrh as they are scientifically propared to act immediately upon the mucous membranes and surfaces through the system. They can be obtained at all druggists or by mail 50c full sized package. Little book on catarrh mailed free. Address C. E. Gauss, Marshall, Mich.

Hood's

Furnishings-derby, ribbed cot- Grenadines-grenadine effects,

drab with sateen stripe, Two-side steels, double busk, made on French pattern, bone bust; a durable and perfect fitting corset, at 50c each. H. & S. new short corset, at 50c each.

Hoslery Underwearhose, high spliced

Also a nice line of black lace lisle hose absolutely stainless, with extra heavy heels and toes, 50c a pair.

Children's fine ribbed black lisle hose, with double toe, sole and heel, 20c a

Children's Cotton Union Suits, drop seat, 25c each Linen homespun at 10c, 14c, 15c, 18c McGall's McCall's magazine,

> now in. Contains all the latest and best styles published, 5c a copy, 50c a year. Fine pattern to every subscriber. Remember our prices on patterns-10c

Either light or dark colors, 50e each.

will impel them to substribe a third of the amount and they will give their money without regard to the price and without considering the conditions of the loan.' AGREES UPON FIVE DRY DOCKS. 1

House Navnt Committee Disposes o an Important Question. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The construction of five modern dry docks was agreed on today by the house committee on naval af: fairs. They are to be located at Portsmouth N. H.; Boston, League Island, near Philadelphia: Aigiers, La., and Mare Island, Cal. morning nothing had been heard concerning These docks are to be of wood, except those

at Algiers and Portsmouth. The material of construction of these two will not be de-Thurston of Nebraska, who died yesterday termined tritil tomorrow. The indications are that the dock at Portsmouth will be built of stone from nearby quarries and that at Algiers of steel. There is a strong disposition in the comthe three battleships recently authorized by the construction of some of the smaller vessels of war. It was said tonight that the

committee might authorize the construction of about ten torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, costing in the neighborhood of A motion for this increase will be made prow and Representative Bull of Rhode Island will submit a motion calling for the construction of a number of both of these says: classes of boats, probably six. Others of the committee are favorable to the increase, and some important action is looked for. The increases in the personnel asked for

About 465 tons of supplies are expected by the commissioner this week and next by Secretary Long also will be taken up tomorrow. week he expects about 3,000 tons, which will provide the sufferers with food for about FIELD RATIONS FOR THE TROOPS eral condition. It is reported here that the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, at the request of Those at Fort Leavenworth Ready to

KANSAS CITY, March 15 .- A special to Vera Cruz. It is further reported that the Spaniards at that place have decided to the Star from Leavenworth, Kan., says: All United States. is expectancy in military circles at Fort Leavenworth, but the news la given out officially from the post that no orders have been received about the movement of troops An order came yesterday to prepare trave! has presented the Spanish government with the coasting steamer Pilar, in order that it ing rations and dois is being done. infantry and cavalry today are undergoing field moneuvers in heavy marching order. The soldiers have been drilled a great deal for the last two weeks. At present there is no regular artillery here and an order has been issued for Meutenant Howland to take charge of the field pieces, consisting of a towitzer, a gatting gun, a Hotchkiss and six twelve-pound smooth bore cannon

which make up a battery. He has a detail of twenty-eight soldiers for this purpose. MEDIATION SUGGESTED BY POPE

Willing to Use Good Offices to Prevent Trouble. LONDON, March 15 .- The Pull Mull Gatette this afternoon publishes a dispatch from Rome which says there has been a re cent exchange of communications between the vatican and Spate in regard to Cube and the relations with the United States. The pope, it is added, is ready to do all in his power to prevent hostilities "which might be fatal to the Spanish dynasty." Continuing the dispatch says: "The vatican has specially exerted influence at Washing ton and has tried directly and indirectly to dissuade the United States from plunging into war with Spain. According to infor-mation here, if the offices of the pontiff are accepted, he will propose that Cuba remain under the domination of Spain, but that it

be ruled on the lines of an English colony No Authority from Sagasta MADRID, March 15 .- The friends of Senor Sagasta, the Spanish premier, deny that Senor J. M. Caballos, the general agent at New York of the Spanish Transatiantic Steamship company, has visited President McKinley at the instance of the Spanish

thing goes to show that the remains of the came insolent language is a positive shame to the great role assumed, and a great navy the Americans. It is evident that the United must be completed and both the Atlantic states intends Spain shall be the actual dedred million dellars "If the Spanish government decides to issue a national loan to build a squadron the patriotism of the Spanish residing in other expenses being pinned down, that amount would make the great republic sacred and respected as was little Venice in the days of the great ages.' ALLEGE SAILORS HAVE DESERTED.

> They Are Said to Be Spaniards Who Enlisted in This Country. MADRID, March 15 .- A dispatch to the Imparcial from Lisbon says that a score of sailors descried from the United States war ships while they were there. The deserters are mearly all Spaniards.

It is asserted in well informed circles that the negotiations in New York as to the commercial treaty are paving the way for an understanding between the Cuban govern ment and the insurgents on grounds to be submitted for approval to the home government.

The Imparcial publishes a denunciation of Americans, who, it says, "are trying to frighten Spaniards by invoking the phantom of war, of which they are more afraid than

"The United States is a country." says Imparcial, "of bellicose self-advertisement. By moving vessels to and fro it is trying to make believe that its forces are greater than they really are. We sincerely advise these bogymen not to waste their time and

LONDON, March 16 .- The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail reports an inter-view with Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, in the course of which the minister

"The exigencies of the times demand that the government pursue a policy of silence, and we should not be doing our duty if imitated the Americans in publishing information as fast as received, only to deny it the following day.' Admiral Bermajo declined to affirm

deny that the government had purchased the Chilian cruiser O'Higgins. ROME, March 16.-The semi-official Italia denies that Spain has sought to procure the support of any power in a conflict with the

PARTIAL RECOGNITION OF CUBA Representative of Republic Invited to Vice President's Reception. NEW YORK, March 15 .- Dr. Tomas Estrada Palma of the Cuban junta in this city said today: "I consider Mr. Quesada's presence at Vice President Hobart's reception to the Belgian prince in Washington yesterday a matter of great importance. He was invited as the accredited representative of the Cuban republic, together with the

Spanish minister and other members of the liplomatic corps. "Mr. Quesada's presence, under the circumstances, as an honored guest, is very significant. It is semi-official recognition of the Cuban republic. I have known that Vice President Hobart's sympathies were with the Cuban cause, and I am glad he has made that fact known in such a public

Senor Du Rose is Honored. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- Senor Polo received a dispatch today from the minister of state at Madrid stating that in an audience with the queen regent her majesty had appointed Senor du Bosc, recent charge d' affaires here, a knight commander of the fixet class of the Order of Isabella de Catolica. This is recognition of Senor du Bosc's services during the first portion of the emergency following Senor de Lome's departure.

on the Stock exchange today at 53%, an advance of 1/6 over yesterday's closing price, but they soon eased off to 52%. PARIS, March 15.—On the bourse this morning Spanish 4s were quoted at 53%, against 53, the closing price of yesterday.

MADRID, March 15.—Spanish 4s were quoted on the bourse here today at 75, against 76.60 yesterday.

Slight Rise in Spanish Securities.

LONDON, March 15 .- Spanish 4s opened

ommittee of naval affairs today authorized

went into committee of the whole and took up the posteffice appropriation bill. Mr. Loud, in charge of the bill, explained

The general debate was not confined to

the industry. Mr. Grigge criticised some utterances Speaker Reed and Mr. Dingley and created some enthusiasm on the democratic side.

At the conclusion of this speech an arangement was made to close the debate at

o'clock tomorrow. Mr. Walker (rep., Mass.) said it was happy day for the republic when a southern member arose on the floor and spoke of the great manufacturing industries of the south was a day we had been waiting for since the Pilgrims landed. No section would rejoice more that the south entered the lists than

"We shall suffer from southern compe-tition temporarily," said he, "we may have

(Applause.) Mr. Tawney (rep., Minn.) then got the

Upper Branch of Congress Gets Dow to Work. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- After the pas sage today of numerous bills from the gen-

ress being made on the general bill. A bill to regulate the collection and dis-bursement of moneys arising from leases made by the Seneca nation to New York

Objection was made by Mr. Morgan, who moved that the bill be recommitted to the mr. Allen was supported by Mr. Harris. the bill provided the best solution of the problem presented. The bill was recommended to the committee without objection.

and read at length. Mr. Vest, in harge of the bill, offered the following na paragraph as a committee

Mr. Sowell opposed the bill, maintaining

MADRID, March 15.—An official dispatch from Manila says that 500 insurgents have been killed at Balinao. Troops have been sent to the relief of the garrison.

fully collected to wind up things, and the drawings and plans based on the divers' investigations are nearly finished. The divers are only descending now to verify the

Mr. Vest said the most violent opposition had come from the south.

Mr. Vest, replying further to Mr. Sewell, asked whether the United States government should stand helpless and see its people slaughtered and its commerce crippled or destroyed lest the reserve rights of states might be invaded or destroyed? He maintained that the United States had sovereign

power to act in the matter of quarantine. As a further argument in favor of a na-tional quarantine, Mr. Vest said it had been openly charged that during the yellow fever epidemic of last year the embargo of quarantine had been placed by some cities against others purely for commercial reasons Under a national system of quarantine no uch unfair advantage could be taken.
At the conclusion of Mr. Vest's remarks the quarantine bill was laid aside, and the navy, measure providing that United States mar-27 inches wide, with embroacred the latitude allowed in committee of the shale and district attorneys should continue rand.

whole on the state of the union to discuss to fill their respective offices until the approach.

various political questions, and the debate pointment and qualification of their succes ors was passed. On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, the senate then went into executive session. At 5:25 (rep., Mass.) discussed the condition of the the senate adjourned. WANT FRIENDLY ACTS, NOT WORDS.

Minn.), a member of the ways and means Colored Swiss net, 36 inches wide, at 15c committee, replied to the speech of Mr. Spain Thinks the Course of th Johnson (rep., Ind.) made some time ago United States is Unfair. against the advisability of annexing the WASHINGTON, March 15 .- A statement At the opening of the session the speaker recognized Mr. Boutelle (rep., Me.), chairman of the naval committee, to call up the bill for the relief of the victims and surwhich is believed to reflect correctly the sentiment of the Spanish cabinet in the vivors of the Maine disaster. The bill pro-vides for the payment to the legal heirs of those who lost their lives the equivalent of official utterance, but rather an exposition vides for the payment to the legal heirs of vides for the payment to the legal heirs of colonics. It is not taken an exposition official utterance, but rather an exposition official utterance, but rather an exposition of twelve menth's sea pay of the deceased, and the reimbursement to the survivors of the value of personal effects lost cot to exceed an equal to twelve months' follows:

sea pay.

The continuance of allotments to the famliles of the deceased for the three months
as free as possible. Naturally, however,
was also provided for. The consideration of
the bill required unanimous consent.

The elections in Cuba are about to occur
and its importance is fully illustrated by the
difficulties confronting the efforts of the
Spaniards to get their torpedo fiotilla across
the Atlantic to Cuba.

Based upon the statements of shipbuildsurgent activity coming at such a moment might jeopardize the successful working out of the autonomist plan.

Moreover, the attitude of the United States in having a squadron so near Cuba Mr. Loud (rep., Cal.) said the bill was important. There was a general law which covered such cases and a special act should receive deliberate consideration.

Mr. Boutelle said that the passage of the

and the active war preparations in the United States are of a nature that might exert an influence against a fair expression of public will in favor of the autonomist bill was demanded by public sentiment all over the country. He said there was a pressing necessity for the relief of the sufferers of this terrible disaster. Benefit personners in the pression of friends were sincere in its expressions of friends were sincered in the country. formances were being held and subscriptions were being raised all over the country for the relief of the widows and orphans of the

It is thought that if the United States were sincere in its expressions of friendship to Spain, even if it thought autonomy could not meet every expectation, it should, by friendly acts and not words, show this sympathy with the liberal regime organized in Cuba.

The Washington government made known indirectly to the insurgents that it meant to have peace in Cuba and that peace in Cuba may be had with autonomic government under Spain and the insurrection would certainly die out.

If later the Weyler party wanted to interfere it would be time then for the United States to take action. The action would be then justifiable. Now to make war on Spain would be a crime, and for that crime to civilization and humanity the United States would be responsible.

The foregoing statement was called to the "That is the gentleman's privilege under he rules," said Mr. Boutelle. "I object to the latter remark," said Mr. sent that the bill should be considered as soon as the postoffice appropriation bill was

Mr. Danforce (cep., O.), chairman of the committee on immigration, called attention to the fact that he had given notice some The foregoing statement was called to the attention of Senor Polo de Bernabe, the Spanish minister, and his views on it re-quested, but he maintained diplomatic reliamentary status of the bill was and the speaker informed him that it was on the serve after reading it carefully, and said is appeared to be given by one thoroughly con-

versant with the situation. This afternoon the Spanish minister called at the State department and had a two hours conference with Assistant Secretary Day. It was the first call of Senor Polo for purely business purposes, the former calls having been those of ceremony. The minister came away looking highly gratified, but he asked

to be excused from discussing the purpose of his call. CARINET CONIDERS WAR SHIPS

Meeting is Devoted Almost Entirely to the Pending War Situation. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- Nothing of cabinet meeting. A large part of the time was consumed in the general discussion of the measures being taken to place the navy on a proper feeting for the defense of th country. The bills for the purchase of war ships, where they could be had and at what

to any definite conclusion on any new propo "The general expectation of the membe of the cabinet," said one of them after the meeting today, "is that some report will be received during the present week from th court of inquiry examining into the cause of the Maine explosion. Yet," he added, "it would not be surprising to us if the reposhould be delayed for a longer time. V have nothing on which to base this hop that I know of, only the feeling seems gen eral that what I have said will be the cas

cate what will be the nature of the finding "Today our time was occupied in a gen eral discussion of the measures under way for the national defense, notably in regard to the acquisition of new vessels of war construction of Chill and the Argentine Republic, but it is not probable we can get them. If we cannot obtain the ships, it is a source of satisfaction to know that Spain will not be able to purchase them either."

All Combine to Combat from Without. ATLANTA, Ga., March 15 .- An audience o 10,000 people greeted W. J. Bryan when he appeared in the tabernacle last night. They were thrown into a frenzy of enthusiasr when in one of the speaker's climaxes he re ferred to the readiness of Americans to mee

AMERICANS A UNIT IN ONE THING

a foreign foe who should attempt to land upon our shores. He said:
"Within the last two weeks we have ha an illustration of the unity of the American people in front of a danger which was pos-sible and probable. This danger they have met as one man, declaring their readines to die in the defense of their country. I so happend that the representative of th United States at Havana wore the con-federate uniform, and yet Fitzbugh Lee has discharged his duty with such courage, such prudence, such patriotism, that you cannot find in all the northland one man who would

suggest his removal."
Great cheering followed this period. A great many delegates arrived tonight and more are expected tomorrow. The sentiment is general that Mr. Watson will ye run for governor, although he has repeated! declined. The populist leader has been the counsel for the defense in a murder case a Baxley, Ga., which went to the jury tonigh

ical career has forever ended, but than God it has not gone down in disgrace."

The convention will be called to order a noon tomorrow at the capitol. MILES WANTS ONLY AN APPOMATTOX

Decisive.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- General Miles

cuting counsel, today, he remarked:

Mr. Watson in reply declared: "My

Conflict Should Be Short, Sharp

spoke at the annual banquet of the Second Army corps here tonight. He said in part: "No nation has ever had so much to say against war, against the maintenance of large army or against anything that might ead us into open conflict. And no nation had so much to say in favor of peace and arbitration. No people are as anxious to maintain peace at home and abroad as the American people. We would not enter into righteous cause. We are slow to take tour arms, but when the time does come trust we will not be found slumbering. hope there will be no war. I, as a soldier trust that if there is war there will be p Bull Runs to begin with, but an Appomatton We will be prepared, so that the conflic

Philippine Insurgents Killed. MADRID, March 15 .- An official dispatch

into the combine when the time for such a

CROWDS AT ENLISTMENT OFFICE. New Orleans Men Anxious to Enter

Commander Hawley, Chief Engineer Webster and Surgeon Parsons. Long before the office was thrown open several hundred men had gathered before the doors and throughout the morning the crowd increased. Among erial and all applicants were subjected to rigid examinations. The promise is that the desired complement of men for the navy will

Money for New Naval Station. WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The senate Make the Republic Sacred MEXICO CITY, March 15.-The Mexico. Herald says: "The holding and continued a favorable report on the amendment to the avowal of the Monroe doctrine means that the American people must pay the price of Island, Cal.