absence if there are no children.

The bill offered would allow di-

vorce if children are more than 21

years old. The bill may have the

effect to repeal the law allowing di-

vorce on ground of absence at all.

inal reading:

The following bills passed their

State bill to amend Revisal re-

commissioners, allowing the establish-

ment when necessary of tuberculosis

was made on the ground that there

was nothing unusual in the case to

ELIHU ROOT TESTIFIES

About the Purchase of the Canal.

But Refuses to Give Out Anything.

Washington, Special.-"I simply

brought my subpoena and conscience

wies me," jocularly remarked Secre-

tary of State Elihu Root, who Fri-

day was one of the chief witnesses

before the United States grand jury

in its investigation of the alleged

libel in connection with the purchase

of the Panama canal. The Secretary

made the remark to newspaper men

who sought to interview him a few

ney General Charles W. Russell, also

gave testimony. All declined to

throw any light upon the nature of

William Nelson Cromwell may be

"Well," said Secretary Root as he

emerged from the grand jury room,

"I cannot tell you boys, of course,

how I testified. But I will say this-

it is the first time I have ever been

in this building since the trial of

was then here as a spectator only."

COOPER-SHAPE TRIAL DRAGS.

Third Day's Session of the Cooper-

List Remains at Six.

after it had accepted him.

Sharpe Trial Closes Without the

Addition of a Single Juror and the

Nashville, Tenn., Special.-Tuc

third day of the Cooper-Sharpe mur-

der trial passed not only without se-

curing another juror, but if the mo-

tion of the State is sustained, one of

the six already chosen will be eli-

minated because he was intoxicated

when he reported for service and was

chosen. The State claims it secured

knowledge of Juror Leigh's condition

The summoning of 500 additional

talesmen began late Thursday after-

one of the witnesses Saturday.

their testimony.

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SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Urges Measures to Conserve the Natterity-Should be Put in Effect ural Resources as a Legacy to Pos-Without Delay.

President Roosevelt, Friday mitted to Congress the following bearing on the conservation of our natural resources.

the recent joint conference held in forests at the presnt rate for about State forestry interests and has oththis city between the national conservation commission and Governors of the States, State conservation commissions and conservation committees of great organizations of citizens. It is therefore in a peculiar sense representative of the whole nation and all its parts.

The facts set forth in this report constitute an imperative call to action. The situation they disclose demands that we, neglecting for a time, if need be, smaller and less vital questions, shall concentrate an effective part of our attention upon the great material foundations of national existence, progress and prosperity.

The progress of our knowledge of of our resources is the fundamental question before this nation.

Our population is now adding about one-fifth to its numbers in ter years. Many millions more, must be fed and clothed from the products of our soil. With the steady growth in population and the still more rapid increase in consumption our people will hereafter make greater and not less demands per capita upon all the natural resources for their livlihood, comfort and convenience. It is high time to realize that our responsibility to the coming millions is like that of parents to their children, and that in wasting our resources we are wronging our descendants.

Our rivers can and should be made to serve our people effectively in transportation, but the vast expenditures for our waterways have not resulted in maintaining, much less in promoting, inland navigation. Therefore, let us take immediate steps to ascertain the reasons and to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan for inland waterway navigation. Our forests are fast disappearing, and less than one-fifth of them are being conserved, and no good purpose can be met by failing to provide the relatively small sums needed for the protection, use, and improvement of all forests still owned by the government. Let us enact laws to check the wasteful destruction of the forests in private lands. The American people stand nearly as a unit for waterway development and for forest

Mineral Resources Wasted. Our mineral resources once exhausted are gone forever, and the needless waste of them costs us hundreds of human lives and nearly \$300,000,000 a year. Therefore, let us undertake without delay the investigations necessary before our people will be in position, through State action or otherwise, to put an end to this huge loss and waste, and conserve both our mineral resources and the lives of the men who take

them from the earth. The conservation of our natural resources is of first consideration. If We of this generation destroy the resources from which our children would otherwise derive their livlihood, we reduce the capacity of our land to support a population, and so either degrade the standard of living or deprive the coming generations of their rights to life on this continent.

If we allow great industrial organiaztions to eexrcise unregulated control of the means of production and the necessaries of life, we deprive the Americans of to-day and of the future of industrial liberty, a right no less precious and vital than poli-

The administration which is just trawing to a close, has at least seen clarly the fundamental need of freedom of opportunity for every citizen. No man and no set of men should be allowed to play the game of competition with loaded dice. The unchecked existence of monopoly is incompatible with equality of oportunity. The reason for the exercise of government control over great monopolies is to equalize opportunity.

Waterways. Accordingly, I urge that the broad waterways, recommended by the Inin effect without delay.

The work of waterways development should be undertaken without delay. Meritorious projects in known conformity with the general outlines proceed at once. The cost of the and Grant.

whole work should be met by direct appropriation if possible but if now. WITH N. C. LAWMAKERS appropriation if possible, but if necessary by the issue of bonds in small denominations.

It is especially important that the development of water power should be guarded with the utmost care both by the national government and by the States in order to protect the peo- | tine work. ple against the upgrowth of monopoly and to insure to them a fair share in the benfits which will follow the decontrolled by them.

Forests. I urge that provision be made for support. both protection and more rapid development of the national forests. House for the joint session to an-Otherwise, either the increasing use nounce the result of the balloting of these forests by the people must be Tuesday in the two branches of the checked or their protection against Assembly on election of United fire must be dangerously weakened. States Senator. This required 25 I transmit herewith a report of the If we compare the actual damage on minutes. national conservation commission, to- similar areas on private and national gether with the acompanying papers. forest lands during the past year, the ate by Senator Emple to provide no This report, which is the outgrowth government fire patrol saved commer- fence law for the whole of the State, of the conference of Governors last cial timber worth as much as the is a bill that will attract very gen-May, was unanimously approved by total cost of caring for all national eral interest. It is endorsed by the ten years.

> The use of the public grazing lands section of the State after 1910. It is should be regulated in such ways as estimated now that about four-fifths to improve and conserve their value. of the State is already under the op-Rights to the surface of the public eration of "no fence" laws. One of land should be separated from rights the contentions of the forestry in the Revolution, relative to the erecto forects upon it and to minerals be- terests is that the running at large of | tion of a fireproof library building. neath it, tnd these should be sub-

ject to separate disposal. The coal, oil, gas and phosphate in the eastern section of the State. rights still remaining with the government should be withdrawn from entry and leased under conditions favorable for economic development.

Minerals. our mineral products is increashing parties. this country will continually lead to more rapidly than our population. more acurate information and better Our mineral waste is about one-sixth use of the sources of national of our product, or nearly \$1,000,000 Merrimac survivors on the pension copy of the Lockhart bill to inject being those of a Southerner who had Charles J. Guitteau for the assassinastrength. It is not necessary that for each working day in the year. The roll, fourth class and pay him \$25. He sub-section "A" into the anti-trust an intimate knowledge of the negro tion of President Garfield, in 1882. I this knowledge should be exact in loss of structural materials through every minute detail. It is essential fire is about another million a day. that it should correctly describe the The loss of life in the mines is apgeneral situation. The conservation palling. The larger part of these losses can be avoided.

A part of the action of the joint conference says: We also especially urge on the Congress of the United States the high desirablity of maintaining a national commission on the conservation of tehresources of the country empowered to co-operate with State commissions to the end that every sovereign Commonwealth and every section of the country may attain the high degree of prosperity and the sureness of perpetuity naturally arising in the aboundant resources and the vigor, intelligence, and patriotism of our people.

In this recommendation I most heartily concur, and I urge that an appropriation of at least \$50,000 be made to cover the expenses of the national conservation commission for necessary rent, assistance and traveling expenses. This is a very small sum. I know of no other way in which the appropriation of so small a sum would result in so large a benefit to the whole nation.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Suicides in Church.

Savannah, Ga., Special.-In a posture of prayer in St. Patrick's church here and with a bullet hole through the temple the dead body of Otto Schueitzer, of Philadelphia, found Friday several hours after the fatal shot was fired. Two notes were found, one bequeathing \$1 for "St. Anthony's bread" and another expressing regret that he "had permitted himself to have any ill-feeling." Schuenitzer had been here but a day, reaching the city aboard a steamer

rfom Philadelphia. Charleston Dispensary Profits. The total net profits of the county dispensary for Charleston county during the months of October, November and December were \$30,-171.07, the amount in legal dispute not being included. The division of the profits, under the law, is as

follows: City of Charleston \$14,492.35 Sanitary and drainage com-

mission.... 6,034.21 City Schools..... 6,034.21 General county fund.. ... 3,017.12

Jones Elected Chief Justice.

Columbia, Special.—Associate Justice Ira B. Jones, of Lancaster, was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina for the unexpired term of Chief Justice Pope, whose resignation has been accepted. Mr. Jones has served on the Supreme Court Bench since January, 1896, with conspicuous ability. He is recognized as a man of unusual ability, and his written opinions as a member of the Supreme Court have been universally commended and favorably received. Mr. Jones has been in active public life for many years. funds.

Overman Succeeds Himself as United States Sonator.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.-The election of Senater Lee S. Overman to succeed himself for a second term in 'he Senate of the United States was the feature in both branches of the plan for the development of our General Assembly. The vote in the Senate was 36 to 8 and in the House land Waterways Commission, be put 90 to 26, andge Spencer B. Adams being henored by the minority with the complimentary nomination. The speeches in nomination were made in the Senate be senator Kluttz and Senator Britt, respectively, and in of any comprehensive plan should the House by Representatives Julian

Doings of the State Legislature Con-

densed-Interesting Items from Day to Day. Wednesday's session of House and

Senate involved nothing beyond rou-The joint resolution that the Gen-

ereal Assembly adjourn sine die February 15th, introduced some day ago velopment of this great asset which by Senator Elliott, came up and was belongs to the people and should be almost unanimously voted down and a motion to reconsider made by Dockery also failed of the necessary as to fees of officials of Johnston

At noon the Senate repaired to the

A bill just introduced in the Sener very strong backing. It would apply the "no fence" law to every swine, for instance, prevents the growth of the young long-leaf pines

In both the Senate and House bills were introduced to pay solicitors a salary of \$2,000 and no other compensation. Senator Ray put in a bill that would legalize an S per cent rate The consumption of nearly all of of interest when agreed upon by the

Speaker Graham introduced a bill to put Henry H. Howard, one of the was gunner's mate on the famous

Legislators are slow to act upon the bill to guarantee deposits in State banks, but the anto-trust bill with a sharp tooth seems in favor. Bills were offered in the Senate on

Thursday: Manning-Promote more efficient municipal government. This is the bill prepared by the Raleigh Good Government League and designed to have a sort of "Watts law" application to cities and towns of the State having 5,000 or more population; providing for a mayor and four councilmen to be elected and they to have the whole direction of the municipal affairs, being subject to removal from office through vote of the people. The act is to apply to any city only after it has been adopted by vote of the people.

Manning-Repeal 305, Revisal, relating to the discharge of witnesses before the grand jury and the certificates of attendance filed.

Bassett-Provide better protection of earnings of railroad employes and others engaged in interstate business and to assure to them the benefit of the exemption laws of the State re-

lating to personal property. The two following bills passed their final reading:

Amend Sec. 3241, Revisal, relat ng to witnesses before the grand jury, providing that witnesses shall not be subpoensed to appear upon a bill of indictment earlier than the second or third day of the court, saving to counties much of the immense cost of the attendance of wit-

The bill carrying the appropriaions for the State School for the Blind came from the committee on State School for the Blind with favorable report and was referred to the committee on appropriations. It carries appropriations of \$22,343 for 1909 and \$22,00 for 1910; an annual appropriation of \$65,000 for maintenance and \$100 a month for the school library.

The minority report of the Senate judiciary committee reporting the Manning bill enlarging the powers of the Attorney General was read Mount Pleasant..... 593.18 and Senator Manning announced that he would reserve the right to call up the bill on its passage later.

A bill was offered by Senator Ormond (by request)-Provide for the creation and organization of the new County of Mosely out of territory taken from Lenoir, Wayne and Greene if the voters in the territory so elect.

The following bills were introduced in the House: Majette-Amend Sec. 1747, Re-

risal, to extend the time for registering grants. Gordon-Establish lien upon wear-

ing apparel in favor of laundrymen. Gordon-Establish State library commssion. Poole-Amend Sec. 924, Revisal,

of Superior Court in paying out Butler (by request)-Allow two Training School. years to bring actions against tele-

graph companies. Cox, of Anson-Amend Chap. 273, Laws of 1902, for the relief of cer-

tain Confederate soldiers, sailors and widows. Graham-Repeal Chap. 89, Laws of 1907, relating to additional cause

of divorce. Graham-Expedite the trial of capital cases and reduce the cost by enabling courts to summon special venires from some adjoining county. Much discussion upon the divorce

Explosion Killed 56 Men. bill was engaged in. It arises from a bill to amend the present law to allow divorces in cases of ten years allow divorces allowed divorces in cases of ten years allowed divorces allowed d

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

The urgent deficiency bill which carries appropriations amounting to \$1,026,402, was passed after an amendment providing for an approlating to powers and duties of county priation of \$30,000 for further distribution of seeds by the Department

dispensaries and sanatoriums. To repeal Chap. 202, Laws of 1907, county. Amend Revisal relative to liability of counties in criminal actions.

Resolution to print 500 copies of memorial of North Carolina Library Association for fireproof building. In the Senate Friday Senator Ormond offered a bill to put solicitors

of the State on salaries of \$2,500 each instead of the fees now allowed Hankins: Joint resolution to provide more adequate postoffice facilities for the General Assembly. Hankins: Memorial from the

North Carolina Library Association for the erection of a fireproof State library building. Hankins: Memorial from the North Carolina Society, Daughters of

Among the bills passed was a oint resolution for paying the evpenses of Dr. Gordon and Dr. Bolton, members of the Legislature who represented the Assembly at the State tuberculosis convention at Charlotte

recently. There was read by Senator Dockorv a "pome" by ex-Senator N. A. McLean of Robeson, in answer to the a resolution by Senator Dockery that military affairs which investigated Mr. McLean and others &c sent a et. There was a jocular vote.

The senate passed a bill to incorporate board of publication, North Carolina Methodist Conference. Senator Barringer introduced

mileage books. In the House Cox, of Wake, pre-

sented a memorial from the Ladies Memorial Association for the General Assembly to provide for a fireproof building for the State library. Poole offered a bill to amend Sec 3354, Revisal, relative to punishment for seduction so that there can be punishment even after marriage in the event there is desertion within five years after marriage. Poole: Amend Sec. 5111, Revisal,

relative to the inheritance tax. Cox, of Wake: Joint resolution to pay the expenses of the inaugural committee.

Cox, of Wake: Make the salary of the assistant Supreme Court librarian \$30 instead of \$15 a month. Currie: Amend Sec. 87, Revisal

and abolish the crop pest commission putting its duties in the hands of the State board of agriculture. Currie: Regulate the registration and sale of concentrated feed stuffs.

Currie: Regulate the sale of stock foods and medicinal powders for live stock. Gordon: To validate deeds and in

struments heretofore executed by corporations. Underwood: Amen? 2235, Revisal,

so as to allow three days of grace on bills payable at sight. Connor: Fix liability of banks to lepositors for forged or raised checks. Depositor must notify the

bank within three months of receiving the canceled check. Connor: Punish derogatory statements concerning banks and to pre-

vent runs on banks. Connor: Amend Act of 1907 relatng to the salary of the assistant li-

brarian of the Supreme Court. Weaver: Regulate the use of business names.

government employes. Rodwell: Relative to property of insane persons discharged from asy-

Morton: Joint resolution to provide more lights in corridors and rotunda of Capitol. The Senate lacked a chorum on

Saturday. In the House many bills were passed of a private nature. Chief among

bills of general interest presented Currie: Amend Revisal 3945 and relieve manufacturers of fertilizers of

unnecessary requirements. Currie: Entitle sale of test farms by boards of agriculture.

Currie: Establish State highway commission.

Perry of Bladen: For better protection and comfort of traveling pub-

Hinsdale: For relief of inmates relative to the popwpers of the clerk of Soldiers' Home at Raleigh. Connor: Provide for equipment and maintenance of Eastern Carolina

Among the bills to pass third reading was that to Permit guardians to cultivate lands of their wards. Mr. Morton's bill for the separation of the races in the penitentiary, convicts camps and county jails, was striking out of the provision restoron his own motion re-referred to the committee on penal institutions here being so many gen'lemen whe the bill is \$135,000,000. vished to exempt their ecuatics and

prevent the act from interfering with the eages used in read week.

to cut down the number of vesselauthorized.

A motion by Representative Olcott Summary of Important Proceedings of New York to increase the pension Enacted From Day to Day. of Julia B. Coghlan, widow of Rear Admiral Coghlan, U. S. N., from \$50 a month, as provided in a pension, bill, to \$100 a month, created a lively interest in the house of representatives Saturday. After a vigorous debate the amendment was lost by vote of 42 to 103. Strong opposition to the increase

of Agriculture. Representative Foss, of Illinois, chairman of the House cimmittee on naval affairs, brought up the naval demand this special increase. apprepriation bill which probably will occupy the attention of the House for a day or two. The bill carries an appropriation of \$135,662,888. A message from the President recom-Tells the Grand Jury What He Knows mending an appropriation of \$20,000 for a commission to investigate thaconditions in the republic of Liberia,

Africa, was read. The Brownsville affair was again before the Senate Wednesday. Senator Frazier, of Tennessee, speaking in opposition to the passage of any measure for the re-enlistment of the discharged soldiers of the Twentyfifth Regiment. He insisted that the guilt of some men of the regiment had been established beyond any doubt, although the individuals who had committed the crime had not minutes before he went into the been determined.

Mr. Foraker announced that he would move next Monday to take up his bill to reinstate the soldiers unless an agreement on a time to vote for the measure is made sooner. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill also was unler consideration.

Senator Frazier's remarks were of especial interest as he was member of the committee on the Brownsville incident, his views

After adopting without opposition resolution by which Governor George F. Lilley, of Connecticut, ceases to be a member of Congress bill to fix the privileges of owners of the House proceded with the naval appropriation bill. There were few amendments offered to the measure, the items under consideration being those of maintenance and improvements to navy yards, stations and other public works of the navy.

A debate on the propriety of in creasing salaries of Federal circuit and district judges consumed nearly the entire time of the Senate Thursday with the result that the compensation of the 29 circuit judges was increased from \$7,000 to \$9,000 and that of the S4 district judges from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Senator Borah who had offered

of salary recommended by the committee on appropriations declared that the action of the Senate in increasing the salary of the President to \$100,000 was in violation of the spirit of the constitution and would never have been taken before or during the recent political campaign. Senator Tillman insinuated that ome Federal judges were on the pay colls of corporations, which called

forth denunciation that such charges al or cruel punishments," remarked should not be made without specificatv naming the judge referred to. officers of the navy in the care of hereafter." machinery of war vessels were uttered in the House of Representatives Thursday during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, with Bursting Dam Floods Gold Mine the result that an amendment was adopted requiring the Secretary of the Navy to annually report to Con-

gress those instances where more than \$200,00 is expended for repairs. After futile efforts had been made to obtain legislation looking to the pers, an amendment was agreed to of" the Sherman anti-trust law. The Grant: Protect labor from certain debate disclosed the fact that the amendment was directed at the Du Pont Company. An amendment also was adopted appropriating \$250,000 for the purpose of doubling the govevnment's output of powder other than for small arms at 64 cents per

pound. The bill was still pending when the

House adjourned. In the Senate Friday, February 12th next was declared to be a special legal holiday and a survey and ton to Gettysburg to be known as 'The Lincoln Way'' as a memorial the sente after a nextended debate. Final action was also taken on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, the Senate refusing

to fix at \$75,000 the salary of the amendment to \$100,00. The House adopted exactly as reported by committee, the naval prothe naval appropriation bill was passed. The cponents of the navy in-

crease feature found themselves in a hopeless minority. The only vital alteration made in the measure was the ing marines to naval vessels. The aggregate amount appropriated by

noon to appear Monday to complete amendments regarding the increase the jury to try the alleged slayers of ex-Senator Edward W. Carmack. When the six selected jurors were brought into court Friday morning, one of them, J. Whiteworth, called Judge Hart and said: "Judge, I've been used to my morning toddy for a good many years and I missed it powerfully this morning. Can't I get one-just one, every

morning?" "The constitution prohibits unusuthe court judicially. "Mr. Officer, see that those gentlemen who are Strictures upon the efficiency of went to have a toddy get their toddy

FLOODS SWEEP TRANSVAAL.

Drowning 160 Laborers. Johannesburg, By able.-One hundred and seventy-three persons are known to have lost their lives Friday as a result of the floods which are general throughout the Transvaal colony and northern Natal. Great restoration of marines aboard ship- damage also has been done to property. By the bursting of Knight's prohibiting the purchase of powder dam, the Witwatersrand gold mine in 'manufactured and sold in violation the southwestern part of the Transvaal was flooded and ten white men and 150 natives were drowned. The water from this dam also flooded the lower section of the Town of Elsburg where a number of houses were swept away and 13 persons perished. A gold dredger valued at \$60,000 broke adrift on the Kaap river and was wrecked.

Saves Woman But Loses His Life.

Scranton, Pa., Special.-M. J. Duffy, station master of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad at plans for a highway from Washing- Hallstead, was run down and killed by the New York flyer just in front of the station Sunday afternoon. to Abraham Lincoln, was provided Duffy ran out on the tracks to rescue for by a joint resolution passed by a woman who was in danger of being run down by another train going in an opposite direction.

Three Killed in Explosion. Johnstown, Pa., Special. - Threchildren between three and four years January 9th. President, previously increased by an old were killed, another, aged five, was severely burned, and two women, mothers of the little ones, were painfully injured at Stoughton, Somergramme for the fiscal year 1910, and set county, when the children touched a match to a keg of powder to see it blaze. All the dead and injured are foreigners. Their home was almost demelished by the explosion.

Boy Shoots His Father.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.-William O. Bethes, a young white man, The increase in the naval estimate shot and instantly killed his father, gave rise to extended and heated de- George Bethea, late Friday afternoon B. Coughlan, widow of Rear Adbate, in which members were afforded as the old man was entering the home an opportunity to air their views on of his daughter in the western secthe Japanese question. The peace ad- tion of the city. There had been a pension bill, to \$100 a month creat-Veszprim, Hungary, Special.—The vocates were much in evidence in op- bad blood between father and son for ed a lively interest in the House of

White Star Liner Republic and and Lloyd Liner Florida

MEET OFF NANTUCKET ISLAND

Republic Goes to Bottom After Unloading Her 781 Passengers and Grew-Greatest Feat in History of Wireless Telegraphy - Four Are Killed.

New York, Special.-Grave anxiety pervailed here Saturday and Saturday night as the result of the thrilling maritime drama being enacted off Nantucket on the coast of New England, following the ramming early Saturday of the big White Star liner Republic with 761 souls aboard, by the steamer Florida, of the Lloyd-Italian line. The wireless telegraph played an important part in the grave incidents happending at

sea, far from the shore, and proved its utility as it has never done before. Bit by bit it told the tale, first announcing the news of the collision grand jury room. Senator Knox, of and the plight of the liner, which Pennsylvania, and Assistant Attor- news came direct from the injured ship itself. Then it told of the rescue of the Republic's passengers, the condition from time to time of the sinking ship and finally summoned from the adjacent seas the White Star line Baltic, the French steamer La Lorraine, the Curnader Lucania and the revenue cutters Achushnet

and Gresham. At 8 o'clock p. m. the wireless brought reassuring news from Captain Ransom, of the steamer Baltic. He said that the Republic was still afloat; that the Florida, with her own people and most of those from the Republic aboard, close to 2,000 souls in all, was nearby and that the Baltic was near the scene, standing by ready to lend aid. The steamers La Lorraine and Lucania, Captain Ransom said, were also in the vicinity and the Republic through her wireless outfit, was directing the move-

ments of the shipe of rescue. Until an early hour Sunday it was believed the crashing together of the two big ships had not resulted in death of injury to a single passenger or member of the crews. Shortly after midnight, however, the wireless telegraph flashed the news that two passengers on the Republic had been killed and two others injured. Late in the day another wireless message told of four deaths on board the Florida, either of members of the

crew or steerage passengers. It is apparent that the Florida must have been between 30 or 40 miles off her course in being anywhere near the Rapublic, as the eastbound and westbound steamer lanes

here are that distance apart. The collision, being amidship, almost immediately flooded the engine room of the Republic and of course rendered her absolutely helpless. Fortunately, her wireless equipment was well supplied with storage batteries and three were used for more than six hours, until they gradually became exhausted. After that, recourse to signalling by means of sub-

marine bells was adopted. In the middle of the forenoon the transfer of passengers to the Florida was made, and although the fog was very dense, unusually calm weather for this season of the year in the North Atlantic enabled the transfer to be made without accident. By noon the Baltic and LaLorraine were close to the scene of collision, but owing to the dense fog, were unable to locate the Republic, although the submarine bells could be heard fre-

The prompt closing of the Republic's water-tight compartments which kept her afloat and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of those on board. In the afternoon it was learncd from the Baltic that these compartments were still holding the vessel above water, but that the bulkheads and compartment doors were under a fearful strain and likely to give way at any moment. A dispatch at 8:30 Sunday night

said: "Republic gone down. No one aboard. All crew safe on revenue cutter Gresham." An hour later another wireless

message was received stating that the revenue cutter Gresham, with the Republic crew on board was proceeding to Gayhead.

The Republic's passengers found 900 returning Italians, many of them survivors of the earthquake, on board the Florida, which left Naples on

Lincoln's Native County Votes Dry. Hodgonville, Ky., Special.-In a Iccal option clection Larue county, in which Abraham Lincoln was born nearly 100 years ago, voted "dry" by a majority of 1,085, the vote be-

inb more than 4 to 1 against license. Would Not Increase Pension.

Washington, Special. - A motion by Representative Olcott, of New York, to increase the pension of Julia miral Coughlan, United States navy. from \$50 a month as provided for in