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YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Corbett's Claim to a Seat in the Senate Discussed-Senator Allen Withdraws His Cuban Resolution-Government Preparing for Contingencies

SENATE.

Washington, February 24 .- A feature of the senate's session today was the speech f Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, on the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat in the senate from Oregon under appointment of the governor. Senator Spooner made a constitutional argument in favor of seating Mr. Corbett, and had not conluded when the senate adjourned. An fective point was made, by Senator pooner when he cited the credentials of John Walker, of Virginia, who was appointed to the senate on March 31, 1790, by the governor of Virginia. This case, the first gubernatorial appointment made to the senate under the constitution, Senator Spooner said, was precisely sim-liar to that now under consideration, as Senator Walker's credentials showed that the legislature had had opportunity to fill the vacancy then existing and had falled to do so. The senate accepted Mr. Walker's credentials and seated him. An effort was made to obtain consideraion of the Alaska homestead and railway tight of way bill, but on a parlia-mentary technicality it went over. The resolution offered yesterday by Senator Allen, of Nebraska, to appoint a committee of five senators to investi-

at committee of five senators to invest-rate the Cuban situation was withdrawn by its author when it was laid before the senate. Senator Allen said that he was satisfied from the vote on his amend-ment yesterday that the fight on his reslution was quite well sealed. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The house devoted itself strictly to usiness today, and disposed of thirty additional pages of the sundry civil appropriation bill. An unsuccessful attempt to increase the appropriation for the suppression of epidemic diseases \$200,000 led to considerable debate on the advisability of establishing a ,national quarantine

The fact that the government is preparing for contingencies was recognized in the house today when Chairman Cannon, who has been laboring to keep down oppropriations, accepted without a word protest an amendment to increase the appropriation to care for the unused ma-chinery at the Springfield arsehal. Mr. Sillett explained that necessity for using this machinery might occur at any time Two joint resolutions were adopted providing for the appointment of Thomas Drayton Parker and James E. Palmer, as assistant engineers in the navy n the engineer class. It was explained that these men were dropped after gradnation, owing to the lack of vacancies. Phere were now fourteen vacancies, one of which was caused by the death of Lieutenant Merritt, of the Maine, These resolutions were objected to a few weeks

IF TREACHERY IS PROVEN

THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ACT above list, new brigades are in process VIGOROUSLY.

McKinley Walting for Report of the Court of Inquiry-Evidence of an Outside Ex- ant Gibbons, U. S. N., whose energy plosion Accumulating-Pitiful Appeals to Have the Bodies Brought Home-Its state organization and in the har-Impossibility-Spaniards Admit Subterranean Passages-No Official News to Le pact force, capable in emergency of co-Had-Violence of Madrid Press

Washington, February 24.-Rumors of startling discoveries in the wreck of sudden emergency, could be utilized at the Maine were less frequent, but there were enough of them still afloat today to warrant Secretary Long in making fence, and also be used in placing this statement to the newspaper men mines and the establishment of signal as he left his office: "Summing up the stations for coast defense. situation, I should say that the navy department knows today nothing more about the cause of the disaster than it states in a few days. did five minutes after the receipt of the WASHINGTON SAFE FROM ATfirst dispatch from Captain Sigsbee."

The secretary's attention was drawn to the published statement that Captain Crowninshield, chief of the bureau

of navigation, had just argived at Tampa, Fla., on the Monterey, from a attack by water. The fortifications at rip to Cuba, where he had been inspecting coaling stations near Matanzas. The secretary's comment 'was repel an ordinary fleet of invaders, and

simply this: "Captain Crowninshield in case of necessity they could be vastly has not been to Cuba. He has been off strengthened in a comparatively short with his boy on matters not in any sufficient to keep all hostile vessels bewise connected with the business of youd the range of gunshot of the nathe navy." Secretary Long further said that he rather expected to see Captain Crowninshield tomorrow. Until the conclusion of the investiga-

tion of the court of inquiry at Havana, that it is probable some of the ships the principal business of the navy department in connection with the Maine will relate to the conduct of the wrecking operations. Captain Lemly, the judge advocate general, who has this branch of the work immediately in charge, today received telegrams from the Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Companies at New York, stating that the steamer 'Merritt and wrecking lighter Sharp has sailed for Havana and that the tug Underwriter, with the chief, would leave New York Saturday ing important results. From examinafor the same place. The assistant tion of the interior wreckage they have wrecking master was going to Havana secured evidence which seems conon the Ward Line steamer Saturday; clusive that the explosion came from and it was suggested to the depart- underneath the ship. Some of the ment that its inspector should take the | smaller magazines may have exploded. same steamer. In asmuch as Lieuten- The main 10-inch magazine did not ex-

At 5:15 o'clock p. m. the house 'Commander Kimball, who is now

Carolina 230; Ohio 216, Pennsylvania 216, Rhode Island 130, South Carolina, 152, Virginia 44: total 4,445. light. It is known that the govern-Aside from the forces shown in the ment has not received and information

Thanks to the promptness and ef-

use the guns at the forts.

failure of autonomy.'

MAINE.

SION.

'Havana, February 23,

from official sources tending to show of formation, which promises to swell the total to much larger figures at an with any degree of certainty that the early day. The organization of this explosion was the work of enemies. auxiliary arm of the navy service is At the Spanish legation much inunder immediate direction of Lieutenterest is manifested in the developments attending the Maine inquiry and the earnest hope is expressed that conhas accomplished much in securing servative judgment will not be induencmonizing .of the bodies into one comed by reports which by the legation

are regarded as untrustworthy, Mr. du Bosc and his staff of the legation are operating with the regular navy. In his last report, 'Mr. Roosevelt said that maintaining a calm attitude, and are the state naval militia, in the event of seeking to allay everything which might inflame public sentiment. once for manning the smaller national The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya will curisers. It could be depended upon probably sail tomorrow for Havana. mainly, he said, as a second line of de-That, however, is a matter wholly within the discretion of Captain Eulate. It is probable that she would have gone

before this time if it were not for the The appropriation of \$50,000 made by misleading impression which an early congress to aid the work of the naval departure might occasion. -Reports received today at the legamilitia will be appropriated among the tion speak with satisfaction of the

courtesies which the government officials at New York have shown the TACK.

officers and men of the ship. SOBRAL TO SAIL.

ficiency of the chief of engineers and Captain Sobral, the late naval at the chief of ordnance of the army, the tachee of the legation, came to Washcity of Washington is now regarded as ington yesterday and conferred with being well nigh safe and secure from Senor du Bosc. Any misunderstanding which has occurred as to his official Fort Washington and Sheridan point. status is due to the fact that the ofon the opposite side of the Potomac ficial notification of the termination of are sufficiently advanced to be able to his service has not come to him from

the naval chiefs under which he serves. The decree was formally gazetted, however, and during Captain Sobral's visit here he received orders from 'Madrid to report there at once. He, therefore, will take an early steamer, and this tional capital. Moreover, the river has apparently disposes of the incident been blocked off and prepared for mines and torpedoes at a point below with which his name has been connect-

the fortifications already mentioned, so THE DAUNTLESS STILL AT SEA. of an enemy would be blown out of the The whereabouts of the steamer

water before it would be necessary to Dauntless, said to have sailed from Florida with a filibustering expedition, EVIDENCES OF OUTSIDE EXPLOis beginning to excite much comment. The expedition is said to have sailed over a week ago and there has been The Evening Star has received the ample time for her to reach Cuba. No following cablegram from Charles M. reports to this effect have been receiv-Pepper, its staff correspondent in Cuba: ed.It is felt that she must have encountered heavy weather and is possibly dis-"Via Key West, Fla. abled, or else has made a q uiet landing "At this writing divers are developand is now cruising about to secure a safe avenue of escape from the Spanish

ships in watching. The increase of the artillery force of the country by two regiments as provided for in the senate bill was agreed, ter though some think it affects only on by a sub-committee of the house military affairs committee today and Madrid, Febrary 24.—The queen-remilitary affairs committee today and at Havana, has been assigned to the the ship shows further probability of at the regular meeting tomorrow withat the regular meeting tomorrow with- cil which discussed the relations beout the change of a word.

public interest, and this policy will be continued until the problem has been solved and the whole truth brought to Speniards further assert, the existence of this passage was not known to the present author les or to those who

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IBLE AT ALL POINTS. have been in ower for many years past. The enginees and exits, it is added, have he i closed for years by thick walls have covered with debris Troops at Fort Leavenworth Ordered to

thick wais has covered with deoris and their exact location is said to be lost. At the said time it is admitted that the record, regarding the subter-ranean passage can be found in old decuments in a archives of Havana. Finally, the Sa niards insist that this passage does not go under the harbor at any point. Fort Thomas Recalled From Rifle Range. Trip to the Monotains by Artillery at San Antonio Postponed-Stir at Fort Me Pherson-Munitions of War Increased. Ohio State Guard Enlisting Men

Kansas City, Mo., February 24 .- A at any point. The session, c the court of inquiry this afternoon as devoted to taking dispatch to The Journal from Leavenworth, Kas., says that great tension this arternood has devoted to taking the testimons of two civilians, Ameri-cans, who saw he explosion from the deck of the We d Line steamer City of Washington hat was moored a few hundred yards, om the Maine, and of two divers, whethave been at work on the wreck for several days. exists at Fort Leavenworth caused by the receipt of the telegraphic orders to have the entire command in readiness to move at twenty four hours notice. Cincinnati, O., February 24.-Under instructions from Washington, Colonel Although it is probable the Mangrove will leave for 12 y West tomorrow, Cap-Cochran, commander at Fort Thomas, tain Sampson & not yet certain. It is believed the chi t will return to Ha-vanavafter hear ig the Key West wit-nesses, but no fficial confirmation of can also be used for trenching tools.

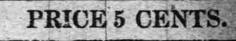
this report can be obtained. With the departure of 'a court the centre of were issued to all the troops. The interest will planably be at Key West, men are daily undergoing fatigue drill although the delters will maintain the same reserve to be as here. The news given out by the court is strictly con-fined to that ar ady sent by this cor-respondent and as very scanty at the and expect to go to Key West instead of Charleston, S. C., as reported The first regiment of the Ohio nat-

ional guard, located here, is filling up with recruits.

The explosion is no longer the sole topic of conversion. The public here San Antonio, Texas, February 24 .-An order was received today from appears to be in itent to await the report of the core, of inquiry and to be well assured that nothing except surheadquarters suspending for the present the order sending light battery K. mise is possible until the report is First artillery, into the mountains on its annual thirty days' target practice. The coast s rey steamer A. D. Bache, after n i y delays, left for the Tortugas this morning with three wounded, all d b g well. Owing to the the artillery range in the moun-American quare itine regulations, the tains on March 1, but last night in-wounded having been in hospitals here structions were received to keep the structions were received to keep the and exposed to over, must be taken to battery at Fort Sam Houston, until hospitals in the Turtugas for quaran-tine. The othe, wounded are doing further orders. Colonel Louis H. Carpenter, com

No bodies wer recovered today from the wreck. "Re" int orders from Captain Sigsbee sty tly forbid all officers of the Maine to give out any informa-tion except to the se officially empower-eu to ask-it. The order is generally this post.

understood to all official mat-



ACTIVITY AT THE FORTS. At Auction Prices. Begiuning Monday, 21st inst., we will sell off the balance of Stock in the PREPARATIONS FOR ACTION VIS-Heinsberger Store at Auction Prices. This Stock consists of Miscellaneons Books, Fancy Goods, Toys, Sheet Music Musical Instruments, Etc., Etc. be in Readiness to Move-Soldiers at Also, one 30 foot Walnut Wall Case, with plate glass doors. Eleven Volumes "Wilmington Journal." 1862 to '73, C. W. YATES & CO. WILMINGTON, N. C. J. W. NORWOOD. D. L. GORE, LEE H. BATTLE President Vice President Atlantic National Bank. WILMINGTON, N. C. GAPITAL \$125,000. SURPLUS AND PROFITS \$75,000. Average Deposits \$700,000. STATE AND CITY DEPOSITORY. We desire new accounts, both large and small, endeavoring at all times o please our customers. We extend every accommodation consistent with good business. Safety Deposit|Boxes for rent at a nominal price. JNO. 8 ARMSTRONG, PRESIDENT F. B. HAWES, CASHIER THE NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON. WILMINGTON, N. C.

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well late tonigh Even Holzer, though sorely wounded is better and is mak-ing a gallant t int for life. mander of the fort, stated that no reasons were given for detaining the bat. tery at the post, saying that it was surmised that the artillery was to re-

main here to await the arrival of Inspectator General Colonel Lawton. Carpenter had no idea when the inspectator general was due to arrive at

Atlanta, Ga. February 24.-Activity has never been so great at Fort Mc-Pherson as at the present time. The stir is attributable to General Merritt's

Board of Public Examiners

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., February 23.-The state board of public examiners meets here tomorrow. The state superintenlent'says that in addition to prescribng a course of study, it will also prepare a form of examination for applicants for life certificates, as teachers, which, examination will be held in July.

The state charters the Smithfield Tobacco Warehouse Company, J. H. Pou and other stockholders Two negro convicts from Harnet arrive at the penitentiary, one 17 years ald gets fifteen years for murder in the second degree.

Deaths in Forest Fires

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., February 24 .- The state forester, who returned here today after tour through the vast pine region swept by fire last week, reports that ourteen persons were burned to death this state and South Carolina

Children and adults tortured by urns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin. liseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It s the great Pile remedy. Robt. R. Bellamy.

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"I don't know, there may be others," he said, "but I have used 'Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup' in my family for years and would not be without it.' He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him." Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup" has no equal. It will immeditely relieve any Cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarse-

To Thoroughly Investigate the Lake City

Murders Washington, February 24.-The postofe department has directed Inspector all another inspector to proceed to Lake is essential further to destroy the up-Fity, S. C., and assist Mr. Moye, who ar-fived there last night, to conduct the inrestigation into the murder of Postmaster Baker and the burning of the postffice. A singular coincidence in the case of Baker is that on February 21st, the day of the night on which he was mur-dered, he whote a letter to the postoffice department saying that his life had been threatened and asking that the governent extend some protection to him. This etter came to hand yesterday afternoon. Senator, McLaurin, of South Carolina, was among Postmaster General Gary's callers today and expressed horror at the crime in which Baker lost his life. He asked that the department use every means at its command to discover the erpetrators of the outrage and assured General Gary that he would do everything in his power to assist him. A dispetch was received from Inspec for Moye at Lake City this afternoo

saying that he was pursuing the investi-sation directed by the department. There as no clue to the perpetrators.

The con duty of inspecting the wrecking opera- | the wreck having been due to outside tions it will not be necessary to observe force. The further the investigation this suggestion. progresses the more untenable becomes

The only exact information received at the mavy department from Havana during the day was conveyed in Captain Sigsbee's telegram, as follows: 'Havana, February 24, 1898.

'Long, Secretary of the Navy: "The wrecking tug Right Arm arrived yesterday. She begins work today. Much-encumbering metal must be blasted away in detail. Navy divers have been down aft seven days and forward four days. The bodies of Jen-

kins and Merritt have not yet been found. Two unidentified bodies of the crew were found yesterday. The after compartment is filled with detached, broken and buoyant furniture and fittings, mud and confusion. The Spanish authorities continue offers of astunity for judging.

sistance and care for the wounded and dead. Everything that goes from wreck to the United States should be disinfected. The wrecking company should provide for this. The surgeon of the Maine, after consulting with others, recommended that all bedding and clothing should be abandoned. It might go to the acclimated poor. Useless fittings and equipments might be towed to sea and thrown overboard.

will take all immediate responsibility, but invite the department's wishes. Shall the old metal of the superstruc-ture and the like be saved? Friends of dead should understand that we are in the tropics. Chaplain Chidwick is charged with all matters relative to the dead. His conduct is beyond praise.

I don't know what reports are being printed, but the intensely active representatives of the press here have been very considerate of me and my posi-"SIGSBEE." Secretary Long immediately answered Captain Sigsbee, approving all his

recommendations. He was directed to have Lieutenant Wainwright, the executive officer of the Maine, make arrangements with the wreckers for the disinfection of everything sent to the United States. The recommendation

that all bedding and clothing be abandoned and if need be, be given to the acclimated poor, was approved without comment. The same approval was given to the suggestion that useless fittings and equipment be towed to sea and thrown overboard, it being left to ness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred ail- Captain Sigsbee's judgement to determents. Contains no injurious ingredi- mine how far this destruction should ents, is pleasant to take and a safe be carried on. To the captain's inquiry remedy for children. For sale by J. C. as to the saving of old metal and parts Shepard, J. H. Hardin, and H. L. Fen- of the superstructure, the answer was given that such material was of no use

to the bureau of equipment. It was left to Capiain Sigsbee to say what of this shattered material was worth pre-

serving. His statement that much blasting will be required to slear away liams, at Chattanooga, Tenn., to de- encumbering material indicates that it in the following terms: get at what is more valuable beneath. Captain Sigsbee's statement that the Consul: divers have been down aft seven days and forward four days, gave the navy department the first information of the time that the divers had been in the vicinity of the "zone of the explosion," as he had termed it. This zone is confined to the forward part of the ship, and while the divers have been down aft for the last week, their work forward, in the vicinity of the farge magazine, has been in progress only four days, which presumably began on Monday and included today. so many homes.

WHY THE DEAD CANNOT BE BROUGHT HOME.

The statement in the Sigsbee dispatch that "friends of the dead should understand we are in the tropics" is

CABLEGRAMS FROM CAPTAIN SIGSBEE. the theory which the Spanish govern-

ment adduced to show accidental cause, Late tonight the navy department received two brief telegrams from Cap-It is evident the Spanish case will be based on the claim that a fire preceded tain Sigsbee at Havana. One related the explosion. Captain Sampson and to some routine matter of expenditures in connection with the work on the his colleagues of the maval board may have outside evidence offered regarding Maine. The other is as follows: "Diva torpedo float producing the explosion. "Said one diver who had been engaged in the work of getting bodies out from under the hatch: 'God may be merciful to the men who blew these poor fellows to eternity; the United States should not.' This was before Long's order prohibiting officers from talking. This diver evidently thought the explosion was not an accident. He had an expert's capacity, and oppor-

"The Havana public is not permitted the belief that the work of submarine investigation will necessarily proceed slowly. MCKINLEY TO ACT VIGOROUSLY Valdo Iglesias, and the staff of the to know the intensity of public sentiment in the United States. Only meagre details' are permitted to be know of what happens in Washington.

Congress is watched with . excessive IF TREACHERY IS PROVEN.

anxiety by palace officials, but the populace knows nothing of what is liable St. Louis, February 24.-General Wilto happen. Evidences of iN feeling liam H. Powell, of Belleville, who was in command of the regiment in waich toward American people and exultation President McKinley served during the over the Maine disaster do not lessen. The Maine inquiry dwarfs interest in civil war, and who was recently appointed collector of internal revenue Cuban politics, but recent developments carry official confession of the for the southern Illinois district,' returned from Washington today. The general who is a personal friend of QUESTION OF RAISING THE President McKinley, said that while at the capital, he discussed the Maine disaster and its possible results, with In view of the many expressions of

the chief executive. "The president doubt concerning the possibility of stated to me," said the general, "that raising the wreck of the Maine the he was only waiting for a complete remessage sent yesterday to the navy port of the naval board of inquiry, and department by Admaril Sicard may that should it report that our sailors have some weight. The admiral reporthad met their death 'through Spanish ed that the court of inquiry, which is treachery heawas prepared to act at on the spot and has had the advantage once, and in a manner which would of the opinions of divers, had declared meet the approval of every loyal Amer-

that the most powerful appliances ican citizen." would be necessary to remove the General Powell said preparations for wreck or raise the ship. The last exwar were being pushed with the utpression is taken to mean that the most vigor and added: "I am concourt has so far not concluded that vinced that President McKinley is the would be impossible to again float right man in the right place and that the Maine, else the language would seem as soon as Spanish treachery has been to have been unnecessary, an unwarproven his policy will be rigid enough ranted supposition in the case of exto meet the approval even of the most pronounced jingoes."

WITNESSES BEFORE THE COURT.

Havana, February 24 .- The court of inquiry held its usual session today. Captain Sampson reports that Chaplain Chidwick was examined as to his personal experiences at the time of the

disaster to the Maine, and that the testimony was taken of the captain of BLANCO'S CONDOLENCE. a British bark in the harbor and the In the mail received from Consul superintendent of the West Indian Oil General Lee this morning was a copy Works, across the bay at Regla, both of the message of condolence received of whom witnessed the explosion. Mr. him from Captain General Blanco Rolf, the British engineer of the floating dock in the harbor, wrote a letter

Havana, February 16, 1898. to the court, but, it is said, did not add anything material to what was known. "It becomes my painful duty to ex-At the afternoon session the divers press to you my profound sorrow for were examined more fully than before. the misfortune which occurred yester- Their testimony is taken from day to day on board 'the American ship The court expects now to finish day. here today and to sail on the Mangrove Maine. I associate myself with all my for Key West, where the other officers heart to the grief of the nation and of the families who have lost some of and men will be examined. The wrecking tug Right Arm did not

their members; and upon doing so 'I do not only express my personal senti- go north, as was expected yesterday. ments, but I speak in the name of all She is now moored beside the poop of the inhabitants of Havana, witnesses the wreck, and will salve the smaller of the catastrophe, which has afflicted

"God guard you many years. (Signed) "RAMON BLANCO. tro the Consul of the United States

"Habana, February 16, 1898." NO VESSEL ORDERED TO HAVANA | may die at any moment. tween Spain are, the United States.

MINISTER & OODFORD'S BAN-

The United Strips Minister, General Stewart L. Writtord, gave a banquet today in honor of the new Spanish minister at W mington, Senor Polo y Bernabe. Is addition to the later, the guests incide d the Austrion, Rusers report more bodies in the wreck. Some are in their hammocks, involved in debris, probably not recognizable." This dispatch indicates that the div-ers have finally secured at least a partial entrance to the quarters in the guest of the Uffred. States at the time forward part of the vessel where the of the Chicago, air, and the premier, crew were asleep when the explosion Senor Sagastas There were also presoccurred, and under which were the ent Senor More, y Prendergast, the magazines. The fact that the divers minister for the colonies and his wife; were unable to extricate the bodies Senor Gullon, the minister for foreign shows the fearful obstacle against affairs, and Sen A. Gullon; the Marwhich they are laboring and bears out quis Zarco, the peroducer of ambassa-

United States L ation,

VIOLENT LAY JUAGE OF THE IM-RCIAL.

Much politice importance was attached here to the incident, and the banquet "coursed with the peaceful utterances of B esident McKinley" according to a s mi-official report have been "optimist" ally utilized by the ministerial pres. But The Imparcial today takes the Spanish government to task for its ' painy, contrasted with the patriotic contrasted with the patriotic contrasted with and warns the nation against the "hypocritical make policy which really aims of the independence of Cuba." Continues the Imparcial

cavs: "President TL Kinley may make and reiterate protectations of friendship and pacific increasions, but his actions contradicts his words. While the president of the inted States is cajoling us with while, he sharpens his dagger to stal is behind. While talk-ing concord he utilizes his Sunday's

in unusual Unit A States war preparations at the dict, and cancels the fur-loughs of the tarines. Can we trust those who are reventing the pacifica-toin of Cuba and feeling and foment-ing rebellion at a filibustering expeditions, sending arships under the prepurpose. text of frien saip, and preaching

peace? We may prepare for war. There is no the i to acquire new warships but we could fit out immediately what we have, sending the Pelayo, Colon, Charlos 7., and Maria Teresa to play the Am glean game , which is Vizcaya to Cuf n waters and the rest of the fleet to juard the peninsula. Other policy the proparedness is only to play the A crican game, which is to exhaust our esources and gain the independence of Cuba without risking anything. How long does the govern-

ment mean to savor the American plans. How is will the agonizing nation tolerate he apathy of the government?" This languar from a semi-official organ is much commented upon.

The Paix frickly declares that Cu-ban independer is imminent.

LY CALLER FOR The holls | Submarine Bost New York, h bruary 24.-The subma rine boat Holls 1, which was built by

the wreck, and will salve the smaller portions as far as possible in advance of the arrival of other tugs with bet-ter facilities for heavy work. Chaplain Chidwick reports that all the wounded here are doing well except Frederick C. Holzer, of New York, who may die at any moment. Neither the officers of the court of inquiry nor the witnesses will give the slightest indication of the testimony or

arrival. Everything is in readines move the regiment to any point that may be designated withn a few hours. At a consultation today between Colonel Cook, commandant of the fort. and railroad officials, Colonel Cook, was assured that the men could be transported to Florida within a night. Any reports to the effect that the regiment is about to move is denied by

the officers at the fort. General Merritt will go to the fort tomorrow morning and inspect the troops. The munitions of war have been greatly increased during the last few days.

General Merritt was seen tonight and asked if his arrival in the city was an indication of immediate action on the part of the regiment. "No," said he, "it is a part of my duty to inspect each post in my division every year and I have come here merely as a part of my routine work. It is not warlike move at all."

For Relief of the Maine Victims Washington, February 24.-Representative Boutelle, of Maine, chairman of the house committee on naval affairs, introduced a bill late this afternoon providing for the relief of the victims of the United States battleship Maine. It follows generally the lines of the Samoan disaster relief bill of 1890 and is the result of several days' conferences in committee and embodies the views of the adninistration.

The bill provides that the survivors of the officers and crew shall be paid for osses incurred by them respectively, in no case the reimbursements to exceed the amount of twelve months' sea pay of each, according to his rank. To the widows or children or parents, or nearest relative of the killed shall be given twelve months' pay. In case of death resulting from injuries from the disaster within a year of its occurrence the same provision is made. If any arrears of pay are due the dead, this shall be given additional. Allotments which may have been made in favor of the relatives of the deceased will be continued for three months, provided that the amounts are deducted from the twelve months pay. No claim will be allowed if not presented in two years from the time of the disaster. The secretary of the navy is given the discretion of having the bodies removed to Arlington cemetery. The relatives who wish so may have the re-mains taken to their homes in the United States. The sum of \$10,000, or so much as may be needed is appropriated for this

The Terror Awaiting Orders Norfolk, Va., February 24.-The moni tor Terror, which has been repairing at the navy yard, left her dock at 10:15 o'clock this morning and proceeded slowout of the harbor under steam, dropped down to Old Point and anchored for the afternoon and night. I believed she is awaiting orders an that her present orders do not carry her farther than Old Point. The monitor' departure was attended by considerable excitement, thousands of people crowding the wharves to watch her as sh passed by.

Mrs Whitney's Case Critical

Aiken, S. C., February 24-The condition of Mrs. William C. Whitney remains very critical. The severe blow she re-ceived on her head paralyzed her body and caused loss of use of all her limbs,

Railroad Engineer **Testifies to Benefits Received From** Dr. Miles' Remedies.

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ON ALL CASH PURCHASES WE MAKE THIS OFFER IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR OUR SPRING STOCK, WHICH IS BEGINNING TO ARRIVE.

DRESS GOODS, CARPETS, MAT TINGS, TRUNKS, RUGS, LACE CUR-TAINS, WINDOW SHADES, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, GLOVES CORSETS ARE ...LL INCLUDED IN THIS DISCOUNT SALE.

BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, LADIES AND MISSES WRAPS WILL BE OFFERED AT STRICTLY COST.

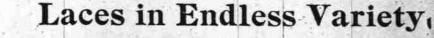


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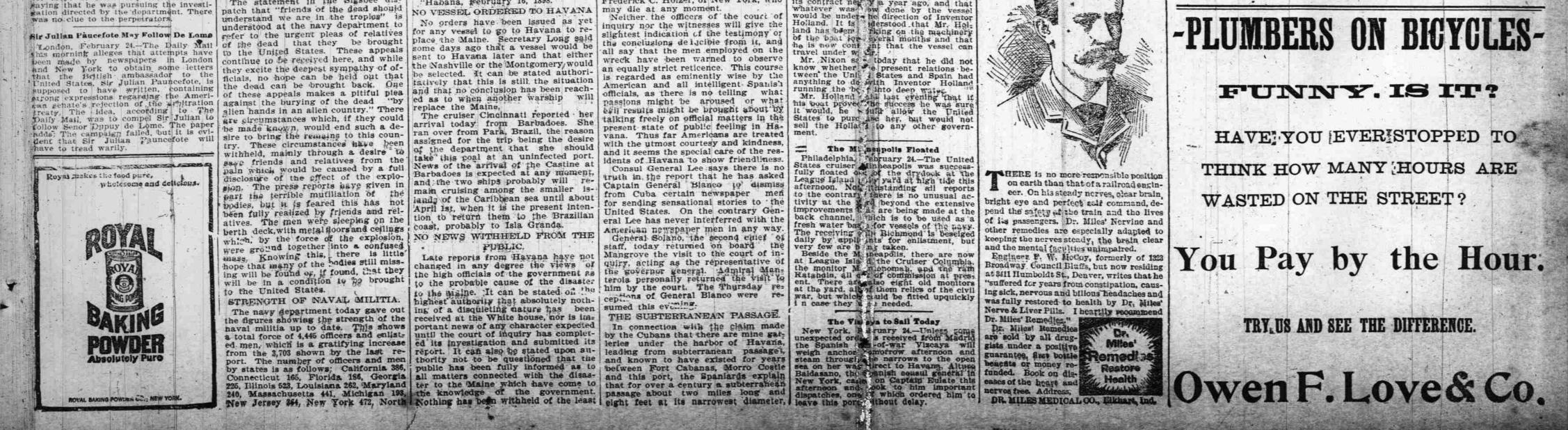
You will find a most Elegant Assortment of New Goods at very close prices.

We have little competition in these lines, as our Stock surpasses any ever shown in this city.

New Things, in Embroideries.



Ask to see the REDFERN CORSET. Johnson & Fore No. 11 Market Street.



pensive cablegrams Nothing has been heard from General Lee at Havana since day before yesterday in the shape of a cablegram and, as the consul general has been prompt heretofore in informing , the state department of any developments of significance, it is supposed that there have been none since General Lee's last report.