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TELEGRAPH SUMMARY,

THE STATE. Jas. Mehegan and T. J. Latham, of Tarboro, former president and cashier of bank at Abbeville, Ga., are arrested at their homes, charged with embezzling \$12,000 of the bank's funds .- Four men, charged with robbing cars on the Atlantic Coast Line, are put in jail at Tarboro .- All the rallways, save the Southern, except to the commission's order reducing freight rates on fire wood. The university base ball team defeats Trinity. The car superintendents of the railroads of this state meet at Raleigh today.—Not even the state directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad ever held a meeting and voted against a lease of the road.—Congress-man Pearson wants to know of leading populists if they favor fusion with the

The sub-committee of the house committee on banking and currency reports to the full committee its financial bill.
Near Moultrie, Ga., a negro is lynched for a daring attempt at criminal assault on the wife of Professor Ingalls. -An amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill carries \$250,000 to furnish supplies for the Cubans. The president is yet undecided what course of intervention in Cuban affairs he will take.

President and Cashler of Bank of Abbeville Arrested-Car Robbers Arrested.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

(Special to The Messenger.) Tarboro, N. C., March 23.-The sher-Iff of Abbeville, Ga., arrived here today with a bench warrant for the arrest of Jas. G. Mehegan and T. J. Latham, the former cashier and president of the Bank of Abbeville. The warrant charges these young men with defaulting with \$12,000 of the money of the gan and Latham today. Mr. Mehegan was in town and Mr. Latham was in of the supreme court, Mr. Mehegan I told your correspondent that he anticipated no trouble whatsoever and that the expected to be back here by Saturday. The requisition papers asked for

Four car robbers were brought here as a vitness against the four, made his while the trial was going on. He eased himself through the crowd and gave a clean pair of heels to the fifficers. He has not been captured since.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. R. R. Bellamy's

Congressman Pearson Writes to Populists (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., March 23,-Congress-

"That the spirit of the recommendachairman and silver republican party invoking union of all forces favoring

reform of financial system is cordially endorsed, since such reform was an inspiration of the populist party, and

for fusion with the democratic party. What pleasure is there in life with a

headache, constipation and billiousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy using DeWitt's Little : arly Risers, the famous little pills. R. R. Bellamy.

Meeting of Car Superintendents

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., March 23,-S. L. Dill the Atlantic and North Carolina railway, and J. W. Frey, of the cape Fear and Yadkin Valley, are here to attend a meeting tomorrow of the car super-

It is positively learned tonight that lan'tic and North Carolina railway ever had a meeting and voted against the

"I don't know, there may be others," Tolu Cough Syrup' in my family for vice, however, will be as naval pickets. 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 immediately relieve any Cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred allments. Contains no injurious ingredi- of construction at Cleveland and with ents, is pleasant to take and a safe "rush" work can be completed and remedy for children. For sale by J. C. ready for sea in from thirty to forty Shet ard, J. H. Hard n. and H. L. Fen- five days. The Manning, the Grestress.

Base Rell Macon, Ga., March 23 .- The Baltimore ans again defeated the Mercer universi-ty on the Macon ball grounds this after-

improvement. The game was called at the end of the eighth inning on account of darkness. Another game will be illayed Friday by the same teams. The score: built soon enough in this country, so R. H. E. that we might have to equip other

Mercer-Nops and Kitson; Bowerman,



WAR PREPARATIONS

CONTINUED BY WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS

he Old Monitors and |Revenue Cutters to be Brought Into Service-Contrac's for "Ammunition-Report of the Court to Reach Washington Tonight-Outline of the Course to be Pursued by the Admin-

Maimi, Fla., March 23.-Lieutenant Commander Marix, of the Maine court of inquiry, with the following party, arrived here this morning from Key West. Lieutenant John Hood, Lieutenant C. W. Junger, Passel Assistant Engineer F. W. Bower, Cadet Amon F. Boyd, Assitant Engineer J. R. Morris and Carpenter G. M. Helm. A few minutes later they left by the East Coast Railway for Washington.

Lieutenant Commander Marix was very reticent, but when your correspondent said: "It looks like war," he replied: 'It surely does," Others of he party in answer to the same question were more emphatic in their replies, one saying: "I cannot see how it can be avoided." Another, in answer to the same question, said: "There will be no war." His face was as genial and bright as sunshine, but suddenly a change came over his countenance, his eyes flashed and, when asked when their report would be made, the reply "As soon as we reach Washington; there will be no delay."

The strong impression left here that the board's report will be against the accident theory.

THE CRISIS NEAR AT HAND. Washington, March 23.-The feeling was universal throughout official circles today that the culmination of the Spanish crisis was near at hand. With report of the Maine court of inquiry only a little while off, with the White house the center of long and earnest conference between the president and the party leaders of congress, and with the exceptional activity toward emergency preparations in the war and navy departments, there was abundance of evidence that definite results regarding the Maine disaster and the Cuban question in general were about to be reached.

Senators Cockrell, Turple and Foraker, will be postponed till the 28th of this General Dan, Sickles, former United States minister to Madrid, and Representative William Alden Smith, of the machinery was imbedded four feet Michigan, who has recently returned in the mud. It is greatly to be regretfrom a trip to Cuba. The call of Senators Cockrell and Turpie was regarded as particularly significant, as they are a'te and their visit followed that of Senator Gorman yesterday. It was genemergency the president desires patriotic unity without reference to party. Secretaries Long and Alger also conferred with the president during the day. Secretary Long said later that the Maine report would probably reach Washington tomorrow night. If however, it did not come before 8 o'clock Thursday evening, Mr. Long said he would probably not receive it until Friday morning, when it would be laid before the president immediately. The secretary did not think the president would give the document any consideration at a late hour tomorrow night. It was more probable, he thought, if Lieutenant Marix arrived at a late hour that he would take the report to

a hotel for the night. There has been no change in the plan of sending the report to congress early next week, probably Monday, accompanied by a message from the president. It is defintely settled, however, that the message and the papers accompanying it will relate exclusively to the Maine disaster. It will not take up the fearful condition of affairs in Cuba, as shown by the reports of Unit-

ed States consuls, these being reserved for subsequent action and a later message to congress. PLACING THE MONITORS. Secretary Long determined today to order the double-turreted monitors Puritan and Terror to Key West where they will reinforce the squadron in those waters. He also determined to bring into service the eight single turreted monitors at League island navy yard, Philadelphia, two of which will be sent to Boston, two to New York and four held in reserve at Philadelphia. The Puritan and Terror take the place of the battleships Massachusetts and Texas, recently withdrawn from the squadron at Key West. It was stated at the navy department that this move was in accordance with a programme previously greed upon, although this programme has not been announced heretofore. The Puritan by

many experts is regarded as the most

fighting machine in the TO ADD REWENUE CUTTERS TO THE FLEET. In addition to its other preparations for possible trouble, the navy department today took steps toward upilizing ten of the seagoing revenue custers for use along the Atlantic coast. Captalin Shoemaker; chief of the revenue cutter service, conferred with Assistant Secretary Rossevelt during the day on the plans for turning over these cut- to it are concerned. Other members of ters to the pavy. They will be first sent to Norfok where additional guns will be mounted, and then will proceed to Key West and become a part of "but I have used 'Parker's the squadron there. Their main sera chain of these fleet cutters being maintained outside of the cruisers and battleships. The revenue cutter sertice now has ready for instant and active service 124 line officers, 74 engineers, 900 enlisted men and 19 vessels, of which fourteen are on the Atlantic coast. Two others are in course the Windom are all new, fast and effi- of the party that Florida was ready to cient vessels. The Manning is considcred an eighteen knot boat. All of them, it is said, could be quickly converted into torpedo boats or dynamite McGraw, who has been coaching, cruisers. Whether this last move will the Mercer boys, put some new ginger in them today and they showed marked retary Long said today it had become evident that torpedo boats could not be bought abroad and could not be

built soon enough in this country, so The navy department opened bids today for extensive improvements at Dry Tortugas and Key West, a formal transfer having been effected, as regards Tortugas, which pases from the preasury to the war department., These consist of two solid steel piers to be constructed at Dry Tortugas, with two extensive coal sheds and an elaborate mechanical equipment for loading naval vessels with coal. At Key West the improvements consist of a steel pier and two coal-sheds, with similar machinery for loading warships with coal. The bids ranged from \$1,151,000 for the entire work down to about \$400,000. Among the bidders for the Dry Tortugas piers and coal sheds was the S. S. Leonard Company, Jacksonville \$274,-700. On the Key West work the S. S. Leonard Company's bid was \$188,000. work at Tortugas and Key West, as follows: R. G. Packard \$1,151,000. and Graittan & Jennings, New York, \$797, 000. Other bids were made for the machinery, tracks, coal cars etc., ranging

NAVAL OFFICERS AT HAVAINA TO BE RECALLED. The navy department has arranged

from \$150,000 down. The award will be

made within the next day or two.

for the practical withdrawal of all its naval officers at Havana and the abandonment of the wreck of the ill-fated battleship Maine. Captain C. D. Sigsbee, Lieutenant Commander Richard Walnwright, Surgeon E. G. Heneberger, Paymaster Ray, Chaplain John P. Chadwick, Chief Engineer Charles P. Howell, and Naval Cadets J. A. Holden and W. T. Cluverius, who have been at Havana with the wreck, will return

Although it is not finally settled, it is more than probable that the Fern also will return to the United States as soon as it is determined that nothing more is to be gained by her presence there. In the event of the abanionment of the wreck it is more than likly that the navy department will arrange for its complete destruction by the use of dynamite or torpedoes. In its present condition it is a dangerous obstruction to navigation and it is not believed that any opposition will be offered to its removal

TO USE THE NATIONAL GUARD. Representative Marsh, chairman of the house committee on the militia. called upon Secretary Alger today and urged that in event of hostilities, the recourse of the government for soldiers be the state militia, who should be invited to volunteer for the country's defense. Secretary Alger was very much interested in the argument made by Mr. March and while not committing himself on that subject, seemed to regard the suggestion made by him as practicable. Afterwards Mr. Marsh called on President McKinley and repeated the statement he had made to

During the morning Secretary Alger was also in conference with General Miles, comanding the army, respecting the military occupation of Fort Jefferson on Dry Tortugas island The determination to garrison this fort has been reached by the secretary and the question now to be met are those of what improvements in the fortifications now there may be necessary. Havana, March 23.-Bishop Manue Santander y Trutos, the bishop of Havana, has consecrated the central relief station and also the Lee ornhanage He paid high tributes to Louis Klopsch. the special commissioner, for his system of relief work, and seemed greatly pleased with all the arrangements made to help the poor, as well as the orphans.

La Lucha in an editorial under the captain of "expectation in the world" maintains the American court of inquiry, owing to the short time it was here, could not give a scientific report on the Maine disaster. "American 'Among the president's callers were | naval officers," says La Lucha," are ficers. The divers could not give expert testimony, owing to the fact that ted that more time and care were not given to the preparation of a report for which the whole world waits and which is likely to change the entire feelings of a part of the American people toward Spain and Cuba:" La Lucha publishes also an interview with General Lee, which quotes him as saying that he knows nothing of the nature of the report, but is satisfied that General Blanco never conceived the disaster until he heard the shock in the har-

DIVERS LEAVE HAVANA.

Gunner Morgan left for the fleet a Key West today. With him went the naval divers Fisher, Rundquest and and Schluter, and Hanz, the helper, This leaves two navy divers and five civilians on the contract work. The body of a white man was found in the forward part of the wreck today. It will probobly be identified by marks on the clothing when the latter has been disinfected. The body was

sent to Key West on the Olivette.

BEARING THE IMPORTANT DOCU-MENT TO WASHINGTON. Jacksoinville, Fla., March 23.-Judge Advocate Marix left Miami at 7:30 o'clock this morning on the East Coast railway, reached Jacksonville at 7:45 o'clock p. m. on time, and left at 8 clock via the Florida, Central and Peninsular and Southern and will pass through Savannah, Columbia, Charlotte, Greensboro, Danville, Lynchburg and Charlottesville, reaching (Washington at 9:25 o'clock p. m. eastern time, Thursday night. The railroad wires have carried the message down the line to use all dispatch. This practically makes a special of the Marix train and without unforeseen accident, Washington will be reached on the do't and the portentous document in the White house by 9:30 o'clock. The run from Jacksonville is 772 miles, the schedule time being a little over twenty

four hours. Lieutenant Commander Marix passed through this city this evening, having in custody the report of the court of inquiry in the Maine case, on which will depend so much of the happenings of the next few weeks of the world's

During the short time of the stay in this city, an Associated Press reporter secured the attention of Lieutenant Marix and showed him a dispatch from Miami that appeared in the aftoernoon papers in which he was quoted as say-"It looks like war; it certainly does." Before the words had been read to him, he exclaimed: "It is utterly false. I have said nothing of the kind. I don't talk about this matter." All efforts to get him to make any expression of opinion were equally futile so far as the present crisis or his relations the party were equally non-committal. During the transfer from one train o the other, Lieutenant Marix was closely guarded by the members of his He walked between two of his friends, carrying a mysterious box or package, covered with black cloth. Beind him the officers of his party walked closely and the effort was apparent to allow no possible chance for any outsider to come between them. They walked rapidly and did not stop to speak to any one till they were safely the car which was to take them t the capital. When they had once found their quarters, they became more communicative and chatted pleasantly concerning current topics. One officer he Algonquin, the Onondaga and of the police remarked to one member send 50,000 men to Cuba when they should be wanted. "All right, may be they will be wanted down there before long," was the reply. Beyond this expression not a word was uttered that could be construed as an expression of opinion that war was possible or imminent.

Lieutenant Marix was asked if the two officers of the Maine who passed through Jacksonville Sunday night carried a part of the Maine report, to which he replied very significantly, that he could not say, but admitted that two officers were sent from Key West to Washington. Colonel F. B. Osborne, agent of the

Southern Express Company in this city, received a telegram in the afternoon requesting him to meet Lieutenant Marix at the train. It was learned that Colonel Osborne had been requested to furnish an iron safe in which to place the valuable documents on the Savannah, Ga., March 24,-Lieutenant

Marix and party passed through Sa-

vannah at 1 o'clock this morning, on time, with the court of inquiry report. They had retired. SPAIN WILL DECLARE WAR. Boston, March 23.-Hon. T. Jefferson Coolidge, ex-minister to France, in an interview today on the Spanish-Cuba situation said: "I believe we are going to have war and that Spain will declare it when we interfere with Cuba.

I do not think that the Spanish dynasty could keep its place if it did not declare war when the United States undertakes to free Cuba." CONTRACT FOR SHELLS

AWARDED. Washington, March 23.-The bureau

of Ordnance today awarded contracts for supper of about 1,600 cast iron projectiles for sea coast fortifications. As rapidly as completed they will be shipped to the various places at which they are needed. Two Virginia companies were given the contracts, the Petersburg fron works and the Tredegar Company, of Richmond, the awards being distributed as follows: For 187 10 inch solid shot and 745-12 inch mortar shells, the latter of 800 pounds, each to the Petersburg Company, and 165 of the 12 inch mortar shells of 800 pounds each and 500 12 inch mortar

shells of 1,000 pounds each to the Tre-Madrid, March 23.-Senor Sagasta, the premier, is quoted in an interview as saying: "The government entirely approves of Captain General Blanco's conduct in denying that the Maine's magazines were blown up with dynamite, as the Americans have alleged.' SPAIN WANTS FRANCE TO MEDI-

TATE. London, March 24.-The Vienna correspondent of The Standard says: " am credibly informed that Spain has informally inquired at Paris whether France, as her largest creditor and traditional friend, would, either alone or inconjunction with other powers, mediate at Washington and also whether it is possible to place a Spanish toan in France.

THE SPANISH CAMPAIGN. Havana, March 23.-According to the official summary of news from the eastern part of the island, General Pando advanced toward San Juan, province of Puerto Principe, on the 20th instant and was constantly and energetically engaged with the insurgents. He captpred the insurgent camps Chomenda and Guanoles. The insurgents lost eight killed, four taken prinosenrs, a large quantity of stores and ammunition and also their military hospital The Spanish troops found well stocked farms in the district, with plenty of horse's and cattle. General Bernal continues operating

toward Baracon de Sierra, and Colonel Tjeda is marching toward General Calixto Garcia, whose whereabouts are not defined in the official dispatches. It is believed that the campaign should be principally on the western side of the trocha where the Spanish forces are to be reinforced because General Maximo Gomez has been calling earnest ly for more ammunition and troops from the eastern provinces. According to the statements of captured and surrendered insurgents, a considerable force of insurgents has already passed Lastly, have explosion been internal the trocha and it is reported that a and in constraincation with any of the scouting party of thirty insurgents, four magazines, all would have gone General Pando, after due consideration, expresses himself hopeful of being able largely to pacify the eastern provinces in about four months. He expect's to enlist many negroes guerillas to overrun the province of Puerto Principe and he reports that the health of the Spanish troops is excel-

to Spanish military movements comes from Spanish sources. Captain Sigsbee and the officers of the Maine are still here, but are earnestly looking for orders to go north on the Fern or a mail steamer. El Correo and other daily papers ad vise the government to expel from the island "all sensational foreign corre-

lent. All the foregoing information as

spondents." lA Whitehead torpedo was recovered from the wreck tiday. Some of the divers complain of not feeling well. At present yellow fever is almost unknown on the island and the season is reparded as remarkably healthful.

Yesterday the steamer Colon arrived at Caimanero, province of Santiago de Cuba, with 1,400 troops from Spain. Eighty sick soldiers were sent back to Spain today. POLITICAL EXCITEMENT IN

CUBA. Havana, March 23.-Cuba is now in

the throes of election excitement. Every effort is being made to induce the conservatives to vote, but with little success thus far. The autonomists are divided into bitter factions, one wing declining to take part in the elections at all or nominate delegates. The Havana conservatives say that even t they consented to vote their ballots would not be counted fairly, as the boxes are in the hands of autonomis officials and the stuffed poll lists wil be further padded.

It is impossible to predict the out come at present since international questions are overshadowing; but it is. hard to see how the present autonomist government has the least chance, especially since the last move in the game, General Pando's mission to the insurgents has proved a failure. Among the most prominent conservative nominations of delegates to the Spanish cortes are Senor Francesco Guzman, former president of the cortes, and Colonel Mendez, the present censor in

La Union Constitutional publishes strong editorial today against Messrs. Morgan, Call and King because of the stand they have taken in congress with reference to the Maine disaster. It says the United States will forgive the loss of life and money if the Spaniards will hand over Cuba, although "through American filibustering and sympathy, thousands of Spanish soldiers have lost their lives in Cuba and the island has been made a desert." The Advisador Commercial in an edi-

total on the same lines, reproaches the American newspaper correspondents for the "bad feeling they display" and says it does not know which to admire the most-"the men who write the lies or the fools who believe them." On Monday twenty bodies were discovered near a creek in the outskirts of Guanabacoa, a suburb of Havana. They were in a fearful state of decomposition. On the head of one a deep machete wound could be seen. The government is investigating the case. It is believed the bodies are those men taken out of Guanabacoa killed during the regime of Commander Fondeviela. One has been recognize

as that of Santiago Ruiz. TO BE TWO MESSAGES ON CUBA: Washington, March 23.-The prevailing impression among the republican leaders of the house is that the presiitarian grounds, but it is positively stated by one of them who is close to the president that the intervention will not come until after the report of the board of inquiry on the Maine disaster goes to congress: "The two questions will be treated separately," said he to-day, "and the message relative to Cuba will be sent to congress soon after the report on the Maine question." The Cuban message as forecasted by a prominent republican will waive the question of the Maine disaster, putting aside that awful occurrence, will be in effect a declaration to Spain that the present methods of warfare in Cuba nust cease, It will result in interven-

tion in case Spain demurs. The mes-

sage will be accompanied by the reports of the consuls in Cuba. "The independence of Cuba can be obtained without war, if President Me-Kinley is left alone and is not forced by the extreme Cuban sympathizers," said Senator Elkins today, who at the same time announced that he was doing what he could to prevent hasty action in the senate and urging senators to give the president time to carry out his own policy. Mr. Elkins said that in his opinion the destitue should be cared for and that peaceful means would bring about the freedom of Cuba. It is known that a great deal of work was done about the senate today by senators who are known as conservatives. Request have been made that the senate await the action of the president and that no further attempts be made to intensify the strained situa-tion. It was asserted by Senator El-kins that a great deal of progress had

been made and that on both sides of the chamber much more conservatism and been found than was supposed to have ducing rate in wood in carload lots,

to the destitute people of Cuba.

GIVEN IL A. CABLEGRAM TO NEW ORK NEWSPAPER

THE LOURT'S FINDINGS

The Newspi or Vouches for the Accuracy of its Cor! pondent's Report-The Court Find That he Explosion Was From the Outside in he of the Evidence on Which This Find was Based

(Special to Mail and Express.) Key West Fla., March 22.-I have information com a source which admits of no posse le question that the court of ingliny Till report that the battleship Maint was destroyed in the harbor of Hay ma, on the night of February 15. Et a submarine mine, previously lal by parties unknown. The repui will start from Washington at 4 o'cl ok this afternoon in charge of Judge Ryocate Marix. It should

reach ther, some time Thursday. Testimon of the survivors, particularly officer, all of whom were awake at the time, proved conclusively at the beginning the the sessions of the count that an ace lent could not have caused the disaste. This conclusion was reached, for the following reasons: The situation of the ship's boiler was so far aft hat it was impossible it

could come inicate with the forward

magazine, ther by heat or explosion, The explor in was all forward. The condition of the ship shows that the dynamo beler could not explode, be-cause steat for dynamos was supplied from the win boilers. Spontaneous combustion of the coal in the bunkers was importible, because they were thoroughly aspected, as is customary, on that det. The gases arising from the wreck immediately after the ex--plosion, at which overcame several officers and men, were not due, in the judgment to the court, to the coal in the bunker but to high explosives which always throw out a bad odor The gun cotton could not have explor I, because it was regularly inspected that day and found to be thoroughy et, which was necessary haild gun cotton was mostand besides ft under the ward room, the forward magazine as ly situated and not supposed in the reporters all along. on, in which event not an atom of the ship would shave been left and the

greater por on Havana would have been destroyed. Another Linvincing proof that the board will eport that the explosion was not can ed by an accident is found in the following incident:

I told June Advocate Marix that I was going tock to Havana today. He said: "Dor e do it. Quigley. Havana will be a he place when the findings of the county as known. It he as well

W. S. QUIGILEY. In reference to the albove The Mail

of the course known. It is as much as your affers worth to go there!"

and Express says editorially: today in the cable dispatch from our corresponde at Key West, Mr. W. S. Quigley, is such a startling character that we feel that we should take our readers, ato our confidence regarding it. Mr. grigley has been employed by this wspaper for hearly ten years, and uring that time has discharged wit taksolute fidelity and good judgment so ne of its most important missions. The news which we print from him to ay was cabled in brief late last night, and he was instructed in reply to be absolutely certain of the accuracy of is information before cabling it for blication. We know that he has foll ved his instructions, and we are informed regarding his source

of information." THE CORRENCY QUESTION synopsis of the Bill Prepared by Sub Com

House Committee on Banking and Cur ency. Washington March 23 .- The house committee on tanking and currency today brought up the proposed general currency legislatica for this session. The report of the ub-committee appointed to draft the grieral measure was made to the full committee by Representative McCleary, of Minnesota. It was read in sections and led to much discussion. The sub-committee took as their basis the four bile introduced at this session, known as the monetary commission, the Gage, the Wilker and the Fowler bills, gage, the wilker and the Fowler bills, and considered the features of those measures, bill did not confine themselves to them. To hill is the result of about six weeks a seconference of the subcommittee to met most of the time at the private seidence of a member.

The bill is fittled: "A Bill to Provide for Strength sing the Public Credit for

for Strengt ning the Public Credit, for the Relief withe United States Treasury, and for the mendment of the Laws Relating to Cational Banking Associa-The methy of dealing with the green-backs is, it by direct retirement, but by the subsect ution of a legal tender note, which the takes are required to assume and for the demption of which they are required to a did the gold so long as they are conducted a solvent business. The principal medians of the full are

principal picrisions of the bill are as 1. A divisir of issue and redemption is established the treasury, for which the secretar of the breasury is authorized to set side the general cash balances in ex. is of \$50,000,000. This excess on March 1, 1898, was \$176,139,532. United States notes eceived by this division for gold are to be canceled proportion as certain substitute curnicy is issued. No note re-deemed in wid is to be again paid out, except under exceptional conditions.

2. National banks are required to assume the carrent redemption of United States demo, it notes in order to obtain eigenstation to sed upon their commercial assets. A new class of notes, called national reset in notes, is to be issued in leu of legals onder notes deposited by the

banks with the treasury and these reserve notes for to be redeemed upon demand by it banks out of the redemption fund a jich they are required to maintain in cold.

8. The bast of national bank note circulation will appear to the commercial of th culation wis eventually be the commercial assets of the banks, but this will be reached only after a series of years.

4. National banks are to be permitted to issue cutt ney notes to them in re-turn for deposits of United States notes. 5. Treasura notes issued under the act of July 14 \$ 890; are to be dealt with eventually of an the same basis as United

6. A tax (2.2 per cent. is levied upon currency notes issued in excess of 60 per cent. of the ripital of any national bank; of 6 per cen when in excess of 80 per 7. The national currency notes based upon comme tal assets are to be secured by a bank fite guaranty fund, made up by the continuation in gold coin of 5 per cent, of the entire circulation of the bank, and povision is made for replenishment of this fund within certain limits.

8. The na nal reserve notes will continue to be gal tender until received into the tree fury from failed and liquidating barks when liability for them will dating bark when liability for them will be assumed by the government and they will be rede med and canceled.

9. Standary silver dollars are to be redeemable in gold, but silver certificates are redeems le only in standard silver dollars. The parity of silver with gold is secured by a gold redemption fund.

16. Silver of tificates are hereafter to be issued only in denominations of \$1, \$2 and \$5. Leg. tender notes, reserve notes, and current are not to be issued in denominations below \$10.

Exception to Freight Rates on Wood (Speck to The Messenger.) Raleigh, M. I. C., March 23.-All the railways in the state, save the Southern, today (ed exceptions to the railway comm sioners' recent order re-

GOVERNMENT AID FOR CUBANS.

Congress to Appropriate \$250,000 for Starving Cubans-President Undecided as to Course of Intervention to Pursue Washington, March 23.-An amendmen to the sundry civil bill is pending before the senate committee on appropriations,

appropriating \$250,000 to furnish supplies

The sub-committee has not yet considered the amendment, but it is stated that t will probably be adopted. The suggestion is one of the results of he conference yesterday between the president and Senators Allison and Gor-man, and it is the understanding in the ommittee that the president follow he suggestion with a request to congress that the appropriation be made. He thinks it as well that the money with which to relieve the distress of the Cubans should come from the national treasury as that it should be collected by private subscriptions. No doubt is expressed that the com-mittee will report favorably on the recmmendation or that congress will pass t. In certain quarters it is though the provision should be accomplished by a eclaration favoring the recognition of ie belligerency of the Cubans, but the ndications are that this will not be atempted unless such recognition should be recommended by the president. The senators who have seen the president within the past day or two have formed the impression that he has not yet formed any definite idea as to what general course he may pursue. They expect him to take some action at once, but are in doubt whether it will be in the nature of the recognition of belligerency or of inlependence or direct intervention. No fear is expressed that Spain will refuse to allow this government to of-ficially furnish aid to the sufferers, and it is pointed out that if she should she would bring upon herself the condem-nation of the civilized world. It is also suggested that there is little difference

University Defeats Trinity (Special to The Messenger.) Chapel Hill, N. C., March 23.-Uni versity defeated Trinity college today by the score of six to nothing. Large crowds came over this evening from Durham to see the game. Mr. Mason, of Durham, umpired. The teams lined up as follows: Catch, pitch, first second, third, short, left centre, right, espectively: Carolina-Gwaltney Lawon, Winston, Belden, Hume, Wooldward McKee, Roge Williams; Trinity Deaver, Chamer, Nicholson, Johnson, rawford, Anderson, North, Card, Bohannon. Base hits, Trinity, 1; Carolina 6. Struck out by Lawson by Chambers 7. Home runs, Belden of Carolina. Double plays: Carolina 1. Three base hits, Woodward, Carolina. There was much excitement, a fine

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Salisbury to Retire

game and good playing.

for foreign affairs...

London, March 24.—The Daily Chron-icle says: "We learn that the long cabinet council on Monday was to consider an intimation from the Marquisof Salisbury of his desire, acting under medical advice, to resign both the preniership and the foreign secretaryship. Our news is obtained from a source usually truely worthy but the crisis may take a few weeks to develop, the queen being abroad. Lord Salisbury's successors are almost certain to be the Duke of Devonshire as premier, and Arthur J. Balfour as secretary of state

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Money Could Not Buy Them SIGSBEE NOT BLAMED The following letter from Mrs. M. A. Lamb, a lady well known in Wil-Commander of the Maine is Restored to mington, will be read with interest by those who are afflicted with defective (Special to The Chicago Inter-Ocean.) vision. In a word, it expresses all that Havana, Via Key West, March 20 .-That the American court of inquiry has decided that the explosion which decould be written in acknowledgement

of merited skill and ability. Those

who fail to take advantage of Dr.

that I can see as well as I ever did

in my life, his service, and glances be-

ing to me one of the greatest blessings

could not duplicate my glasses, those

Dr. Matthez made for me, no money

could buy them from me. I hope my

testimonial may prove of benefit to

other unifortunates, like myself who suf-

The Carter Court Martial

Savannah, Ga., March 23.-In the Car-

ter court-martial today the cross exami-

nation of the expert engineer, George Y.

Wisner, of Detroit, was continued by

amination has now lasted longer than

Colonel Barr, judge advocate, whose ex-

the direct examination by the defense. Many engineering details of the work

and points in the construction of con-

tracts and specifications were gone over.

Respectfully,

MRS. M. A. LAMB.

810 Market Street.

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opportunity.

reached here that Captain Sigsbee has received secret instructions from Wash-Matthez presence in Wilmington, at the Orton, will miss a most excellent ington that he is to be returned to active duty. This announcement sets all doubt MRS. LAMB'S LETTER. aside, for the reason that any other Wilmington, N. C., March 23, 1898. finding than the destruction of the It gives me no little pleasure to say Maine by means of force, externally apthat two years ago I applied to Dr. plied, would mean a court martial for Matthez for relief, which I had almost

Captain Sigsbee. dispaired of ever securing. Not only A verdict declaring the destruction did I suffer almost constantly from exof the Maine the result of an accident cruciating pains in my head and back would be followed by the immediate of my neck, but could not use my request from Sigsbee for a court martial.

eyes or glasses without suffering mausea. So far as seeing without glass-No date has been set for the capes, that I could not do at all. Applytain's departure from Havana, but he ing to Dr. Matthez I was assured, after understands that as soon as the wreckothers had totally failed, of relief and ing of the Maine proceeds a little furbenefit. I will admit that many tried ther he will be called to Washington to dissuade me from having his serand his ship will technically go out of vice, referring to the cost. Fortunately commission. for me, I placed my case in his hands As soon as the arrangements can be and now, after two years' hardest sermade and a crew of men and officers vice and trial, I can say that I have had perfect and absolute relief, and

charge of one of the additions to the navy. Should President McKinley be successful in his efforts to purchase I have ever had, and I can but say, if! Captain Sigsbee will be given command of one of these fighting monsters, so his friends have been assured. It is stated by a friend of the officer that his friends, very close to President McKinley, knowing the strain he has been under, sent Captain Sigsbee the bare announcement that as soon as possible he will be given command of another ship.

Retiremer t of Admiral Sicard Key West, Fla., March 23.-The board of survey, which sat on the flagship New York yesterday to consider the retirement of Rear Admiral Sicard for physical disability, has completed its work. Its recommendations will be forwarded to the naval department, where action will be taken. It is impossible to learn the decision of the board, but His examination will be concluded by the it is believed that it recommends re-

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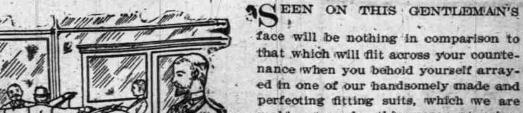
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