THE WAR CLOUD MORE THREATENING

Neither Spain Nor Our Government Will Yield a Point.

DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS ENDED.

The Plans of Our Government Unchanged ... The President's Message to Go to Congress Monday .-- War Preparations Proceeding .-- Consul General Lee to Make Startling Revelations to Congres-

sional Committee .-- The Situation at Madrid .-- Our

Consuls Are Leaving Cuba .-- Contemplated Naval Advance on Havana.

Washington, April 8.-Good Friday, has not yet been any decisive order affecting the movements of the fleets.

navy department.

canvassed.

SPANISH FLEET SAILED.

Spanish fleet of cruisers had sailed

from Cadiz for American waters.

There was no confirmation of this,

SENATORS CANVASS THE SITUA-

At the capitol the senators who are

devoting themselves to the task of se-

curing a resolution on the Cuban ques-

tion on which practical unanimity on

the part of the senate can be obtained

were quite active and when the day

closed they felt that they had made

appreciable progress. There was a

joint meeting of the leading members

of the steering committees of the var-

ious parties during the day in the

tions, in which the whole situation was

oms of the committee on appropria-

The movement to consider the whole

Cuban question in executive session

is gaining ground. The senators who

have looked up the precedents find the

to be that when war was declared

against Great Britian in 1812, when the

declaration was considered in secret

THE SITUATION IN MADRID.

Madrid, April 8.-Morning-A much

calmer feeling prevails here today, re-

flecting the newspaper utterances and

The minister, at yesterday's cabinet

ithdrawal note, the collective action

of the powers, the warlike preparations

Spain, at present, being, according

to the official points of view, a specta-

tions, it is intimated that the secret

A cabinet minister, in an interview

"All the ministers have sunk their

individual opinions and are working

unanimously in the interests of the

country. It is entirely useless to at-

tempt to arrange a compromise in the

face of the attitude of America, which

has decided to seek a rupture at any

cost. The Spanish government would

weaken itself by concessions antago-

but the government must save Spain's

Noon-General Correa, the Spanish

minister for war, in his interview of

"Spain must not be alarmed if war

is declared at the sinking of a Spanish

warship, . What we must at all costs

avoid is a Spanish warship striking her

colors to the American flag. She should

rather explode her magazines. I wish

to God Spain had not a warship from

Cuba to the Peninsula. We could then

say to America: 'We are here,' Meet

4:45 p. m.—General Woodford has sent a cable message to Washington

setting forth that the publication of

in Madrid and will do good throughout

Stain; but the end is still very doubtful.

The general is working from a sense

of duty, rather than with strong faith

in success. The basis of what hope is

left rests upon the evident fact that

the sober sense of Spain is slowly com-

formulated by the pope.

yesterday, said:

us when you please."

necessary for peace."

TION. .

A report was current today that the

passed in Washington with not a ripple on the surface, either at the White house or the capitol, to show that the United States is on the brink of war. Both houses of congress had adjourned until Monday and at the executive either at the Spanish legation or at the mansion there was no rush of eager and excited jublic men. At only the war and navy departments were there signs of an impending conflict, in the rush of "immediate" orders to a host of naval officers to report at once for reau chiefs on details of war preparations. And yet, the resolve was firmer. than ever that unless Spain yielded to America's Cuban demands the United States by force of arms would move on Havana. There was still some discussion of Cuban affairs which around two propositions, namely, intervention without recognition of national independence of the only parallel case to the present one Cuban insurgents and intervention with concurrent reognition of the independence of the present insurgent men hovered between these two propositions and favored a compromise. There was no definite lead by which it could be stated with anything like au- various published versions of the cabi-

adopted, but the unsettled state of public opinion on the matter indicated that even for the next few days. the strength of the arguments of the forthcoming presidential message or a and it is alleged, something else, which distinct utterance from our consul gen- has not yet transpired. eral to Cuba might be strong enough to turn the balance to either course. The cabinet held its usual Friday tor, and not an agent in the negotiaess!on, but its meeting brought no change in the Spanish situation. In- matter refers to somehing officially deed, it was chiefly significant in establishing that no change had occurred; that notie was expected, and that the programme of action on the part | saying: of the United States government was

already made up. The president's message remains unaltered, and this being the last cabinet day before the message will go to congress, alternations are unlikely between now and Monday, warring altogether unexpected developments from

After the meeting of the cabinet the nistic to public sentiment. Neither the officers stated that the message would government nor the country desire war, be sent in on Manday, no change in any respect having been considered, and all causes for delay having been

DIPLOMACY ENDED. The feeling that an end had come to diplomanic talk, and that action alone remained, was shared in all quarters, ncluding the foreign embassies and legations, where the ambassadors and ministers expressed the feeling that all has been done in Washington that can or will be done in the cause of peace. What is going on at Madrid gives slight hope of such concessions there as will alter the present situation. There are no negotiations in the sense of exchanges, on pending propositions. Both parties apparently have said their last word concerning the respective propositions. Certainly this is true as to the United States, and there were no evidences today that the Spanish government would recede. It is even doubtful whether a concession or an armistice by Spain would be sufficient

tion into peaceful channels. Preparations for all eventualities are being hurried to completion. General Lee will leave Havana tomorrow. probably on the naval vessel Fern, now in Havana harbor, although it was said at the state department that he might take one of the Plant Line steamers. At that time also the other United States consuls and most of the American citizens residing in Cuba will be out of the island. Official reports received here today stated that large number of Americans were leaving on the several steamers from Havana

at this late moment to turn the situa-

and other ports. Engire quiet has prevailed there up this time. The United States consul at Porto Rico is also preparing has no intention of opening further neto leave. No instructions, it is stated definitely, have been ser to Minister Woodford concerning his withdrawal from Madrid, that being left to his discretion. The prospects of his withbeen fully considered, however, and there is reason to believe that in the event of his retirement the Br. tish ambassador at Madrid will look after American Interests and afford protect, on to such Americans as remain in Spain. This, it is stated in an authoritive quorter, is part of a comity between the United States and Great the action of the United States government in affording protection to British subjects on a former occasion. The Spanish minister at Washington has received no instructions as to his departure, nor has he made preparations to go, although his establishment is in such a condition that he can leave in

utive day since the Spanish minister called as the state department. WAR PREPARATIONS PROCEED-

ING. Naval and war preparations are proceedings systematically but the larger details of preparations have been shaped and there is little more to do than to see these regularly executed, While there are many naval movements, there



the Spanish government, meets with the same fate as the most rabid jingo dispatches. Twenty-four hours after ling, the fatal "sin curso" order reach-

ed the correspondent. 10:15 p. m.-The ministers continue their reserve respecting yesterday's cabinet council. But it is believed to have been occupied principally with a telegram from Cardinal stampolla, papal secretary of state, relative to papal action.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the discussion was very animated between those favoring and those opposed to further attempts at mediation or negotiation. Senor Moret, recretary for the colonies, ensetically sustained his conciliatory views and was listened to with great autention. The council terminated after agreeing as to the draft of the response to be sent to Cardinal Rampolla, Tonight the papal nunció called upon Smor Sagasta and received from him the reply decided upon.

11 p. m.-Senor Gullon, the foreign minister, has held several conferences with the ambassadors of the powers. Rumors having been circulated that the failure of the pope's efforts was owing to the attitude of the United States, the nunciature here has issued

he following note: "The nunciature has today higher hopes than ever for the success of papal intervention. It is not true that President McKinley has rejected the pope's intervention in favor of peace. Such impoliteness would be the more impolitic, not only because, however nuch ar person might be the pope's nterpret the voice of the venerable old man who recommends the preservation of peace. On the other hand the Catholics of North America would never pardon such a disregard of the vicar-general of their church."

The general tone of the evening papers is one of satifaction with the interference of the European powers, as showing that the latter realize Spain's determined attitude against further concessions to America. Some doubt is expressed, however, as to the result of intervention, lest the European concert repeat the Cretan per-

El Correo Espanol, the Carlist organ

publishes a letter from the Marquis Cavero a Carlist general in the last war, addressed to Count Xiquena, minister of public works, offering his service in case of war. 12 p. m .- At this hour there is apsolutely no news. The government offices are empty and political circles and

places of public resort are deserted, owing to Good Friday. General Woodford remained at the United States legation until a late

CONSULS LEAVING CUBA. Kingston, Jamaica, April 8.-It is expected that tomorrow at noon a steamouncil considered General Woodford's er chartered by the American state de-Andersen, sailed from Cienfuegos today with the United States consul, Mr. Owen McGarr, and other 'Americans, on the present situaion, is quoted as for Boston, by way of Key West. Kingston, Ja., April 8.-The steamer

Brookline arrived at Port Antonio this ATLIANTA FOR POINT OF MOBILIZmorning from the city of Santiago de Cuba, having on board the United State consul, Pulaski F. Hyatt, the staff of the consulate and twenty-five nericans, children included. All was quiet at Santiago when the Brookline trance of the harbor is protected by not determined whether he will go to out to him in this vicinity as available Boston, or stay in quarantine at Port | for points of concentration. While the | patent medicines and nostrums, in all

Port Antonio, via Kingston, Jamaica, hours' observation. Mr. Pulaski F. ago de Cuba; Dr. Caimanero, the hosby the Brookline this morning, debarked and will remealn here. 'A few sailed on the Brookline for Boston tonight. eral of the southern district of the army Mr. Hyatt said: "I left under in- passed through Atlanta tonight enstructions from the department that I his tatement yesterday has done 200d was not to interpret the withdrawal as precedent to a declaration of war. and I am to remain in Jamaica under instructions to be received. Personally, assume that the situation in Cuba is grave. Santiago, however, is quiet and this afternoon took large crowds to

ing to the front, and that in a few days, (if a few days can still be had). American intervention." we shall see "a crystallization of public OPPOSITION TO CUBAN INDEPENsent ment that will sustain the present Spanish government, if it has the cour-Washington, April 8.-Tonight the age to do at once the things that are conservative senators who are opposi p. m .- A dispatch from Washington ban government claim that a majority ust received, says no negotiations have of the committee on foreign relations been infrated there and that none will will now support this position, conbe undertaken abroad, except through tenting themselves with the general General Woodford, who is instructed to declaration for the freedom and inderegotiate only on the basis of the aoue pendence of the island, couried with a proposition for intervent : in thepresent war between Spain and Cuba. They count upon getting the votes of

Representative Lorrimer, of Illinois

is authority for the statement that

General Lee will make some startling

on foreign relations when he arrives

here, regarding the conspiracy to blow

up the Maine. It was announced yes-

terday that General Lee would be call-

ed before the committee, but the nature

eral Lee is to supply the missing link

in the testimony," said Mr. Lorrimer.

"My information is that Captain Sigs-

does not feel at liberty to give them

releases him from the secrecy imposed

he had information that the lights had

gone out, but did not think it advisable

to give the name of his informant while

FINANCES OF CUBAN INSUR-

GENTS.

veloped before the foreign affairs com-

Guerra, appeared with his books and

they were inspected by the committee.

Some very interesting facts were de-

disclosures before the senate committe

presented at the recent conference: namely, the immediate cessation of hostilities and the furnishing of aid to the reconcentrados. six of the eleven members of the com-With reference to the above, Senor mittee and say this number may still Sagasta says the Spanish government be increased. gonations. The Spanish government LEE TO MAKE STARTLING DIStoday remitted to Rome its full reply CLOSURES.

5:1; p. m.-The streets were more cowded today than yesterday, large numbers of people gathering to witness the religious procession, which is one of the features of Good Friday, It passed near the United States legation; in which wichnig the crowds were the most tense, but there was no demonstration. in fact, perfect order prevails everywhere. A decree establishing a nation Britian and recip rocal on account of al naval subscription has been drawn up. The name of the queen-regent apnears at the head of the subscription

to the pope's suggestion of an armis-

The minister for the colonies, Sanor Moret, is indisposed. On account of his indisposition, which is said to be net council today; but, it is expected the extinguighment of the electric lights sengers,

says the government has decided to send a note to the pope, thanking him for his good offices, and begging him to persevere. "But," The Liberal adds, the government does not pledge itself o accept the papal decision." The Helardo will say: "Spain nains in the same state of expectation he was in Cuba. His informant is said

and uncertainty as yesterday. It is im- to be General Lec. possible yet to give a do ite opinion respecting the pope's mediation and the ntervention of the great powers. 6:30 p. m.-The political barometer has taken another upward turn. The bourse today showed an advance of mittee of the house today. The deputy points in response to London and treasurer of the Cuban republic, F. B. Plaris, and the general talk of the town is peaceful.

The attitude of England at Washing- He explained that of the \$10,000,000 ton is much approved, as she had hith- bonds, authorized only \$122,000 had been hottom, met with sudden death from erto been regarded as siding unre- actually disposed of. Some of these servedly with America, So far as information yet obtainable goes, the powers have not addressed a collective not to Spain similar to that presented at Washington, although it is known that their representation of the bonds par had been obtained. These were taken mainly by the friends of Cuba. The presented at Washington, although it lowest prices at which they were sold be was found to be dead. The accident for hating the airpipe derived agitation.

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John receipt of the dispatch from Senor Polo y Barnabe denying the report that the Spanish legation at Wash, ton had been attacked, an official denial was issued to the public. Much indignation was expressed, even among Spaniards, at the sensational attempt.

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John receipt of the dispatch of \$20,000 were sold for \$5,000 in a pressing case the sold party. The examination was a routine affair and not made because of any supposed defect, when the price fixed, 45 cents on the dollar had been obtained. Three millions of the remainder had been signed but were locked up in the treasurer's vanits.

STEAMSHIP DETROIT.

This ship steamed out for patrol duty

Spaniards, at the sensational attempt | HOW THE DE LOME LETTER WAS to excite the crowd. Press censorship has now almost reached prohibition. Impartial news sent to the Associated Press, news also knew the s obtained in many instances direct from De Lome let

told the first authentic story of how it was obained. He explained that it was absracted by a clerk in the postoffice at Havana who was in sympathy with the Cuban cause and sent back to New York. There its importance was at once realized and it was given out for publication, the action being justified because it showed conclusively what the Cubans had always contended, that Spain was double dealing.

AMRICANS INSULTED BY SPAN TARDS. Washington, April 8 .- A New Orleans special to The Post says: "The steamer Utstein arrived at Port Eads this morning from Matanzas. On board were Messrs. Curtis and Richardson, of the Kansas City Star, who represented Kansas City in the distribution of 600 tons of relief supplies to suffering reconcentrados. On Monday the supplies were landed, but only with great difficuly and amid the abuse and insults of the Spanish populace. The presence of the food distributors in Matanza created such intense excidement and bitterness that a riot was imminent to such a point that both the British and American consuls advised the two newspaper ...en to return on board the Utstein for safety. They were followed from their hotel to the landing by a howling mob who hissed, spalt upon and otherwise insulted the Americans, crowded in front of them, jostled them and at one time threatened to push them bodily into the bay. The Utstein is now at the quarantine station at the mouth of the river and will be subjected to three days detention by the health officers. In spite of the fact that the Spanish evernment, through Washington had romised an unhindered entrance and o facilitate in every possible manner the unloading of the stores for the starving, it was not until after much difficulty and delay that the ship was permitted to enter and discharge her càrgo. The greatest suspicion was entertained, c" feigned to be entertained by the Spanish officials, who inspected the entire cargo of provisions with the

utmost scrutiny and greatest consump-Mr. Richardson and Mr. Curtis tell story of fearful suffering in the city. They had a very exciting experience Leaving the vessel on arriving, they went into the city and registered at a hotel. It was not long before the Spanish found it out and, their identity be ing discovered, every evidence of possible violence was manifested. Both the American and British consuls insisted that they go back to the vessel as guickly as possible and remain on

Mr. Richardson expressed the convic tion that American life is extremely unsafe in this section of the island. A SPANISH CRISIS NARROWLY

AVERTED. Madrid, April 8.-The main opposipartment will leave here under orders was suggested by the queen?regent and walked the streets unmolested. proceed to the southern coast of the minister for the colonies, Senor Coda and take up the United States Moret, came from the ministers of war consuls and other Americans at four and marine, General Correa and Adplorts. At the time this dispatch is miral Bermejo. If Senor Sagasta, the filed the name of the vessel is not premier, had not yielded they would made public nor are her destinies have resigned and, at a critical juncknown. The steamer Beverly, Captain | tue Spain would have been deprived of the heads for the principal departments and, it was feared, it would have been impossible to replace these ministers. in view of the present temper of the army and navy.

ING THE ARMY.

Atlanta, Ga., Apral 8.-General Graham, commander of the department of the gulf, tonight wired the war department at Washington recommending eft the port. There are three small Atlanta as a point for the mobilization Spanish warships there and the en- of troops in case of war. General Gris- 82 a barrel and a large increase in the ham has, on orders from Washington, torpedoes. American interests at San- been devoting his entire time since his tiago de Cuba have been left in care return from the tour of inspection to of the British censul. Mr. Hyatt has visiting the different places pointed bills of exchange drafts, deeds, mortgeneral has not recommended any certain location, it is known that he' April 8.—The steamer Brookline was has three in view. His final decision released from quarantine after a few is based on the splendid railroad fa- the increase on these articles alone will clifties, the high altitude and pure wa- approximate, if not exceed, \$100,000,000, Hyatt, United States consul at Santi- ter of Atlanta. The city council of a year. Atlanta today agreed to appropriate pital inspector stationed there, and \$7,000 for laying the water mains to nearly all the other passengers brought any point the war department may decide upon. Colonel H. L. Lawton, inspector gen-

route to Washington. WELCOMING THE REFUGEES Jacksonville, Fla., April 8.-A special very much the same as it has been for Port Tampla, nine miles away, to witthe last two years. The insurgents are ness the arrival of the refugees from greatly inspired by the probability of Cuba. Americans, Cubans and Spaniards joined in forming an eager throng. The boat was late, not arriving until 9 o'clock, but those awaiting were put into a feverish state about 9 o'clock by an illumination of the heavens from the 'Mascotte's powerful searchlight, used near the entrance of the harbor. The flash came as a signal that loved ones dear because they were Americans if not nearer kin, were coming to the land of the free. As the bolat drew up to the dock those waiting sent up shouts of welcome to relatives and friends. Then followed a crush for the gangway that almost evercame the officers stationed there. Cries of children mingled with the sobs of women impressed all with the first serious aspect of war. One hundred and seventy-eight anxious souls breathed relief as they

boarded the awaiting cars. The passengers report having experienced great difficulty in securing passports, owing to Spanish espionage DRAFTING SOLDIERS IN HAVANA All able bodied men are drafted and watchruiness is maintained to prevent not disclosed. "I understood that Gen- swelled within the past few days from

'the protecting walls and inviting cafes. The volunteers are verging upon revolt unit the person who gave them to him against the Americans and ultra Span-ExUnited States Consul Albert Broth-It is said that the information General

ular service, which would call them into

the field and take them away from

connection. Captain Sigsbee, before licans.

the foreign relations committee, said Kew Wet, Fla. April 8.—The day "Up to the very last moment Ameri-he had information that the lights had here has keen one of expectancy and can diplomacy and the president have

Apart from the arrival of the Mangrove from Havana and the Monitor Amphitrite from Port Royal, S. C., the only incident of the day was of a triv-Johnson, of the gunboat Newprt,, while making an examination of the ship's asphyxiation. The exact cause is un: ware in payment of provisions sent to known, but it is thought the airpipe ler and political agitation,

> This ship steamed out for patrol duty tonight with deck rails swung down,

passed the Detroit as she proceeded to her station at the Havana entrance to the harbor. The usual courtesies were exchanged. There was not a naval officer but breathed easier when the monitor joined her smaller sisters. the Terror and Amphitrite. A navigation lieutenant on board one of the larger ships as he looked through his glasses at these formidable craft said to the correspondent of the Associated Presa: "Those three floating forts could, by themselves, whip the whole Spanish

WILMINGTON, N. C., SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1898.

AMERICAN SAILORS ANXIOUS . FOR WAR.

When knowledge of the plan lockade of Havana-as reported last night-spread through the fleet today, no end of discussion ensued. The general impression is that the men on the torpedo boats would stand but little chance of ever coming out of an engagement alive. This view was thoroughly confirmed by the torpedo boat men themselves, and the matter-of-fact way in which they discussed their chances was a striking illustration of American pluck and of indifference to death in their country's cause. Intense enthus/asm reigns among officers and men alike. The movement upon Havana is eagerly looked forward to and is thought to be certain to occur, beginning next week, unless Spain backs down completely. In spirit and in preparation Captain Sampson's squadron is ready to fight, and on all sides the complaint is heard that the expected opposition is of such poor calibre. While may be trut fully said that there is very little symulathy for the Cubans themselves among the officers, this long period of suspense and uncertainty folowing the Maine disaster has wrought hem up to annunequalled pitch of ex-The steamer Olivette, from Tampa,

from shore this afternoon. There was considrable excliement over the report that she was aground. The agents here said that she was at anchor awaiting high tide and would soon proseed to Havana on her regular trip. Up midnight she still lay off shore and had not ended mail or passengers. The Olivette arrived tonight undamaged. She discharged her cargo and will proceed to Havana, there await orders.

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COMPLIMENTARY TO LEE. Havana, April 8. 10:20 p. m.-La Lucha today, commenting on the atritude of Consul General Lee, declines to believe that he has sent word to the papers in the United States that the Americans in Hayana are in danger. The article, which is very fair, says must be remembered. As for dangers, ever been made before the cor La Lucha reminds its readers that General Lee was here during the demtion to the armistice in Cuba, which onstration last January and freely that if the governor made such com-This morning | Military Governor Aroles, chief pagliery of the Orden Publica guards, and others, with a mounted staff, inspected the military defences of Havana. The usual ceremonies attending Good Friday were carried out today. This afternoon there was a slight rainfall.

> Washington, April 8 .- The members of the ways and means committee of the house are busily engaged with the reasury officials in the work preliminary to the drafting of a war revenue measto be introduced in congress immediately upon the opening of hostilities with Spain. An increase in the internal revenue max on beer from \$1 to tax on manufactured tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes, has been practically agreed upon. Bank checks, gages and other papers of this class, probability also will be added to the list. A rough estimate of the receipts to be derived from these sources is that

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR REVE-

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A bill providing for a temporary loan of \$100,000,000 and a permanent loan of from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 at 3 per cent. payable in cpin, has been prepared by the ways and means committee nd will be immediately introduced in

case of war. ld Point Comfort, Va., April 8 .-It is learned on good authority that the master-at-arms of the cruiser Columlia, a native born Spaniard, has been transferred to the receiving ship. He has been a naturalized American citizen sixteen years and it is believed that the transfer is merely a precauionary measure and not because of any charges of disloyalty against him. A rumor was prevalent this morning that he had been arrested and put in firons because of illeged betrayal of secrets to the Spanish government, This, however is denied by the officers of the Columbia. While It is true that the man was not directly accused or put in irons, it is perfectly plain that the government is taking unusual precautions to guard against any information being given out.

STEAMSHIP LINE WITHDRAWN. New York, April 8.-R. A. C. Smith, of the Ward Line Steamship Company, returned from Washington today. To Line steamers were withdrawn from service today. SPANISH ATTITUDE TOWARD

AMERICA: London, Aapril 9:- The Madrid cor-

respondent of The Standard, telegraphing Friday night, says; "Suppr'se and perplexity have been caused in Madrid by the news of the steps of the European powers in Washington, which tends to confirm the prevalent idea that the same influences of the testimony expected from him was | teer column of Havana, which has are acting in concert with the mediation of the pope to induce the government and the queen-regent to meet President McKinley half way. Official circles are much pleased by the new aspect of the crisis, which is said to increase the prospect of a pacific so

The most carious feature throughout the crisis has been the fact that durthe result of a cold, there was no cable. Lee is expected to testify to relates to er, of Matanzas, and family were pas- ing the past six months, the Spanish people and their rulers have not seem. such a condition that he can leave in a few hours after receiving orders from his government to depart.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing of the ministers will be hill tomorrow to deal with Washing in a revidence of the complete cestation of negotiations it can be cited that today showed the seventh consectation of negotiations it to go for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in that a meeting of the ministers will be in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine. Electrical experiment to go for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine. Electrical experiment to go for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine in that today issued notice. The Oliver in that a meeting of the ministers will be in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine. Electrical experiment to go for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine. Electrical experiment to go for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine. Electrical experiment to go for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine. Electrical experiment to go for a bottle of "get in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine in up of the extinguishment of the extinguishment of the extinguishment of the extinguishment of the bigwing in that a meeting of the ministers will be in Havana at the instant of the bigwing in up of the Maine. Electrical experiment of the section of the extinguishment of the bigwing in that today is such that the instant of the bigwing in the extinguishment of the bigwing in the constant of the bigwing in the extinguishment of the bigwing in the constant of the bigwing in the extinguishment of the bigwing in the extinguishment of the bigwing in the extinguishment of the bigwing in that the mine under the Maine must | vette will arrive from Havana on Sun- | ficult it would be to, induce proud lithave usen fired from a shore electrical day with General Lee and other Amer- the Spain to relinquinsh her hold upon Cuba and Porto Rico.
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conjecture. There have been no ad- so little understood the real state of vices from Washing on indicating any things in the domestic affairs of Spain change in the situation, and the little as to fancy that the pressure of finanremaining preparations has gone on cial and moneyed interests, the arguments of a few far-seeing and enlightened men like Sepores Moret, Gullon and Pulgoerver and the alleged imweigh in the halance against the popuial character. Chief Gunner's Mais deep and wilespread hostility of all classes toward the United States and against the fear in the court and the government of playing into the hands of Carlists and the republicans of Wey-

sible, prolonged harm upon the nation that has so long and deeply wronged Spain in Cuba.

"Despite the profound animosity prevalling against America, so far not a single act of aggressiveness has been reported anist American private residents or the official representatives of the United States. Nevertheless, the government and the authorities are taking presentations at Madada and in afetting spread to catch splinters and, everything bare for a leaden hall. The precautions in watching the incoming vessels were redoubled. The Puritan

HOW WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Wants the Democrats to Stop Their Attack on Senator Butler-Rumors as to Proposed Change in Railway Comission

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., April 8.-There has been a sort of rumor today that Governor Russell was thinking of appointing John A. Simms as railway commissioner, vice Caldwell, but Caldwell appears to be quite solid with the governor. Simms was at all the conferences today in the auditor's office. Ager says at the conferences today the railway commission's report for last year was discussed, particularly that part in relation to gross and net earnings of railways.

It is reported that W. J. Bryan has written a letter to a prominent flemocrat here, saying the attacks by the press on Senator Butler ought to stop; suggesting that this is advisable when looked at from a standpoint of reform movement: that Butler has the confidence of the western people where the greater part of the reform strength lies; and that if Butler is supported by has state people it will obviate any break in the line.

The auditor says there is ample pro vision for meeting out of the general fund the expenses of any mobilization of the state guard upon a call for service and that this will cause no trouble whatever.

Children like it, it saves their lives We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, grippe, and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Caldwell Snubs the Governor (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 8.-Accurate information is obtained tonight as to the failure of Governor Russell's scheme to again get up the railway passenger rate matter. . He wanted to reduce rates on the North Carolina railway and today urged Chairman Caldwell, of the railway commission, to agree to make such reduction; but Caldwell plainly told the governor that if the latter wanted to get a case before the courts he must bake complaint to the that General Lee represents the United | railway commission just as any one States and not Spain and that this fact | else would do; that no complaint had that passenger rates were too high; plaint the commission would hear it, but that it must be made against all the lines and not against one alone; that he would not assent to such singling out of one line alone, and he also gave the governor notice that in the hearing of such complait he would sit as judge and not as a partisan. It is said the governor cannot and will not suspend Caldwell; after his statement before the railway commission that he believed Caldwell was conscientious in voting to reconsider the order reducing passenger rates. The governor's hands are tied by his action in thus endorsing Caldwell's sincerity.

It is a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known at DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. R. R. Bellamy.

Chiuise Open Por s London, April 9.-The Pekin correspondent of The Times says: "China has vol-untarily declared Wu Sung a treaty port and given England formal notice desire for a revision of the tariff in accordance with article 27 of the treaty of ing of treaty ports is intended to induce England to accept this proposal. Weng Tung Ho, who is regarded as the most powerful man in the government, is se

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, asthma, and all throat and runs diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

England Sends Troops to Jamaica Kingston, Jamaica, April 8.-Major General Hallowes, commanding the British forces in Jamaica, received a cable-gram from the war office at London today instructing him to prepare immediately quarters for 2,000 additional troops They will be drawn from the Leinster regiment, from the West India regiment at St. Lucia and from the Barbadoes. No official explanation is given for the ac-

Why allow yourself to be slowly tortured at the stake of 'disease? Chills and Fever will undermine, and eventually break down the strongest constitution. "Febri-Cura" (Sweet Chill Tonic with Iron) is more effective than Quinine, and being combined with Iron is an excellent tonic and Nerve media reporter he said that all the Ward cine. It is pleasant to take, and is sold under positive guarantee to cure c: money refunded. Accept no substitute. The "just as good" kind don't effect cures. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress

M. L. Yocum, Cameron, Pa., says "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has affected a permanent cure." As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. R. R. Bellamy.

"In a minute" one doge of Hart's Essence of Ginger will relieve any ordinary case of Collc. Cramps, or Nausea. An unexcelled remedy for Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Summer complaints and all internal pains. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fen-

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When a man is suffering with an aching head, a stuggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food. nease influence, of the pope over the the appetite keen and hearty-invigor-Spanish court and the Catholics could ates the liver-purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of ker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

> Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from the piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. R. R.

Hart's Emulsion of Coa Liver On with Creosote and the Hypophosphites, if faithfully used, is a specific in the treatment of weak lungs, Consump-tion, Bronchfills, etc. Leading physi-cians recommend it. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin, and H. L. Fen-

A torpid liver roles you of ambition and rules your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, our

Net Earnings of our Railways. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 8.-Railway Commissioner Abbott tonight completed a table which shows that the average earnings per mile of the railways in North Carolina are less than in any other state in the union; that the average gross earnings are \$2,846 per mile; that the taxes and average cost of operating is 70 per cent of this, leaving 30 per cent or \$859, which is 6 per cent, on the valuation of \$14,320 per mile, while the average value is \$30,000 per mile, thus making not earnings less than 3 per cent.

Mitor Ramsey, of The Progressive Farmer, at Goldsboro this afternoon in the criminal libel case waived examination and gave \$500 justified bond for appearance at the term of Wayne

Mehegan and Latham, of Tarboro, who are charged with wrecking the bank they owned at Abbeville, Ga., will

The Coast Line Protests

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., April 8.-Robert O. Burton, of counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line, today filed with the railway commission exceptions to the order of the commission allowing any

and 2,000 tockets. Governor Russell, Auditor Ayer and | at 4 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Railway Commission Caldwell were in on Thursdays. Seats free. conference many hours today. They declined to talk about what they discussed or did.

number of persons to gravel on 1,000

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are Hable to unexpected cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly, and is a well known cure for piles. R. R. Bel-

Base Ball Newport News, Va., April 8.-The Yale university base ball team today defeated the Hampton aggregation near this city by a score of 12 to 5, a a featureless

Columbia, S. C., April 8.-LaFayette 21, South Carolina 5. Richmond, Va.,

Dun & Co.'s trade review.—Letter from Mount Olive.—Releigh Letter.—

Robbery This Morning Early this morning some one smashed large pane of glass in the show window of Mr. A. E. ReVille, on Front street, between Grace and Walnut, and stole a guitar and several other articles which

were on exhibition. The store lies within the beat of Policeman Geo. Bell, who a few minutes previous to the robbery passed by and everything was all right; but when he returned a short while later the theft had

There is absolutely no clue, as yet, to he unraveling of the crime.

Meat Car Robbed

At the Atlantic Coast Line depot this morning about 2:30 o'clock a car containing meat was broken into and robbed. Mr. Tom Price, the watchman, made his rounds as usual, and at the time designated, discovered the car broken open and robbed.

Ice Cream for Easter from 75c per gallon up. Pariors open till 10 p. m. E. Warren & Son.

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The Churches Tommorrow

First Presbyterian church. Divine service at 11 a. m. conducted by Rev. Joseph R. Wilsen, D. D. Sunday school

First Baptist church corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. W. B. Oliver pastor. Serives tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m.. Strangers and vis-

itors cordially invited. Services at Fifth street Methodist church tomorrow as follows: At 11 a. m., Easter Missionary exercises by the children of the Bright Jewel Band; and at 7:45 p. m. preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, Sunday

school at 3:30 p. m. Bladen street M. E. church, southwest corner of Bladen and Fifth streets. Rev. Dr. Langston, pastor. Services on tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. Atlanta, Ga., April 1. The Wake Forest, N. C., college nat today, defeated the Atlanta team by 12. 2.

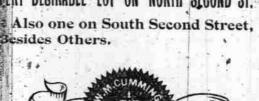
Lynchburg, Va., Afril 8.—Johns Hopkins defeated Bellevud figh school here today by the score of 12 to 6. Batteries: Johns Hopkins, Sware and Wright; Bellevue, Baker and C. Abbott.

Columbia S. C. April 8.—LaFavette 21.

he said, "but I have used 'Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup' in my family for years and would not be without it." today by the followith score: R. H. E. Richmond0 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 -7 11 4
Boston0 3 3 6 0 3 0 1 0 1-8 12 4
Batteries: Stockdala and Hess; Willis. Stivetts and Hickman Yeager and Ber. Stivetts and Hickman Yeager and Ber. He knew better than to buy the inately relieve any Cough or Cold. Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred allments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. For sale by J. C. Weekly bank clearings .- Market re- Shenard, J. H. Hard.n. and H. L. Fen-

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