In introducing Mr. Bryan, Chair-

nation, and another man had come

A perfect tempest of applause from

thrown up into the air; women waved

their cloaks and handkerchiefs. There

was a maelstrom of discord. Bryan

raised his hand deprecatingly, but the

more he did this the more the crowd

Talks of Democracy.

terruption of cheers for Bryan.)

latest creed. (Cries of "bravo!")

the money.

apolis platform.

countenced.

All that we ask is that those who

come into the democratic party shall

form and his declaration that his nomi-

nation had not come from bosses was

received with tremendous cheers. He

caused great enthusiasm when he de-

clared that the Chicago platform was

that the platform was disliked by those

The speaker declared that an income

tax should be enacted and that gov-

ernment by injunction should be dis-

Tumultuous applause greeted his

reference to the drafting of the sol-

dier and the unwillingness to tax the

"The war has shown that when this

government deals with an individual

its power is unlimited, but that when

it deals with property its power is lim-

ited. It can draft the citizen, but it

"In the hour of peril the nation can

dare not lay its finger upon the wealth

"It is a compliment to receive a

presidential nomination from any na-

tional convention, but I am proud that

my nomination came from a conven-

tion, not of bosses, but of democratic

vindicated that platform and every

plank of it is stronger today than it

was when the platform was written."

SPANISH MINISTERS SELECTED.

Consuls Named For United States, Cuba.

Porto Rico and Philippines.

The official gazette published at

The object of this banquet was to

I appreciate the kindness which has

from the west to save the nation.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON

The Eminent Divine's Sunday Discourse.

Subject: "Hold Fast to the Bible"-Lesns Drawn From the Sword of Elensa: -As He Grasped His Weapon So Should We Cleave to the Old Gospel.

Text: "And his hand clave unto the sword."-II Samuel xxiii., 10.

What a glorious thing to preach the Gospelf Some suppose that because I have resigned a fixed pastorate I will cease to preach. No, no. I expect to preach more than I ever have. If the Lord will, four times as much, though in manifold places. I would not dare to halt with such opportunity to declare the truth through the ear to audiences and to the ever through the printing press.

truth through the ear to audiences and to the eye through the printing press. And here we have a stirring theme put before us by the prophet.

A great general of King David was Eşeazar, the hero of the text. The Philistines opened battle against him, and his troops retreated. The cowards fied. Eleazar and three of his comrades went into the battle and swept the field, for four men with God on their side are stronger than a whole regiment with God against them. "Fall back!" shouted the commander of the Phillistine exmy. The ery ran along the hest, "Ball back!" Eleazar, having swept the field, throws himself on the ground to rest, but the muscles and sinews of his hand had been so long bent around the hill of his sword that long bent around the hilt of his sword that the hilt was imbedded in the flesh, and the gold wire of the hilt had broken through the skin of the palm of the band, and he could not drop this sword which he bad so gallantly wielded. "His hand clave unto the sword." That is what I call magnificent fighting for the Lord God of Israel. And we want more of it. Israel. And we want more of it.

I propose to show you how Eleazar took hold of the sword and how the sword took hold of Eieazar. I look at Eieazar's hand, and I come to the conclusion that he took the sword with a very tight grip. The cowards who fied had no trouble in dropping their swords. As they fly over the rocks I hear their swords clanging in every direction. It is easy enough for them to drop their swords, but Eleazar's hand clave unto the sword. In this Christian conflict unto the sword. In this Christian conflict we want a tighter grip of the Gospel weapons, a tighter grasp of the two edged sword of the truth. It makes me sick to see these Christian people who hold only a part of the truth and let the rest of the truth go, so that the Philistines, seeing the loosened grasp, wrench the whole sword away from them. The only safe thing for us to do is to put our thumb on the book of Genesis and sweep our hand around the book until the New Testament comes into the palm and keep on sweeping our hand around the ok until the tips of the fingers clutch at the words "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." I like an infidel a great deal better than I do one of these namby pamby Christians who hold a part of the truth and let the rest go. By miracle God preserved this Bible just as it is, and it is a Damascus blade. The sever-est test to which a sword can be put in a sword factory is to wind the blade around a gun barrel like a ribbon, and then when the sword is let loose it files back to its own shape. So the sword of God's truth has been fully tested, and it is bent this way and that way and wound this way and that way but it always some back to its way, but it always comes back to its own shape. Think of it! A book written nearly nineteen centuries ago, and some of it thousands of years ago, and yet in our time the average sale of this book is more than 20,000 copies every week and more than 1,000,000 copies a year! I say now that a book which is divinely inspired and divinely kept and divinely scattered is a weapon worth holding a tight grip of. Bishop Colenso will come along and try to wrench out of your hand the five books of Moses, and Strauss will come along and try to wrench out of your hand the miracles, and Renau will come along and try to wrench out of your hand the entire life of the Lord Jesus Christ, and your associates in the office or the factory or the banking house will try to wrench out of your hand the entire Bible, but in the strength of the Lord God of Israel and with Eleazar's grip hold on to it. You give up the Bible, you

don and peace and life in heaven. Do not be ashamed, young man, to have the world know that you are a friend of the Bible. This book is the friend of all that is good, and it is the sworn enemy of all that is bad. An eloquent writer recently gives an incident of a very bad man who stood in a cell of a Western prison. This criminal had gone through all styles of crime, and he was there waiting for the gallows. The convict standing there at the window of the cell, this writer says, "looked out and declared, 'I am an infidel.' He said that to all the men and women and children who happened to be gathered there, 'I am an infidel.'" And the eloquent writer says, "Every man and woman there be-lieved him." And the writer goes on to say, "It he had stood there saying, 'I am a Christian,' every man and woman would

have said, 'He is a liar!'"

give up any part of it, and you give up par-

This Bible is the sworn enemy of all that is wrong, and it is the friend of all that is good. Oh, hold on it! Do not take part of it and throw the rest away. Hold on to all of it. There are so many people now who do not know. You ask them if the soul is immortal, and they say: "I guess it is; I don't know. Perhaps it is; perhaps it isn't." Is the Bibletrue? "Well, perhaps it is, and perhaps it isn't. Perhaps it may be, figuratively, and perhaps it may be partly, and perhaps it may not be at all." They despise what they call the apostolic creed, but if their own creed were written out it would read like this: "I believe in nothing, the maker of heaven and earth, and in nothing which it hath sent, which nothing was born of nothing and which nothing was dead and buried and descended into nothing and rose from nothing and ascended to nothing and now sitteth at the right hand of nothing, from which it will come to judge nothing. I believe in the holy agnostic church and in the communion of nothingarians and in the forgiveness of nothing and the resurrection of nothing and in the life that never shall be. Amen!" That is the creed of tens of thousands of people in this day. If you have a mind to adopt such a theory, I will not. "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ and in the holy catholic church and in the communion of saints and in the life everlasting. Amen!" Oh, when I see Eleazar taking such a stout grip of the sword in the battle against sin and for righteousness, I come to the con-clusion that we ought to take a stouter grip of God's etarnal truth. the smooth

righteousness.
As I look at Eleazar's hand I also notice his spirit of self forgetfulness. He did not notice that the hilt of the sword was eating through the palm of his hand. He did not know it hurt him. As he went out into the conflict he was so anxious for the victory he forgot himself, and that hilt might go never so deeply into the palm of his hand, it could not disturb him. "His hand clave unto the sword." Oh, my brothers and sisters, let us go into the Christian conflict with the spirit of self abnegation. Who cares whether the world praises us or denounces us? What do we care for misrapnounces us? What do we care for misrepresentation or abuse or persecution in a conflict like this? Let us forget ourselves. That man who is afraid of getting his hand hurt will never kill a Philistine. Who cares whether you get hurt or not if you get the victory? Oh, how many Christians there are who are all the time worrying about the way the world treats them! They are so tired, and they are so abused, and they are so trempted, when Elegan and they are so tempted, when Eleazar did not think whether he had a hand or an arm or a loot. All he wanted was victory. We see how men forget themselves in worldly achievement. We have often seen men who, in order to achieve worldly suc-

the battle of Yorktown in the American

the battle of Yorktown in the American Revolution a musician, wounded, was told he must have his limbs amputated, and they were about to fasten him to the surgeon's table, for it was long before the mereiful discovery of anæsthetics. He said: "No; don't fasten me to that table. Get me a violin." A violin was brought to him, and he said, "Now, go to work as I begin to play," and for forty minutes, during the awful pangs of amputation, he moved not a muscle nor dropped a note, while he played some sweet tune. Oh, is it not strange that with the music of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and with this grand march of the church triu mphant, we cannot forget ourselves and forget all pang and all sorrow and all pers ecution and all perturbation?

We know what men accomplish under worldly opposition. Men do not shrink back for antagonism or for hardship. You have admired Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico," as brilliant and beautiful a history as was ever written, but some of you may not know under what disadvantages it was written—that "Gonquest of Mexico,"—for Prescott was totally blind, and he had two pieces of wood parallel to each other fast—ened and totalle blind, with his year head

Prescott was totally blind, and he had two pieces of wood parallel to each other fast-ened, and totally blind, with his pen between those pieces of wood, he wrote the stroke against one piece of wood telling how far the pen must go in one way, the stroke against the other piece of wood telling how far the pen must go the other way. Oh, how much men will endure for worldly knowledge and for worldly specess and yet knowledge and for wordly success, and yet how little we endure for Jesus Christ! How many Christians there are that go around saying, "Ob, my hand; oh, my nand, my hurt hand! Don't you see there is blood on the sword?" while Eleazar, with the hilt imbedded in the fiesh of his right hand, does

Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
Or sailed through bloody seas?

What have we suffered in comparison with those who expired with sufficiation or were burned or were chopped to pieces for the truth's sake? We talk of the persecution of olden times. There is just as much persecution going on now in various ways. In 1849, in Madagascar, eighteen men were put to death for Christ's sake. They were to be hurled over the rocks, and before they were hurled over the rocks, in order to make their death the more dreadful in anticipation, they were put in baskets and swung to and fro over the precipice that they might see how many hundred feet they would have to be dashed down, and while they were swinging in these baskets over the rocks they sang:

Jesus, lover of my sout, Let me to Thy bosom fly. While the billows near me roll, White the tempest still is high.

Then they were dashed down to death. Ob, how much others have endured for Christ, and how little we endure for Christi We want to ride to heaven in a Pullman sleeping car, our feet on soft plush, the bed made up early, so we can sleep all the way, the black porter of death to wake us up only in time to enter the golden city. We want all the surgeons to fix our hand up. Let them bring on all the lint and all the bandages and all the salve, for our hand is hurt, while Eleazar does not know his hand is hurt. "His hand clave unto the sword."

As I look at Eleazar's hand I come to the conclusion that he has done a great deal of hard hitting. I am not surprised when I see that these four men—Eleazar and his three companions drove back the army of Philistines-that Eleazar's sword clave to his hand, for every time he struck an enemy with one end of the sword the other end of the sword wounded him. When he took hold of the sword, the sword took hold of

Ob, we have found an enemy who cannot

he conquered by rosewater and soft speeches. It must be sharp stroke and straight thrust. There is intemperance, and there is fraud, and there is gambling, and there is fust, and there are 10,000 battalions of iniquity, armed Philistine iniquity. How are they to be captured and overthrown? Soft sermons in moroeco cases laid down in front of an exquisite authings by their right name. You have got to expel from our churches Christians who eat the sacrement on Sunday and devour widow's houses all the week. We have got to stop our indignation against the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Gir-gashites and let those poor wretches go and apply our indignation to the modern transgressions which need to be dragged out and slain. Ahabs here, Herods here, Jezebels here, the massacre of the infants here. Strike for God so hard that while you slay the sin the sword will adhere to your own haud. I tell you, my friends, we want a few John Knoxes and John Wesleys in the Christian church today. The whole tendency is to refine on Christian work. We keep on refining on it until we send apologetic word to iniquity we are about to capture it. And we must go with sword silver chased and presented by the ladies, and we must ride on white palfrey under embroidered housing, putting the spurs in only just enough to make the charger dance gracefully, and then we must send a missive, delicate as a wedding card, to ask the old black giant of sin if he will not surrender. Women saved by the grace of God and on glorious mission sent, detained from Sabbath classes because their new hat is not done. Churches that shook our cities with great revivals sending around to ask some demonstrative worshiper if he will not please to say "Amen" and "hallelutah" a little softer. It seems as if in our churches we wanted a

of fire from the Lord God of Pentecost. But we are so afraid somebody will critielse our sermons cr criticise our prayers or criticise our religious work that our anxiety for the world's redemption is lost in the fear we will get our hand burt, while Eleazar went into the confict, "and his hand clave unto the sword." But I see in the next place what a hard thing it was for Eleazar to get his hand and his sword parted. The muscles and the sinews had been so long grasped around

the sword he could not drop it when he proposed to drop it, and his three com-rades, I suppose, came up and tried to help him, and they bathed the back part of his hand, hoping the sluews and muscles would relax. But no. "His hand clave unto the Then they tried to pull open the sooner were they pulled back than they nary demonstration. closed again, "and his hand clave unto the O H P Belmont sword." But after awhile they were successful, and then they noticed that the curve in the palm of the hand corresponded exactly with the curve of the hilt. "His Jefferson." When Mr. Ridpath said Bryan said: hand clave unto the sword."

You and I have seen it many a time.
There are in the United States to-day
many aged ministers of the Gospel.
They are too feeble now to preach. In the church records the word standing opposite their name is "emeritus," or the words are "a minister without charge." They were a heroic race. They had small salaries and but few books. and they swam spring freshets to meet their appointments, but they did in their day a mighty work for God. They took off more of the heads of Philistine took off more of the heads of Philistine iniquity than you could count from noon to sundown. You put that old minister of the Gospel now into a prayer meeting or occasional pulpit or a sick room where there is some one to be comforted, and it is the same old ring to his voice and the same old story of pardon and peace and Christ and heaven. His hand has so long clutched the sword in Christian conflict he cannot drop it. "His hand clave unto the sword."

The Czar and Two Emperors to Meet. There will be a meeting of the Czar, the German Emperor and Emperor Francis bas already been made and will short-ly be announced. cess, will forget all physical fatigue and all annoyance and all obstacle. Just after

FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE IN NEW YORK ENTERTAINED BY COL. BRYAN IN A BANQUET SPEECH.

NEBRASKAN DECLARES CHICAGO PLATFORM IS STRONGER THAN EVEL

Gathering Was the Largest of the Kind Ever Held In the Metropolis-All Kinds of People Were Present to See and to Hear Mr. Bryan-Enthusiasm Rau Riot and a Pandemonium of Cheers Wore In Order.

The dollar Jefferson dinner of the Chicago platform democrats at the Grand Central Palace, New York, Saturday night, in point of numbers, was one of the biggest affairs ever held in the city. Nearly 3,000 men and women sat down at long tables in the women sat down at long tables in the The band ctruck up, but could scarce-various rooms of the big palace. ly be heard as it played "The Stars There were all kinds of people there, dressed in all kinds of clothes. There were four Japanese and three Chinese present, but the Chinese were merely spectators, and sat up in the second gallery. They said they had come to see Bryan.

The main hall presented a different aspect from that of the Metropolitan opera house at the \$10 dinner of the Democratic club. There were no flower embellishments, but just great long avenues of tables covered with plain white plates.

The only ornaments were bunches of celery and graniteware coffee pots. The boxes about the hall were festooned with flags, with silken banners sus- the words of those who have preceded draped, one bearing the portrait of and shall be glad to tell the people in spersed between the flags on the bal-

On the stage was an immense floral horseshoe of carnations, roses and he- give Chicago platform democrats a liotrope, it had, worked in flowers, the chance to celebrate the birthday of words, "Women's Bryan League." Be- Thomas Jefferson. (Cries of that's it.) low the red carnations in white roses There was a banquet given in honor of was the name "Bryan." Surrounding Thomas Jefferson two nights ago and all were the numerals "16 to 1." Back the discussion of the price per plate on one of the cane-bottom chairs was a obscured to some extent the difference magnificent boquet of roses, American between that banquet and this. A Beauties. But not even on the guests' democrat has the right to pay whattable was there a single flower. There were 150 policemen in and

The women to the number of 475 is determined not by the cost of it, but dined in the long hall just off the by the sentiments which are woven second gallery. They sat down to the into the post-prandial oratory. tables at 5:30 o'clock. The first ex- We have not one word of hostility citement of the evening occurred when to utter toward those democrats who the Russian-American Democratic As- left the democratic party in 1896. Far sociation, 250 strong, from the eighth be it from us to criticise any man assembly district, marched in. They whose judgment or conscience leads were received with cheers.

There was no concerted attempt to When the republicans met at St. seat the 3,000 diners simultaneously. Louis, some of the republicans left All were teld to go in and sit down. the republican party rather than adapt About 7 o'clock nearly every seat of themselves to the platform written out, ister of foreign affairs. the men's tables was occupied, and at St. Louis. the service began. Over 600 waiters began work shortly before 7 o'clock. ple for the purpose of giving force and The menu included soup, fish, roast effect to political opinions held in combeef, turkey, ice cream, ceffee and mon. They talked to us about har-

Three thousand bottles of wine were that is possible is harmony between

William Jennings Bryan did not arrive until shortly after 7 o'clock. Crowds on the outside signaled his apappearane by tremendous cheering. nistic as the opinions set forth in the He came in a cab, and was escorted Chicago platform and in the Indianthrough a tremendous crowd to the waiting room outside the main hall.

Then he was escorted to the guests' table, a long table in front of the plat- be a part of the democratic party. form. Following came the speakers His references to the Chicago platof the evening.

The band played "Hail to the Chief" as Bryan was hurried down one of the main aisles. There was tremendous cheering and waving of napkins.

Diners stood on chairs and tables a menace to those who robbed others. waving frantically. The demonstra- and he created a furore when he stated tion lasted for five minutes. The crowd was a theroughly repre-

sentative one, and before the dinner of the people. was concluded hundreds of the diners left their seats and began to shake hands with Colonel Bryan. This was stopped with much difficulty.

At 9 o'clock the committee and the speakers ascended to the platform. Bryan received a vociferous ovation. the diners in many instances again rich. He said: standing on chairs and tables and the

women waving napkins wildly. James R. Brown called the meeting to order, and introduced George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, who was given a fine reception. The crowd in cannot touch the dollar. the galleries meantime had increased. and there were at least 5,000 people take the son from his mother, and the in the hall. The mention of Henry husband from his wife, and stand them angers and to pull back the thumb, but no George's name evoked an extraordi- up in front of an enemy's guns, but it

O. H. P. Belmont was next intro- of the rich and make them contribute Jefferson." When Mr. Ridpath said Bryan said: that Jefferson stood above Adams and Otis, and was the most intellectual democrat that ever lived, a hundred voices shouted:

"No, no! Bryan!" At the close of Mr. Ridpath's speech citizens. (Loud applause.) It has a horseshoe of flowers was presented to Colonel Bryan, who arose and

MINISTER TO BRUSSELS.

Lawrence Townsend Appointed To Succeed Bellamy Storer. The president has appointed Lawrence Townsend, of Pennsylvania, to Madrid contains a royal decree apsucceed Bellamy Storer as United pointing the Duke de Arcos to be

States minister to Brussels, Belgium. Spanish envoy extraordinary and min-Mr. Townsend is at present United States minister at Lisbon, and his States. The decree also creates contransfer leaves a vacancy in the Port- sulates at Havana, Manila, Iloilo, San nguese mission, for which a selection Juan de Porto Rico and Cienfuegos. at Antwerp, is transferred to Havans.

POWERS ARE UNANIMOUS AS TO PROGRAM FOR COMMISSIONERS.

THEY WILL GO TO SAMOA TOGETHER

Representatives of Three Government Are Empowered to Deal With the Situation as They Find It.

A Washington special says: After hearing from the British and German embassies Friday morning the state man Brown said that Abraham Lincoln department was enabled to announce had come out of the west to save the positively and finally that the three parties to the Berlin treaty had agreed upon the instructions to be given the men and women broke out. The applause subsided, but started again. their Samoan commissioners, and that it was certain that the commission would leave San Francisco on the 25th and Stripes Forever." Hats were instant for Samos on the Badger.

The instructions to the commissioners are identical, the three governments having accepted a form which compromises the differences that have existed up to this point.

cheered. It was a wild, frantic demon-The commission is empowered to stration. It lasted for at least five mindeal with the situation as it finds it in the Samoan islands upon its arrival, This applies to acts necessary to place the affairs of the islands in a peaceful Mr. Bryan began his speech as foland satisfactory condition for the time Mr. Chairman, Democrats, Ladies being. Whatever the commission does and gentlemen-I esteem it a great in this direction is understood to be privilege to be permitted to attend of a temporary character and subject this, probably the largest banquet to the approval of the three powers. ever given in the United States. (In-

As to the merits of the bitter controversy between the representatives of the different powers on the island been manifested by your action and by which led up to the unfortunate outbreak of April 1st, the commissioners pended between the flags. At the back me. I shall carry back to my western are expected to make a thorough and of the stage were two American flags home new courage from your meeting impartial investigation and report the results to their respective governments. Jefferson and the other that of Bryan. other states that in New York there be The latter, will by ordinary diplomatic Small portraits of Bryan were inter- those who are true to the principles of exchange, apply any corrections that democracy, as written in democracy's seem to be necessary.

The commissioners will have no power to alter the treaty of Berlin. They mey make recommendations to that end, and where they are unanimous, it is probable that their recommendations may be accepted for changes in the treaty.

At the British and German embassies the Samoan commission is considered settled beyond further question and all attention is now being given ever he pleases for a dinner, if he has to the departure of the commissioners.

The German ambassador, Dr. Von The character of a political banquet Holleben, called Friday on Secretary Hay and communicated an official dispatch from the Berlin foreign office, saying definitely and positively that the commission matter had been settled, and that the commissioners should leave at the earliest possible moment. It is understood that the German communication removes all him out of the democratic party. question of doubt by reciting the text of the note delivered on Wednesday by the British ambassador at Berlin to Baron Von Buelow, the German min-

Baron Sternburg has received his A party is an association of the peoinstructions from Berlin. It is exsupplementary instructions to San mony! The only kind of harmony sioner, has received preliminary inthose who think and act together to structions concerning matters of degive force to their common opinions. tail. The main instructions are to There can be no harmony between leave at once, but by mail if sufficient those whose opinions are as antagotime is permitted.

> There will be no joint meeting of the high commission in Washington, and the members of the commission who are in the city say there is positively no warrant for statements that any advance decision or line of action will be taken.

TESTIMONY NOT ADMITTED.

The Prosecution In Mrs. George's Case Runs Against a Snag.

During the trial of Mrs. Anna George at Canton, O., Friday, numerons threats by Mrs. George against the who had their hands in the pockets life of George D. Saxton were testified to by witnesses. Many of the statements were coupled with Mrs. George's story of the alleged wrongs to her at Saxton's hands which she told the witnesses in connection with her threats.

criminal and his delivery to the sheriff All was not smooth sailing for the state Friday. The prosecution had expected to identify a chemical analysis of the cuticle taken from Mrs. George's hands when she was arrested and prove thereby that the discoloration was due to powder smoke. The Candler desires Hose brought to At- that the democrats of New York betestimony was ruled out. The witness | lanta for safe keeping and in order was not allowed to testify.

HAVE NO AMMUNITION. The Filipinos May Not Be Able To Use

Captured Guns. The war department officials take philosophical view of the reported capture by the insurgents in the vicinity of Zamboange of the arms and dez Capote, are prepared in new cleriarmament on the Spanish gunboats which were to become the property of the United States. They say that General Otis has withheld payment for any of these boats until they were delivered to him at Manila.

It is regretted that the insurgents should possess the guns, but it is said they will not be able to secure and keep on hand a supply of ammunition for them.

COLYAR TRIAL WENT OVER.

Tennesseean Charged With Kipnsping Arraigned in New York Court.

The examination of A. S. Colyar, Jr., charged with attempt to kidnap Nicholas A. Heekman, the principal witness for the state in the case against Roland B. Molineaux, was commenced Senor Larres, now Spanish consul trate Sims heard the testimony.

BRYAN IN MILWUAKEE.

ject, "Democracy."

The Jefferson club of Milwankee. Wis., observed the natal day of the founder of democracy by a banquet at the Plankington house Thursday night attended by over 400 guests.

Colonel William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, was the guest of honor and delivered the principal address. Delegations of democrats were in attendance from many towns throughout the state and nearly all the democrats from the state legislature were pres-

The banquet hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors and back of the guests of honor, above a of the third president. Colonel Bryan spoke on 'Democracy." He said, in part:

"We are now near enough to the next campaign to be able to form some idea of the lines along which the con-test will be fought, and I am taking ne risk when I say that those who, in 1896, gave their allegiance to the Chicago platform are as united today in in 1896 shall be retraced. The plat- tion: form applied to the conditions then existing, the principles of which had been democratic from the beginning of the government. Suggestions that we abandon the money question some-times come from those who deserted the party in 1896, but those suggestions are not supported by evidence tending to show that the position in 1896 was wrong, but was predicated upon the theory that the issue upon which the party once lost can never be revived, and what seems most strange, this argument is made by those who have followed a different course in the past.

"In 1888 Mr. Cleveland was defeated on the tariff issue, and yet the tariff was made the main issue in 1892. and Mr. Cleveland was elected. In Sixty-one men had nothing to do count of the McKinley bill, and four years later the author of the bill was nominated upon a platform reaffirming the belief in protection and was successful.

"The test ought to be not whether the issue has been presented before, but whether the position taken is right. If the gold standard was un-If its maintenance was a detriment to the interests of the people of this country then, it is a detriment now.

If, in 1896, it was so hurtful that the republicant of the service of the service of the people of this country then, it is a detriment now.

If, in 1896, it was so hurtful that the republicant of the service of the people of this country then, it is a detriment now. merited in 1896, it is unmerited today. republicans promised to put forth their best efforts to substitute international bimetallism for it, and after the election was still so hurtful that the president sent a commission to Europe to secure foreign aid in abandoning it, what has happened since then to make the American people accept it as

THE SAMOAN COMMISSION

Will Sail From San Francisco For Apis on Naval Transport Badger.

A Washington dispatch says: The pected that the foreign office will send United States naval transport Badger, | Belmont said: leaving San' Franscisco on the 26th embassy, had called on Secretary Hay and advised him of his appointment the constructor of the first democratic as the German member of the high platform, the founder of the democommission. This completed the body. As the plan to have the members get

away on the Mariposa, sailing on the 19th was no longer feasible, the transport Badger was placed at the disposal of the commission. She is now at Calloa, Peru, on her way around to San Francisco from New York. She is a large serviceable ship, with first-class accommodations for the commissioners.

GOVERNOR OFFERS REWARD

Fulton County. Governor Candler, of Georgia, on receiving official information of the assassination of Alfred Cranford and the assault of Mrs Cranford by Sam Hose, a negro, near Palmetto, offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest of the

of Fulton county at the county jail. It is unusual to require that a prisoner be delivered to the sheriff of a county other than that in which the crime was committed, but Governor that a lynching may be avoided.

THE COUNT AT VARIANCE.

Cuban Muster Roll Shows 48,000; American Figures are 13,219.

The Cuban army muster rolls, which were delivered to Governor General Brooke, through Senor Domingo Mencal style, the 1,200 broad sheets showing on their face 48,000 names-6,000 commissioned officers and 42,000 noncommissioned officers and privates.

The United States military authorities make no attempt to reconcile the 42,000 non-commissioned officers and privates indicated by these rolls with the 13,219 given in the estimates prepared under the direction of the provincial governors.

COAL INTERESTS COMBINE.

Options Secured On All Mines and Prop erty On the Monongahela River.

A Pittsburg dispatch says: The big combination of all the coal intersecured on practically all river mines, in police court in New York Friday and adjourned until Monday without any result having been reached. Magiscapitalized at \$30,000,000

TEW YORK DEMOCRATS HONOI JEFFERSON'S NATAL DAY.

YAN WYCK AND BELMONT SPEAK

Principles of the Party Thomas Jefferson Piloted To Victory.

A New York special says: The long-heralded Jefferson day banque of the Democratic club—the ten-do mantel, hung a large portrait in oil of dinner-began at half past 6 o'clock Thursday evening in the Metropolitan

opera house. Each table was piled with a mass of oses and ferns intertwined. So aboutdant were the flowers that some of the guests were hardly able to see each other over the floral banks.

Conspicuously placed at the west the determination that no step taken | end of the dining hall was the inscrip-

"Jefferson. 1743-1899. Democratic

This was composed of incandecent lights. It surrounded a picture of Thomas Jefferson. Tall silver candelabra with shades harmonizing with the floral effect were on all the tables. The guests began to arrive at 6 o'clock, but the dinner did not begin

for an hour and a half after that. Three thousand quarts of champagne and 3,600 quarts of various light wines were consumed.

To serve the thousand and more diners who eccupied the floor of the opera nouse, 130 waiters were kept busy from the dozen serving stations. feast except serve wine.

There were fully three hundred more guests than the 1,500 planned for, but all found seats. This is said to be the largest number ever accommodated at a banquet in the history of New York

The band struck up "Hail to the Chief" at 7:80 o'clock, and Rich Croker, arm in arm with John Stanch-

of the menu was excellent, but some confusion was caused by some of the diners stripping the tables of flowers and ribbons and throwing them to the women in the boxes. Mr. Croker held a levee just before the regular speechmaking began. The confusion was very great. As the time drew near for making the speeches the orators were almost discouraged at the pros-

pect of making themselves heard. Perry Belmont began to speak at 10 o'clock. The uproar was so great that he could not be heard a hundred feet away. By degrees more quiet was ob-Samoan commission will sail on the tained. In opening his speech Mr.

"It is fitting that this democratic Francisco so as to reach him before he instant. The arrangement was made | club celebrate the birthday of him sails. Mr. Elliot, the British commis- after Baron Speck Von Sterd- whose monument is the declaration of berg, first secretary of the German independence—the first democratic president, the first secretary of state, the constructor of the first democratic cratic party.

"Thomas Jefferson was a party man of the democratic type. To him as a democrat, the world is a debtor for that which was a novelty in political government until his own immortal words proclaimed the doctrine that the right to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' is inalienable, and to secure it governments are instituted, 'deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.' As a lawgiver, the northwestern ordinance, framed by him, is his imperishable

At the close of his address Mr. Belmont introduced Augustus Van Wyck, the principal speaker, by referring to the latter's canvas for governor. He said Justice Van Wyck has conducted a campaign with honor to himself and credit to the democracy. Justice Van Wyck was received with great applause. He paid much attention to state affairs, dwelling at length on the canal scandals, and then going into national affairs, he outlined the policy lieve should be embodied in the next national platform.

PROCLAMATION BENEFICIAL.

McKinley a Message.

President McKinley received a dispatch Thursday from Dr. Schurman, president of the Philippine commission, now at Manila.

The message says that the proclam ation recently issued has done great good and that the Filipinos are visiting the commissioners every day to express their satisfaction and desire to become citizens of this country.

The message also stated that the Filipinos coming into Manila declare that Aguinaldo's government is tyrannical and that many natives are de-serting from his standards each day.

POLITICIANS HOLD CAUCUSES.

low the Florida's Senatorial Situation Is Progressing.

A special from Tallahassee says: The senatorial fight now overtops everything and some fine electionests on the Monongahela river is now earing is going on. Politicians conand assured fact. Options have been | tinue to arrive and each at once enters into the great struggle for his favorite. Secret caucuses are fre-quent and the latest leaks from them give Pasco 45, Taliaferro 47, and Call o, present or vouched for in caucus.