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How many canvassers would it take to call on all The Star's readers in a single day? About seven thousand. A Star ad. is a convasser at small cost.

SINK FOUR STEAMERS

Japs Succeed at Last in Blocking Port Arthur.

VOLUNTEERS RESCUED

MERCHANTMEN CONVOYED TO THEIR POSITIONS AND SUNK.

Japanese Battle Ships Bombard the Town and Its Defenses—Russians Incensed Over Infernal Machines.

TOKYO, Monday, March 28, 4 p.m.—A telegram received from New-Chwang this afternoon says that at 3 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese succeeded in sinking four steamers at the mouth of Port Arthur harbor. A flotilla of destroyers convoyed the merchantmen, which were subsequently sunk, and rescued the volunteer crews. Later the Japanese battle ships bombarded the town and its defenses.

Russians Enthuse Over Makaroff.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28, 4:55 p.m.—Large crowds gathered before the bulletin boards today to read the official accounts of the second unsuccessful attempt of the Japanese to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur.

Lieut. Krinizki's heroic attack on the enemy's fireships and torpedo boats, and the action of the three Russian officers in boarding the burning steamers, extinguishing the flames and cutting the wires connecting with the infernal machines evoked enthusiasm, while the almost universal exclamation applied to Vice Admiral Makaroff, as the people turned away, was "Molodetz," which might literally be translated: "He's a dandy."

The action of the Japanese in making use of infernal machines has aroused indignation. No further details have been received except that the injury to the torpedo boat destroyer Silni from grounding is slight and that it can easily be repaired.

The Associated Press has received confirmation of the report that Admiral Makaroff, during his reconnaissance of the Elliot Islands, captured a Japanese vessel towing a Chinese junk, but the vessel was a small steamer, not a gunboat. The crews were taken off, after which both vessels were sunk.

Honors for Silni Crew.

The emperor has telegraphed to Vice Admiral Makroff an order decorating the officers and men of the torpedo-boat destroyer Silni with the St. George's Cross for their valor in the repulse of the Japanese attempt to block Port Arthur yesterday.

River Not Blocked Yet.

TIEN TSIN, March 28.—Lloyd's agent at New Chwang telegraphs as follows:

"The port is now open. Five junks have already arrived, seven steamers are due tomorrow and several others are expected shortly.

"The Russians have not blocked the river up to the present.

"There are no movements of troops and the town is in perfect order.

"The Espiegle and the Helena will undock April 2."

STOP VESSEL WITH SUPPLIES.

Explained That Cargo Was for China and It Was Released.

NAGASAKI, March 28.—The steamship Brisgavia was arrested at Moji on Friday last by the authorities, her manifest showing that among her cargo were seven field guns and two hundred tons of shipbuilding material. When it was explained satisfactorily that this was consigned to Kien-Chou, China, the vessel was released. She left yesterday, the 27th instant, for Shanghai, her destination.

GETS HEAVY SENTENCE.

Twenty-Five Years' Penal Servitude in Dreaded Siberian Mines.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.—Captain Irkoff, of the Manchurian commissiarial service, sentenced to twenty-five years' penal servitude for having sold information in connection with the quartermaster's department to Lieutenant Colonel Akashi, ex-military attache of the Japanese legation at St. Petersburg, will be sent to the quicksilver mines at Nerchink, eastern Siberia, to serve out his sentence. He has a wife, two sons in the cadet corps and a grown daughter.

The papers in the case of Captain Leontieff, of the Russian general staff, recently arrested at Warsaw for having sold to a foreign power a list of the secret agents maintained by the Russian general staff in the frontier districts of Russia's western neighbor, are in the hands of the general staff. A court-martial will be appointed to try the captain.

SOUGHT COVER AT FULL SPEED.

Russian Squadron Encounter Japs at Sea, but Hasten Into Port.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A cablegram from Rome says a Chefoo dispatch says that while the Port Arthur squadron was reconnoitering Saturday it encountered a Japanese squadron seventy miles from port.

The Japanese immediately prepared to attack, but the Russians returned to Port Arthur at full speed.

Russian Officer Sarcastic.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.—Lieutenant General Stoessel, in command at Port Arthur, has issued an order forbidding civilian functionaries to desert their offices and seek places of safety during bombardments. General Stoessel sarcastically observes that he has not seen them at the batteries when the enemy was attacking.

CZAR DONATES TO WAR FUND.

Will Abstain From Luxuries to Pay Forty Roubles Daily.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A cablegram from St. Petersburg says: The czar, following the example of Russian workmen, who contribute part of their salaries to the war fund, has ordered his household expenses cut forty roubles daily, the proceeds to be given to the Red Cross Society.

The czar will drink no liquors, eat no caviare or sardines, smoke fewer cigars and eat fruit only on state occasions during the war.

Mouth of Liao River Mined.

The Russian government has notified the United States government that it has mined the mouth of the Liao river. This was supposed to be neutral territory, but the action of Russia puts it within the field of hostilities.

Discouraged by Minister Allen.

The Department of State has received a cablegram from Minister Allen at Seoul, advising the department to discourage Americans going to Korea to observe military operations as the Japanese authorities will not permit them to do so.

Eastern War Notes.

In order that the Russian troops shall not present a bright target for the enemy, an order has been issued by the Russian ministry of war directing that gray instead of white shall be the color of the uniform during the summer season.

Smallpox has become epidemic in the interior of Irkulsa province, Siberia. The authorities have taken measures to stamp out the disease, which has not as yet affected the troops.

Captain William V. Judson of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., who is to accompany the Russian army during hostilities, and Lieutenant Newton A. McCull, the United States naval attache to the Russian navy, will probably leave for the front April 1.

The Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi and three torpedo boats left Bizerta, Tunis, today. Their destination is not known.

The Russo-Chinese bank at Peking refuses to alow the withdrawal of the money deposited on account of the imperial university. Upon a demand for the funds being made the manager of the bank called on the chancellor of the university and informed him that his action showed unwarranted lack of confidence in Russia. The chancellor is completely subservient to the manager.

WASHINGTON MAN SANDBAGGED.

Jesse Carmichael Assaulted and Robbed of $60 in Texas.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

EL PASO, Tex., March 28.—Jesse Carmichael, a Washington newspaper man, who has been doing temporary service with the immigration bureau here, was sandbagged Saturday night and robbed of $60 in almost the heart of the city, while out hunting Chinese smugglers. He received a big gash over the left eye. He was able to be out today.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS

Will Put Up Candidates in Every District This Year.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NORFOLK, Va., March 28.—All of the present representatives in Congress from Virginia will have opposition in their party for renomination this summer, and this even applies to Col. Campbell Slemp, the only republican in Congress at the present time from Virginia.

Heretofore the republicans have only made congressional nominations in certain Virginia districts, but this year they have determined to put up candidates in every district of the state, and the campaign in the old dominion promises to be one of the most exciting in many years.

There are aspirants galore, and the internal dissension among the democrats in several of the districts may make the election very uncertain. It is recognized that there is a very substantial republican vote in Virginia at the present time, and there are fears in some democratic quarters that the republicans of Virginia will have several representatives in the Fifty-ninth Congress.

CONVENTION MUST SETTLE IT.

Contest for Arkansas Governorship Close—Both Sides Confident.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 28.—Indications are that the contest for the democratic nomination for governor will have to be settled in the state convention, which meets in Hot Springs June 14. The friends of Judge Carroll D. Wood, the opponent of Governor Davis, charge that gross frauds have been committed. They are still claiming a victory for Wood and say they will not concede Davis' election until the convention has decided in his favor.

The friends of Gov. Davis claim to have carried fifty-three counties. As a matter of fact the full count has not been reported from half of the counties in the state.

Today the Wood managers gave out a statement claiming in the state convention sixteen votes more than enough to elect, with twelve doubtful counties to hear from.

Gov. Davis claims an excess of seventy-five more than enough to control the convention. It is certain that there will be several contests for the state convention to decide.

PROTECTED HIS MEMBERSHIP.

Broker Sully Files Necessary Notice With the Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Superintendent King of the cotton exchange made a statement today to the effect that Daniel J. Sully on Saturday afternoon filed a notice with the exchange to the effect that his business was in the hands of receivers and on that account he could not file with the exchange a detailed statement of his assets and liabilities.

The Sully notice was prompted by the exchange rule requiring a member to file such a statement within ten days after failure to meet obligations.

By complying with the rule, as closely as the circumstances of his affairs permitted, Mr. Sully removed any possibility of having his application for restored membership refused when his business troubles are settled, the penalty for non-compliance with the rule being a forfeiture of membership rights.

DEATH BY DYNAMITE.

Accidental Explosion Kills Four and Injures Six Workmen.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., March 28.—Cedar Hill tunnel, from the Connellsville Central railroad, two miles southeast of this place, was the scene yesterday of an explosion, in which four workmen were killed outright and six others were seriously injured. Three of the injured, it is feared, will die. The workmen were all foreigners and went by numbers instead of names.

The tunnel is being constructed by Kellar & Crossan, contractors. The explosion was caused by one of the workmen striking a charge of dynamite with his pick. The dead workmen were terribly mangled. The injured were taken across the country to the Uniontown Hospital.

LOOKING FOR AN INCENDIARY.

Louis Cohen Buried Under Falling Fire Ruin at Berkeley.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NORFOLK, Va., March 28.—Following an incendiary fire which destroyed eleven dwellings in Berkeley, Va., today, Louis Cohen, in passing down the street, was buried under a falling chimney and killed. The country is being scoured for the negro incendiary. Feeling runs high.

Get Increased Salaries.

PATERSON, N. J., March 28.—The silk weavers employed in the mills of Johnson, Cowdin & Company have been granted an increase of 10 per cent in their wages, the new scale to go into effect today.

Frost May Injure Cotton.

WACO, Texas, March 28.—A severe frost was experienced in central Texas last night. Fears are felt for cotton which had been planted early in an effort to check the boll weevil.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Republican Leaders Confer With the President.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

CONTEST OVER THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP.

Charges and Counter-Charges Made by the Contending Factions—Invitation to College Celebration.

Senator Aldrich had a long conference with the President this morning about legislative matters. Senator Aldrich is of the opinion that Congress will adjourn about April 15 unless the impeachment proceedings against Judge Swayne have to be taken up. In that event it would be impossible to name a time for getting away.

Speaker Cannon also had a conference with the President this morning. He said that it was his opinion that Congress would not be in session in Washington after May 1.

Invited to College Celebration.

Senator Dolliver presented to the President Dr. King, president of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa. President King invited the President to attend the semi-centennial observances of the college beginning June 14. The President will not be able to go, but will send a greeting, and one of the members of the cabinet will probably represent him. It is likely Secretary Shaw will go, as he was formerly a student at Cornell College and his daughters have both been students at the institution.

The Nebraska Attorneyship Squabble.

The squabble over the United States attorneyship for Nebraska continues to disturb Nebraska leaders here, and telegrams from Nebraska say that republicans there are taking the deepest interest in the outcome. It really begins to look as if the President will have to ignore the contentions of both sides and appoint a dark horse. Democratic newspapers in the state openly charge that the removal of Summers, following the finding in the case of Senator Dietrich, would be regarded by the people of the state as a punshment for the prosecution of Senator Dietrich. A faction of the republicans views it the same way. The complete exoneration of Senator Dietrich by the senate committee is predicted, but it is declared that the same sympathy for the senator, manifested in Washington, is not felt in Nebraska. W. E. Andrews, auditor for the Treasury Department, is a candidate for the senate to succeed Senator Dietrich. He is from Hastings, the home of the Nebraska senator. It is declared that Mr. Andrews will carry his home county without trouble.

Senator Dietrich, Editor Rosewater and others have represented to the President that Summers coerced witnesses before the grand jury to secure the indictment of the senator. They have asked the President to accept the findings of the investigating committee of the senate as to Summers' character. Editor Rosewater, in addition, has filed charges against him, and is pushing them.

Opposition to Candidates.

Senator Millard and others who are opposed to H. C. Lindsay, republican state chairman, will oppose his nomination, claiming that it would be injurious to the republican party in the state.

The Dietrich and Rosewater people, on the other hand, are just as violently opposed to W. F. Gurley, the Omaha lawyer, whose name has been presented to the President in case he removed Summers. Acts of party treason are alleged, but his friends declare the charges are untrue. In retaliation they recall the open warfare of Editor Rosewater against the candidacy of former Representative D. H. Mercer, and add to this the current report that Mr. Rosewater's associates aided in the opposition to Gov. Mickey, head of the republican ticket two years ago, resulting in the loss of Douglas county to Mickey by 2,000 votes. Gurley is pointed to as having been the chief champion of Mercer in the same campaign.

The story that Editor Rosewater withdrew as a senatorial candidate to permit the election of two republican senators is denied. It is declared that the deal was made before Mr. Rosewater knew of it, and that he upbraided the representatives of D. E. Thompson, one of the leading candidates and now United States minister to Brazil, for not informing him sooner. It is alleged that it was Thompson's withdrawal that made the election of Senators Millard and Dietrich possible. Because of this, it is declared, Thompson was made minister to Brazil.

The Senatorship Fight.

The friends of Auditor Andrews, who remains in Washington, are vigorously opposing the proposition advanced by the Nebraska state committee that the coming state convention should nominate a man for senator to succeed Senator Dietrich. It is claimed that the proposition was never heard of in Nebraska before, and is without precedent in that state, and that it is advanced for the benefit of Representative Burkett of Nebraska, who is the leading candidate for senator. If he should be nominated or indorsed at the state convention he would have a decided advantage. Mr. Andrews believes that the field ought to be left open for every candidate for senator, and hopes the state convention will not set a precedent of this kind. Mr. Burkett's friends claim, however, that they will be able to settle the matter at the state convention.

Harvey's Sentence Commuted.

The President has commuted to a term of imprisonment to expire March 29 the sentence of Fred E. Harvey, who pleaded guilty in Detroit to embezzling funds of the Preston National Bank, and on January 18, 1901, was sentenced to imprisonment for five years in the Detroit house of correction. It appears from the reports in the case that the prisoner made a voluntary confession of his wrongdoing, and subsequently pleaded guilty and received the minimum penalty of five years' imprisonment. More than sixteen months elapsed between the date of his arrest and his plea of guilty and sentence. The district attorney and judge recommended commutation to imprisonment for three years. He has now been confined in prison for something more than three years under the sentence, and the Attorney General concurred with the district attorney and judge in recommending a commutation, because he believed that the prisoner should be given some credit for the long period which elapsed between his arrest and his sentence.

Presidential Nominations.

The President today sent to the Senatae the following nomintions:

Secretary of legation—Joseph W. J. Lee, Maryland, at Panama, Panama.

Surveyor of customs for the port of Salt Lake City, Utah—Jacob J. Greenwald of Utah.

Second assistant engineer, with the rank of third lieutenant in the revenue cutter service—Ralph M. Johnson, Washington.

MAY GO TO BULL RUN

MANEUVERS PROPOSED FOR HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD.

Gen. Corbin Favors Holding Combined Movements of Regulars and National Guard in Virginia.

Unless present plans miscarry, the combined maneuvers of the regular troops and National Guardsmen next fall will be held on the historic battlefield of Bull Run. Major General Corbin, commanding the Atlantic division, who favors the selection of Bull Run for this year's maneuvers, is quoted as follows on the subject:

Farmers Eager.

"It is on the Southern road near Manassas Junction and only twenty miles from Washington. The country is sparsely settled, has plenty of water and is well wooded. We can get 4,000 acres, which will meet our demands for an area of, say, fifteen by thirty miles. The farmers not only do not object to our coming, but are eager to have us come.

"A mass meeting was held last week at Manassas Junction, at which complete approval was given to the plan proposed. The farmers there will rent the land for 15 cents an acre. Their crops are wheat, corn, oats and hay, and they don't think we can do much harm when fall is well under way.

Proposed for September.

"The only stipulation they make is that we cannot go there until after September 25. Now I don't like that, as that is pretty late for the city regiments, I fear, on account of the autumn business being well under way, but from a climatic point of view that date is ideal. In fact, I should not like the men to go there much earlier on account of the heat. In late September the weather is perfect in that section, and I know the men would enjoy their experience. There is an abundance of excellent water throughout the section, and the rolling character of the landscape makes the scenery enchanting at that time. However, when things get along a little further perhaps we may be able to get there earlier."

"What regular troops would you expect to have there?"

"About 6,000. There would be heavy artillery from posts on the Potomac and Fort Monroe, cavalry from Fort Myer, Va., and light artillery from Fort Myer. The infantry would come from the garrisons at Madison barracks, Plattsburg barracks, Fort Slocum, Atlanta, and other posts on and near the coast, all being within a day's journey.

Over 35,000 Men.

"As to the state troops, of course, I can only speculate, as I do not know what final decision the states will arrive at until the site is permanently selected. There are, roughly speaking, 14,000 guardsmen in New York and 9,000 in Pennsylvania. These two states alone, if there were a fair turnout, with the regulars, would furnish 25,000 men, while the brigade of the District of Columbia, the militia of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Connecticut would give us a maneuvering force of between 35,000 and 40,000 men, the largest army ever in a war game in America.

"The country near Manassas lends itself splendidly to all the work we would want to do, and the Manassas river would furnish excellent opportunities for pontoon and bridge building. It is my belief that the lessons received from such a mammoth war game would be invaluable to the state as well as the regular troops."

CLERICAL CHANGES.

Appointments and Promotions in the War Department.

Appointments under civil service law: Record and pension office—Charles S. Thomas of the District of Columbia, assistant messenger at $720 per annum, by transfer from Navy Department. Bureau of insular affairs—William G. Foote of Texas, clerk at $840 per annum.

Promotions: Record and pension office—Theodore Horn of Texas, from clerk at $1,400 to clerk at $1,600 per annum; Joseph D. Marx of Maryland, from clerk at $1,200 to clerk at $1,400 per annum; Charles H. Patterson of Arkansas, from clerk at $1,000 to clerk at $1,200 per annum; Edward H. Halbach of Tennessee, from clerk at $1,000 to clerk at $1,200 per annum. Office of judge advocate general: Charles W. Berry of New York, from clerk at $1,000 to clerk at $1,800 per annum; Miss Nancy C. Morrison of Missouri, from clerk at $1,400 to clerk at $1,600 per annum; Francis M. Smith of West Virginia, from clerk at $1,200 to clerk at $1,400 per annum; Miss Janet E. Ross of Michigan, from copyist at $900 to clerk at $1,000 per annum; Miss Beulah M. Muhleman of West Virginia, from clerk at $840 to copyist at $900 per annum. Office of the chief engineer: Albert H. Clark of New York, from messenger at $720 to messenger $840 per annum. Office of the chief of ordnance: Miss Mary R. Connelly of Missouri, from clerk at $1,000 to clerk at $1,200 per annum; Arthur H. Mohr of Indiana, from clerk at $1,000 to clerk at $1,200 per annum.

Resignations: Record and pension office: Jerome C. Shear of Ohio, from clerk at $1,200 per annum; Richard C. Weithas of New York, from clerk at $900 per annum. Office of the adjutant general: Sanford Bradbury of New York, from clerk at $1,800 per annum. Office of the quartermaster general: Ernest A. Short of Missouri, from clerk at $1,000 per annum. Office of the judge advocate general: Allen A. Davis of Tennessee, from clerk at $1,800 per annum. Office of the surgeon general: Miss Mary D. Spiers of North Carolina, from clerk at $1,200 per annum.

ALLEGED BELGIAN ATROCITIES.

Minister Moncheur Seeking Information Regarding the Charges.

Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister here, called upon Secretary Hay today at the State Department, his visit having reference to the statements made last week to the department by Dr. Morrison and his brother missionaries as to atrocities alleged to have been committed by Belgian officers in the Congo Free State, also relative to the denial of American treaty rights. The minister was in search of information as to these allegations, having nothing but the newspaper reports to go upon in bringing the matter to the attention of his home government. It is said that many of these charges have already been investigated and made the subject of official reports, the same amounting to vindication of the Belgian officers. As to the missionaries' allegation that they had been denied the exercise of their treaty rights in the Congo country, it is expected that they will specify in a memorandum to be submitted to Secretary Hay cases which can be supported by evidence. The State Department will carefully examine these and if the claims appear to be meritorious they will be submitted to the Belgian government.

Meanwhile, the government of Congo has transmitted to the government of the United States a copy of the reply made by the former government to the report of the British consul at Boma relative to the condition of affairs and alleged cruelties in the Congo Free State. While bearing on the same subject this is not a reply to the charges made by the missionaries to the State Department, but as stated to those made by the British consul. The copy is being forwarded to the State Department through the American minister at Brussels, and has not yet reached Washington.

GATHERING THEM IN

Roosevelt Continues to Capture the Delegates.

NUMBER LAST WEEK

UP TO DATE HE HAS 257 OUT OF 302 ELECTED.

This Ratio Would Give Him 77 Per Cent, but Acclamation is Now the Watchword.

Roosevelt continues to gather them in. Seventy-two delegates to the republican national convention were chosen last week and he got them all. Conventions will be held this week in nineteen districts in seven states and the merry harvesting will doubtless continue.

Up to date 302 delegates to the republican national convention have been chosen, of which 257 were instructed to vote for the nomination of Roosevelt. Maintaining this ratio would give him 77 per cent of the delegates. The convention will consist of 984 delegates and 493 will be necessary for choice. He is now, three months in advance of the convention, within 191 of a majority of the convention, with instructed delegates.

The Watchword Now.

But the President's friends are not talking about majorities nor percentages. Nomination by acclamation is the watchword now. When New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio have spoken, there will be nothing left except to note down and add up, and the talk now is to make a clean job of the whole thing and nominate him with one accord.

The months of April and May will be harvest time in delegate getting. State conventions are set as follows: Alabama, Birmingham, May 10; Arkansas, Little Rock, May 17; California, Sacramento, May 18; Connecticut, New Haven, May 10; Delaware (anti-Addicks), Dover, April 19; Idaho, Pocatello, May 10; Illinois, Springfield, May 12; Indiana, Indianapolis, April 28; Iowa, Des Moines, May 18; Kentucky, Louisville, May 3; Louisiana, New Orleans, May 3; Maine, Augusta, April 14; Massachusetts, Boston, April 16; Michigan, Grand Rapids, May 18; Montana, Helena, April 12; Nebraska, Lincoln, May 18; New Jersey, Trenton, May 10; New York, New York city, April 12; North Carolina, Greensboro, May 18; North Dakota, Fargo, May 18; Ohio, Columbus, May 17; Oklahoma, Guthrie, April 7; Oregon, Portland, April 14; Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, April 6; Rhode Island, Providence, April 26; South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 4; Tennessee, Nashville, April 7; Utah, Salt Lake City, April 8; Vermont, Burlington, April 20; Washington, Tacoma, May 11; West Virginia, Charleston, April 14.

The Present Condition.

The table by states of instructed and uninstructed delegates follows:

INSTRUCTED FOR ROOSEVELT.

Alaska	6	Missouri	20
Arizona	6	Nebraska	6
Alabama	12	New Mexico	6
Delaware	6	New York	4
Florida	10	Ohio	12
Georgia	22	Pennsylvania	5
Illinois	6	South Carolina	14
Indian territory	6	Tennessee	2
Indiana	14	Texas	26
Kansas	18	Virginia	14
Louisiana	2	Wisconsin	2
Minnesota	20		
Mississippi	18	Total	257

UNINSTRUCTED.

Alabama	2	New York	4
Georgia	4	Ohio	2
Illinois	2	Pennsylvania	15
Kansas	2	Virginia	6
Louisiana	2	West Virginia	2
Minnesota	2		
Missouri	2	Total	45

MR. PAYNE IMPROVED.

Plans Being Made for a Trip for Recuperation.

Postmaster General Payne has so far recovered from the gout, with which he has been afflicted for the past three weeks, that yesterday and today he has been able to sit up for the first time since he left his office, and it is hoped that the trip which has been planned for him, and which it is expected will bring him back to a full enjoyment of his usual good health, can be begun tomorrow, or at least some time this week.

It may be that Mr. Payne will not be absent from his work for more than a fortnight, but it is hardly likely that a tour of such brief duration will prove sufficiently effective, in view of the severity of the illness which has kept him in his bed for so long, and the trip may be indefinitely extended.

Mr. Payne has himself not yet made up his mind where he will go for his recuperation, and as his family is leaving the choice entirely to him his momentary whim will probably determine it. There has been some talk of the south, some of a sea trip and some of Atlantic City, but the rigors of the climate at the latter place at this season are hardly likely to appeal strongly to a man just recovering from a siege of the gout.

Mr. Payne is now, with the assistance of Mr. Whitney, his private secretary, attending to much of the routine business of his office which has accumulated during his absence, and when his trip does begin the daily matters coming up for his attention will have been brought so nearly up to date as not to seriously handicap him upon his return to regular work.

MINISTER SANCHEZ TO LEAVE.

Feels That He Has Accomplished the Purpose of His Mission.

Mr. Sanchez, the Dominican minister for foreign affairs, who has been in this country for about two months, called at the State Department today to say farewell, being about to return to San Domingo. He came to the United States, not as a minister resident, but under a special commission, and he feels that the purpose of his mission has been fulfilled. He has been instrumental in obtaining the provisional recognition of the Morales government and, it is believed, has rendered some effective service in the way of procuring arms and ammunition for his government.

Rear Admiral Chadwick Here.

Rear Admiral Chadwick, who is stationed at Newport in connection with the Naval War College, was at the Navy Department today conferring with the officials regarding the South Atlantic squadron to the command of which he has been assigned. The vessels of that squadron are now assembled near Pensacola. It is expected that Admiral Chadwick will hoist his flag on the cruiser Brooklyn at that port the latter part of next month.

Appeal From E. G. Rathbone.

Senator Platt of Connecticut, chairman of the Senate committee on relations with Cuba, has received from E. G. Rathbone an appeal for a review of his case by Congress. He calls attention to the investigation of the protests against the confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood, had recently by the Senate committee on military affairs. Mr. Rathbone has on file with Senator Platt's committee a request for an investigation of the circumstances under which he was convicted of complicity in the Cuban postal frauds, but no action has ever been taken in the matter.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

The first torpedo boat flotilla commanded by Lieut. Chandler and convoyed by the cruiser Buffalo left Colombo this morning for Singapore on their way to Manila.

The gunboat Wilmington left Wuhu yesterday for Kiukiang and the Raleigh sailed from Shanghai for Chemulpo.

The Hartford and Yankee have arrived at Guantanamo. El Cano and Frolic at Ningpo, the Olympia, Truxtun and Stewart at Guantanamo, the Iowa at Pensacola, the Potomac at Norfolk, the Machias at Pensacola, the Dixie at League Island and the Sterling at Lambert's point.

The cruiser Detroit left Colon yesterday for Santo Domingo.

Resumption of the Smoot Inquiry.

The investigation of the protests against Senator Reed Smoot will be resumed April 12 by the Senate committee on privileges and elections. The witnesses will include a number of officials of the Mormon Church.

Virginia Postmasters Appointed.

The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed today: Virginia, Chap, John T. Moses; Fair Port, J. F. Rice; Valley Creek, Noah B. Keith.

Assistant Secretary Oliver Returns.

Assistant Secretary Oliver of the War Department has resumed his official duties in this city after a short visit to his home in Albany, for the benefit of his health. He said that the trip had done him good and that he felt much better than he did when he left Washington.

$80,000 Fire in Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 28.—Fire today damaged the stock of the T. P. Melon dry goods company to the extent of $80,000. Fire Chief Kessler and two firemen were badly burned, but will recover.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Arrived La Gascogne from Havre; Columbia, from Glasgow.

PLYMOUTH, March 28.—Arrived: Kronprinz Wilhelm, from New York.

BREMEN, March 28.—Arrived: Bremen, from New York.

Suburban Post Office Robbed.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—The post office at Wynnewood, a suburban station on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, was entered by thieves early today. Stamps and cash to the amount of $700 were stolen. An unexploded charge of nitroglycerine was found in the safe door.

Pinckney Promoted.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Official announcement is made that W. E. Pinckney has been appointed assistant general freight agent of the Chicago Great Western railway, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn. He succeeds W. B. Martin, resigned.

Naval Orders.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 28.—Passed Midshipmen E. O. Fitch, jr., F. E. McMillen, A. C. Pickens and C. K. Jones have been ordered from the Naval Academy to Boston to report to the board of inspection and survey on the 30th instant to assist at the trial of the United States cruiser Denver.

Lieuts. W. T. Tarrant and W. B. Tardy (junior grade), United States navy, have received orders to proceed to Washington, D. C., on April 5 for examination preliminary to promotion.

Princeton's Foot Ball Schedule.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 28.—The Princeton foot ball schedule for 1904, announced today, provides for the following matches:

September 28—Dickinson at Princeton.
October 1—Georgetown at Princeton.
October 8—Washington and Jefferson at Princeton.
October 12—Lafayette at Princeton.
October 15—United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.
October 22—Lehigh at Princeton.
October 29—Cornell at Ithaca.
November 5—United States Military Academy at West Point.
November 12—Yale at Princeton.

Victim of Shooting Dead.

BOSTON, Mass., March 28.—Parker Dexter, the eleven-year-old boy who was mysteriously shot at Randolph yesterday, died today without regaining consciousness.

A dispatch from Randolph, Mass., says: Parker Dexter, eleven years of age, the son of E. F. T. Dexter of this town, was mysteriously shot at his home Sunday while every one except his brother Harris, fourteen years old, was absent from the house. The latter said the shooting was done by a stranger, who suddenly appeared at the door with a companion, and one of the men, with a revolver in his hand, chased the boys upstairs, and, cornering Parker Dexter in the bath room, shot him, the ball entering the ear. After that the men left the house without taking anything of value. The boy is probably fatally injured.

Requisition for Alleged Murderer.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 28.—Gov. Pennypacker today honored a requisition from Gov. Dockery for the extradition of William E. Church, who is alleged to have murdered his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Yeator, at Warrentown, Mo. Church is a marine and was recently arrested at League Island navy yard, Philadelphia.

Lion Dies From Loneliness.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—After starving itself for almost two weeks because its mate had been taken away, a lion at the zoological headquarters here died today.

A live sheep was recently placed in the cage and bleated in terror, but the lion merely paced back and forth and the sheep was unharmed. The lion was valued at $3,000.

Legislature Meets Tonight.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 28.—The senate met here this morning without a quorum, only six senators being present, and adjourned at once until 8 o'clock tonight. The house adjourned Saturday until then.

Launching of Virginia.

Arrangements have been completed by the Navy Department for the launching of the battle ship Virginia at Newport News, Va., April 5, and also for the launching of the armored cruiser California at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, Cal., April 23.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY

Charles G. Forster Kills Wife and Commits Suicide.

DUE TO DESPONDENCY

ILLNESS OF BOTH PARTIES ASCRIBED AS CAUSE.

The Deeds Probably Committed Yesterday Afternoon, but Discovery Made This Morning.

A double tragedy occurred yesterday in Kensington, Md., a small town on the B. and O. railroad, near this city. Charles G. Forster, a brother of Rudolph Forster, who is an assistant secretary to the President, shot and killed his wife, Elizabeth Forster, with a revolver, and then killed himself with the same weapon. Such was the verdict of the coroner's jury summoned this morning by Justice of the Peace Charles S. Nichols. From the circumstances it is believed the shooting occurred between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Considerable time elapsed before a jury could be obtained today, and the verdict, as stated above, was rendered by the jury shortly after hearing all that could be said in the way of evidence. The jury consisted of Mayor Cornelius Eckhardt, foreman; John B. Stubbs, James P. Snyder, Wm. H. Mannakee, T. A. Kelly, W. J. Umstead, James P. Raney, James E. Kelly, Geo. W. Hyatt, Wm. Beedle and John A. Wagner. The health officers, Dr. Wm. L. Lewis and Alton W. Cornwell, a councilman of the town, were the only witnesses examined by the jury. Mr. Cornwell explained to the jury the condition of mind under which he believed Mr. Forster to have been laboring for the past week or ten days, and Dr. Lewis gave a certificate as to the causes of the death. Mrs. Forster was evidently standing a short distance away and in front of her husband when she was shot, the bullet entering at the base of the brain.

In the case of Mr. Forster the bullet entered above the right eye and came out below the right ear.

In the judgment of Dr. Lewis, both met with instantaneous death. There was no sign of a struggle of any kind, and it was evident the plan was well outlined by Mr. Forster in advance and that the deed was committed shortly after he and his wife entered the house yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Cornwell's Statement.

Mr. Cornwell stated to a reporter of The Star that Mr. and Mrs. Forster had been guests at his house since the 16th of March last, and that Mr. Forster had become very despondent during the past week. He bought a place here early last fall and lived in the house until about the middle of December, when, principally on account of the illness of his wife, he returned to Washington for the winter. During this time his own health had been failing, and this together with his wife's illness and some financial reverses no doubt caused his despondency.

"About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon," said Mr. Cornwell, "Mr. and Mrs. Forster left my house together, saying if they did not return shortly they might go to the city.

"As they did not return at supper time, I went over to their house, rang the bell a number of times and in other ways tried to attract their attention, but to no purpose. I therefore thought they had gone to the city. Later in the evening I went over again, and, getting no response, went to the electric car station and asked the conductor if Mr. and Mrs. Forster had returned. His reply was that he had not seen them. They had not returned this morning, and I called on Mayor Eckhardt, and, stating the case to him, asked him to accompany me to the house, as further inquiry this morning developed that Mr. and Mrs. Forster had not been seen by any one going to or returning from the city.

"Mayor Eckhardt immediately summoned Marshal Wagner and went to the Forster house. As no entrance could be effected on the ground floor a ladder was procured and the mayor and marshal effected an entrance at a second-story window of a room adjoining the one in which the bodies were later discovered.

"Apeep in at the window of their bed room told the story in part, as the prostrate form of one of the occupants could be seen from the window. Entering the room, the body of Mr. Forster was discovered, with his head lying in a pool of blood, and with a wound over the right eye and at the back of the right ear, his right arm lying across his body. Near his hand was the pistol with which the tragedy had evidently been committed. His overcoat had not been removed.

"At his feet law the body of his wife, with a bullet wound in the back of her head at the base of the brain. In her left hand was an alarm clock, which she had evidently just taken from the bureau and wound, as it recorded this morning when found very nearly the correct time of day.

"A box containing five cartridges was found in the rear of one of the outhouses, which evidently was the box that contained the pistol when purchased. This, perhaps, proves the assertion Forster made to his wife several days ago, that he had given his pistol away. The one used was to all appearances new and had just been purchased."

Despondency Attracts Attention.

Mayor Eckhardt stated that one evening last week he had called at the home of Mr. Cornwell. Mr. Forster and a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell were there. He found Mr. Forster in about the same despondent condition as he was when he had seen him a few days before. He urged him to try to forget his troubles, and prevailed upon him to take a walk about the town. Every effort was made to induce him to take a more hopeful view of the future, but apparently to no purpose, as throughout the entire walk he remained in the same quiet, despondent mood with which he started.

His Brother Notified.

Rudolph Forster, brother of the dead man, received a telephone message shortly after 9 o'clock this morning advising him of the murder and suicide. He hastened at