

WILL PLEASE ALL.

Committee on Rivers and Harbors in Executive Session

DECIDES IMPORTANT MATTERS

In Connection with the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers.

THE DRAFT OF THE REPORT

Will be Completed Before the End of the Present Week--Condensation Proceedings Against the Monongahela Navigation Company will be Recommended, and Appropriations for New Dams to Complete the System to Fairmont will be Asked For--Continous Contracts will Insure the Fruition of All Hopes. Survey of the Ohio to be Ordered.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--If current rumors may be relied upon the friends of unrestricted commerce on the Ohio and Monongahela rivers will have reason to congratulate themselves when the report of the rivers and harbors committee is made to the house. The committee and those accompanying it returned from the tour of inspection on schedule time this morning, and to-day a meeting was held. It was an executive session, and under the rules the members are not divulging the proceedings. It is known, however, that the committee's report in the course of preparation, and that when the next meeting shall be held, which will be Thursday of the present week, the draft will be very nearly complete.

The Intelligencer may predict with reasonable certainty that the upper Ohio will be provided with an initial appropriation for four movable dams between Beaver and Davis Island, and that the secretary of war will be authorized to put the same under continuous contract. Also that an item will be put in providing for a survey of the river from Pittsburgh to Marietta with the view of establishing a system of locks and dams between those points. The Intelligencer may also predict, with the same degree of certainty, that provision will be made for the condemnation of the Monongahela Navigation Company's dams between the Pennsylvania state line and Pittsburgh, with the view of their purchase by the government and that six dams will be authorized to complete the system to Fairmont. The small appropriation, about \$20,000, to be made for this construction will be available upon the consummation of the condemnation proceedings and the necessary case, or put the construction of the six dams under continuous contract.

The business men interested in the development of commerce upon these two important waterways may depend upon this information being in the main correct, although it is obtained from other sources, and that so far as the committee is concerned, this great interest, so long neglected, will be ignored no longer.

Captain Dovenor, of Wheeling, the indefatigable worker in behalf of the improvement, and a prominent member of the rivers and harbors committee, was asked this evening for a corroboration of the statement here given of the probable action of that body. He declined to discuss the executive proceedings, but with a smile of quiet satisfaction remarked that in his opinion the friends of the improvement will be satisfied with the result. That the Monongahela will ultimately have blackwater to its source and free navigation its full length is not doubted, and that the great Ohio valley, and the vast section to which it contributes its commerce will have the most distant prospect of the benefit of the improvement now being outlined and provided for by the rivers and harbors committee seems to be absolutely assured.

The proviso for placing the work of construction under continuous contract will be of more importance than a much larger appropriation could be without it, and since a survey must precede an appropriation in every case the long stride made towards the fruition of the hopes of Pittsburgh, Wheeling and points below in the inclusion of an item for the Ohio survey will doubtless be hailed with much satisfaction.

The Women for Peace.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--An effort is being made to secure the cooperation of women's organizations throughout the country to aid in the movement for an international peace tribunal. Petitions are being circulated in this country and in Great Britain by the women's international peace league, and Mrs. M. F. Ormsby, of this city, president of the American branch of the league, is forwarding the petition for signatures to women in the United States. The petition expresses hearty sympathy with the men in favor of the establishment of a permanent arbitration tribunal between Great Britain and the United States. It is asserted that such a permanent court would present an example which would gradually be followed by other nations. "Causing the present ruinous expenditures in armaments to cease and permitting the people to enjoy the fruits of their labors in peace."

A New Battleship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--The house committee on naval affairs to-day decided to have one of the four new battleships provided for in the bill built on the Pacific coast. If the President concludes, however, that the cost of constructing a warship on the Pacific coast is excessive, he can let a contract to have it built elsewhere. It was decided to have one of the fifteen torpedo boats built on the coast, one on the Gulf of Mexico and one in the Mississippi river.

West Virginia Prisons.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--The following pensions have been issued to West Virginians: Original--Hiram B. Howard, Point Pleasant; Rebecca Sewell, Pliny; James S. Farley, Wiseburg; minors of Norman Uphold, Hazleton; Martha Gilpin, Cottage Hill; Ellen Cullen, New Cumberland; Margaret T. Haddock, Parkersburg; Margaret Stanley, Goose Neck; George A. Floding, Huntington; Frances C. Davis, Morgantown.

Increase--Henry C. Turner, Mason.

New Postmaster Appointed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--W. L. Morrison has been appointed postmaster at Kenna, Jackson county, vice C. M. Morrison, resigned.

The Gold Reserve.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--The treasury to-day lost \$214,000 in gold coin and \$24,000 in bars, leaving the amount of the gold reserve \$127,633,465.

M'KINLEY WINS

The Majority of Delegates Selected in Minnesota Yesterday.

MANKATO, Minn., March 23.--The Second Minnesota district Republican convention to-day elected delegates to St. Louis instructed for McKinley. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 23.--The Fourth district Republican convention met here to-day and elected delegates to the St. Louis convention. Resolutions were adopted favoring Senator C. K. Davis for President, with McKinley as second choice.

CROOKSTON, Minn., March 23.--The Seventh district Republicans to-day re-nominated Frank M. Eddy for Congress, and elected C. J. Gunderson, of Alexandria, and E. G. Valentine, of Wilkin, as delegates to St. Louis. They are for McKinley.

AITKEN, Minn., March 23.--Morrison Nichols, of Duluth, and Thomas D. Anderson, of Little Falls, were to-day elected delegates to the St. Louis convention from the Sixth Minnesota district. The resolutions declare for Senator Davis as first choice for President, with McKinley second choice. C. F. Hendrix was endorsed as delegate at large.

HASTINGS, Minn., March 23.--The Third district has elected Messrs. Hubbard and Paine delegates to St. Louis. They are pledged to McKinley.

NEW YORK CONVENTION.

It is Predicted It will Declare Unanimously for Morton.

NEW YORK, March 23.--J. Sloat Fassett and Sereno E. Payne were among to-day's arrivals of prominent Republicans who will participate in the Republican convention to-morrow. Mr. Fassett is actively working up the presidential candidacy of Governor Morton. Mr. Payne is said to be slated for an electoral-at-large. Comptroller Roberts, of Buffalo, it is alleged, may be dropped from the list unless he can give assurance that the Erie county delegates will fall in line for Morton for the presidency. The prediction is made that the convention will declare unanimously for Morton.

Texas Republicans.

AUSTIN, Texas, March 23.--Though the Republican state convention does not meet here until to-morrow, the city is crowded with delegates. It seems that the contest will be a hot and bitter. It will be McKinley and anti-McKinley. All anti-McKinley factions will combine to defeat McKinley.

Pennsylvania Selections.

LANCASTER, Pa., March 23.--With every district in except two small ones, Lancaster county gives Quay for President 10,253; McKinley 9,391. The entire Quay county ticket is nominated, including Representative Seifert, whom, it was thought yesterday, was beaten by Dr. Taylor, of Columbia.

MIFFLINTOWN, Pa., March 23.--The Republican county convention met here to-day and announced the result of Saturday's primaries. The only change by the official vote was the substitution of Leonard R. Mauger for Abram J. Meist, for associate judge.

The platform endorses Senator Quay for President; endorses the administration of Governor Hastings and commends Congressman Mahon, of the Eleventh district. There were 1,832 votes cast at the primary, 633 more than ever cast at a primary in this county.

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, will Speak Wednesday Afternoon.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 23.--From reports received up to date the indications are that the attendance at the convention of the state league clubs, which convenes in this city Wednesday will exceed that of any similar convention in the history of the Republican party in West Virginia.

Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, who has the distinguished honor of being the first Republican governor of that commonwealth, will arrive in Charleston Wednesday morning early, and will address the convention at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There will also be other speakers of national reputation present.

OLD MONONGALIA

Will Send a Strong Delegation to the Charleston Convention.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 23.--The delegates from Morgantown to the convention of Republican clubs are Dr. D. H. Courtney, J. N. Wells, Fuller Glascock, S. G. Glascock, William Morgan, Dr. D. P. Fitch and I. G. Lazelle. There will probably be others go from this county, as there were several big clubs organized on Saturday.

The delegates left this evening and will be joined at Grafton by a great many from the eastern end of the state. The Republicans of Monongalia are very much alive and perfecting good organizations all over the county. There will be some warm contests over the county officers, especially that of prosecuting attorney. E. C. Frame, L. G. Lazelle and Charles Goodwin are announced candidates, and Colonel R. E. Fast has many friends who want to see him nominated. There are also many candidates for the sheriffly nomination.

Marshall County Republicans.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

GLEN EASTON, W. Va., March 23.--The Republican practical tariff club of Mead district, Marshall county, W. Va., met at the Bethel on Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m., and appointed the following delegates to the state league convention: George B. Gaines, S. Marion Bonar, J. F. Alley, D. N. Bonar, J. E. Sivent, Alternates, B. F. Sivent, J. J. Hubbs, W. E. Mason, E. B. McCordie, C. N. Gamble.

The delegates reported everything O. K. for 1896, and said that Mead district would give a Republican majority for McKinley, Atkinson and Dovenor in the coming election.

It is Mayor McDougall.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CEREDO, W. Va., March 23.--J. J. McDougall, editor of the Advance, and Republican candidate for state treasurer, was elected mayor of this city at the municipal election here last Saturday by an overwhelming majority. The entire progressive citizens ticket was elected. The contest was a very hot one, and was bitterly fought by the citizen's ticket.

Morton Signs the Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.--Governor Morton signed the Rains bill to-day. With it he filed a lengthy memorandum in which he upholds the constitutionality of the bill and makes no suggestion as to supplemental legislation, as was expected.

In his lengthy memorandum the governor reviews the entire situation at the present time, and the manner in which it will be benefited by the new law. He upholds the constitutionality of the bill and makes no suggestion as to supplemental legislation as was expected. In closing he says: "It has been suggested that the bill in some of its features, especially in some of its administrative details, should be amended. Experience will probably suggest other amendments."

THE CUBAN CAUSE.

An Unexpected Climax in the Debate in the Senate.

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED

To the Conference Committee--The Vote Was Unanimous--The Object of Recommendation was to Change the Resolutions to Overcome the Opposition that Has Developed--Senator Mills Introduced a New Set which Go Farther than Has Been Suggested at Any Recent Time. The Seizure of Cuba Advocated in Certain Contingencies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--An unexpected climax to the Cuban debate was reached in the senate to-day when on motion of Mr. Sherman, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, the Cuban resolutions were recommitted to the conference committee. The vote to re-commit was unanimous and without the formality of a roll call, representing a general consensus of opinion that the committee should change the resolutions as to overcome the opposition that has developed. Messrs. Sherman, Morgan and Lodge were appointed to represent the senate in a further conference.

Simultaneous with this action Mr. Mills presented Cuban resolutions which propose to go further than has been suggested at any previous time. They direct the president to request Spain to grant local self government, and if Spain refuses the President is authorized to use the military and naval forces in taking possession of Cuba and holding it until self government is established by the Cuban people.

Mr. Platt also introduced resolutions limiting the action of Congress to an expression of sympathy for Cuba's struggle and authorizing the President to extend the friendly office of the United States toward securing a free, independent Republican form of government. With the Cuban resolutions recommitted to conference, the senate began its action on the legislative appropriation bill which was not disposed of when the senate adjourned.

DEBATE IN THE SENATE

On Sherman's Motion to Re-commit the Cuban Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--Senator Blackburn's return to the senate to-day after the exciting and fruitless senatorial contest before the Kentucky legislature was signalled by an unusual demonstration by his colleagues. On the senator's desk was the most mammoth and elaborate floral design ever brought to the senate, rising twelve feet from the floor, and overhanging the desks of Senator Walthall and Vest on either side. The main design represented the coat of arms of Kentucky, with a wreath of olive and oak branches in the center, around which were worked the state motto: "United we stand, divided we fall." Above this was a large horse shoe of oak, while below and around were great sheaves of oak leaves and lily of the valley. The whole was topped with a wreath of olive and oak branches. The tribute came from Mr. Blackburn's senatorial associates. Several other large designs were from personal friends.

Mr. Blackburn entered the chamber shortly after the session opened and was warmly greeted by his associates. Mr. Cullum, in charge of the legislative appropriation bill, said he could not give way for an indefinite extension of the Cuban debate to the exclusion of appropriation bills.

Mr. Sherman responded that the committee desired a vote and he was glad the senators on the conference committee who had thrown aside the senate resolutions and had accepted the house resolutions. "And I venture to say," proceeded Mr. Platt, "that not five senators approve the house resolutions now before us."

The senator suggested to Mr. Sherman that he should state that they recede from their agreement to the house resolutions which they did not want, and present something more acceptable. "If we had any assurance," said Mr. Sherman, "that the senate would accept and dispose of the subject in another form, I might be quite willing to accede to the suggestion."

Mr. Hoar said the whole subject could be dealt with in two minutes if Mr. Sherman would ask unanimous consent to re-commit them.

"Then," said Mr. Sherman, decisively, "I will make the motion to test the question."

This colloquy proceeded out of order, as Mr. Palmer, of Illinois, had the floor for a speech against the Cuban resolutions and insisted on going on. He yielded, however, to allow Mr. Sherman to give the following formal notice: "The senate has agreed to re-commit the question on this subject, and in order to dispose of the question, I will move to re-commit the pending resolutions to the conference committee."

As Mr. Palmer had the floor, Mr. Sherman could not secure immediate action on his motion.

At 2 o'clock there was a lull in the speeches, whereupon Mr. Sherman sought to secure a vote on his resolution to re-commit the resolutions to the conference committee.

A vote was about to be taken when Mr. Allen arose for a speech. Many senators urged that he wait, as the Sherman motion would dispose of the subject for the present, but Mr. Allen insisted on going on and the vote was deferred.

Mr. Allen said that if the United States stood by while Spain applied the knife to the throats of the Cubans he would be justly chargeable by the world with impotency and cowardice. He ridiculed the waning patriotism of the senators. At first senators had "fallen over each other" in support of this resolution. Then the senator from Maine (Hale) had sounded the signal for retreat. "And now," concluded Mr. Allen, the senator from Ohio (Sherman) moves to re-commit. It looks as though he had joined in the retreat and this will be the last of the resolution."

As soon as Mr. Allen closed Mr. Sherman pressed a motion to re-commit. The prevailing officer, Mr. Bacon, put the question. Not more than twenty senators were present. There was a chorus of "ayes" and no "nays" and the motion prevailed. No request for a roll call was made, and the senate immediately adjourned.

The recommitment came so quickly that the crowds did not realize what had been done until the clerk began reading the items of the legislative appropriation bill, which had been taken up.

Subsequently Mr. Platt offered another resolution on the Cuban subject by presenting the following concurrent resolution, which was referred to the committee on foreign relations:

Resolved, That the senate (the house of representatives concurring) hereby expresses its earnest desire that Cuba may soon become a free, independent and republican government, and that the friendly offices of the

United States shall be offered by the President to the Spanish government to secure this result.

The legislative appropriation bill was pending, when, at 5:15 p. m., the senate went into executive session and soon afterward adjourned.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Day Spent Over the Bill Abolishing the Death Penalty in Certain Cases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--The house spent most of to-day considering the Curtis bill to abolish the death penalty in all cases where it is prescribed in the Federal statutes (sixty in number) save in cases of murder and rape, under sections 5339 and 5345 of the revised statutes which hold that the jury must qualify the verdict "without capital punishment." The bill makes no changes in the penalties that can be inflicted by military and naval court-martial. Among the crimes now punishable by death abolished by the bill are murder and robbery on the high seas, accessory before the fact to murder, piracy, etc., on the high seas, destruction of vessels as sea piracy, arson of vessels of war, etc. The bill failed to pass for want of a quorum.

Presidential Appointments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--The President to-day sent to the senate the following nominations: State--Frank W. Roberts, of Maine, consul of the United States at Cape Town, Cape Colony; R. Hughes Long, of Alabama, consul of the United States at Nogales, Mexico.

Postmasters--S. J. Lyon, Collinsville, Conn.; T. G. Boyer, Altamont, Ill.; J. M. Ballard, Marion, Ind.; William E. Miller, Mason City, Iowa.

Interior--Peter Gallagher, Idaho, to be Indian agent of the Warm Springs agency in Oregon.

War--First Lieutenant R. N. Getty, Twenty-second infantry to be captain Second Lieutenant H. L. Jackson, Fifteenth infantry to be first lieutenant.

The List Exhausted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.--The civil service commission has announced that the list of eligible candidates for the offices of physicians in the Indian service is entirely exhausted. The last vacancy is at the Grand river boarding school at the Standing Rock agency in North Dakota. This is a 1900 per annum office and there is no one available to fill it. Civil service examinations for these places will be held in various cities on different dates from March 30 to May 20.

NICARAGUAN REVOLUTION.

President Zelaya is Having a Picnic. Honduras Helps the Rebels.

NEW YORK, March 23.--A local paper says: "The revolution in Nicaragua, according to intelligence received in New York through private channels, is more serious than the dispatches from that country would indicate. The strict press censorship established by President Zelaya renders it impossible for news of any character except what is favorable to the government to be made public.

Two facts, however, seem to be well established. First, that Zelaya is not suppressing the rebellion, and second, that the Honduran troops which are helping Nicaragua on Friday last as the supposed allies of Zelaya are quite likely to aid the rebels as to act in concert with the government troops.

The first of these facts is based upon the almost certain knowledge that the revolutionists have marched around in every engagement, they have been the aggressors; that they have the moral and material support of the great majority of the Liberal party, which placed Zelaya in power, and that the government forces have maintained only at the beginning a purely defensive attitude.

The Honduran troops are now in Nicaragua and at a point midway between Leon and Corinto. In the territory occupied by the rebels. Their present attitude is one of strict neutrality, but it is regarded as not improbable that their aid may, in the end, be given to Bacca, the provisional president of the insurgent government. If Honduras espouses Bacca's cause the latter will, it is believed, become victorious, since his troops are armed with modern guns, and animated by sentiments of the loftiest patriotism, namely, that of the desire for constitutional liberty and to prevent the alleged dictatorship of Zelaya. Without Honduras' aid the result is likely to be in doubt for several months.

"Another element of uncertainty in the influences which the Salvadorian peace commission may exercise upon the contending factions. It is generally believed that their efforts will result in failure. Shrewd observers of political events in Central America are of the opinion that all five of the republics may become embroiled unless a peaceful solution is reached within a few weeks."

FORTY HOUSES BURNED

By the Insurgents in the Village of Punta Brava--Prisoners Released.

HAVANA, March 23.--The insurgents have burned forty houses in the village of Punta Brava and on the farm of San Ramon, in the Santi Spiritus district of the province of Santa Clara. It is stated that the insurgent bands commanded by Toledo and Mena recently fired upon each other through a mistake, which, while causing loss on both sides, has also given rise to a very bitter feeling between the two parties.

The report that the insurgents hanged five peaceable laborers near Remedios turns out to be incorrect.

At the Santa Martin plantation, near Matanzas, Col. Molina in operating against the insurgents, killed four of the latter. The insurgents retired with their wounded.

The authorities of Matanzas have released from the prison at that place 144 persons who were confined there as war of political prisoners.

Renewal of Baltimore & Ohio Notes.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 23.--Judge Goff, of the United States court, signed an order to-day authorizing the receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company to renew all the outstanding notes, acceptances and endorsements of the company. The order was made upon the petition of the Mercantile Trust Company, of New York, the principal judgment creditors and under its terms the receivers are expressly enjoined from increasing the present obligations of the company. The order will, it is understood, enable the receivers to prevent the forfeiture of many valuable securities owned by the company, but pledged as collateral for call and short time loans, which if sold at this time, would involve considerable loss.

Banker Convalescent.

NICE, March 23.--Many inquiries have been received here regarding the report of the death of George A. Banker, the noted financier, which found currency here and in the United States. His physician has, in consequence, been led to make a statement of his condition. Mr. Banker arrived here, he says, in the twelfth day of an attack of typhoid fever. He has now passed the thirty-second day, and he expects that he will become convalescent on the twenty-eighth day of the attack.

A PRUDENTIAL MOVE

Was that of Three Martin's Ferry Business Men in Making Assignments Yesterday--They were the Principal Stockholders in the Northwood Glass Company.

Owing to the failure of the Northwood Glass Company at Elwood City, Pa., Messrs. Henry Floto, Thomas Mears and William Mann, three of the prominent business men of Martin's Ferry, made assignments yesterday. The assignments are more a prudential measure than a necessity, and were brought about by the assignment of the Northwood Glass Company recently, of which these three gentlemen were the principal owners.

Mr. Floto assigned to F. R. Sedgwick, attorney; Mr. Mears to George H. Smith, of the Commercial Bank, and Mr. Mann to W. T. Graham, of the Aetna-Standard iron and steel works.

The assets of the Northwood are about \$60,000 and the liabilities something like \$40,000. The works are located in Elwood City, Pa., having been moved there from Martin's Ferry several years ago. The manager was Mr. Harry Northwood, formerly of Martin's Ferry.

In connection with the assignments made yesterday at Martin's Ferry, the following special dispatch to the Intelligencer from Steubenville, received last night, is of interest:

STEUBENVILLE, O., March 23.--Judgments have been taken here against the Northwood Glass Company, of Elwood City, Pa., formerly of Martin's Ferry, by Gray, Smith & Co., of Martin's Ferry, for \$5,015.55, and by the People's Savings Bank Company, of Martin's Ferry, for \$7,527.76.

REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE

Lightning Strikes Two Painters While at Work on a Church Steeple.

GUTHRIE, Ok., March 23.--News of a remarkable occurrence has been received from Beaver county. At the little postoffice town of Grand, the Baptist congregation is building a handsome church, surmounted by a spire seventy-five feet high. James Ford and Harry Sommers, painters, were employed to oil and paint the spire, Saturday, while they were giving the finishing coat to the top of the spire, a thunder storm came up, accompanied by fierce flashes of lightning.

A blinding flash of lightning struck the spire, knocking away the painters' scaffold, splitting the spire and leaving Sommers and Ford on the roof dead. The clothing of the two men was ignited by the flash and for ten minutes the bodies were seen burning and smoking in mid-air. Rain finally extinguished the flames and three hours later the remains of the painters were brought down, charred and almost unrecognizable.

Will Advocate Protection. CHICAGO, March 23.--It is rumored in Atlanta and not denied that a new morning paper is to be started and that it will be backed by a syndicate of wealthy manufacturers. William Venable is mentioned as prime mover. He will be an independent Democratic editor, and will start with a paid up capital of \$250,000. It will advocate a protective tariff. The office will be a few doors below the Constitution, and in the hotel Granite building, this property being included in Mr. Venable's subscription of \$100,000 to the capital stock and estimated as being worth \$40,000.

Gen. Garcia Forfeits His Bond.

NEW YORK, March 23.--When the cases of the alleged filibusterers were called to-day before Justice Lacombe in the criminal branch of the United States court, General Calisto Garcia did not appear and his bail of \$3,000 was declared forfeited. General Garcia was reported to have been on board the Bermuda when she left this port the night of March 15. The other five prisoners, Bernardo J. Bueno, Captain Samuel Lawrence, Barabazon, and Benjamin J. Guerra were present. At the request of the district attorney, the hearing was set down for next Monday.

Big Wage Reduction.

NEW YORK, March 23.--A special dispatch from New Haven to the Evening Post says: The hardware manufacturing concern of Sargent & Company, employing some 600 hands, and the largest factory in the state, has reduced hours from fifty-four to forty-two a week, involving a weekly reduction in wages earned of about twenty-two per cent. It manufactures more than 3,000 separate hardware articles, which are sold all over the country. H. B. Sargent, manager of the company, attributes the cause of the reduction in the main to the slack demand for hardware goods caused by disquietude in regard to the country's financial condition.

Emperors to Meet.

BERLIN, March 23.--The emperor and the empress of Germany started this morning for Genoa, where, it is expected, they will meet the king of Italy, and embark on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern for a Mediterranean cruise. Previous to the departure of the emperor, General Von Werder, the German ambassador to Russia, arrived here and presented his credentials with an autograph letter from the czar.

Ice Bound Vessel Free.

ERIE, Pa., March 23.--The Pittsburgh, Shenango & Lake Erie car ferry steamer Shenango No. 1, which has been fast in the ice fifteen miles off this port for the past week, has finally been liberated by her sister steamer, Shenango No. 2, and towed to Conneaut, Ohio. The crew of the ice-bound vessel have been short of provisions and fuel for a week or more.

Pretty Good Arsenal.

KIMBERLY, West South Africa, March 23.--The preliminary examination of Mr. Gardner Williams, the American manager of the DeBeers mines, took place to-day. Detective Loper testified to having discovered on the premises 312 magazine rifles, 338,600 cartridges and 1,550 bayonets. Mr. Williams was remanded until April 12.

Southern Methodist Conference.

ROANOKE, Va., March 23.--The annual session of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church South will begin here next Wednesday and continue about a week. Bishop K. Hargrove, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will be the presiding officer.

Woman at the Bottom of It.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 23.--Elijah Rustel died to-day at Brice, Ohio, by pistol wounds received Sunday by John White, who also is expected to die from the "corn cutter" wound by Rustel. The trouble was about Rutter's wife.

Jackson and Walling Arraigned.

NEWPORT, Ky., March 23.--Jackson and Walling were arraigned to-day for the murder of Pearl Bryan, both pleading not guilty. Jackson will be tried first, on April 7.

Against Women Delegates.

DOVER, Del., March 23.--By a vote of 107 to 7 the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal conference to-day voted against the admission of women as lay delegates to the general conference.

THIRTEEN KILLED

In a Coal Mine Explosion at Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

SOME BODIES ARE MUTILATED

Almost Beyond Recognition--All of the Victims were Married--As the Mining Industry Has Been Depressed for Some Time Their Families are Left in Destitute Circumstances--Two Men Killed and Eleven Others Make a Narrow Escape in Another Explosion.

DUBOIS, Pa., March 23.--A terrific explosion of gas occurred at the Berwind-White shaft in the eastern limits of this city to-day and thirteen miners were killed. The mine is a new one, which the company had been opening up and working crews in shafts to push the headings out of the various direction for big work later on.

Eighteen men went on at 7 o'clock this morning, fourteen going into the north heading and four into the south heading. At about 10 o'clock the four men were sensible of a shock and a few minutes later the mine boss came to them and told them something had happened, and that they should get out as soon as they could. When the party, consisting of five, reached the foot of the shaft, they were nearly overcome by gas and were hurriedly taken up in the cage.

Assistance was immediately summoned and practical miners from the Bell, Lewis and Yates company mines volunteered their services. As the work of rescue proceeded, it was found that the shock in the north heading was so terrific that some of the bodies were mutilated almost beyond recognition. The balance had evidently been suffocated by the foul air. The names of the dead recovered are: