## THE CITY OF PETERSBURG

INSURANCE MEN OF TWO CITIES AP. PEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

A Large Issue of Five Per Cent. Bonds Recommended Mrs. Willie J. Collier Asks for Alimony.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 1.-Special, -The report of the post warden, Mr. W. E. Morrison, for the quarter ending March Sist, shows the total number of vessels arriving at this port to have been 108; total tonnage, 2,95,374. The value of the inward freight, consisting of general merchandise, was \$84,417.50. Value of outward freight, \$90,587.

Value of outward freight, 80,58.
Alice Shell (colored) was before United
States Commissioner R. A. Young todays on the charge of selling liquor without a license. She was sent on to the United States grand jury for indictment, and was released on ball in the penalty of

Henry Hunt, a small negro boy, was Henry Hunt, a small negro boy, was before the mayor this morning on the charge of being the party who committed a feloulous assault on Mr. Waverly Anthony on last Sunday afternoon, an account of which was published in this corresponsiones. The injured man not

motion for a new trial for Matthew Jones, alins "Dec" Jones (colored), who was convicted of murder in the first de-gree, his crime being wife murder. Judge but it is not thought that he will the prisoner a new trial, as he attorney for the Commonwealth was not necessary for him to

The County Court of Sussex will open to-morrow. There are several parties to be arraigned for trial at this term for

to be arranged for that at this term for robberies committed along the line of the Atlantic and Danville rallroad.

Mean temperature for March, 44.4: mean maximum temperature, 57.1: mean minimum temperature, 21.7: rain-fall and melted snow, 3.23 inches; snow-fall, 1.70 inches. Direction of wind, west: Cloudy days,

THE COLLIER DIVORCE CASE.

This afternoon Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Hustings Court, sitting in chambers,

the Hustings Courf, sitting in chambers, heard argument on defendant's motion for alimony in the divorce suit of S. K. Collier vs. Willis J. Collier.

The defendant denied all the charges in the bill of allegations, and asked that the court allow her sufficient temporary clinics of a her support and to pay countilled.

ounsel that the defendant be permitted o see her child at such time and place is the court might see fit. Platounsel objected, and held that the counsel objected, and held that the court had no right to grant such request. Judge Mullen took this matter under advisement, and will ender his decision at some early day. The Court will hear curther argument on the question of all-mony on the 13th instant. The plaintiff a represented by Mr. Alexander Hamilton and the defension the Masser Badden and the defension the defension the defension the defension the defension the defension the Masser Badden and the defension the defension the defension the defension the defension the defension that the defension the defension that t ton and the defendant by Messrs, Reddy & Woon, of Richmond, and Hon, William B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg.

COUNCIL MEETING.

e City Council met in regular month-sision this afternoon and did not ad-h until 8:30 o'clock to-night. The report of the Mayor's clerk shows that dur the past month fines were imposed it collected in the Mayor's Court counting to \$63.22. The reports of the y Treessurer and Auditor for the month March were submitted by Mr. Venable, irmun of the Finance Committee. The former shows the cash receipts to the city from all sources to have been \$13,296.85 and the latter shows the shows the expenditures to have been \$12,483.42.

TO ISSUE BONDS.

Mr. Venable offered a resolution au-therizing the City Treasurer to borrow \$5,000 for the use of the City Treasurer. the resolution was adopted The following was offered by Mr. Ven-

the Common Council of the city of

mend to the Council the issue of fifty-eight thousand dollars of 5 per cent bonds, payable in forty years, to meet the wants of the Treasurer, and present herewith an ordinance in blank, the com-

"Respectably automitted,
"S. W. VENABLE, Chairman."

The resolution will be acted upon at the May meetin). An ordinance was adopted providing for

An ordinance was adopted providing for the closing of New street, connecting St. Matthew atreet and Shore street.

The Council adopted the following resolution, offered by Mr. McCance:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to Major R. M. Sully, superintendent, and the officers of the Richmond and Petersburg and Piersburg and Weldon railroad for their courtesy in transporting free of for their courtesy in transporting free of charge wood for the use of the poor of

"Resolved, That the Clerk of the Counell transmit a copy of these resolutions to the officers of the said roads."

THE INSURANCE TAX The Council was addressed by Howard Swineford, of Richmond, representing the Equitable Life-Insurance Company, of New York: T. A. Cary, of Rehmond, representing the Northwestern, of Mil-waukee: W. H. Cuthbert, of the firm of Cuthbert Brothers, of Petersburg, agents here for the Mutual Life-Insurance Com-pany, of New York; W. M. Jones, former pany, of New York: W. M. Jones, former general agent of the Equitable Life-Insurance Company, and W. T. Davis, representing the New York Life-Insurance Company. All of these gentlemen appeared before the Council to ask that body to reduce the specific license tax on life-Insurance companies, as the tax was too onerous. The tax is \$125 and 2 percent, on premiums. After considerable cent. on premiums. After considerable discussion the Council, on motion of Mr. Quicke, reduced the tax to \$75 and one-

eixth per cent. on premiums,
Mr. E. W. Talley, shipping clerk at
Mr. David Dunlop's tobacco factory, had
his leg very badly crushed to-day at the factory while superintending the loading of some hogsheads of stems.

The Fire Record.

EROOKLYN, N. Y., April 1.—Fire de-stroyed a ramshackle tenement house early this morning, and ten of its occu-nation were smothered in their beds. Their pants were smothered in their bodies were burned. The dead are August | fire duty.

Bruno, aged forty years; Maria Bruno, thirty-five; Sallie Bruno, five; Johanna Bruno, eighteen months; Lena Calabria, eighteen months; Nicholas Tralla, thirty years; Lena Tralla, twenty-four; Dominick Tralla (infant), eight days; Marietia Corello, twenty-five years.

The building was presented the state of the control o

The building was a four-story brick one police have reacted no definite conclusion at No. 6 Union street. At present the as to the cause and origin of the fire.

and stopped the train. The engineer and fireman poked their heads out of the cab window to see what the trouble was. That instant there was a flash, and a builet whizzed past the engineer's head and buried itself in the wood-work. A man sprang into the cab with a Winchester rife, and commanded the engineer and thony on hist Sunday afternoon, an account of which was published in this correspondence. The injured man not being able to appear, the case was continued to the 2d of April, and the accused released on bail in the penalty of \$200. STREET HAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS, The Petersburg Street Electric Railway Company are to make some very decided improvements to their depot on the corper of River and Second streets. Plans and specifications for the proposed improvements are now being made by Major Harrison Walte, a well-known architect of this city.

Captain Asa Regers, secretary of the State Republican Committee, has gone to Norfolk where he engaged in preparing and setting in shape the list of delegates to the State Republican Convention to be held at Staunton on the 2d instant.

THE DOC-JONES MURDER CASE. The Hustings Court of Petersburg, Judge J. M. Mullen presiding, has been engaged all day hearing argument on a motion for a new trial for Matthew left Lebanon early this morning in pursuit. The express officials claim not know how much the robbers got, but or know how much the rothers got, but one of the passengers says he heard the messenger say there was over \$30,000 in the safe..

One of the three train robbers was a

One of the three train robbers was a youth of seventeen, who stood guard over the trainmen, while the others did the work. The loss may be any amount from \$10,000 to \$100,000. All the way bills were destroyed. In the haste, the robbers dropped one package of \$1,500. After some time, consumed in drilling the safe, the first charge was exploded, creating a the first charge was exploded, creating the first charge was capitoled, creating -faint shock. In a few minutes, a sec ond and heavier shock did the work The bandits cut the engine loose an started it down the track. Engine Price offered to go with them to tak care of the engine, but they said they di not need him as they knew somethin about engines. An eighth of a mile eas of the train they left the engine an mounted their horses, which had be picketed near by. Good description are given of the three robbers, and as the press Co., refused information as to the amount of money in the through safe.

LEBANON, MO., April 1.—An hour of the robbery was reported here a possible made up of one hundred critzens started in pursuit of the robbers. This afternoon a member of the posse returned. He say they found in the woods west of when a member of the posse returned. He say they found in the woods west of wher the robbery took place two checks—on for \$4,400 and one for \$15, and also as envelope containing a \$5 bill. Hence it is supposed that the cutting loose of the ensine was merely a blind, and that the robbers jumped off within a few hundre robbers jumped off within a few hundred yards and took horses and came west across the country. At least this is the theory the officers are proceding on. Wells, Fargo & Co. have issued a circu-lar offering \$30 reward for the arrest of the bandits.

Defence of Jackson and Walling,

Defence of Juckson and Walling.
CINCINNATI, OHIO, April 1.—It has just developed that the atterneys for Jackson and Walling intend to spring a sensation when their trial comes up, of April 7th. It is said that they have gathered evidence that neither of their clients was the real murderer of Fearl Bryan, and that they intend to show that she dies while in the hands of a certain physician and while under the influence of drugs that neither Jackson hor Walling were present at the time, but were sent for by the physician, and threatened with exposure unless they would at once dispose of the body. It is also said that exposure times they would at once dis-pose of the body. It is also said that Jackson threatened to involve the physi-cian, who was the operator and that the three joined in the afterward proceedings, Jackson are Walling's attorneys will also endeavor to show that Pearl Bryan was dead when decominated.

Trial of James Gentry,

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 1,—The trial of James S. Gentry, the actor for the murder of Margaret W. Drysdale (Madge York), the actress which has al-ready been postponed several times, has

ready been postponed several times, as again been postponed.

The trial was set to begin on Monday next, but an application of Gentry's counsel for a further continuance has been granted. The continuance was granted because the witnesses in the case are mostly in the theatrical profession, and are at present settlemed all gion, and are at present scattered all over the country. No time for the tria

Accidentally Electrocuted.

ALTOONA. PA., April 1.—While at work in the lathe shop of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company this morning, William Jones; forty years of age, was accelentally electrocuted at the time Jones was standing on an iron girder which supported the shafting, engaged in ciling the machinery. The snoat of his oil can came in contact with a bare electric are wire, and instantly the current of 5,000 voits passed through his body, killing him instantly.

Mine Troubles Settled.

NEGAUNEE, MICH, April 1.—The Queen, Prince of Wales, Buffalo, and South Buffalo mines resumed work this morning after an idleness which lasted mearly all the winter. An adjustment of matters in dispute between the owners of the ground and the company operating the mines has been reached, and the mines will be worked strong. New men will be put to work as rapidly as they can be

Earthquake in Italy.

ROME, April 1.—The city of Reggio di Calabria, in the province of that name, was visited this morning by a shock of earthquake. The inhabitants of the city were paniestricken, and vacated their homes with all possible speed, many refusing to re-turn for some hours. No damage was done.

Vienna Fire Brigade Strikes.

VIENNA, April 1.—Eight members of the Vienna fire brigade were dismissed for misconduct, whereupon the entire corps struck. The timinical authorities have applied to the military requesting have applied to the military requesting that soldiers be temporarily estigned to

APPROPRIATION BILL.

IT WILL BE DEBATED FOR AN HOUR ON THE AMENDMENTS.

Wilson and McKinley Charged With the Present Condition of the Treasury-Some Pertinent Statements.

WASHINGTON, April 1.-The House in WASHINGTON, April 1.—The House in committee of the whole, to-day completed the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bili, with the exception of the growing and Printing, which Mr. Express," from the West, which left Lebanon, 182 miles west of St. Louis, a little before 1 o'clock this merning, was held up by three masked men near Richland, twenty-two miles east of Lebanon, at about 3 o'clock this morning. When the train was nearin Richland, the engineer saw a red light down the track. He reversed the lever, applied the air brakes, and stopped the train. The engineer and The only material amendment made to the bill to-day aside from the one relating to Howard University was one directing the Secretary of War to expend \$75,000 at the new military post and board

at Spokane, Washington.

RAP AT WILSON AND M'KINLEY.

The discussion of the bill was interrupted several times by political interjections. Mr. Grosvenor (Republican), of
Ohio, charged the Wilson tariff law with
being responsible for the condition of the
Treasury which forbade many necessary

reasury which to take many necessity appropriations from being made.

Mr. Patterson (Democrat), of Tennessee, replied, charging the onus of the present condition upon the Republican party and the gentleman's particular champion, Wm. McKiniey. In this matter, Mr. Patterson said in answer to a question that he appeared as the representative that he appeared as the representative of the administration of Grover Cleve-

DANGEROUS CRANKS. Mr. Bowers (Republican), of California, referring to the attack upon the silver men, made yesterday, read a series of burlesque resolutions, declaring the silver Republicans dangerous cranks, who should be expelled. He asserted with much heat that the silver miners and mine owners had as much right to be represented on the floor of the House for the benefit of their interests as had manufacturers and bankers. The House at 5:10 adjourned until to-

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Butler Would Prevent Gold Contracts...

The Cuban War. WASHINGTON, D. C., April L-A bill was introduced by Mr. Butler (Pop.), of North Carolina, in the Senate to-day, and referred to the Finance Committee, and reserved to the Finance committee, providing that payment of notes, bills, checke, etc., shall be in legal-tender money, irrespective of any stipulation in the centract. He exclaimed That his object was to stop gold mortgages and gold notes. It did not affect existing contracts

on the legislative appropriation bill, and Senators Cullom, Teller, and Call were appointed conferrees on the part of the

Senate.

A resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Call for an inquiry by the Committee on Public Lands as to the patenting of unsurveyed lands in Florida was faid be-

surveyed lands in Florida was laid be-fore the Senats and referred to the Com-mittee on Public Lands.

"He Call introduced a joint resolution requing "the quantinued violations of the usages and rules of war in Cuba, the inhuman and brutal outrages on men, women, and children, and directing that an adequate naval force of the United States shall be impediately sent to Cuba. eath of prisoners of war,

The resolution was laid on the table. The Senate resumed the consideration the Delaware election case, and Mr. leorge continued his speech, begun yes erday, against the rights of Mr. Dupon o the vacant seat.

NOTHING BUT TALK

Without finishing his argument, Mr. George, after speaking for three hours and a half, yisided the floor, with the remark that he had something more to say on "this very interesting subject."

Mr. Peffer renewed the notice that he would, at the conclusion of Mr. George's speech, ask the Senate to take up the The post-office appropriation bill was

The post-office appropriation on was aken up, the question being on the mendment reported by the Appropria-tions Committee allowing \$2,000 add; lonal compensation to the Oceania Steamsize Company for carrying the mails from San Francisco to New Zealand and New South Wales.

Mr. Vilas (Dem.), of Wisconsin, argued ignited the amendment.

gainst the amendment.

In the course of a colloquy as to the
ubsides paid by England to mail steamhip companies, Mr. Perkins (Rep.), of ship companies, Mr. Perkins (Rep.), of California, declared that as an American cirizen he favored the fostering of Amer-ican shipping as against English ship-ping, \*England, France, and Russia had, ast year, he said, given \$18,000,000 in postal subsidies, but his friend from Wis-consin would not give a dollar to Ameri-

consin would not give a dollar to American shipping, excepting the postage.

At the suggestion of Mr. Allison, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, the amendment as to the Oceanic Steamship Company was passed over without action, and the rest of the bill was proceeded with and agreed to. Mr. Allison said, however, that he expected to have final action on the bill to-morrow, as it was expected that the Senate would not be in session on Good Friday.

The Senate, at 5:30, adjourned until

A GIGANTIC STEEL TRUST. America to Make the Armor Plate for the World's Navies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Special.—Representative Cummings, of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, speaking to-day to a representative of The Times concerning the formation of a gigantic steel trust, said that the trust would not attempt to increase the grapes plates for battle-spins. trust would not altempt to increase the cost of armor plates for battle-ships.

Had the trust decided to advance the cost of these plates, Mr. Cunnings thought it very probable that it would have prevented the construction of new ships during the coming year. Representatives of the trust, however, have called upon the Secretary of the Navy and have assured him that the combination has no intention of trying to exact additional money from the Government.

The formation of this steel trust is likely to be attended by important results in connection with the from and steel inonnection with the fron and steel in dustries of the country. Already arrangements have been made for a conference between the representatives of the trust and the important steel manufacturers of opeEuropo to be held in Paris next

division of the world's territory, and failing to obtain that will notify the European steel men that they pro-

american trust to secure contracts for furnishing armor plates for the navies of the world, and the right is made that such plates can be furnished cheaper and of a superior quality by American steel works than by the European manufacturers.

A circumstance that should not be lost sight of in connection with this move-

A circumstance that should not be lost sight of in connection with this movement to extend the steel trade of the country to European markets, is the feet that no thought is given by the prejectors of the scheme to the matter of tariff protection. The men concerned in the trust simply proclaim that steel can be produced in the United States at as little cost as anywhere in the world. This is especially significant at a time when the Republicans expect to secure control of the Government upon the assumption that the industries of this country require that the industries of this country require

TILLMAN FOR PRESIDENT. An Exponent of the Financial Heresies of

the Silver Party.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1 .- Special. There seems to be no doubt that Senator Tilman considers himself a possible candidate for the presidency upon a Silver-Democratic ticket. There is also no doubt that out of the whole Democratic mem-bership of the Senate there is not a man so little qualified for the position to which he seriously aspires as the violent, popu-listic, and anarchistic senator from the Palmetto State. At the same time, how-Palmetto State. At the same time, now-ever, there is nothing unreasonable in Mr. Tilman's candidary. If the Demo-eratic platform is to contain a free-silver plank, then the party should take as its standard-bearer a man like Tilman, who thoroughly represents a l the financial and political heresies which are advocated by

political heresies which are advocated by the free-silver men.

Tiliman will formally launch his boom about the middle of the month, when he will address the free-silver Democrats of Colorado, at Denver. He will then proseveral points en route. He thinks the South and West will com

bine in the next election and vote for a sliver man, and if they do this he sees no reason why he should not be the man. It is an absurd proposition, but it serves to show the direction in which the save ent is dragging the Democratic

TREASURY DEBT STATEMENT.

Net Increase in Public Debt Less Cash in Treasury of \$5,274,780.79.

Treasury of \$5,274,780.79.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The debt statement issued this afternoon shows a net increase in the public debt, less cash in the Treasury, during March of \$5,274,780.79. The interest-bearing debt increased \$14,788,970. The non-interest-bearing debt decreased \$579,447,59, and cash in the Treasury increased \$5,934,741,21. The balance of the several classes of debt at the close of business March alst were:

Interest-bearing debt, \$837,401,140; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,639,510; debt bearing no interest.

on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,550,510; debt bearing no interest, \$1,218,53.1. The certificates and Treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the Treasury, outstanding at the end of the month were \$561,959,253, an increase of \$4,357,250.

The total cash in the Treasury was \$534,250,550.

968,347. The gold reserve was \$150,000,000. Not cash balances, \$111,641,748. In the month there was an increase in gold coin and bars of \$4,189.741 against \$24,394,-

North Carolina Rivers and Harbors. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1 -- Spe cial.—The busiest committee in Congress now is the River and Harbor, and the sub-committee charged with the prepara-tion of the bill is in continuous session. A reprint of the bill was ordered yes-terday, but as several changes are con-templated by the committee, it will hard-ily reach the House before the latter part of this week.

this week. Representatives Shaw and Skinner, of North Carolina, appeared before the committee this morning and urged an appropriation of \$50,000 for the improvement of the Neuse river and a sufficient nict. There is already an unexpended valance available for the latter work out it is entirely insufficient, and the

North Carolina representatives have asked for an amount sufficient to dredge the iniet to a depth of fifteen feet. VIRGINIANS IN WASHINGTON.

W. W. Darwin, of Lynchburg, and O. G. Hancock, of Richmond, are at the Rafelgh.

A. P. Saunders, of Fredericksburg; F.
H. Armstead, of Farmville; K. Scoburg,
of Petersburg; Miss Campbell, of Norfolk;
J. W. Snyder, of Richmond, and C. W.
S. Turner, of Middleburg, are at the St.

Miss Beckham, of Culpeper, and J. M.

J. A. Otey, H. M. Boykin, and G. Ferdley, of Richmond, are at Willami's, C. V. Haines, of Norfolk, is at the Metropolitan.

Insurance Company Assigns.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—The Real Estate Mutual Fire Insurance Company made an assignment for the benefit of

its creditors late this atternoon to Theo.
W. Stone. The deed is dated Monday,
and conveys no real estate. It is signed
by J. Simmons, president, and L. Van
Trump, secretary. William J. Smith is he attorney.

The company is not ranked as a very

large or important one in insurance circies, and the losses by the failure will probably not be excessive. The company was only about a year old, having been incorporated in February, 1895.

In November of last year the company claimed to have \$800,000 as policies. They issued policies for cast premiums for amounts not greater tha \$3,000.

Secured a Good Berth.

NEW YORK, April 1 .- Captain Grant, formerly commander of the steamer New York when she went aground in New York bay, and who recently left the American line, has been engaged by George W. Childs Drexei to command the new yacht which the latter is having built on the other side. Mr. Drexel has signed a contract for five years at an annual salary of \$5,000. Captain Grant will go abroad in a few days to bring the new craft to this country.

Business Troubles, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.-J. W. Boteler & Son, dealers in china and glass-ware and bric-a-brac, at No. 925 Pennsylvania avenue, have made an assign-ment. The liabilities are stated at \$5.5. 513. Assets estimated at \$3.90 exclusive of the assets of J. W. Bateler, individual-

Presidential Nominations, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.-The President has sent to the Senate the fol-

owing nominations: Postmasters-T. M. Greene, Tipfon, Ga. Fostmasters-1. M. Greene, Tipton, Ga.; H. A. Kohuke, Hammond, La.; Catherine E. McInniss, Moss Point, Miss.; Landrum Padgett, Pelzer, S. C.; Daniel Price, Ten-nessee City, Tenn.; I. O. Epes, Black-

Hippolyte's Successor Elected.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The Hatten Legation has just received a cablegram announcing the election of General Tiresias Simon Sam, Minister of War uniter Hispolyte, as President of Hayt, and that

COLON FLAME-SWEPT.

Ma Times.

OVER ONE-HALF OF THE ENTIRE CITT DESTROYED.

The Water Supply Was Small, and the Fire Raged for a Time Unchecked,

COLON, March 29.-The following are fuller details of the disastrous fire which fuller details of the disastrous fire which began here Monday morning, March 23d: The fire began at 4:30 o'clock in the morning, and every house south of Seventh street (except the Grand Hotel Suisse, Daniel de Castro's store, and the Pacific Mail Company's office) down to the Panama Railroad Company's station, were burned, rendering homeless and des-titute hundreds of inhabitants, who are threatened with starvation. Over onethreatened with starvation. Over one-

half of the city was burned. WHERE THE BLAZE STARTED.

The flames were first discovered on the lower floor of Tuck Chong & Co.'s deposit warehouse, situated at the northwest corner of Eighth and Cash streets, in the portion occupied by some Chinamen, and had there been any means for suppressing the flames the fire could have been confined to that building. There being no water on hand, no fire brigade, and nothing whatever to check the flames, they quickly enveloped the entire house and the adjoining one, belonging to Senor Arela. Thence they spread westward to Boilvar street and northward until they approached the building formerly belong lower floor of Tuck Chong & Co.'s deapproached the building formerly belong-ing to the late Mrs. Medal.

THE FLAMES SPREAD. The wind being from the northeast, the flames then spread over to the western side of Bolivar street, burning a Chinaman's store. Up to that hour, 6:30 P. M., two hours after the alarm, not a drop of water had been thrown on the flames. A hose was then run out from the Pacific Mail Co.'s wharf, but before steam could be gotten up on the wharf engine, the flames passed over Bottle alley and atflames passed over Bottle alley and at-tacked in their westerly march the rear of Emilian's cafe, then the dry-goods store of Mr. De Lisser, "The Crescent," and spread to Dr. Hafemann's soda-water

factory and drug store. THE CITY IN DANGER.

At that moment the entire city appeared to be in imminent danger, and a change of wind would have caused its complete destruction. After burning Hafemann's, the flames spread northerly, attacking Lam Sang's store-house and Charles Foulk's dry-goods store. They were, however, checked in their northerly course by the vacant lots in that direction. In Bottle alley three buildings to the northward were burned, and the flames were then arrested by another va-cant lot between Mrs. Leach's cafe and Toledane's deposit warehouse. A successful effort was made to save

the Grand Hotel Suisse and Daniel de the Grand Hotel Suisse and Daniel de Castro's store. The number of houses destroyed is eighty-six, and comprises half the city. The value of property and merchandise is estimated at \$1,000,000, of which \$250.

The Panama Railroad Company dis-tributed on Monday bread to the poor, and on Tuesday the Government sent over two car-loads of provisions, which were also given to all who were in need.

GOVERNOR WON'T VACATE, Arizona's Executive Holds on to His Office.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1 .- The Interior Department authorities, upon receipt of a telegram from Secretary of State Bruce, of Arizona, that Governor Hughes refuses to vacate his office, to

request refuses to vacate his once, to the gentlemen:

"Louis C. Hughes, Phoenix, Aricola: You have been remove? from the Craice of Governor of Arizona. The President directs that you turn over the element of the to the Secretary of one." fice to the Secretary at once."

"Charles M. Bruce, Secretary of Arihas been removed as Governor. The President directs that you take possession of the office as acting Governor nder the law.

TREASURY STATEMENT.
The treasury official statement of recelpts and expanditures for the ponth
of March shows (cents omitted):

of March shows (cents omitted); Receipts—Customs, \$13,344.715; internal revenue, \$11,536,234; miscellaneous, \$1,-150,028. Total, \$26,041,149. Expenditures—Civil and miscellaneous, \$6,782,825; war, \$3,477,914; navy, \$2,305,-774: Indians, \$2,329,141; pensi 00,006; interest, \$672,342.

Since the beginning of the present fiscal year the receipts have am-\$250,609,840, and the expenditures to 1269.260.542.

MONEY FOR MISS BARTON. Newark Citizens Raise \$3,000 for the

Armenian Cause.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The American Relief Association to-day cabled \$3,000 to Miss Clara Barton, through the Constantinople Committee, being the amount raised by citizens of Newark, N. J., at a mass-meeting held on behalf of Armenia

mass-meeting heat on definit of Armenia in that city. It is the largest collection raised at any one meeting.

A cablegram just received from Mr. W. W. Peet, treasurer of the Constantitople Committee, says: "We have a quarter of a million people on our liets in seventeen distributing centres. We must hav seed to secure future harvests. must buy seed to secure future harvests, and daily rations must also be kept to save the people from starving.

The New York Woman's Auxillary of the Armenian Relief Association has is-sued an appeal to the churches asking that the money usually spent for flowers at Easter be appropriated for the relief of the starving Armenians as a more acceptable Easter offering.

NEW ORLEANS RACES. Favorites and Outsiders Divide the

Money-Two Jockeys Hurt. NEW ORLEANS, April 1.-The favorite and outsiders divided the money at the Fair-Grounds this afternoon, the first two events going to long shots, but the favor-ite won the handleap at a mile and sixteenth in ciever style by a length, from Orinda and Clarus, in fast time. In the fifth race, while the horses were rounding the far turn, Little Alta, with Gate wood up, and Belle Grovers, with Corder, went down, both boys, particularly Gate-wood, being badly bruised. Corder had two ribs broken.

ney (169, Corder, 12 to 1) first, The Banker second, Lady Doleful third. Time, 1:2; 12. Second race-six furlongs, selling.—Alama (164, Gatewood, 25 to 1) first, Bart second, Carrie B. third. Time, 1:15 1-4. Third race—one mile, selling.—King Gold (112. Sherer, 8 to 5) first, 1xion second, Rossmore third. Time, 1:42 3-4. Fourth race—handicap, mile and a sixteenth.—Maurice (125, Overton, 3 to 16) first, Orinda second, Clarus third. Time, 1:47 1:2. Fifth race—six furlongs, selling.—Fred

Fifth race—six furlongs, seiling.—Fred K. (167, Ham, 2 to 1) first, Otho second, Airlight third. Time, 1:161-2. Sixth race—one mile, selling.—Gomor (169, Ress, 10 to 1) first, Warren Leland second, My Hebe third. Time, 1:421-2. Ruces at Little Rock. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 1.-Cold and inclement weather served to keen low mark. The races were very good, but were won principally by horses who had wintered in Arkansas.

First race-four furiongs, for two-year-olds.—Suisun (110, Bunn, 1 to 2) first, with Albion second and Jolly Sou third.

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Second race—seven furlongs.—Joc o' Sot (112. Thorp. 2 to 5) first, with Upman second and Kirk third. Time, 1:54.

Third race—one mile.—Sidkei @7, W. Beil, 7 to 2) first, with Crevasse second and Fayette Beile third. Time, 1:49%.

Fourth race—four furlongs.—Chappie (107. Perkins, 1 to 2) first, with Goose Liver second and Sea Robber third.

Time, 51½

Fifth race—five furlongs.—Nat P. @8.

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AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY.

The Usual Quarterly Dividend Declared Yesterday, At the office of the Allen & Ginter branch of the American Tobacco Company, in this city, yesterday afternoon, a telegram was received from Mr. John Pope, who is one of the directors of the company, and who was in attendance

upon the meeting of the Board of Directors in New York yesterday, to the effect that the American Tobacco Company had declared a dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock, and also 2 per cent. in cash and 20 per cent, in scrip on the common stock, all payable on May 1st. The asual dividends are 2 per cent. a

quarter on the preferred and 3 per cent. on the common stock. These dividends have been paid on the first days of February, May, August, and November. The great fall in the common stock of the company was due to the failure of the company to pay the usual dividend on the common stock last February.

According to the New York Com-Accepting to the New York Commercial Advertiser, one of the largest transactions in stocks made in some time by one individual firm took place Tuesday, when C. J. Hudson & Co. bought 10,000 shares of American Tobacco Company stock

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The following telegram was received by
The Times from New York last night:
President Duke, of the American Tobacco Company, was too busy to see a reporter to-day, but in answer to a
written question, he sent out the statement that no meeting had been held between the representatives of the Eastern
and Western competitors and the directors
of h.s company, and that no change had
taken place in the situation.

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Rule on the National Tobacco Company, CHICAGO, April 1.—Attorney-General Maloney applied to Judge Clifford to-day for a rule on the National Tobacco Company, or tobacco trust, to file answer to his information in ten days. The court granted the rule, and ordered the defendant company to answer.

The Attorney-General filed his information over a year ago, charging the company with violating the anti-trust laws, and asking that its charter be forfeited.

Tobacco Case Continued. NEWARK, N. J., April 1.—The case of New Jersey against the American Tobacco Company, alloging unlawful combining to shut out competition, has been postponed until alonday next, when oral testimony will be taken before Vice-Chancelor Reed.

PREPARING FOR THE WEDDING Programme for the Marriage of General

NEW YORK, April 1.—Gen. Benjamin Harrison arrived at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel to-day. He was accompanied by D. M. Ramsdell, ex-Marshall of the District of Columbia, and his private secretary. tary. Russell Harrison and Mrs. McKee will arrive the latter part of the week and remain for the wedding of the ex-President and Mrs. Dimmick, which will

ake place next Monday at St. Thomas Mr. Harrison will be supported by Hon. Benjamin F. Tracy, of Brooklyn, Lieutenant J. F. Parker, U. S. N., of the cruiser New York, will give away that

Not over twenty-five invitations to the wedding have been issued. These went to the relatives of the ex-President and Mrs. Dimmiek, and to the former members of ex-President Harrison's Cabinet. After the wedding General Harrison and his bride will leave for Indianapolis. They will return East in a short time, and pass the summer in the Adirondarks.

FIRE IN ASBLAND. The Explosion of a Lamp-Good Work o

the Fire Department. the Fire Department,
ASHLAND, VA., April 1.—Special.—Tonight at 9:20 a fire broke out in the
residence of Mr. A. L. Ellett, Jr. Ii
was caused by the explosion of a lamp.
The fire company were on the ground
in a very short time, and averted what
might have been a very serious conflagration. The damage was not over verhundred dollars to the building. It was
fully insured. The furniture was damaged possibly to the extent of three Eufield dollars. That was also insured. aged possibly to the extent of three and dred dollars. That was also insured.

Crushed to Death by a Chain. CHESTER, PA., April 1 .- A fatal ac ctdent occurred at Roach's ship-yards this morning when Alexander Donald-son, rigger, was instantly killed, and Raphael Icarria, an Italian, was badly injured. At the big shears on the main wharf, some thirty-ton boilers were being unloaded from a canal boat for the new steamer Mohegan. Donaldson was tanding on the wharf superintending he work, when a link in the chain supporting the botiers broke, and he was crushed to death by the heavy weight. The Italian was also caught and serious-

The New Chinese Anglo-German Loan. LONDON, April 1.—The new Chi-nese Anglo-German loan of 1,600,000 pounds was closed this afternoon, six nours before the time advertised for the essation of bids. The loan was over

cessation of bias. The loan was over subscribed in London alone.

The Standard says it is understood that the portion of the loan offered in London was more than four times over subscribed, and was finally quoted at one per cent. premium. The loan bears interest at 5 per cent.

Trial of the Oregon.

WASHINGTON, April I.—The Navy Department has set the 10th of May as the date for the official trial of the battle-ship Oregon, built by the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco. The trial will take place in the Santabara channel. Lieutenant J. O. Nicholson, United States navy, was placed on the retired list of the navy to-day on account of dis-

To Sell State Property. ALBANY, N. Y., April I.—Governor Morton has signed Mr. O'Grady's bill authorizing the commission to the Atlanta Exposition to sell to the Pledmont Driving Club the New York State buildings and furniture, and report their action to the Governor.

Contested Election Case. WASHINGTON, April 1.—House Committee on Elections No. 3 to-day further discussed the case of Murray against Elliott, from the First South Carolina district, but did not reach a vota.

DEEP WATER CHANNEL. down the attendance to an unusually MR. TYLER BEFORE THE RIVER

AND HARBOR COMMITTEE. The Thorp-McKenney Election Case-Appropriations for a Postoffice at Fort-

ress Monroe and Other Purposes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1 .- Special.-Representative Tyler appeared before the River and Harbor Committee this afternoon, and made an argument in favor of the deep-water channel for Norfolk, and the improvement of the west branch of the Elizabeth river. As the latter project will cost but \$45,000, Mr. Tyler is very hopeful that it will be allowed. It is feared, however, that the committee will not feel disposed to make an appropriation for the Norfolk channel at this session. It is understood that the river and harbor bill, as it has been framed by the committee, carries an amount in excess of that contemplated by the House leaders, and the total is being reduced by eliminating all items not continued to the contemplate of the contemplate

sidered necessary.

Mr. Tyler introduced a bill to-day appropriating \$15,000 for a post-office at Fortress Monroe.

MONUMENT TO GEN. MORGAN. MONUMENT TO GEN. MORGAN.

Representative Tyler introduced a blil to-day appropriating £25,000 to preserve the grave of and erect a monument to General Daniel Morgan, at Winchester.

Representative Lane, of New York, introduced a bill to-day to create a national park at Appointment of a commission to purchase 3,000 acres of ground at Appointment of a commission to purchase 3,000 acres of ground at Appointment of a commissioners Edwin Estee, of Petersburg; Joseph H. Franklin, of New York; John A. P. Glore, of Covington. Ky.: T. J. Henderson, of Illinois; and William H. Graham, of Allegheny City. Pa.

The compensation of the commissioners is fixed at \$10 per day for a period not exceeding 100 days.

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IN FAVOR OF THORP.

The sub-committee of Elections Committee No. 3 to whom the election contest of Thorp against McKenney was referred made a report to the full committee today, in favor of Thorp. The committee will consider the report next Monday, and will in all probability adopt it. In this event, Mr. McKenney will be unseated.

Representative Jones will ask that no regart be made to the House in the case unfil Representative McKenney recovers his health sufficiently to be able to return to Washington. IN FAVOR OF THORP.

to Washington. BUILDING FOR PORTSMOUTH;

An Estimate on the Improvement of the An Estimate on the Improvement of the Estableth River.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Special.—A delegation composed of several of the most prominent business men of Ports. mouth, Va., was her yesterday for an audience with the sub-committee of the House Committee on Public Grounds. Their object was to represent the urgent need of a Government building at that place.

The delegation was composed of the following gentlemen: Mr. Goodwin Hat-

The delegation was composed of the following gentlemen: Mr. Goodwin Hatten and State Senator H. L. Maynard, of the Board of Trade. Messrs. C. S. Shawood, Jno. J. Kink, and J. D. Reed, of the cty Council, and Postroaster R. L. Herbert.

The gentlemen were met by Representative Tyler, who escorted them to the committee-room, and introduced them to the different members of the committee. They also called on Senator

them to the different members of the committee. They also called on Senator Daniel, who assured them that as far as the Senate was concerned, the committee would make a favorable report on the bill, and there is no doubt but what Representative Tyler will secure the same in the House.

Among the executive documents sent to Congress to-day was a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the estimate prepared by Captain L. Casey, of the Corps Government Engineers, of the cost of the special improvements to be made in the Norfolk harbor and the western branch of Elizabeth river—on western branch of Elizabeth river-or the basis of lic. per cubic yard for exca the basis of 18c. per close yard for excapa-vating—the report states that to establish a channel 150 yards wide and twenty feet deep, from Hampton Roads to the United States navy-yard would cost \$390. ooo, and that the proposed improvements in the Western branch of the Elizabeth river for one mile would cost #5,000. The estimate was referred to the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

A TIMELY RESCUE.

Woman with Infant and Invalid Daughter Woman with Infant and Invalid Daughter Tries to Jump from a Train.

BURKEVILLE, VA., April 1.—Special. To-day while the Norfolk and Western east train was running at full speed between Farmville and Burkeville, a woman tried to jump from the platform. She had an infant in one arm and held an invalid daughter by the other. No one on the car she was on saw her leave her seat. A young lady in the rear car gave seat. seat. A young lady in the rear car gave the alarm. C. W. Swartzel, a brakeman, followed by W. B. Cridlin, of Burkeville, reached her as she gained the steps, and it required the best efforts of both of these gentlemen to hold her until others came to their assistance. The infant, which she held in her arms only by its fect, was suspended between the coaches when she was caught by Mr. Criditin. The train was stopped, and it took five minutes to unclasp the grip of the woman on the rail and to remove her to the on the rail and to remove her to the coach. She is apparently deranged. She boarded the train at Farmville, going to her husband at Petersburg, with the brakeman guarding her. She ima that some one wanted to kill her.

Gold Reserve, \$128,149,688. WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$125,149,688. The withdrawals or the day were \$309,700.

WEATHER FORECASE.

For Virginia: Cloudy and threatening in the morning, foollowed by fair during the day and on Friday; colder Thurs-day night; winds shifting to north-

westerly.
For North Carolina and South Carolina: Local showers in the early morning, followed by fair weather; colder; northerly winds.

therly winds.

The weather is i enerally clear to-night throughout the Central valleys, and thence westward over the Rocky Mountains. Clear weather also continues from Massachusetts northward over New England. It is cloudy in the lake region, and thence southward over the Middle and South Atlantic States, and upper Chie. Vallay

and South Atlantic States, and upper Oblo Valley.

It is slightly colder on the MiddleAtlantic and New England coasts, and the temperature is rising in the extreme Northwest.

The barometer has fallen rapidly to the north of the lower lake regions, and slowly in the Middle and South Atlantic States. It has also fallen rapidly to the north of Montans.

Shiwers, followed by clearing weather, are indicated for the Atlantic coast from Southern New England to Florida.

RANGE OF THERMOMETER

The following was the range of the thermometer at The Times office resterday: 9 A. M., 52; 12 M., 60; 3 P. M., 50; 6 P. M., 58; 9 P. M., 55; midnight, 52. Average, 56.