WASHINGTON, MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28, 1905.

ABOARD THE

PRICE ONE CENT.

WIFE OF TAGGART ON WITNESS STAND IN DIVORCE CASE

Has Waited Many Days Cabinet Members and to Tell the Jury Her Side of Story.

COURT ROOM CROWDED THE ENVOYS ARE WAITING

Woman's Attorneys Charge Mikado's Advisers May Sug-Papers Have Been Tampered With.

WOOSTER, Ohio, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Grace TOKYO, Aug. 28.—The conference of the cabinet and elder statesmen who morning. She passed a quick nod and a were called together in special session smile to a group of friends already there. early this morning has been prolonged and then stepped forward to be sworn. and then stepped forward to be sworn. day to which she says she has been looking forward ever since the filing of der discussion is the abatement of Japthe charges against her had arrived. As an's demand for a money indemnity the bell in the tower of the court ceased from Russia. its tolling. Judge Eason took his place on the bench, and the fifth week of the

crowds attracted by the promise of sensational testimony. Mrs. Taggart was to be on the control of the control to be on the witness stand to tell her gart had told his story of fast living. His witnesses had added to this each his share. Then came the witnesses for Mrs. Taggart, denying this, and failing to re-

"What will Mrs. Taggart have to say?" This has been the question in the minds of many. Now, after four weeks' testimony, these questions were to be

Never Drank to Excess.

will show," said Mrs. Taggart, "that the charges against me are all I never drank to excess. My alleged infidelities were all in the mind of Major Taggart.'

While Mrs. Taggart waited to take the stand, her attorneys made the charge in court that papers from the War Department, under seal, had been tampered with, and that some had been

You're a liar," said Wertz, and he started around the table toward Smyser. Judge Eason threatened to com-mit both attorneys for contempt, and quiet was restored.

"Billy" on the Stand.

After the sky had cleared, Judge Smyser called Major Taggart to the of a ball game at which Lieutenant Fortescue was a figure.

Hilly Taggart was next witness, and gave testimony as to paying bills for Mrs. Taggart. Receipted bills were then offered in evidence. The bills covered the sum of \$100,\text{which he had received from Mrs. Taggart.}

At 10:50 Mrs. Taggart was called to the stand

Mrs. Taggart Called.

As she took the stand Mrs. Taggart glanced at the judge and then at her gotiations will end tomorrow counsel. Judge Smyser asked her the

"Thirty-five years old."

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

High pressure and cool weather are general from the Mississippi valley eastward, the temperatures in the lower lake region and the Atlantic States, ranging from 5 to 17 degrees below the seasonal average. Temperatures are also lower in Texas and the Pacific States, but have generally risen elsewhere in the West.

There were showers Sunday in New England, the upper lake region, and the upper Ohio valley, and some light and scattered showers in the extreme West. There will be showers tonight in the lower lake region, interior New York, and northern and western Pennsylvania, and showers Tuesday in New England and the northern portion of the middle Atlantic States and eastern Florida; elsewhere in the East and South the weather will be generally fair tonight

lantic States and South the sewhere in the East and South the eather will be generally fair tonight of Tuesday. It will be warmer tonight in the lower ke region, and warmer Tuesday in the

TEMPERATURE.

Sun sets today...... Sun rises tomorrow... TIDE TABLE. Low tide today. 12:40 p. m. High tide today. 6:20 p. m. Low tide tomorrow.12:51 a. m. 1:29 p. m. High tide tomorrow.6:56 a. m., 7:11 p. m.

JAP CONFERENCE **NOW DISCUSSING** THE INDEMNITY

the Question.

gest Smaller Demands From Russia.

It is understood that the question

Peace Feeling Prevails.

very straight in his chair sat Major ence will, in all probability, be the last, the conviction is gaining ground that the present hitch between the two bel-

own story. On this story in great measure depends the result of the case. Tagoutcome are pessimistic, every indicaeach side has as its ultimate aim the re-establishment of peace if it can be accomplished without discredit to itself. tire freedom with which the enveys de clare that there is no hope for an ad-justment of the differences unless conside. The continual postponements of the meetings when the only differences are declared to be irreconciliable is an-

There is no doubt but that the envoys of Japan and Russia are fully acquainted with the extent of the concessions which they would be permitted to make in the framing of a freaty. They realize that the later instructions from their home government will amplify instead of circumscribe their powers.

with stealing a book from a freight carefully, why the envoys of the two

which they can stand.

agreed to the change in arrangements to accommodate the Japanese. Yet from the developments of the past few days it is very much doubted that if the Russian and Japanese envoys were as firmly convinced that the peace nesay they are they would spend so much time in the exchange of empty compli-

Coolness Between Envoys.

the was in the commission business and afterward was president of the Chicago board of trade."

"What were your educational advantages?"

the atmost good feeling prevailed between the respective envoys and the tor General of Steam Vessels George Uniter; Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ring, J. T. Sweeney, president Alexantages?"

tends to exhaust every effort before party, permitting the peace negotiations to be Little rought to a conclusion.

Additional Concessions?

Whether this will take the form of adthe presumption is that it will. Russian envoys may reject it off-hand or refer it to the Czar. In any event and not Japan is the determined ob-

MIDDIES FROM NAVAL ACADEMY WHO DESCEND UPON WASHINGTON IN THREE MONITORS

Statesmen Considering

Taggart diverce trial was on.

The attorneys for Mrs. Taggart and those of the other side were already in their places. Just a few feet away and the next mental probability he the less than the next mental probability he the next mental prob PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug.

> While the official utterances as to the other straw pointing to a desire to reach

Merely Sparring for Time.

ppressed.
Attorney Wertz, for Taggart, was it on the stand. He denied the arge. One paper not before introaced in evidence was brought to light, contained a copy of a letter from en. H. C. Corbin, in which he said at the Secretary of War concurred the Escretary of War concurred to the report of General Miner.

This was concerning Taggart's aleged assault on his wife.

By orders of General Corbin, Miner as required to make monthly reports to Taggart's sobriety.

The row between the attorneys grew mith Attorney Smyser charged Wertz with stealing a book from a freight carefully, why the envoys of the two countries fritter away so much time

> The postponement until tomorrow of tentiaries to find common ground upon

Minister Takahira assigns as the reason for the postponement the fact that and others. an adjournment of the conference at this time would be a discourtesy to the Fresident of the United States.

M. Witte declares that he merely

Then, again, the bitterness which has Fred J. Paff, mayor of Alexandria, and the utmost good feeling prevailed be- Alexandria common council; Inspetwo governments engaged in a dis- ven. astrous conflict. But it is noticeable that today the greetings of the envoys are of the most formal character, and members of the opposing suites have been seen to pass one another without taken directly to the shipyards, arrivthe customary greetings.
Unquestionably Japan is furnishing

This, not because she is over desirous of stopping the war of conquest in the Orient, nor does it show a weakening in her position. She has taken the cue from President Roosevelt, and, unless all signs fail, proposes to place upon Russia the responsibility for the failure of these negotiations, if that is to be the outcome. She has made reasonable concessions from her original demands. Her offer was verbally rejected without much consideration, and at Saturday's meeting the Russians presented no answer, although at that time M. Witte had received from the Russian government a reply which was in the nature of a counter-proposition. At tomorrow's meeting it is believed that Japan will present some suggestion that will carry the conference over a few days longer.

Additional Concessions?

urday's meeting Russia's counter-propo-

NEW FERRYBOAT

Will Ply Between Washington and Alexandria.

CHRISTENED

Launching Viewed by Large Party of Washingtonians and Alexandrians. Mayor Paff There.

WILMINGTON. Del., Aug. 82.-Th sion of their desire to start for their Company's new ferry steamer Woodso loud in the expres- Norfolk and Washington Steamboat bury, for the Washington-Alexandria the meeting set for today is another in-dication of the efforts of the plenipo-tentiaries to find come of the plenipoence of a number of officials of the shipbuilding company, local dignitaries

The Washington party left the Capital City on the Colonial Express over the Pennsylvania railroad, at 7:40 this morning, arriving here at 10:05.

Those composing it were Levi Woodbury, president of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company: Clar-Callahan, second vice president and general manager; Edward Graves, C. Woodbury, Mrs. Charles Woodbury, Miss Gertrude Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. William P. King, N. H. Shea, Miss Shea, D. J. Callahan, assistant manager, and Mrs. Callahan; Miss Mary Sinon Callahan, "Do you know how old you were when you were adopted?"
"Only from what they said—about three or four years old."
"What was your adopted father's bushiess?"
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"Items again, the bitterness which has developed within the last week would preclude this idea. Up to that time the utmost good feeling prevailed be-

Christened With Champagne.

The special car Brunhilda, carrying the was detached at the station and ing there at 10:20. The Woodbury rested on the ways all day. A platform was very reason for the belief that she in- built at the upper end for the launching

tely placed convenient to the rudder post,

Smith, assistant treasurer, were present the launching. At \$\mathbb{1}\$:36 a luncheon was served by the company in one of the lofts, at which President Coxy welcomed the guests and predicted a prosperous career for the boat and its owners. President Levi Woodbury, of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, responded, expressing his thanks for the honor of having the boat named for him, and at the close of his remarks presented Miss Callatian with a handsome gold locket and chain.

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"WOODBURY" Throng Decks of Vessels at Anchor in Potomac.

FEVER MORTALITY

BREAKS RECORD

Thirteen Deaths Recorded

Yesterday.

to Continue Warfare on

Mosquitoes.

ble to the eye, falling with the rain.

rel, upon removing the cover, wiggle

this: A tank or eistern caught full of rainwater in the winter time, even if

eft uncovered during the summer, will

that mosquito germs come out of the

Mississippi Excited.

Mississippi is considerably excited

fever at Natchez. Ten nurses and supply of provisions have been sent down to Lecville from Thiboadaux,

where the fever is very bad. The coun-

try conditions are believed to be slight

A mass meeting was held last night in Trinity Chapel, which was addressed by Dr. Guiteras, the Rev. Dr. Warner and others, at which housekeepers were

arged to continue the war on mosquitoes

The women were especially appealed to,

A mass meeting was held in the palm

Pennsylvania Railroad to Denver.

Account G. A. R. special low rate of

and connections. Consult ticket agents

ly improving.

MIDDIES ENJOY THEIR STAY

Preparations Made for Departure To-

All day long visitors have continued tors, Florida, Nevada and Arkansas, vard since Saturday morning.

crowd and between the hours of 11 a. m, and 5 p. m. the narrow gangways were worked to the limit. Many who came yesterday to see the vessels but failed to get aboard because of the size of the crowd, returned this morning, and spent several hours examining the different parts of the ships.

In preparation of the start tomorrow a coat of paint is being put on here and which usually appears to be as bright is being given an extra polishing. The after depositing the cadets at Annapolis,

Have Friends Here.

The classmen and also the officers are expressing their regret that the stay which he says he has repeatedly made, here has been such a short one. Many as follows: of the middles have friends and relatives in the city, and yesterday shore leave was granted to many that they might with an oilcloth, so that no mosquitoes pay their respects.

What occupied the middles most this merning was the reading of letters. The mail was brought about 11 o'clock. One found.

mail was brought about it o'clock. One of the officers opens the bag and the classmen gather around and answer as their names are called. Those who were fortunate enough to be remembered would go off to a shady corner.

The commissary department proved a point of interest to many of the sight seers. They would stand for several minutes watching the Japanese cooks as they mixed things in big copper yats. Although the men are not given knocked away at 10:35, and the boat wats. Although the men are not given glided downward, while the young spondlaborate meals, the food consists of wholesome and nourishing things, and wholesome and nourishing things, and as one of the men said this morning.
"You get so hungry that anything would taste od."

Leisure in Morning. In the morning the men have con

siderable, time to themselves. They

Chain.

Appointment as Supervising Principal May End Fight. FREEMAN HAS RESIGNED Board of Education Will Take Up Eastern High School Case

LINED UP

FOR ORDERS

It is now understood that Mosheim E Swartzell, principal of the Eastern High School, is slated for the position supervising principal of graded senools, to fill a vacancy caused by the

SUCCEED FREEMAN

accepted a position with the Schenec-tady, N. Y., public schools, Mr. Freeman's resignation was ten-dered to the Board of Education the latter part of last week and is now in the hands of J. Holdsworth Gordon,

resignation of J. C. Freeman, who has

sident of the board. If the proposed plan is carried into effect, it means promotion and an in-creased salary for Mr. Swartzell. The present position occupied by Mr. Swart-zell carries with it a salary of \$1,800 per

Freeman pays \$2,000. Do Not Favor Plan.

The Business Men's Association and F. Oyster nor Thomas W. Smith, presidents of the respective associations, would admit it this morning.

When asked if Mr. Swartzell would be given the berth vacated by Mr. Free-

man. Mr. Gordon said: FEW NEW CASES REPORTED "That is one of the questions, which the board will, in all probability, act on at its next meeting, which will be held on September 6. The board will take At Mass Meetings Women Are Urged up the Swartzell-Eastern High School controversy and thoroughly investigate every phase of it. We will call in the in fact, everyone interested in the af-NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 28.-While duced that we can settle the trouble to the number of new cases of yellow fever reported yesterday, thirty-one, was

the satisfaction of all concerned, In a Peculiar Position.

small, even for a Sunday, the number of deaths was the largest yet recorded, The Board of Education is laced in thirteen. The drop in the temperature a peculiar position in this case," continued Mr. Gordon. "If we transfer Mr. Swartzell to one of the other high A new theory is advanced with regard by an observer, who schools we would only be satisfying believes mosquitoes deposit their eggs in the atmosphere, and that they are invisi. conduct the Eastern High School, it would follow that he would be lacking in the same way were he transferred to another school. I cannot at this time say what action the board will take in this case, but with the aid of the evidence the several association commit-In proof, he points out an experiment Cover a barrel in the summer time after it has rained full of water an oilcloth, so that no mosquitoes possibly get to it, and in the barupon removing the cover, wiggleand young mosquitoes will be settled to satisfy all." just after it has rained full of water

Why Board Has Not Acted.

In explaining why the board has no taken action on the report submitted mine to it by the East Washington Citizens' Association, Mr. Gordon said that it was because since that report had been received a quorum of the board had not been at any time in the city, and also that a great many of the teachers at the Eastern were out of town and could not be reached.

"I had no right," said Mr. Gordon, "to hold the teachers here pending the inhold the teachers her Association, Mr. Gordon said that it was over the appearance of six cases of

Eastern were out of town and could not be reached.

"I had no right," said Mr. Gordon, "to hold the teachers here pending the investigation, but action will be taken on the report at the first opportunity."

The report of the findings of the committee selected from the Business Men's Association to investigate the Eastern High School affairs, will be submitted to James F. Oyster, president of the association, at an early date. It is understood that this report would have been in the hands of Mr. Oyster several days ago had it not been that Philip Walker, one of the members of the committee, was out of town and the report had to be mailed for his signature.

The nature of the findings of the as-

signature.

The nature of the findings of the association's committee, or the recommendations that have been made, could not be ascertained this morning. Fred G. Coldren, chairman of the committee, said this morning to a Times reporter:

"The committee has finished its investigation, and just as soon as the report is received from Mr. Walker it will be submitted to Mr. Oyster. Any information on the report or its contents will be given out by him." A mass meeting was neid in the paim garden of the St. Charles Hotel, at which another general fumigation next Friday and Saturday was urged. The total number of cases to date has been 1,73, but only 199 of these re-main under treatment. The total num-ber of deaths has only been 255.

Go to Chesapeake Beach Tomorrow and take family with you. Crabbing and fishing. See R.R. schedule, Adv.

"2. Mr. Lester was reminded that the legal half-holiday on Saturday began at 12 o'clock.
"3. The District Attorney agreed, in consideration of such appearance, not to issue any warrant.

AWAITS HIS TRIAL

Released on Bond of \$10,-000, With W. H. Trouland His Surety.

BEACH ASKED MORE BAIL

Request That Prisoner Be Held for \$20,000 Denied By Stafford.

statistician of the Department of Agri-culture, indicted jointly with Frederick A. Peckham and Moses Haas for con-spiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the cotton leak scandal, United States marshal for the District. He later appeared before Justice Stafford, sitting for criminal business, and 000 to appear for trial at the next term

court by Deputy Marshal Cusick, District Attorney Beach appeared and asked the court to increase the bond of \$10. 000, originally agreed upon between him and the prisoner's counsel, Wharton E.

After hearing the statement of the an increase of the bond was advisable and the answer of Mr. Lester, Justice Stafford denied the motion and fixed Mr Holmes' bond at \$10,000.

Trouland Qualified

Mr. Lester then offered William H. Trouland, of 1719 S street, as surety, who was accepted and qualified as bo

sel, Messrs, Lester and Price, appeared at the City Hall today at 9:30. He immediately to the office of the United States Marshal for the District, and surrendered himself to Deputy Marshal Beall. Mr. Holmes was admitted to the private office of the marshal and there remained until court was convened

Absence Explained.

Holmes, it was explained by Mr. Lester, was unable to reach Washington, the East Washington Citizens' Asso-ciation are not inclined to favor this came to the city at 4 p. m.

After the arrival of Holmes and his

counsel on Saturday afternoon negotiations were entered into between the latter and Mr. Beach, according to which Holmes was to have entered into

which Holmes was to have entered into bond at 7 p. m. that day.

A short time before that hour, Mr. Lester says, he was informed that District Attorney Beach had become displeased that Holmes did not put in his appearance in the morning, and decided that he would arrest him on sight.

Such a course was not pleasing to Mr. Lester, who informed Holmes not to come to his office at 7 o'clock, as he did not want him arrested, and probably have to be confined in jail until this morning, when he would be able to appear in court and give bond to answer the charge against him.

In discussing the matter before Jus-

charge against him.
In discussing the matter before Jus-tice Stafford, Mr. Lester contended there was no necessity for an increase of the bond for his client, particularly because nothing had developed since Saturday which would warrant it being doubled. He also stated to the court that since suspicion had attached to Mr. Holmes he, as his counsel, had kept the District Attorney advised as to his whereabouts.

Peckham and Haas.

He called attention to the fact that Peckham and Haas, non-residents, who are indicted jointly with Holmes, were released on \$10,000 bond. Mr. Lester fur-M Fields who stands convicted of embezzlement in the District, is at large on \$5,000 bond, pending his appeal, and that only a day or two ago Thomas E. Waggaman, who was indicted for em-bezzlement, was released on \$3,000 bait. In an affidavit filed by Mr. Beach, as

cites on information and belief that re-cently Holmes sold an interest in a gold mine in the West for \$73,000, and that he has \$50,000 or more secreted in dif-ferent banks and safe deposit institu-tions in different cities throughout the

arrest was looking for him, he does not believe they went to his home to in-quire for him.

There is no doubt that several officials
have been on the still hunt for Holmes since his arrival in Washington Satur-day afternoon and were unable to lo-eate him.

Beach's A'ffidavit.

The affidavit upon which Mr. Beach based his request for an increase of the bond for Mr. Holmes from \$19,000 to \$20, en- 000, is as follows:

"1. At New York city on Thurs

day last, Wharton E. Lester, a member of this bar, agreed to produce Edwin S. Holmes, jr., before this court at 10 clock a.m., Saturday last, there and then to give bail for his appearance for trial in the sum of \$10,000.