

RUSSIA'S REPLY TO HAY,
M'CORMACK HAS IT.

Russian Troops in Yalu Valley in High Spirits—Viceroy Alexieff Withdraws From Port Arthur to the North—French Newspaper Correspondent Says Harbin Will be Base of Russian Operations.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—Russia's reply to Secretary Hay's note on China was handed to Ambassador McCorrack to-day.

Paris, Feb. 19.—It is announced officially that the French government has issued instructions relative to the observance of neutrality and that, practically, they are the same as those issued by the late Admiral Bernad, the former minister, concerning the observance of neutrality during the Spanish-American war. But it is pointed out that the French navigation laws contain no positive requirement that belligerent ships shall leave a neutral port within twenty-four hours, and that, therefore, this matter is one of regulation by custom, instead of being a legal requirement, as under the British navigation laws.

No change has yet been announced relative to permitting the Russian squadron to remain at Jibuti, French Somaliland, the authorities evidently being desirous to fully observe the requirements of neutrality without unnecessarily causing offense or embarrassment to a power with which France is closely allied.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—To-day and tomorrow, the closing days of carnival week, will be observed practically only by a cessation of work. There will be little rejoicing. Such a carnival time is not remembered. There have been no festivities and no gay sleigh parties to the islands. Instead, people gather about the bands playing in the streets or follow the troops departing for the front.

None of the reports from abroad of renewed Japanese attacks on Port Arthur has yet been officially confirmed, although private advices continue to report an attempted landing, which was repulsed.

An official communication announcing Russia's withdrawal from participation in the following terms: "The ministry of finance hereby brings to the notice of intending exhibitors at St. Louis that in view of the financial situation of the Russian empire, it is not possible for the Russian government to participate in the aforementioned exposition."

The document appears to protect Russia from a flank attack, the Novoye Vremya adds, and recognizes the exceptional position of the Russian empire, which, in the opinion of the paper, is not to be regarded as a neutral power, but as a power which is actively engaged in the maintenance of its neutrality.

The Novoye Vremya, in a leading editorial on Secretary Hay's proposal, says it does not see why Russia cannot agree to it, if it means only Chinese neutrality.

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W. N. Kakovtsov, who yesterday was appointed finance minister, in succession to M. Witte, is considered to be a most determined opponent of the financial policy of M. Witte. He has for many years been ambitious to become finance minister and was appointed M. Witte's assistant, but owing to a disagreement he resigned. M. Kakovtsov is regarded here as being a safe, conservative financier and it is believed that under his administration Russian credit abroad will be sustained. In spite of M. Kakovtsov's appointment it is persistently rumored that M. Witte will be given supreme control of the finances.

As a means of meeting the extraordinary war expenses, the Bourse Gazette says it believes the present is a favorable time for an income tax, which will not meet with opposition, owing to the general readiness of the nation to share the burden imposed by the war.

Paris, Feb. 19.—A representative of the Matin who has reached the city of the Russian military concentration at Harbin says that great hardships, due to the trans-Siberian railway trains being crowded with thousands of soldiers, in a despatch dated from Harbin yesterday, confirms the announcement that that place will be the main base of the Russian land operations.

Thus far the base has succeeded in maintaining its communication with Port Arthur. The concentration of troops, the correspondent says, proceeds systematically, and provision has been made for the speedy arrival of 120,000 men from the divisions of Moscow, Kiev and Warsaw. Before twelve days shall have elapsed the Russians will have disposed of an army of 400,000 men through Manchuria.

Intense demoralization exists among the populace and the people of the surrounding villages are flocking into the towns to reach Western Russia. The railway trains, however, are blocked and over 2,000 voyagers are thus held up. The intense cold prevailing increases the suffering and adds to the difficulties of bringing forward troops.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Significance is attached to the Figaro's discussing the possible retreat of the Russian forces from Port Arthur towards the north. The Figaro, which is intensely pro-Russian and enjoys the favor of the Russian court, says:

"The Russian army explaining the delay in the military operations has had the effect of confirming victory."

Alexieff's plan to withdraw northward toward Mukden and Harbin. The military editor of the Figaro declares this would be a wise and tactical movement, as the Russian troops are better able to make a stand further north.

Harbin, Manchuria, Thursday, Feb. 18.—The Russian troops are concentrated in the lower Yalu valley. Everybody is in high spirits and daily expecting reinforcements.

Russian families are leaving Manchuria owing to the high price of provisions, all of which are required for the troops.

The Manchurian and especially the trans-Baikal railroads cannot cope with the demands for transportation. Women and children are unable to get trains and many are waiting at the stations, suffering from cold and hunger.

The Chinese are quiet and are bringing in provisions. The rise in prices is due in some extent to the fall in the value of paper money, which in some places is altogether refused. It is expected that there will be sufficient supplies of bread, meat, butter, petroleum and fodder, but not enough sugar, preserved meats and linen and that there will be a great scarcity of books.

It is not to be expected that such stores can arrive for some time. The Manchurian railroad officials have applied for extra allowance of pay.

Madrid, Feb. 19.—A Russian warship has arrived at a Canary Island port. The authorities have notified her commander that his ship may remain in port for a limited time, but that he cannot be provided with coal in quantity more than sufficient to enable him to reach the nearest Russian port.

Premier Maura denies the report that the British government blurted to Spain the necessity for adopting measures to safeguard her neutrality in the Russo-Japanese dispute, asserting that no diplomatic negotiations whatever have been held on the subject and that the military measures taken were a step required by the most elementary prudence.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The government report of the naval action off Chemulpo, Corea, on February 8, says that the Russian cruisers Yarek and Coretz sank a Japanese cruiser and a torpedo boat destroyer and crippled another vessel before returning to the harbor.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Wu Su eleven miles north of Shanghai, to-day.

GERMANY'S RIGHT
Shanghai, Feb. 19.—It is reported in Wei Hsien, the most important city in the province of Shan Tung, that Germany has received the right to increase the number of consuls in all the cities of Shan Tung. The Chinese received the announcement favorably.

FIRE IN BOSTON.
Loss of \$10,000—Forty Polish Families Driven Out of Their Homes.

Boston, Feb. 19.—A loss estimated at \$10,000 was caused by a fire which broke out in the interior of a large five-story brick building at West First and Cotton streets, South Boston early to-day. The firemen had to order 40 Polish families to leave nearby tenements.

Although there was much confusion all left the buildings in safety. The fire originated on the third floor in the rooms of the National Magazine and rapidly spread to the fourth, of which Garter, Rice & Company, wholesale paper dealers were the occupants. Nearby property was in danger that apparatus was summoned from all sections of the city. Many of the firemen had just left the annual ball of the department in Mechanics' building and a number were obliged to go to the scene in evening dress.

After a two hours' struggle the firemen were able to keep the flames confined to the five-story structure. The Chappelle Press, Thinkham press and the Potter & Watson shoe counter company lost heavily through water damage. The losses are covered by insurance.

ROUGH SEAS.
Buffet Incoming Steamers—Captain and Second Officer Injured.

New York, Feb. 19.—Battered by heavy seas, and with her captain and second officer injured by an enormous wave which swept over the ship, the steamer Lahn reached port to-day after a tempestuous voyage from Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar. She had a very rough passage throughout, being under reduced speed every day. On Sunday, February 14, the weather was equally and stormy, and seas repeatedly broke over the fore deck. One giant sea struck the bridge and knocked Captain Bolte and Second Officer Grund down, fracturing two of the captain's ribs and bruising the second officer about the head. The bridge was damaged, stanchions bent and part of the rail carried away. That day the ship's run was 130 miles.

The Italian steamer Sicilia, also from Italian ports, had a similar experience. On February 15 she ran only 120 miles.

25 cents will break no man, but might gain many dollars for him. Just try an ad in the Democrat once.

ROBERTS
DINED.

King Edward Headed off a Split.

People Growing at Lord Roberts's Dismissal—King Edward Smoothed Out Matters By Inviting Roberts to the Palace.

London, Feb. 19.—The Royal entourage of Lord Roberts contained in the special army order issued yesterday evening in which King Edward took leave of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief of the army is commented upon as another instance where the tact of his majesty rescued the minister from an awkward dilemma.

The curt manner in which the war office dismissed Lord Roberts deeply incensed the late commander-in-chief, and this feeling was shared by the public to such an extent that it threatened to lead to a serious attack on the government in parliament.

The king's first intimation of his disapproval of the war office treatment was to invite Lord Roberts to Buckingham palace where marked attention was shown to the field marshal. This has now been followed by the general army order, which was sent out by the king personally not as usually, through the war office.

RUMOR IS FALSE.
Paris, Feb. 19.—There is no truth in the rumor that Foreign Minister Delcasse has resigned. The report began to circulate in the corridors of the chamber of deputies and was immediately denied. Premier Combes and the other ministers were present at the foreign office at noon to-day. There was not the slightest indication of a change in the ministry.

WHEAT GOES UP.
Chicago, Feb. 19.—Wheat for May delivery to-day sold at \$1.01 a bushel. Closing figures last night were 99¢ and 1/2 cents. The war scare together with a scarcity of good cash wheat for milling purposes was the cause of the advance. Other derivatives showed moderate gains.

BIG MAIN BROKE.
New Yorkers in Danger of Drowning To-Day—Fire Protection Cut Off.

New York, Feb. 19.—A four and one-half foot water main in upper Broadway, the largest main in the city, burst early to-day between 91st and 92nd streets, doing thousands of dollars of damage to adjacent property and depriving a large section of the upper west side of fire protection and water until the damage is repaired.

The torrent of water tore up the roadway and filled cellars for four hours before the pressure was shut off.

Estimates in the neighboring buildings filled up so rapidly with the food coming from the huge high pressure main that in a number of cases sleepers in basements had narrow escapes from drowning. Boilers and heating plants in the flooded buildings were put out of commission by the water and residences and apartments housing a thousand persons are without heat until the water can be pumped.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL.
Young John O'Brien Has Both Legs Cut Off by Train.

Bridgeport, Feb. 19.—John J. O'Brien, a 15-year-old boy who lived with his parents at 441 Water street, died at the hospital yesterday forenoon from the effects of fatal injuries received at the foot of South avenue, where he was run over by switch engine No. 61. Both legs were cut off close to his body.

The boy was picking up coal at the junction of the tracks near the Naugatuck dock in the lower freight yard. The dock failed to see the switcher and before the engineer had time to stop his engine, or before the boy had time to get out of the way, he was struck and knocked down and the wheels of the tender passed over his legs. A crowd of men rushed to the rescue of the boy, but too late. He was picked up by tender hands and the emergency ambulance sent for. The boy's father, who works in the South avenue freight station, heard of the accident and came hurrying to the scene and was in time to assist in placing his boy in the ambulance. The boy was hurried to the hospital, but died shortly after arriving there. The body was removed to the home last night.

GOING TO MARRY.
Chicago, Feb. 19.—Charles Alexander of Chicago, the singing partner of the Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, the American evangelist, is reported to be engaged to marry Miss Helen Cadbury, daughter of a millionaire manufacturer residing in Birmingham, says a dispatch to the American from London. Alexander is a Yale graduate.

KILLED BY BOLOS.
Manila, Feb. 19.—Lieutenant McKee and six privates of the constabulary have been killed by a bolo run of 500 fathoms while patrolling the east coast of the island of Samar.

25 cents will break no man, but might gain many dollars for him. Just try an ad in the Democrat once.

STEAMER ASHORE
Had 100 Passengers Aboard—Two Other Steamers in Collision.

London, Feb. 19.—The Belgian steamer, Philippeville, which left Antwerp yesterday for the Congo with a hundred passengers on board, went ashore off Dungeness, Kent, in a fog early this morning. Lifeboats and tugs are in attendance upon her.

The British steamer, Lake Michigan, which left Liverpool for St. John, N. B., February 8, and Halifax, February 8, for London, which passed the Isle of Wight yesterday, has been in collision with an unknown vessel and is anchored near Dungeness, awaiting tugs.

The Lake Michigan collided with a reported to have been sunk.

The Lake Michigan is seriously damaged amidships. Her engine room and stoke hole became full of water, the captain signalled that the vessel was gaining on the cargo and the steamer was finally beached in a sinking condition.

It has now been ascertained that the vessel with which the Lake Michigan collided was the British bark Matterhorn (Captain Warren, from Antwerp), which has passed Dover in tow, with her headgear gone and her bows damaged.

WAR COMPLICATIONS.
Stimulated Wheat Prices to Highest Point Reached in Six Years.

New York, Feb. 19.—The most striking news of the business week, as shown by the telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile agency throughout the United States and Canada, is found in Pittsburgh advices that constituent steel corporations making steel bars find the improvement in demand sufficient to warrant discussion of a voluntary order to advance wages a month hence.

Quite as significant are reports from New England that the volume of railroad traffic there in general merchandise lines is 15 per cent heavier than a year ago, that it is heavier than a year ago on roads centering at Chicago, at Duluth and the "Twin Cities," at St. Louis and New Orleans, and is but slightly below last year's total at Pittsburgh, with the volume increasing.

The high price of wheat is due to traffic by snow and ice, and extreme cold weather, presents a more favorable situation respecting current distribution of goods than had been supposed.

Prices of shoes are to be advanced soon. Smaller New England cities may have to shut down during the summer months owing to uncertainty of prices and supplies.

Southern advices say many interior buyers are unquestionably loaded with high priced cotton, and unless prices may be able to be fact in the market, the cotton market will be a heavy one.

The only thing in railway grain rate cutting which has attracted attention was the effort to explain. It is without significance. Foreign war complications have stimulated wheat prices to the highest point reached in six years.

Baltimore jobbers will be able to supply the bulk of orders on hand, but will not handle as much business during the spring as if there had been no fire.

General trade in the Dominion of Canada continues quiet. Interest is taken in the proposed re-organization of Consolidated Lake Superior as the Canadian Improvement Co., in which it is said the government will become financially interested. The business community is interested in the apparent hitch in the ratification of the arrangement between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the government. It is regarded as certain, however, that the new trans-continental railway will be constructed. The expenditure, it is thought, will involve \$100,000,000.

MANUFACTURERS BUSY.
Will Make a Determined Attack on the Eight Hour Bill.

(Special to Democrat).
Washington, Feb. 19.—The manufacturers throughout the country have been doing for several years past, and are now getting up large petitions to their members against the two most important labor bills before congress, the eight hour bill and the anti-injunction bill.

The Connecticut members to-day received several of these petitions signed by a number of the large manufacturers of Meriden, Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven. They were presented in the house.

Post Office Matters.
The post office department has issued orders to omit two round trips of closed mail pouches on week days between Poughkeepsie and Rainbow, on the Hartford Street Railway company's lines. This order goes into effect March 1st.

Charles Harris has been commissioned postmaster at Westport, a presidential office.

Connecticut Visitors.
Connecticut visitors at present in the city are: D. J. Lynch and T. J. Ladden, of Wallingford, at the Riggs; George Babo of New Haven, at the Arlington; E. W. Burke, of Rockville at the Raleigh; and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Nason, of Willimantic, at the National.

Former Congressman Washington F. Wilcox, of Chester, is in Washington renewing his acquaintance with members of the house who served with him some ten years ago. Mr. Wilcox also has some business before the departments, and will be in the city several days.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Forecast for Connecticut: Show to-night and possibly Saturday; colder Saturday; fresh east to north winds increasing.

BOYS IN
THE RIVER.

Two Youngsters Had a Narrow Escape.

Broke Through Ice—Were Being Carried Along With Current—Father of One Boy Rescued Them Just in Time.

Two little boys, John Murphy of Green street and James Pryor of North Riverside street, aged 7 and 5 years, respectively, were nearly drowned in the Naugatuck river, a short distance above the Brooklyn bridge, about 10:30 this morning. Only quick and decisive action upon the part of James Pryor, father of one of the boys, saved the children from drowning.

The Murphy boy, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy of 15 Green street, had been visiting the Pryor boy at his home, 567 North Riverside street. About 10:30 the two children went out to play. The Naugatuck river, which flows along in the rear of the house, was covered with a thin coating of ice. Unknown to their parents the children went on the river to skate. A part of the ice was so thin that the boys broke through and fell into the river. Their bodies began to float down the river. Some person had seen the boys fall in and ran to the home of the Pryor boy and informed his father of the accident. Mr. Pryor ran with all speed to the river, saw the two bodies floating in the water, jumped in, swam toward the bodies, seized one and then the other and brought them safely to the shore.

When the boys were carried out of the river their bodies were apparently lifeless. Some friends worked over them and succeeded in reviving them somewhat before Dr. Russell arrived. The boys were then carried into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ross in Ward 12, where every attention was paid to them. Dr. Russell succeeded after hard work in restoring the boys to consciousness. They were then removed to their homes, where they are now resting comfortably. No serious results are feared.

BOGUS CHECKS.
Smooth Swindler Buncoed Several Business Men This Week.

A neat bunco game has been discovered in this city. One and probably two smooth chaps have been working a neat scheme at the expense of several merchants in this city. As a result the merchants have on their hands several worthless checks, which they paid good money. The game was worked quietly on Wednesday.

How many merchants were swindled is not known, but at least three were caught in the trap. About 8 o'clock Wednesday morning a young man about 25 years old, well dressed and of neat appearance, of fair complexion and the possessor of a sandy moustache, strolled into A. R. Isham's gentlemen's furnishings store and asked Mr. Isham to cash a check on the Waterbury Lumber Co. for a young man named James Reynolds for wages. The check was cashed. The amount of the check, it is said, was \$14.50. Later in the day the same well dressed stranger went in to the store of the Connecticut Boot and Shoe Co. on East Main street and asked to have a similar check cashed by the clerk in the store. The clerk, thinking that it was a check on the Waterbury Lumber and Coal Co., readily cashed it. The stranger, who signed his name James Reynolds, received \$14 in this transaction. He then went to the store of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Canfield, the chief owner of the Canfield Rubber company. He has 38 years old. The Swedish maid was about 24 years old. Her name has not been given out by the police.

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Later in the day the superintendent of police decided to place Mrs. Canfield under police surveillance. She was not to be arrested but was simply to be kept in a position where the police could reach her if she was wanted. The police declined to give any reason for their action.

The fact that Mr. Canfield was an athlete of considerable local fame and was fatally affected by the escaping gas while his wife who is a small, slight woman was in the chamber and died, it is regarded by the police as giving cause for investigation.

The name of the Swedish servant who was found dead, was Vinda Anderson and she was eighteen years of age.

PETITION FOR PEACE.
New Haveners Send Numerous Signed Paper to Senator Platts.

New Haven, Feb. 19.—A petition to congress asking the diplomatic intervention of this government through its chief executive, in cooperation with other Christian nations to secure quietude in Macedonia, has been forwarded to Senator O. H. Platt of this state by citizens of Connecticut, the list of signers being headed by Governor Chamberlain.

This petition asserts that shocking atrocities are being perpetrated upon Christians in Macedonia in violation of the treaty of Berlin of 1878, which guarantees to those Christians human, rule and protection from lawlessness and traditional outrages.

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TWO DEATHS IN PARK CITY
ASPHYXIAATION THE CAUSE.

Police Investigating a Mysterious Case in Bridgeport—Wife of the Dead Man Under Police Surveillance—She It Was Who Called for Assistance at Two O'clock in the Morning

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 19.—Asphyxiation by coal gas from a furnace is believed to have been the cause of the death of Joseph B. Canfield, superintendent of the Canfield Rubber company, and his Swedish maid servant. Their bodies were discovered in the Canfield residence, 840 Colorado avenue, early this morning, after Mrs. Canfield had aroused a neighbor by telephone saying that she was afraid her husband was dying. The theory first held by the police that the deaths were due to poison has been abandoned, though the investigation is still in progress. Mrs. Canfield, who is suffering from the effects of gas inhalation apparently, has been unable to make a clear statement.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 19.—The police investigation indicates that Mrs. Canfield was unconscious for twelve hours and that she revived sufficiently to summon assistance only when the gas fumes had somewhat abated, the furnace fire having died down.

Mr. and Mrs. Canfield returned to Bridgeport about midnight on Wednesday from New York, where they had attended a reception. Before leaving it is supposed that Mr. Canfield banked the fire in the hot air furnace. All the draughts were found closed to-day and a lid in a pipe leading into the chimney had fallen in such a way as to close the chimney vent and send the gas into the hot-air pipes. Police Sergeant Garry Sanger who inspected the furnace says he found the fire box filled with coal, the upper part of which was only slightly burned. The only live coals were in the center of the fire box, and it was evident that the fire was fast dying.

About 2 o'clock this morning, Myron B. Hammond, who lives near the Canfield residence was called by telephone by Mrs. Canfield. She asked him to come to the house at once as she was afraid her husband was dying. Mr. Hammond said she had coughed. Mr. Canfield with his hand and found him cold. Mr. Hammond notified A. H. Canfield, brother of Joseph Canfield and then went to the house. He says he smelled coal gas when he entered. He found Mr. Canfield dead in bed in his room on the second floor while the Swedish maid, who was in her room on the third floor, Mrs. Canfield was in a dazed condition and unable to talk lucidly.

The police were notified and began their inquiry in connection with that of the assistant medical examiner, Dr. C. C. Godfrey. Dr. Edward McGovern, night ambulance surgeon at the Canfield hospital was summoned and attended Mrs. Canfield. Dr. McGovern said he saw no evidence of poison in the appearance of the bodies of Mr. Canfield and the maid. In view of the weakened condition of Mrs. Canfield, the police could obtain no statement from her. Mrs. Canfield was found in the house with the other attendants of Mrs. Canfield.

The belief that all three members of the household were unconscious of the grasp of the deadly coal gas fumes all day Thursday is borne out by the fact that about 2 o'clock on Friday morning the kitchen door and a supply of milk outside the kitchen door and both morning and afternoon papers of Thursday were found on the veranda. The kitchen fire had gone out. Two dogs were found on the floor of the kitchen, only half conscious. They might have been in the kitchen when the gas entered the house. It has been learned that telephone calls to the house yesterday were unanswered.

Mrs. Canfield's maiden name was Katherine O'Donnell and she was married to Mr. Canfield two years ago, having been formerly an employee of the Canfield Rubber company. Her son of 10 years, Mr. Canfield, the chief owner of the Canfield Rubber company. He has 38 years old. The Swedish maid was about 24 years old. Her name has not been given out by the police.

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SCARLET FEVER.

Five New Cases Break Out at Lakeville's Hotchkiss School.

Lakeville, Feb. 19.—Five new cases of scarlet fever have developed among students at the Hotchkiss school, but all are of mild form, and the school authorities feel no cause for alarm. Two boys who traveled together from Norfolk, Va., where there is an epidemic of the disease first showed symptoms of it and were quarantined in a house an eighth of a mile from the school.

Later three other students were taken sick and were also quarantined. It is believed that these three may have been exposed to contagion from the Norfolk boys. The school authorities say everything is tranquil in the school and work is going on regularly. There is felt to be no occasion for fear that the students are in more danger from the disease here than they would be elsewhere, as the disease is said to be very prevalent in many places and many schools throughout the Middle States and New England are closed on account of it. There is no reason to believe that the disease in Lakeville is from local causes.

P. J. TIERNEY STRICKEN.
In Parlor of His Savin Rock Hotel When Fatal Shock Came.

New Haven, Feb. 19.—Patrick J. Tierney, proprietor of Tierney's hotel at Savin Rock, died suddenly last evening of apoplexy. He was 60 years of age and died about 6:15 p. m. Mr. Tierney was engaged in conversation with some of the men engaged in making the miniature Luna park at Savin Rock, when he suddenly collapsed.

A moment later he fell from his chair. Dr. John P. Barnett of West Haven was immediately called, and Dr. Morris D. Blatter of New Haven. Both responded in a hurry and were present in time to see him die. Rev. Joseph Curran of St. Lawrence church, West Haven, was also at the bedside when death came.

HANNA'S FRIENDS.
Gazed on Face of Dead Statesman To-Day for Last Time.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—Just as dawn began to break over the city to-day, the doors of the chamber of commerce authorities unlocked the door of Hanna lay, were reopened to a vast throng of people who desired to view the face of the dead statesman. The long lines of people stretched for over five blocks. The early hour of opening brought thousands of workers with their tin snuff boxes, or their work. When the doors to the chamber were closed at 11 o'clock thousands were still striving to get a last look at the dead senator. At 10 o'clock the members of the state legislature drove from the hotel to the chamber and their last respects to the memory of the dead statesman.

FIREMAN EXONERATED.
Chicago, Feb. 19.—The first tangible result of the special grand jury inquiry into the Iroquois theater disaster has been the exoneration of W. O. Sallors, a fireman at the theater and one of the eight persons held by the coroner's jury. The decision to return a "no bill" in the case of the fireman was followed by the issuance of a subpoena for Sallors to appear as a witness. His evidence will practically close the inquiry.

CITY NEWS
There will be no session of the schools on Monday because of it being Washington's birthday.

March 8 has been fixed as the date of the annual banquet of the Waterbury Business Men's association. The affair will be held in Odd Fellows hall and Hodgson will do the catering. It is understood that the speakers will include Governor Chamberlain and Mayor Elton.

Judge Cowell in the district court this afternoon heard the suit of the Hallwood Cash Register Co. vs. J. B. Maroney of Broadway hotel. The question involved is the right of a hotel keeper to detain a drummer's samples in default of payment of his board bill. Decision was reserved.

The summary process case of James E. Martin of Union street against Samuel Anderson for possession of certain premises was heard by Judge Poesley in the city court this afternoon. Attorney Reiley appeared for the defense and Attorney McGrath for the plaintiff. The defense is that having occupied the premises four days over a month, defendant was entitled to remain the entire month. No decision was given.

Suit—has been entered against the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Co. by Attorney Carmody, representing Bridget Whalen, for \$20,000 damages. The papers in the case were yesterday served upon General Manager Sewall and on the company. A writ of possession was thrown from a window in a house on Baldwin street, where she was employed as housekeeper, by her arm coming in contact with a live wire outside the window. She suffered serious injury and in consequence of which it is alleged, she came near dying.