

CONGRESS

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate.

Washington, March 23.—Almost the entire session of the senate yesterday was spent in the discussion of the conference report upon the Porto Rico appropriation bill. The Democratic senators manifested a disposition to criticize the restoration of the house provision covering future collections of revenue, professing to find in this action the desire to continue the Dingley tariff. Speeches were made on these lines by Messrs. Bacon, Cockrell, Jones (Ark.), Berry and Allen. The Republicans met the taunt with a proposition to take a vote immediately upon the Porto Rico tariff bill, and it looked at one time as if unanimous consent would be secured for a vote on the tariff measure to-day. Senator Proctor objected, however, on behalf of the Republican free traders, and when he indicated a willingness to agree to a vote next week Senator Pettus put an end to the proceeding by calling for the regular order of business.

After a spirited debate lasting over three days the Lord bill relating to second-class mail matter was recommended to the committee on postoffices. The majority in favor of the motion was so decisive that it is regarded as unlikely that the measure will appear again during the present congress. Mr. Lord said, after the vote was announced, that this was the third time and out, so far as he was concerned. The vote on the motion was 148 to 96, with sixteen present and not voting.

Washington, March 24.—The senate yesterday adopted the conference report on the Porto Rican relief bill by a vote of 35 to 15, practically a strict party expression. No Democrat voted for the report, but Mr. Stewart of Nevada voted with the Republicans. The time of discussion was consumed principally by Mr. Tillman of South Carolina, who made a fierce attack upon the measure agreed upon in conference and accused the Republican senators and the Republican party of hypocrisy and dirty work. His speech was quite characteristic and was listened to with interest by his colleagues on the floor. Mr. Tillman in the earlier part of his speech in New Hampshire followed with a temperate statement of those who not only favor the report but the passage of a Porto Rican tariff bill. Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin closed the debate with a forceful statement in opposition to Mr. Tillman's speech, in the course of which he took occasion to sharply criticize the South Carolina senator for dragging the measure into politics. His colloquial tilts with Mr. Tillman were immensely enjoyed by the auditors.

The house passed 142 private pension bills. Late in the day Mr. Talbot of South Carolina raised the point of no quorum. The attendance was small at the time but a quorum was finally secured, however, after a call of the house. The conference report on the Porto Rican relief bill was presented and 1 o'clock to-day was set as the time for voting on it.

Washington, March 25.—The Porto Rican appropriation bill was signed by the president at 4:20 yesterday afternoon. Controller Dawson was the only person present when the president attached his signature.

Washington, March 26.—After a spirited debate the house Saturday took the last congressional step in completing the Porto Rican relief bill, agreeing to the conference report by a vote of 135 to 87. The bill turns over to the president for the use of Porto Rico, about \$2,000,000 of customs receipts collected on Porto Rico goods up to Jan. 1 last, and such amounts as may hereafter accrue unless otherwise provided by law. The debate lasted but an hour, but in this time the whole range of Porto Rican legislation was discussed.

An important bill, passed during the day, appropriated \$10,000 for designs for a suitable memorial in Washington to Ulysses S. Grant, this being the first step in a movement to secure an arch similar to the arch of triumph in Paris commemorating the illustrious soldier-statesman.

A resolution was passed asking the secretary of state for information on the "open door" negotiations concerning China.

Washington, March 27.—Senator Foraker, in charge of the Porto Rican bill, announced at yesterday's session of the senate that beginning with today's session he would press the measure to a vote as soon as possible. Senator Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee, speaking to a question of personal privilege, vigorously denied an interview with a Republican member of the house of representatives, whose name was not given, published in a Washington newspaper alleging that the passage of the Porto Rican tariff bill would be in pursuance of a "deal" by which the Republican national committee was to get a big contribution. Mr. Hanna denounced the statement as a "malicious lie," and hoped it would be investigated. The Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration during the greater part of the session. An amendment was agreed to fixing a license upon almost every kind of trade and commerce in the district of Alaska, the license ranging from \$10 to \$500 per annum. The measure had not been disposed of at the conclusion of the session.

The house entered upon the consideration of the army appropriation bill but the debate was without exciting incident, being confined to the discussion of army matters. Chairman Hall, in charge of the bill, explained its provisions, Mr. Jett of Illinois, criticized the policy of rushing officers through the higher grades of the army just prior to retirement. Mr. Cox of Tennessee and Mr. Ridgley of Kansas opposed generally a permanent increase of the army as prejudicial to the

best interests of the country, and Mr. Meyer of Louisiana discussed the Philippine policy, opposing the retention of the islands.

Washington, March 28.—There was some lively debate in the house yesterday during the consideration of the army appropriation bill. Little of it was pertinent to the measure. It covered a wide range of topics, Porto Rican tariff, the Boer war and the Philippines. The charge that the Porto Rican tariff bill was the result of a deal for raising a Republican campaign fund was again referred to yesterday by Mr. Pierce of Tennessee, but Mr. Hull declared that the anonymous author of the charge would never dare avow himself and he branded the charge as a "malicious lie." Mr. Sulzer of New York made an appeal for the extension of official sympathy to the Boers in their struggle for independence, and Mr. Leutz of Ohio delivered a scathing denunciation of militarism and the war in the Philippines. His attack aroused the sentiment and indignation of Mr. Marsh of Illinois, who, in a bitter exhortation of the Ohio member declared that the latter's speech was disgrace to the American congress. He declared that he was responsible for what he had said before and on off the floor of the house. His heated language did not draw a rejoinder from Mr. Leutz.

Little progress was made by the senate with the Porto Rican tariff and government bill. It was under discussion for nearly three hours, but the greater part of the time was consumed in the consideration of a free coinage amendment offered by Mr. Morgan. The amendment is still pending. The Alaskan civil code bill was considered during the morning hour. An amendment offered by Mr. Carter setting aside power hitherto granted to the secretary of war for the mining of gold under the sea on the Alaskan coast precipitated a lively debate.

Washington, March 29.—The senate yesterday agreed to vote on the Porto Rican government and tariff bill Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. An important utterance was made in the debate on the bill by Mr. Davis of Minnesota, who advocated free trade between the United States and Porto Rico. His speech was comparatively brief, but his reasoning was so close and cogent that he crowded into small space an immense amount of well digested information and careful thought. His principal proposition was that the necessary money to be raised by taxation should not be raised by a duty levied upon Porto Rican products, but by an internal revenue tax levied on rum and tobacco produced in the island. This system, in his opinion, would better suit the people of the United States and those of Porto Rico than the proposed tariff, and would be just, equitable and constitutional.

The amendment offered by Mr. Carter to the Alaskan civil code bill relating to the mining for gold under the waters of Cape Nome was agreed to, but no further progress was made with the matter.

Mr. Nelson of Minnesota resigned from the committee on Indian affairs and was succeeded by Mr. Bard of California.

The house yesterday devoted practically the whole day to the consideration of the army appropriation bill. Several minor amendments were adopted and about half the bill was considered. There was a deal of extemporaneous debate during the day, little of which was applicable to the bill. Mr. Criger created a division by charging reckless extravagance in the fitting up of the transport Sumner and precipitated a lively debate upon the subject. He gave notice that later he would ask the house to investigate the subject.

MACRUM IS HEARD.

Washington, March 30.—Charles E. Macrum, formerly United States consul at Pretoria, was heard yesterday before the house committee on foreign affairs in regard to his charges that his official mail had been opened and telegrams stopped by the British censors in South Africa.

Macrum stated why he asked for leave of absence, saying that he deemed it desirable personally to consult with the state department in regard to the possession, as he believed, by the British government of our cipher code, and the opening of our mail, and the fact that the American attitude in the war was being misrepresented, as he thought. He had two letters which were opened by the British censor at Durban. The war opened Oct. 12, and from that time to the end of November he received no mail. At that time he was convinced that the British authorities were responsible for the interference, and it was afterwards proved.

The first evidence was the receipt of two letters which had been opened. He produced these letters. He said he believed that the British had possession of the American cipher code for the reason that he had called to Washington for leave of absence Nov. 6, and the fact that he had so called was published in Durban papers the following day, before the state department could have known of the contents of his message. He had not seen the publication himself, but was reliably informed of the fact. The letters which had been opened he received the latter part of November. He did not report the matter to the state department because he expected to bring them home with him. When he arrived in Washington he did not report the fact that letters had been opened, and preferred not to tell his reasons for not having done so. Macrum said that when he arrived in Washington he tried to see Secretary Hay, but the messenger reported him out, and he had not tried to see Hay since, and did not intend to.

AN ALABAMA TRAGEDY.

Peacemaker in Railroad Camp Killed by Riotous Negroes. Peckert, Ala., March 30.—Obe Thorpe attempted to quell a riot among negroes in the railroad camp last evening and was shot and killed. His brother returned the fire but no rioters were killed.

News of the Northwest

DANGEROUS MAN KILLED.

Fatally Shot by the Proprietor of a Saloon. Grand Haven, Mich., March 30.—Boston Blackie, known throughout the state as a dangerous and quarrelsome character, was fatally shot in a saloon yesterday afternoon by the proprietor, John Van Toll. Blackie had been ordered out. After leaving he broke in the front windows, entered and attacked Van Toll with a knife, knocked out his front teeth and cut several gashes on his neck and face. Van Toll picked up a shotgun and fired at Blackie, the charge tearing off most of the right side of his face. Van Toll was arrested.

SUES HIS MOTHER.

Frank Wyman Testifies and Then Disappears. Red Wing, Minn., March 30.—Frank Wyman commenced suit against his mother for \$6,000, claiming that being wages due him for running her farm for nine years. Wyman was on the stand all yesterday morning, but when court convened again at 1 o'clock he did not appear. Officers were sent in search of him, but up to 6 o'clock no trace could be found. Judge Williams dismissed the case. His disappearance gives rise to grave apprehensions.

BANK ROBBERY.

The Job Well Executed and a Two Thousand Dollar Haul Made. Mason City, Iowa, March 30.—Robbers last night broke into the O. F. Ulland bank at Hanlontown, blew open the safe, stole \$2,000 in currency and escaped. The job was so well done that no one in the town knew anything about the robbery until the doors were found open in the morning. The robbers escaped on a Northwestern handcar. The bank carried burglary insurance and will lose nothing. President Ulland is now in California.

A. O. U. W. Re-Elect Officers.

St. Paul, March 30.—At the meeting of the grand lodge, A. O. U. W., yesterday, all the officers were re-elected. They are as follows: Grand master workman, J. M. Diment, Owatonna; grand foreman, F. H. White, Duluth; grand overseer, W. B. Anderson, Winona; grand recorder, Olaf Olson, Willmar; grand receiver, J. J. McCarty, St. Paul; grand guide, F. H. Tiff, Glenwood; grand outside watchman, J. T. Sanborn, Brainerd; grand inside watchman, J. F. Creamer, Crookston. The grand trustees re-elected were Alick Van Prague, Little Falls; James F. Dolan, Windom, and Jacob Newsalt, Owatonna.

Iowa Monument at Shiloh.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 30.—The house yesterday passed the Shiloh monument bill, appropriating \$15,000 for a state monument and \$3,000 each for eleven regimental monuments in the Shiloh battlefield. The regiments are to choose their own commissioners to carry out the work. The amendment including the Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga battlefields monuments and making an appropriation of \$63,000 therefor, was defeated by a vote of 37 to 52.

Ex-Senator Sawyer Dangerously Ill.

Oshkosh, Wis., March 30.—Former United States Senator Philatus Sawyer is ill and his condition is sufficiently serious to cause alarm. He is suffering from a complication of troubles, starting with the stomach, now involve the bowels and kidneys. The senator is eighty-four years of age, and about three months ago underwent an operation for ulceration of the neck. He then recovered and seemed to have obtained a new lease of life.

Explosion of Gasoline.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 30.—An explosion occurred at an early hour yesterday morning at the Union Pacific oil house at Laramie. The end walls were blown out, the iron roof thrown thirty feet in the air, turned over and fell back on the remaining walls. The explosion was caused by the carelessness of a car oiler in leaving the faucet of a gasoline tank open. Several persons were severely injured.

Burnes Will Be Reappointed.

Winona, Minn., March 30.—It is understood that Judge Lechren has decided upon the appointment of William Burns as referee in bankruptcy, to succeed Frank L. Randall, resigned, and that formal announcement to that effect will be made in a few days.

Patients for the Hastings Asylum.

Hastings, Minn., March 30.—The engine and dynamo for the Hastings state asylum have just been received and are being placed in position. It is expected that 100 patients from the Rochester asylum will be transferred here in about a week or ten days.

Seattle Fall of Toughs.

Seattle, Wash., March 30.—The city is infested with thugs on account of the rush to Cape Nome. The jail is full of suspected crooks. Gambling and prize fights are being suppressed.

Barn Burned.

Greeley, Iowa, March 30.—The barn of August Luense, who lives near here, was consumed by fire, with all its contents, including thirty-two cows. Small insurance; cause of fire unknown.

Co-operative Creamery.

Balaton, Minn., March 30.—The farmers north of town will start soon to put up a \$4,000 creamery on the J. Mitzner place. They have about 500 cows promised.

Severely Injured.

Ashland, Wis., March 30.—Pat Hornton was brought here from Redis logging camp with three ribs and his collar bone broken and severe internal injuries. He was caught under a logging sleigh and dragged down a hill.

Damage to Fruit Trees.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 30.—Heavy rain Tuesday and yesterday turned to sleet and everything is covered with ice. Reports from northern and eastern parts of the state say damage to the fruit trees is feared.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, March 29.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 64 1/4 @ 64 3/4; No. 2 Northern, 62 1/4 @ 63 1/2. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 35 1/2 @ 36; No. 3 white, 35 @ 35 1/4. Oats—No. 3 white, 24 3/4 @ 25; No. 3, 24 1/4 @ 24 1/2. Barley and Rye—Feed barley, 53 @ 54; malting grade, 55 @ 56; No. 2 rye, 51; No. 3 rye, 50 1/2.

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat—May opened at 63 1/4 and closed at 63 5/8. On track—No. 1 hard, 65 3/8; No. 1 Northern, 64 1/2; No. 1 Yellow, 63 1/8; Oats—White, 24 1/8; Flax, 1.62. Flour, \$3.55, \$3.45, \$2.70 and \$2.05.

Duluth, March 29.—Wheat—May opened at 66 1/8 and closed at 66 1/2; No. 1 Northern, 65c bid. No. 2 Northern, 62 1/2; No. 3 Northern, 59 1/4; No. 1 hard, to arrive, 66 1/2c bid; No. 1 Northern, 65c bid. Corn—Cash, to arrive, 35 7/8c bid. Flax—Cash, \$1.64 bid; to arrive, \$1.64 bid; May, \$1.65; September, \$1.16 1/2; October, \$1.13 bid.

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 68 @ 69; No. 3 do, 65 @ 67; No. 2 hard winter, 66; No. 3 do, 61 @ 63; No. 1 Northern spring, 66 1/2 @ 68; No. 2 do, 65 1/2 @ 67; No. 3 spring, 62 @ 66. Corn—No. 2, 37 3/4; No. 3, 37 1/2. Oats—No. 2, 24; No. 3, 23 3/4 @ 24.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 29.—Flour is steady. Wheat lower; No. 1 Northern, 66 3/4 @ 67 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 64 1/2 @ 65 1/2. Rye easier; No. 1, 56 1/2 @ 57. Barley steady; No. 2, 44 @ 45; sample, 38 @ 43c. Oats higher; No. 2 white, 26 1/2.

Chicago, March 29.—Cattle—Beeves, good to prime steers, \$5 @ 5.75; poor to medium, \$4 @ 4.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.40 @ 4.80; Texas-fed steers, \$3.85 @ 4.90. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$4.95 @ 5.25; good to choice heavy, \$5.10 @ 5.25; rough heavy, \$4.95 @ 5.05; light, \$4.95 @ 5.17 1/2; bulk of sales, \$5.02 1/2 @ 5.20. Sheep, \$4.75 @; lambs, \$5.50 @ 7.20.

Sioux City, Iowa, March 29.—Cattle—Beeves, \$4 @ 4.75; cow and bulls, mixed, \$2 @ 4; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 @ 4.40; calves and yearlings, \$3.75 @ 5.00. Hogs, \$4.90 @ 5.02 1/2; bulk of sales, \$4.95 @ 5.12.

South St. Paul, March 29.—Hogs—\$4 @ 5.10. Cattle—Stockers, \$4.35; cows, \$2.25; bulls, \$3.10.

Mitchell, S. D., March 28.—Fogarty's saloon was broken into Saturday night for the third time this winter, and is suspected to be the work of parties who went in twice before. Sheriff Swindler secured Heath and his bloodhound of Sioux City, and they arrived yesterday afternoon to work on the trail of the burglars, who are presumed to be local talent. The dog took up the scent easily at the saloon and followed with some difficulty two miles east of town where the trail was lost in the middle of the road, and further operations with the dog were abandoned. The scent was thirty-six hours old when the dog began work.

THOMAS SPENCE DEAD.

Provisional President of the "Republic" of Manitoba. Winnipeg, March 28.—Thomas Spence, who was prominently connected with the early history of Manitoba, and for many years clerk of the legislature, is dead at Edmonton, aged seventy-five. In 1869, when a republic was formed of the present province of Manitoba, Spence was elected president, but the "republic" did not receive recognition from the imperial authorities, and was compelled to disband.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Handled the Wrong End of the Gun and Is Injured. Sioux Falls, S. D., March 28.—Clifford Gillespie, the sixteen-year-old son of J. E. Gillespie, was, perhaps, fatally injured while hunting rabbits near the Sioux river. A 22-caliber rifle he was drawing toward him by the muzzle, was accidentally discharged, and the ball passed through one of his lungs, or is lodged near them. His physicians decided not to probe for the ball at present.

Cotton Promoted Rear Admiral.

Milwaukee, March 28.—The Journal received a telegram from Secretary of the Navy Long announcing that the promotion of Capt. Cotton as rear admiral takes effect to-day, and that he is assigned to duty as president of the naval retiring board at the Washington navy yard. Capt. Cotton is Wisconsin's senior officer in the navy and the first Wisconsin man to secure the rank of rear admiral.

Jail on Fire.

Baraboo, Wis., March 28.—August Radloff was almost burned to death at Reedsburg. He had been placed in the city jail on a charge of intoxication, and during the night the building took fire from the stove. The place became filled with smoke and Radloff made loud demonstrations for help. He was rescued more dead than alive, and for a time it was thought he would not recover.

Herried for Governor.

Aberdeen, S. D., March 29.—Charles N. Herried, former lieutenant governor of South Dakota, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor of the state.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

Joseph Bauer, aged seventy, died at Red Wing.

Arlington is to have a new electric light plant.

A new \$7,000 town hall is to be built at Litchfield.

Elbow Lake will build an electric lighting plant.

First National bank to be organized at Eveleth, Minn.

The Lutherans at St. James will build a \$6,000 church.

Society hall at Wadena was destroyed by fire. It will be rebuilt.

Baptists are making plans for a summer assembly at Lake Minnetonka.

Lee Beardsley of Rochester was found dead in bed from heart failure. The name of the postoffice at Edna, Polk county, has been changed to Beltrami.

House to house registration of letters will be extended on April 1 to Faribault.

George Crosby, a burglar of Pine Island, was sent to the St. Cloud reformatory.

A roller mill and electric plant has been completed at Pine Island at a cost of \$20,000.

The Minnesota Prohibition convention nominated Rev. B. B. Haugan of Fergus Falls for governor.

A new electric railway company plans to make St. Paul the center of an extensive suburban system.

Gov. Lind has requested Attorney General Douglas to investigate the Savings Association of Minneapolis.

Harry F. Briggs, a third-class carrier in the St. Paul postoffice, was promoted to the second class. Salary increased to \$1,000.

A large boarding stable at Red Wing, conducted by August Benson, was burned recently. Three horses and one cow were cremated.

Representative Tawney has filed a recommendation for the appointment of John Stendahl as postmaster at Arandahl, Fillmore county.

Several Winona men of means have become interested in the removal of the Fountain City factory to Winona, and it is probable that a stock company will be formed.

M. J. Gallagher, a traveling man, was arrested at Winona on complaint of Dairy and Food Inspector Campbell for selling to a firm of grocers a barrel of adulterated vinegar.

J. H. Burton's fine residence property at Brainerd was totally destroyed by fire. The loss on house and furniture was about \$3,000. The house was insured for \$900 and the furniture for \$600.

Representative Eddy reported favorably from the committee on Indian affairs the bill granting right of way to the Minnesota & Manitoba Railroad company through the Red Lake reservation.

More men have been injured and killed in the lumber woods of the Duluth district this winter than ever before. Almost every day some woodsman is brought to a hospital or a morgue.

The United States geological survey is to take up the question of a thorough survey of the Mesaba range, and will begin work as soon as the weather permits. Three years will probably be required for the work.

At Winona Mayor Jacobi is out \$1 and the Model \$10 on account of forged checks passed upon them by a stranger, the checks purporting to be signed by W. M. Hurlbert. The police have been unable to arrest the man.

The refusal of congress to vote a further appropriation in support of sectarian schools on Indian reservations will deprive between 200 and 250 Chippewa Indian pupils at White Earth of school privileges and moral and mental training.

The grand jury has returned indictments against four malt shops, otherwise termed "blind pigs," at Warren. John Bland was arrested for selling without a license, and the case will come up before Judge Watts during the present term.

Adolph Daman, a young man 18 years old, son of August Daman of Castle Rock, died suddenly of measles. The question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$21,000 for a new school building was voted upon at Henderson and carried by a vote of 181 against 61.

By the enrolling of thirty propellers and barges belonging to the Bessemer Steamship company, Duluth is made the second largest port of entry on the great lakes, ranging close to Cleveland. The total number of vessels enrolled at this port is 275, with an approximate tonnage of 230,000 tons.

A trestle span on the stock pile of the Pioneer mine at Ely collapsed when an ore train moving from the shaft to the dump passed over it. Four men were precipitated to the dump with the cars and John Westerholm, the motorman, was instantly killed. Two other men were seriously hurt.

A cow belonging to the state school for the deaf at Faribault, which was being fattened for slaughter, suddenly refused to eat. The animal was killed, and upon examination, a dozen or more tenpenny nails were found in the cow's stomach. They had formed into a lump obstructing the passage of food.

The directors of the Southern Minnesota Fair association held a special meeting to consider a proposition from the Western Racing association to accept a date for a meeting this fall. The proposition is favorably considered by the directors and the stockholders will be expected on Saturday to vote in favor of accepting the date offered, the last week in August.

The Retail Grocers' Association of Duluth has taken action against Imperial flour, one of the products of the United States Flour Milling company. Imperial flour was formerly made in the Imperial mill at Duluth, but that mill, together with all other mills at the head of the lakes, has been closed by the combine. Of late, it is said, flour has been made in Minneapolis, branded Imperial, and sold in Duluth. The grocers held that it was prejudicial to the interests of Duluth workmen and decided not to handle any more of it until the Imperial mill is opened again.

FOR RECEIVING A BRIBE.

Ex-Member of the Omaha Board of Education Under Arrest.

Omaha, Neb., March 30.—A complaint charging George O. Ireby, a member of the board of education, with receiving a bribe, was filed in police court yesterday upon information furnished by I. J. Dunn, assistant county attorney. The charge is set forth in two counts. The first alleges that on Dec. 11, 1899, Ireby accepted \$10 from Charles A. Chiniquy, in consideration of which Ireby was to assist him in getting a contract from the school board to furnish 3,200 square feet of Venetian blinds for the three new school buildings at 28 cents per foot. The second count is substantially the same. It alleges five days later Ireby accepted from Chiniquy a cashier's check on the Merchant's National Bank of Chicago for \$15, the consideration being the same as in the first count.

AMERICAN COAL IN JAPAN.

First Cargo of the United States Product to Arrive There.

Chicago, March 30.—T. Furuta, Japanese consul in Chicago, speaking of advice he had just received from Japan, in which it was stated the steamer Needles, carrying 6,000 tons of coal from Virginia, had arrived at Nagasaki, said: "This is the first shipment of American coal ever imported into Japan. It establishes a new commercial precedent between Japan and the United States. Though we have use for American coal, freight rates have been exorbitantly high against its importation."

RELEASED BY DRUGS.

Hundreds of Germans Escape Military Service by This Means.

Berlin, March 30.—A sensational criminal trial has begun in Elberfeld. The defendants are charged with conspiracy in liberating hundreds of strong and healthy men from military service by the use of certain drugs which affected them temporarily. Cologne physicians and druggists and army surgeons are also implicated. After disposing of the present case the officials will begin preparations for trying a second and larger case of a similar character with ramifications in the Rhenish provinces and Westphalia.

DUNKARD COLONISTS.

Nearly Two Thousand on Their Way to North Dakota.

Chicago, March 30.—Over 1,800 prospective settlers, chiefly Dunkers, will leave here this week or next for Devils Lake district in North Dakota, where they will make their future homes. They will leave over the Wisconsin Central for St. Paul; from St. Paul they will go to the North Dakota district over the Northern Pacific. Some are from Chicago, but the vast majority will arrive shortly from points covered by the Central states.

PROTEST BY THE POWERS.

Turkey Must Not Increase Import Duties Without Consulting Europe.

Constantinople, March 30.—The foreign embassies here have sent a collective note to the government declaring in positive terms that they will consent to no increase in import duties without a previous understanding being reached between the powers and the port. The embassies also propose to protest against the stamp duties already put in force without such an agreement being made.

SECOND SIELDON SCHEME.

Rev. Holmes of Baltimore Soliciting Subscriptions From Christians.

Baltimore, March 30.—Rev. J. M. Holmes, pastor of the Memorial Methodist Protestant church, who proposes to interest the Christians of the state in the publication of a daily newspaper, has issued circulars, one of which will be sent to every minister and to every head of a religious society in the state. The paper is to cost 2 cents a copy and will have no objectionable features.

AMERICANS AND BOERS.

Students in Paris Will Give a Ball to Help the Wounded.

Paris, March 30.—Eighty-five American students of architecture gave their annual ball under the patronage of Mrs. Lee and her beautiful niece, Miss Lattimer. Fashionable society attended in a body. The affair was such a success that it has been decided to give another ball on April 1. This time there will be an admission fee of \$10 to help the Boer wounded.

WAR IS IMMINENT.

Trouble Between Russia and Japan in Korea.

London, March 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Kobe, dated March 28, says: "Renewed trouble between Russia and Japan in Korea is imminent. The movements of the Russian fleet indicate the probability of the seizure of a Korean port. The war office officials at Tokio are holding conferences, and there has been considerable military and naval activity in Japan this month."

Escaped in the Darkness.

Manila, March 30.—Two submarines discovered a steamer signalling with the shore at Cape Bowdler, island of Luzon. They pursued the steamer, which extinguished her lights and escaped seaward in the darkness.

Engineers Were Killed.

Chicago, March 30.—The Columbus & Wheeling express train on the B. & O. crashed into a Chicago Junction freight at Whiting, Ind. The engineer of the passenger train was killed and the fireman severely injured.

Charged With Safe-Blowing.

Jacksonville, Ky., March 30.—George W. Clarke, of Macon, Ga., was arrested here yesterday, charged with blowing open the safe of the Perry Loan and Savings Company of Perry, Ga., some weeks ago, securing \$4,000.

Five Passengers Hurt.

Glasgow, Ky., March 30.—The south-bound Louisville & Nashville passenger train ran into a freight train which was entering a switch at Cave City. Five passengers were hurt, none seriously.