

## AS SEEN BY PROCTOR

Vermont Senator Tells of the Terrible Situation in Cuba.

He Went to the Unhappy Island Thinking the Sad Picture Had Been Overdrawn, But Soon Undeceived Himself.

Washington, March 18.—Senator Proctor, of Vermont, who returned last Sunday from an extended trip to and through the island of Cuba, on Thursday afternoon made a statement to the senate of his observations on the island. Senator Proctor was accorded the closest attention throughout his speech. He confined himself to his manuscript, and at the conclusion, while there was no demonstration, he was cordially congratulated by many of his colleagues. A synopsis follows: He began by saying that more impor-

## THE AMAZONAS IS OURS.

Old Glory Unfurled from Her Mast—Interesting Ceremony in Port of Gravesend, Eng.

Gravesend, England, March 19.—The cruiser Amazonas, built by the Armstrongs for Brazil and purchased by the United States, was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the stars and stripes shortly after 11 o'clock in the morning.

Lieut. Commander Colwell, United States naval attaché, accompanied by Ensign Roberts, Assistant Engineer Morris and Consul General Osborne, arrived on board shortly after 11 a. m. The chief officers of the coast guard and a number of customs officers all in uniform were already on board. Lieut. Commander Colwell and his party were received at the gangway by Lieut. Santos, and were escorted to the captain's cabin, where they were received by Commander Corres. In reply to Lieut. Commander Colwell's inquiry, Com-

## AID MUST BE SENT.

Urgent Needs of the 205,000 Starving Reconcenrados in Unhappy Cuba.

New York, March 22.—Dr. Louis Klopsch, now in Cuba, in charge of the American relief work, cables from Havana under date of March 21 to the Christian Herald:

"The situation is simply this: Two hundred and five thousand reconcenrados in over 400 accessible towns are helplessly destitute. Unless we can get regularly, without a break, 300 tons of cornmeal and 50 tons of lard or bacon every week we cannot effectively relieve the suffering. Spasmodic and unsystematic efforts defeat all good intentions. Canned goods are useless and condensed milk should be substituted. Fifteen thousand dollars weekly will feed every starving man, woman and child in Cuba. Small, irregular shipments are only tantalizing."

## Well-Known Woman Dead.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 21.—Dr. Elizabeth S. Dalbey-Norred died here Sunday. She was born in Wells county,

## B. K. BRUCE PASSES AWAY.

Was Register of the Treasury at Time of His Death—Had Served One Term in Senate.

Washington, March 18.—Blanche K. Bruce, register of the treasury, died Thursday morning.

Washington, March 22.—The funeral of Blanche K. Bruce, ex-slave, ex-senator, and twice register of the treasury, was held here Monday. The Metropolitan A. M. E. church was crowded with the representative colored population of the city. Among the floral tributes was a handsome wreath from the white house with the card of President McKinley.

Blanche K. Bruce was born in Prince Edward county, Va., March 1, 1841, and therefore was 77 years old. He was of African descent, was born a slave, and received the rudiments of education from the tutor of his master's son. He taught school for a time in Hannibal, Mo., and later became a student at Oberlin. In 1859 he became a planter in Mississippi and was ap-

## GAINED 22 POUNDS IN 5 WEEKS

From the By-Stander, Macomb, Ill. Alderman Louis W. Camp, of our city, has quite astonished his friends of late, by a remarkable gain in weight. He has gained 22 pounds in five weeks. Those of his friends who do not know the facts of his sickness will read with interest the following: "I was broken down in health and utterly miserable," said Mr. Camp to our reporter. "I was unable to work much of the time and so badly afflicted with a form of stomach trouble that life was a veritable nightmare. I tried various remedies, but during the six months of my sickness I obtained no relief. I had always been a robust, healthy man, and sickness bore heavily upon me. About two years ago I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I purchased one box and received so much benefit that I used twenty-two pounds in five weeks. Since I stopped taking the pills I have scarcely had an ache or pain."



Interviewing the Alderman. "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills restored me to health, and I most heartily recommend them."

L. W. Camp on oath says that the foregoing statement is true.

W. W. MELOAN, Notary Public.

Following is the physician's certificate as to Mr. Camp's present condition: I am a regularly licensed physician of Macomb, McDonough County, Ill. I have very recently examined Mr. L. W. Camp as to his general physical condition, and find the same to be all that could be desired, appetite and digestion good, sleeps well, and has all the evidences of being in a good physical condition.

SAMUEL RUSSELL, M. D. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1897.

W. W. MELOAN, Notary Public.

## Willie's Query.

Willie—Say, pa? Pa—Well, what is it, Willie? "Is painting the town red a cardinal sin?"

—Chicago Evening News.

## STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists. 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

## A Distinction.

Stranger to Highlander in full uniform) —Sandy, are you cold with the kilt? —Sandy—Na, mon, but I'm nigh kilt wi' the cauld.—Detroit Free Press.

## Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it, because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 15 cents as coffee. 15 and 25c.

## In the Base Clef.

Every musician has the idea that if he would consent to lower himself to do it, he could write a successful popular song.—Somerville Journal.

## Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, nervous, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Trial package free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

## Natural History.

Teacher—What can you tell me about the rabbit? Pupil—Its left hind-foot is lucky.—Pack.

## Oh, What Splendid Coffee.

Mr. Goodman, Williams Co., Ill., writes: "From one package Salzer's German Coffee Berry costing 15c I grew 300 lbs. of better coffee than I can buy in stores at 30 cents a lb."

A package of this and big seed catalogue is sent you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 15 cents stamps and this notice. Send for same to-day. K1.

Very few people care to be undertakers, yet a great many are willing to run funerals.—Washington Democrat.

There is no reason why a calico dress should not look as well as a stuff dress if it be properly made. Get a piece of Simpson's Print and you can find nothing to equal it in quality, brilliancy of color or beauty of design. The name Wm. Simpson & Sons on the ticket is the best guarantee you can have.

Whenever we hear the women talk indignantly because another woman is spoiling her husband, we hunt him up to congratulate him.—Atchison Globe.

## Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the Cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once; druggists are dangerous.

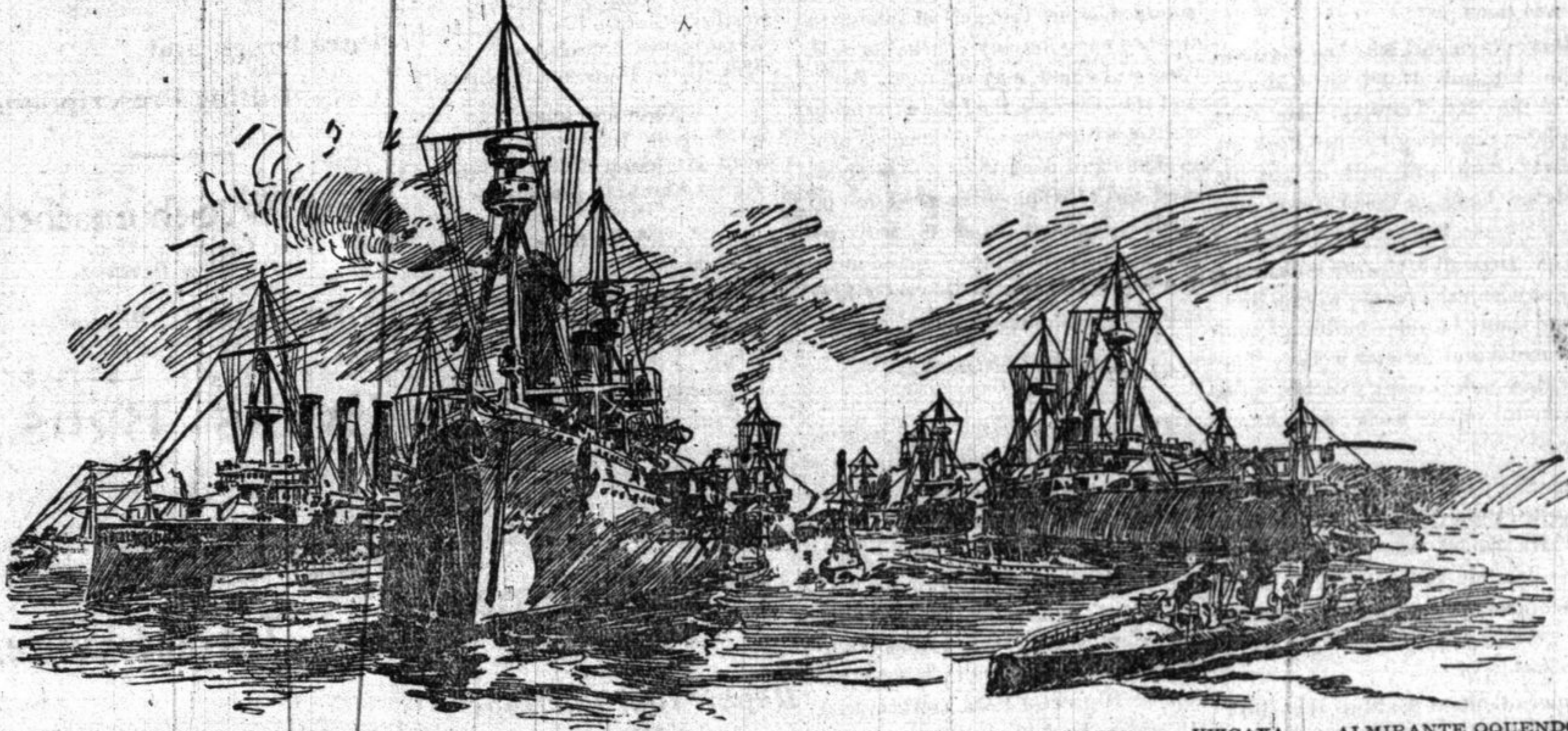
You know what you say about your poor kin? Well, that's the way your folks who have money talk about you.—Atchison Globe.

I can recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption to sufferers from Asthma.—E. D. Townsend, Ft. Howard, Wis., May 4, '94.

No mistake. Thousands have been cured. Promptly of neuralgia by St. Jacobs Oil.

The best man is he who tries to perfect himself; and the happiest man is he who feels that he is perfecting himself.—Socrates.

## WAR VESSELS OF SPAIN WHICH WOULD DEFEND THE HARBOR OF HAVANA.



ALFONSO XII. EMPERADOR CARLOS V. PELAYO. CRISTOBAL COLON. ALFONSO XIII. MARIA TERESA. VIZCATA. ALMIRANTE OQUENDO.

tance had been attached to his visit than necessary, but he thought a public statement would be beneficial. The only thing, he said, that he had said about the matter to the president was that he was going and asked if there was any objection to it, and was told that there was none. He had letters from Assistant Secretary of State Day, and business men of the United States. He said that Gen. Lee and other United States representatives in Cuba afforded him opportunity to secure information.

He denied that he made the statement that the Maine was blown up from the outside, but might have said that was the opinion in Havana. The senator thought there was no definite information to be obtained upon this feature.

Outside of Havana there was desolation and misery. People were surrounded by trenches and controlled by forts or block houses. His observations, he said, were in the four western provinces. Outside of the trenches and forts there were no habitations or people living. The Spaniards, he said, held in the four provinces only what their army sites on.

Senator Proctor described at some length the condition of the reconcenrados, saying one-half of them had died owing to the manner in which they had been kept in the small houses and had sanitation. It was no wonder that one-half had died, he added. He went to Cuba, he said, thinking the condition of the people had been overdrawn, but found their situation terrible. What he saw he could not tell so others could see. In one place in Havana, the senator said, he saw 400 people lying on stone floors with little clothing. The children had no clothing, he continued. The people may be assured, he continued, "that their bounty will reach the destitute," and, he added: "The condition of the reconcenrados will not be changed until peace comes. Gen. Blanco's order of November 13 is of little practical use. No beneficial results have followed." For this he did not blame Gen. Blanco as Blanco looked at the matter from a military point of view.

As to the military, he said there were about 50,000 Spanish troops. He thought they would fight well. There was no artillery. The troops live in barracks. The cavalry is mounted mostly on ponies. He said the Cubans had about 20,000 men in the field and were very active. The Cubans were well armed, but poorly supplied with ammunition. About one-third of the Cuban army are negroes. The cavalrymen furnish their own horses. The dividing line between the parties is sharp. It is Cubans against Spaniards. The autonomists he did not consider, as they were inconsiderable in number.

The Spaniards did not want perfect autonomy, as it meant government by the Cubans. He inquired as to autonomy of men of wealth, business and professional men. "Without exception their reply was that it was too late for peace under Spanish rule. Some favored annexation by the United States.

Senator Proctor said he was not in favor of annexation. The conditions for self-government in Cuba were favorable, and not much danger of revolutions. He would not make any recommendations as to what should be done. He thought the matter might safely be left to an American president and the American people. With these words he closed.

## Ex-Congressman Woodman Dead.

Chicago, March 19.—Ex-Congressman Charles W. Woodman died Friday in the Elgin insane asylum. Since last October he had suffered from paresis, brought on by a rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. In 1891 he was sent to congress by the republicans of the Fourth district, serving one term.

mander Corres said he was ready to transfer the vessel forthwith, and Messrs. Colwell, Roberts and Morris donned their uniforms, and proceeding on deck gathered near the flagstaff from which the green flag of Brazil was flying.

Then Lieut. Commander Colwell, saluting Commander Corres, said: "Captain, I have here a contract of sale, to which you were a witness and whereby this vessel is to be transferred to me, in behalf of the United States."

Commander Corres replied, through an interpreter, saying: "In handing over the ship I desire to say that it is done with the sincere friendship of Brazil."

Lieut. Commander Colwell, saluting, replied: "In behalf of the United States, I thank you for the sentiment."

A Brazilian sailor then brought down

Ind., October 14, 1843. November 16, 1865, she was married to Dr. Charles H. Norred, a surgeon in the Seventh Illinois cavalry. In 1881 she was graduated from the Woman's medical college, of Chicago. Her standing in the profession was represented by membership in the Illinois State Medical society, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky Tri-Medical societies, the American Medical society, the Society of Physicians and Surgeons, Minneapolis, Hennepin County Medical society, and the Minnesota State Medical society. She was also connected with various hospitals and church work.

## Niagara's Ice Bridge.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 21.—Masses of ice continue to come down stream, to be stopped by the gorge, adding strength to the ice bridge al-

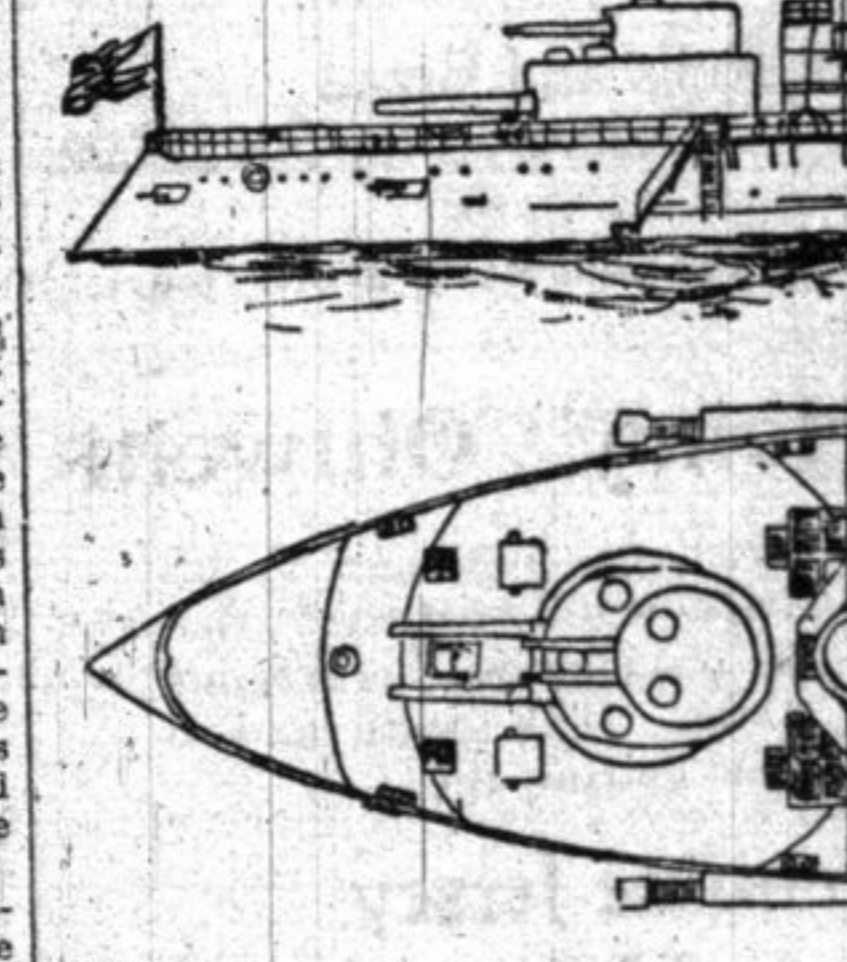
pointed a member of the Mississippi levee board. He was elected sheriff of his county, and subsequently superintendent of education. In 1876 he was elected United States senator as a republican, and served until March 3, 1881. He was a member of every republican national convention held since 1868. In 1881 he was appointed by President Garfield register of the treasury, and later was appointed recorder of deeds and clerk of Columbia. About six months ago he was again appointed register of the treasury by President McKinley. Next after Fred Douglas Mr. Bruce has long been regarded as perhaps the most conspicuous man of his race.

## A Big Hotel Burned.

Butte, Mont., March 22.—The Hale house, a large three-story brick building on East Broadway, used as a lodging and boarding house by miners in the employ of the Anaconda company, was entirely destroyed by fire which broke out shortly after three o'clock

## DIMENSIONS AND FEATURES.

Length on load waterline, 368 feet; beam, extreme, 72 feet 3 inches; freeboard forward, 14 feet 3 inches; freeboard aft, 12 feet 3 inches; mean draught, with 400 tons of coal on board, 23 feet 6 inches; corresponding displacement, 11,555 tons; speed in knots, per hour, 16; indicated horsepower, 10,000; normal coal supply, 400 tons; bunker capacity, coal untrimmed, 1,210 tons.



## BATTERIES.

Main—Four 13-inch breech-loading rifles, four 8-inch breech-loading rifles and fourteen 5-inch rapid-firing breech-loading rifles. Secondary—Twenty six-pounder rapid-firing, six one-pounder rapid-firing, four machine guns. There are four torpedo tubes, two on either broadside.

## LINE OF THE UNITED STATES' TWIN FIRST-CLASS BATTLESHIPS "KEARSARGE" AND "KENTUCKY," LAUNCHED MARCH 24.

Brazil's blue-starred pennant from the top of the mainmast, carrying it in his teeth. In the center of the circle of officers of both nations, Lieut. Commander Colwell then faced the Brazilian flag flying from the cruiser's stern, and as the officers bared their heads the flag of Brazil was hauled down at 11:10 a. m., after which, facing about with their heads still uncovered, Old Glory was run up the main.

Great interest was taken in the ceremony, which is said to be unique in naval history, by which one power transferred a warship to another in the harbor of a third power.

ready solid enough to bear the weight of a person. Passenger trains running near slacken their speed that those aboard may have the opportunity of witnessing one of the most weirdly beautiful sights to be seen in the world.

## War Supplies Duty Free.

Washington, March 21.—The house on Saturday passed without division the bill reported from the ways and means committee, providing for the free entry into this country of guns, ammunition and other naval supplies and war material purchased abroad until January 1, 1899.

Monday morning. So far as known two men are dead from injuries received in jumping from windows, another is dying and 20 are missing, while a search of the ruins may disclose the fact that many transient lodgers lost their lives also. There were 250 men and women in the building when the fire broke out.

## Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, March 22.—Flames broke out in the Shoemen building in Dearborn street, near Van Buren, shortly after noon Monday and in an hour the seven-story structure had been completely gutted. Loss, \$145,000.

## NEARING THE

Court of Inquiry Way to W

Will Not Be Sent Monday—Plan of Hines—Allen Interv

Washington, Mar meeting Tuesday in an hour and was de the Spanish situat the forthcoming court of inquiry tone of the discus determined that the end to the present Cuba. Secretary statement that the fore the cabinet w would reach Wa Thursday or Frida voluminous, and t and transmission to occur until next M the president wou time to give the d consideration that acter required.

Plan to f Other cabinet of general plan inclu presidential messa report, stating th called upon to m to the case presen query. While the the president ma reserve as to the their deliberations that the coming re the Maine exposi of an accident, b ternal cause. T substantial unfin part of the presid both as to the M general subject of

All Phases The possibility tervention in c make suitable r entations we wi ing the Maine r discussed. Nece tion of the Maine an abstract disc no conclusion ha is it possible; un us for the court's president and the time there is a ve consider all event recourse to inter tion of independe ods which appeal requirements of s It is believed t the president, ho a very material a tion in Cuba by t the best and mo of obtaining thi of the administr self will so far r to see the nec action on her par as shall comman this country, and end to all differe

Pending a de ment's final poli tinations have Spanish govern official knowled would regard a independence, o Spanish minister Tuesday that a Reports attribut on the subject of warranted and u he has no. (diec of the pending o

It is said that incident Prede cooperation of of congress, his tervention in Cu gress will appr relief of the sta and that suppli us a government consented to th tration is dete any resistance, ships said to use necessary.

Has Ma The navy de Keep informed peo feet, now s Word of its dep the department tively that the McKinley has a coming of this There has been

Starts W Key West, F Commander, M the United Sta into the loss o left Key West his way to Wa him the report aster.

Don't Expect Madrid, Mar minister for the paper men who that the report inquiry would had been expc the American r probable as Spa