FEEDING THE CUBANS

America Doing What Spain Has Failed to Do.

Senator Proctor Belleves That the Maine Explosion Came From the Outside.

Havana, March 15.-Everything indicates that the distribution of relief stores sent from the United States will go forward hereafter more speedily and effectively, attaining better results fare. It is called the Bowery mission than ever before. While much good lodging-house, and is conducted by the room for improvement.

crisis yesterday in Matanzas, where mission purposes, gospel meetings bethere was a want of proper preparation ing held there daily. The two upper on the part of certain relief agents ap- floors were fitted up as cheap lodgings, pointed from Havana, where, in view with accommodations for 150 males, of the large daily average of deaths, it who paid 10 to 25 cents each, accordwas felt that there should have been | ing to the location of the room. greater dispatch in delivering supplies and in arranging to have them properly occupied. At 1:30 o'clock this morncooked. But it is stated that the ing, one of the lodgers discovered flames United States consul-general and soming from a washroom on the third Lewis Klopsch, of President McKinley's Goor, but before he had time to alarm special commission, will not only ex- the house, the fire was noticed by perercise a close business supervision, but sons on the street. By this time the will insist that the work of today shall flames had eaten their way to the top not be put off until tomorrow.

a famous Catholic priest, who will not given and the inmates aroused. Wild allow his name to be published, will scenes of excitement ensued. Many of give all the aid in his power to Consul- the lodgers became panic-stricken. General Lee and Mr. Klopsch, not only They rushed into the halls and fell in Havana, where the suffering is over each other in their offerts to reach much alieviated, but outside, where re- the streets. Those on the lower floors lief is most urgently needed.

come will not be properly used.

governor has appoinnted a distribution | The firemen saved many lives. committee. They scoure his signature to orders for food, which is then delivered by United States Consul Brice from the warehouse. The local firemen see that food is delivered to the needy. They have been active in relief work bitherto, and have made a careful canvass from house to house.

Mr. Brice has appointed three American women with power to give aid independently of the governor's signature to those who are called "silent sufferers," the class who have sold or pawned everything, but are too proud to let their wants be known.

The Fern and Bergen have gone with supplies. Mr. Brice is satisfied with the arrangements and is much encouraged. He says great good will be accomplished in the course of a week. Condensed milk, of which too much has been sent to Havana, is badly needed at Matanzas and Sagua. One woman in the Matanzas hospital, on hearing the word "milk", went frantic, shricking "milk" for hours.

Mr. Brice has supervision of the entire relief work, with full power to give personally in cases he knows to be deserving. Senor de Armas, the governor, is said to be a humane and good

The Anita, with the congressional party, left today for Sagua.

TO MEET THE EMERGENCY. Policy Said to Have Been Formulated

by the Administration. St. Paul, March 15 .- The Globe's Washington special says: The president and his cabinet know officially the result of the Maine inquiry. They are prepared to act. They have canvassed the course of events so far as they can foresce them, and have formulated a policy to meet the emergency. Along its line, the administration expects to move, unless it is swept off its feet by a wave of popular dissatisfaction.

The Globe's special correspondent is able to present the forecast of events as viewed by the president and his cabinet. It can be outlined thus: First-The board of inquiry will report that the explosion was external. Second-The president will imme-

diately, through Minister Woodford, demand from Spain an indemnification of \$10,000,000. Third-Spain in expected to reply, expressing her willingness to pay if she is responsible, but maintaining that her own investigation shows that the ex-

plosion was internal and purely accidental. She will, therefore, suggest reference to an international board of arbitration.

Fourth-In such an event, the administration would be disposed to com- into the Yukon country by way of the ply with the suggestion, unless there is Stickeen route. Among them was A. a conflict in Havana or an irresistible L. Brown, of Massachusetts, who sucdemand for war sweeps through con-

Fifth-If congress acquiesces in the suggestion, the attempt will be made to adjourn the body and leave the whole matter in the president's hands.

Sixth-It is expected that a large majority of congressmen will claim that such a matter of honor cannot be arbi- 000 was realized for the fund of the of ammunition, consisting of 24 tons Nebraska case." (Long decisions by trated. It is further expected that the wounded survivors and the families of leaders of both houses, including Sen- those killed on the battle-sihp Maine is being transferred by lighter to Fort ator Davis of Minnesota, will favor by a monster theatrical matinee given Warren and the fortifications at Long that his maximum rate bill will be he ever knew was drowned in a vat of

BOWERY MISSION FIRE.

Eleven Men Were Burned to Death in

New York, March 15.-Eleven men lort their lives in the fire which swept the Bowery mission lodging-house this morning and left it a blackened shell. Their bodies are so charred that most WORK OF DISTRIBUTION BEGINS lead are supposed to be:

Ellas Cuddy, 29 years old, address

not known. John Moran, Stapleton, S. I. McDermott, 29 years old, address not

James O'Rourke. James Soden, of Spottswood, N. J.

Six bodies unidentified.

No. 105 Bowery is one of the bestknown lodging-houses on that thoroughbuilding there is a cheap restaurant. Matters appear to have reached a The second floor is used exclusively for

Last night almost every bed was was

of the building, and were bursting Everyone is gratified to learn that through the roof when the alarm was got to the streets safely by the stair-The United States consuls at Matan- ways, while those on the upper floors zas and Sagna and the consular agents groped their way through the blinding in other cities can be relied upon, it is smoke to the fire escape in front of the believed, with the help of the local building. A majority of them saved Spanish committees, to push forward only portions of their ciothing, while the good work with all due speed. The several of them were naked. Those need of relief supplies is practically who made their way to the streets by and iminished, and there is no fear that the fire escapes were superficially the contributions already here or to burned by the excessive heat of the iron ladders, which in many places had A correspondent at Matanzas says the become redhot from the flames within.

DOLE HOME AGAIN.

He Believes That Annexation Will Ullimately Succeed.

San Francisco, March 15. - The steamer China which left Hong Kong February 12 and Honolulu February 34, arrived today, bringing these Ha-

President Dole returned to Honolulu the morning of the 4th. After a cabinet meeting held immediately upon his arrival he was interviewed by a press representative. He spoke very frankly on matters pertaining to his mission to Washington.

wafi. When that has quieted down interest in Hawaiian annexation will be paramount in congress. When I was in Washington I met many friends of Hawaii. They feel confident that annexation will come. While there reliance in what was said to me by senators and representatives who are fighting for Hawaii, for I know them to be

working faithfully and earnestly. 'What is Speaker Reed's attitude?' "When I was in the American capital I learned that he has always opposed annexation, although he has made no demonstration against the treaty. impression of President McKinley? Well, I will reply that it is extremely favorable. I found him to be an unassuming, frank and sterling man. He seems to have set his heart and soul on the annexation treaty.

"Our reception was extremely cordial and hospitable. All along the line to and from Washington throngs of people came to see me. We shook hands, and in many instances I was obliged to speak briefly from the car platform. It was from these people addition of Hawaii was the popular sentiment throughout the land."

GAVE UP THE ATTEMPT.

Klondikers Could Not Get in by

Stickeen Route. Port Townsend, March 15 .- The steamer Cottage City, which are from Alaska tonight, brought a number of passengers from Fort Wrangel, who have given up the attempt to get ceeded in getting about 40 miles above depth of the snow stopped further liberality at this time may lessen the progress. Mr. Brown says about 1,000 men with their outfits are snowed in between Wrangel and Glenora.

Philadelphia, March 15 .- Over \$6,at the academy of music.

SPURIOUS COINS IN PRISON.

Two Convicts at Folsom Are Caught in the Act of Counterfeiting.

Folsom, Cal., March 14 .- A counterfeiting plant has been discovered Governor Leedy's Denunciawithin the walls of the state prison here. The work was done in the engine-room by Convicts L. H. Coyne and if them may never be recognized. The James Brown, and so far as known only nickels were coined, presumably because no precious metals could be obtained.

The men were discovered in the act of making bogus coins by guards, who had been told of what was going on. When the officers rushed in Coyne and Brown leaped through a window and caual leading to the American river.

grounds to haul rock from the quarries. the prison.

for opium. Several of the bogus coins reporters, Governor Leedy said: bave been found in circulation in the

A Yukon Coal Mine. Seattle, March 14.-Coal in paying quantities has been found on the Yukon river about 1,000 miles above St. Michaels, and a company is about to be formed of Oregon and California capitalists to operate the mine. This discovery will be of vast importance to the river interests, as coal depots will be established at various points along the river so that steamers can depend on getting a supply of fuel at intervals of 300 or 400 miles. The promoters of the scheme say they can mine and transport coal to St. Michaels and intermediate points to sell at \$5 a ton, which they say will reduce present fuel bills over 300 per cent. The mine is close to the river bank, so that coal can be dumped direct into barges on the river.

A Terrible Fatality.

burning clothes off their mother. The than any that has been made. the hands and face.

Favorable Report Ordered.

Yes, I shall be very glad indeed to committee on public lands agreed to tell the people anything I may know report favorably the Shafroth bill for to the federal constitution, and says:

the cession of all arid lands to the "I deny it, and so will everybod" dent. "The Maine disaster absorbed states in which they are located. Unington previous to my departure for Ha- already been ceded to the respective states, but none but Wyoming have taken advantage of the act.

Rosecrans Dead.

the senate, still it was the concensus Redondo. His death was not unexpect- only human beings can do that." of opinion that a joint resolution would ed, it having been realized several After more in the same strain, the carry in both houses. I place much days ago that his illness could not have governor, still referring to the 14th other than a tatal termination.

Union Pacific Has Met the Cut. Omaha, March 14.-The Burlingfrom Omaha to Portland and Seattle, meeting the latest cut made by the is \$20 for first-class and \$10 for secondclass tickets.

Francis, of the Burlington, are both opposed to the war and are doing all they erty, and that means human beings." can to get the rates restored.

Seattle or Tacoma.

Mr. Bryan's Opinion of It. that I gathered the impression that the J. Bryan spent a few hours at Atlanta Justice Field and another federal juslast night on his way to Macon. When tice of the peace named Sawyer decided asked his opinion as regards the action the other way, and since then, whenof congress in placing \$50,000,000 at ever a corporation starts out to commit defense, Mr. Bryan said:

> have been better to have made it a hun- slave or a knave will yield assent to the dred millions to show the world that hideous distortion of meaning which congress and American people, without Judge Harlan gives to the word 'perregard to political differences, are son, as used in the 14th amendment, ready to support the administration in and upon which he bottoms his infaof the honor and welfare of the nation." "Does this appropriation mean war?"

"Not necessarily," replied Mr. Bryan. scended." Wrangel with his outlit before the "Instead of leading to war, a prompt probability of war, and in the end prove a wise economy."

Shot and Shell for Fort Warren. Boston, March 14 .- A consignment of shot and shell, came in today, and Marshall in 1860 are quoted).

tion of Supreme Court.

Special Session of Kansas Legislature Will Be Called to Pass Another Rate Law.

Topeka, Kan., March 14 .- The Poputhrew their dies and crucible into a list administration of the state of Kansas gave out a startling public address A large number of well-executed 5- today, one bristling with severe criti- in England. Other than these vessels, cent pieces were found. They were claim of the recent decision of the the government has no warships in made of Babbitt metal, taken from the United States supreme court in the Ne- sight for immediate purchase, accordhas been done, no doubt there is more Christian Herald. In one part of the engines which ron through the prison brasks maximum freight case. The adding to department officials at Washing dress is significant in that Governor ton. It is thought the dies were not made Leedy has already taken steps prelimby the men who coined the money, but inary to calling the state legislature in developments of the day were the deby some of the expert counterfeiters in special session, with the especial pur- cision of the house naval committee to pose of enacting a maximum freight The impression prevails among the rate law. While the address is given officers that it was the intention of the out over the signature of Governor convicts to coin a great quantity of Leedy, it had first been approved by nickels and ship them out on the freight Chief Justice Bosler, of the state sucars, where their friends on the out- preme court and other prominent Pop ride could receive them in exchange ulists. In giving the address to the

into jail? You may nut my signature motion in the South. to it and make it a signed statement, so that if anybody goes to jail it will be

The governor begins his address with the statement that for a year the press dispatches have said that the opinion in the Nebraska case would be adverse

to the state. Then he says: "The opinion has been handed down, and the Associated Press dispatches say that it is a clean victory for the railroads. On the contrary, it is an un-clean victory in every respect of the case, showing that no matter how carefully the robes of justice are folded about the personnel of the supreme court, the robes can no longer conceal the cloven hoof of official malfeasance and usurpation. As this decision was due a year ago, and as there was no known reason for the delay, and as the decision as rendered confirms the state-St. Louis, March 14.-Mrs. Helen ments made in the Associated Press Schwann was burned to death yester- dispatches from the to time, strong day while lighting a gasoline stove. color is given to the suspicion that She spilled some of the liquid on her the press dispatches emanated from dress while filling the tank. When some person in touch with the court, she struck a match to light the stove and were for the purpose of feeling the her dress ignited. Her screams at- pulse of the public and preparing it tracted her three small children, who for the decision which goes much furran to her and attempted to pull the ther in the direction of usurping power

was burned almost to a crisp | The governor declares that the conand died in terrible agony. The three stitution of Nebraska gives the legischildren were all badly burned about lature power to establish maximum charges for transportation, and declared that the supreme court has tried Washington, March 14.—The house to abrogate it. He challenges Justice Harlan's declaration that a corporation is a person under the 14th amendment

"I deny it, and so will everybody the attention of the statesmen in Wash- der the Carey act, 1,000,000 acres have jent judicial tool of corporate inter-

Governor Leedy then quotes the 14th amendment, and says:

"How, in the name of God, can this Los Angeles, March 14.-General apply to corporations? Corporations William Stark Rosecrans, the last great are not born; they are created-made was a doubt whether the treaty would captain of the Union army, died at 7 by law. They cannot be naturalized; secure the required political votes in o'clock this morning at his home near they can take no oath of allegiance;

amendment, says:

"Who are the persons who shall not, according to the provisions, be deprived ton and Union Pacific announce a rate of life, liberty or property, nor be denied equal legal protection? Everybody outside the asylum and off the Northern route. The fare from here judicial bench knows them to be-and to only be-natural persons. They are those who, beside the capacity to Lomax, of the Union Pacific, and hold property and enjoy legal protection, also have life and can enjoy lib-

Continuing, the governor quotes 'Hare on American Constitutional Kansas City, March 14.-Effective Law," and a decision by Justice today, the Rock Island announced a Woods, of the United States circuit rate of \$20 second-class on all passenger court, afterward supreme court justice, business from Kansas City to either to prove that the 14th amendment does not refer to corporations, and declares that the Woods decision had been followed in California, Rhode Island and Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—Hon. W. other states from 1870 to 1882, "when the president's disposal for the national highway robbery, pick a man's pocket, or loot a public treasury, it diguises it-"I am glad the house acted promptly self as a 'person' and goes out on its and unnanimously. In fact, it might mission of plunder. Nobody but a any action necessary for the protection mous decision, and which shows to what depths of iniquity the supreme court of the United States has de-

"I desire," the governor said, "to quote some of the decisions of the sureme court of the United States before it went into partnership with Morgan, Vanderbilt, Gould & Co., in opposition to the opinion they hold in the

In conclusion, Governor Leedy states presented to the Kansas legislature. . | whisky.

TWO NEW WARSHIPS.

Governmen Buys Those Building in

Washington, March 14 .- Hoping for the best and prepared for the worst about represents the situation in the war and navy departments these days. The officials still profess confidence that there is to be a peaceful outcome of A STARTLING PUBLIC ADDRESS the present threatening differences, but, meanwhile, prepare with serenity to meet their duty, if events shape them-

selves otherwise. It now seems probable that the Brazilian cruisers which have been several times reported as having been sold to Spain, will become the property of the United States government, negotiations

The most important and significant place in the naval appropriation bill a provision for three new battle-ships, and a conclusion, on the part of the secretary of war, to issue tomorrow morning an order creating a new military department, including within its confines that part of the country which would be in all likelihood nearest the "How long do you suppose a man can field of hostilities in case it would come write treason like this without getting to that. The order will cause a com field of hostilities in case it would come

New Military Department. The present department of Texas is abolished, and the headquarters, which have been at San Antonio, Tex., for so many years, are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one, the department of the South. General Graham, at present commander of the department of Texas, will command the new department. This department will include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas. All of the states, save the last, are at present attached to the department of the East, under command of General Merritt, of New York. It is said at the department that General Merritt is fully compensated for the strength of the command which has been taken from him, by the addition to his forces of the two regiments of artillery now recruiting.

Headquarters of the new department of the South will be at Atlanta, chosen because of its fine strategic value and its excellent railroad connections. At present, the government has no accommodations in Atlanta for the head- to start for Matanzas tomorrow. quarters of the department, so it will obliged to hire the most available buildings.

General Wilson, chief of engineers, who has been in Florida, is expected back tomorrow to report to Secretary today. Alger on the progress of the fortification work in that section of the country and probably especially as to the de-

For the first time today the officials of the war department admitted that they were straining every nerve to improve that part of the defense of the

country confided to their care. The immediate purchase of a large number of rapid-firing guns for the sea coast defenses has been authorized by Secretary of War Alger. So urgent is the necessity for prompt action in this matter deemed that the allotment of the \$50,000,000 carried by the Cannon defense bill will not be awaited before making the purchases. Orders have been given to the various arsenals and armories controlled by the government to increase their working forces to their fullest extent in order to expedite the completion of existing projects.

PROCTOR SAW A SKIRMISH.

How the Spaniards Are Crushing the Rebellion

New York, March 14.-A Herald dispatch from Key West says: Senator and the decision, therefore, is of much ence. Proctor and Colonel Parker give a most skirmish between a company of Span-

Before they reached the station they noticed that the telegraph wires had been cut, and some slight obstructions placed upon the track. On a hill in the distance they could see the silhouette of a dozen insurgents outlined against the sky. In the valley the Spanish cavalry had started toward them, but they were brought to a sudden halt by the bullets from the enemy The Spanish halted and formed a hollow square, while the officers found safety behind some convenient trees. Meanwhile the insurgents called for a truce and withdrew into the dense woods and the Spaniards returned to and receive the congratulations of the commander of the district.

All this byplay struck Senator Proctor as most amusing war tactics. An old Confederate veteran who accomthe insurgents. His reply was that there were more than a thousand behind the hills. The story is told that each member of that cavalry has already received a medal in commemoration of his bravery in that battle.

A Kentuckian says the luckiest man

A CHANGE OF POLICY.

Spain Supports the Cuban Constitu

Madrid, March 12.-Political and financial circles here realize that Spain is facing a grave problem. In view of the attitude of the United States, it is understood the Spanish government has changed its policy toward Cuba and is now courting the co-operation of the MANY UNAUTHENTIC RUMORS Cuban constitutional party, urging the maintenance of volunteers and the pushing of the campaign against the insurgents, thus giving the military policy predominance over diplomacy. This change is due to the fact that, if the radical autonomists insisted upon the disarming of the volunteers or infor their purchase having been opened cited the constitutionalists to disaffec. single additional ship for the navy. tion, a conflict would supervene, "affording the United States an opportunity for armed intervention."

A Bitter Spanish Defeat.

New York, March 12 .- The Cuban junta has received by messenger the official report of General Recios, who commanded the Cuban forces at the battle of Najasa on February 21 24. The details of the battle show that while the Cubans were outnumbered four to one, for four days they held their position and caused the Spanish troops to retreat, leaving 293 dead men the field. The messenger who brought the news also brought a copy of a Spanish paper admitting the retreat of the Spanish soldiers, but asserting that the four days' fighting resulted in a victory for Spain.

WORK IS NEARLY DONE.

Report of the Court of Inquiry Is Ex-

pected Soon Key West, March 12 .- The United States dispatch-boat Fern arrived this morning from Havana. The United States battle-ship Iowa has sailed for Tortugas. The torpedo-boat Porter also sailed for Tortugas with mail for the fleet.

The Fern brought the Maine's silverware and 60 rifles recovered from the wreck. Mr. Bissell, stenographer of the court of inquiry, was on board. Both of the stenographers have now left the court, and it has only a temporary clerk. This leads many to think that its work is practically done and that it will return to Key West shortly. The Fern coaled, and provisions for the starving Cubans were then put on board. She is scheduled

The Marblehead will go from the Tortugas to Tampa, where it is reported she will take on additional ammu-

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY

to the United States.

Julian Pauncefote, British ambassa. orders. dor, has informed the Canadian ministhe convention the British government has conceded the claim of the United States that three marine leagues should be measured from the shore of the mainland, and should proceed along ocean side of the islands, and that the delimiting line should be run across importance to the United States. The derstood that the British government Canadian ministry, but it was not so sweeping.

YAQUINA ALONE FAVORED.

Adverse Report on Amendments to Sundry Civil Bill.

Washington, March 12.-The senate committee on commerce has reported the several ships. These crews are adversely on the proposed amendments thoroughly familiar with the vessels. to the sundry civil appropriation bill, and could handle them with far greater the station in time to meet the train providing for river and harbor im- effect than green crews of bluejackets. has the effect of raling out all the ances would be about equivalent to the amendmenst of this character, except rates paid ordinary sailors, and the panied the party asked the Spanish the one offered by Senator McBride, time of enlistment would doubtless be officer why he had not given chase to providing for the improvement of Ya- limited to short periods quina barbor in Oregon and appropriating \$150,000 for this purpose, on favorable action was recommended.

Senator Frye, chairman of the com-Senator Frye, chairman of the com-mittee, afterwards explained the ad-bill authorizing the revival of the grade house amendments and various amend- bill authorizes the president to nomiments for rivers and harbors were laid nate any officer to this grade.

WORK IN NAVY YARDS

Arming and Manning of the Merchant Marines.

The United States Not Buying Any Cast-Off Warships-Large Number of Offers Have Been Made.

Washington, March 12. - The United States government has not acquired a This is true, not because of a lack of offers of warships from abroad, but simply for the reason that the navy department is proceeding with all the circumspection consistent with the needs of the case in looking to the prices and qualities of the craft. There is a strong disposition to refrain from being drawn into bad bargains and to insist on getting good vessels at prices

not extortionate. Secretary Long was in receipt of a large number of cable messages today, almost all relating to offers of ships. Lieutenant Niblock, United States naval attache at Berlin, St. Petersburg and Vienna, is particularly active in

quest of vessels. There was a good deal of talk during the day about the assignment of offi cers to the command of auxiliary cruisers, the St. Paul and St. Louis being especially mentioned, but Secretary Long set these stories at rest by the statement that he had not made any such assignments, and had only progressed to the point of informing himself of the possibility of getting the

ships officered and manned quickly. While looking after new ships, the officials of the navy department are not neglecting the other vessels, and arrangements have been made to make ort repairs on several ships that in the ordinary course would not treated in that fashion, but would require an entire overhauling. Thus, in the case of the Philadelphia, which has had five years hard work, and has never yet been gone over, as is the custom, orders have gone to Mare island to put her in shape for sea within 40 days. The Yorktown, at the same yards, is not to be touched at present, not only because she is in fair condition, but also because she is not so formidable a craft as to make it desirable to divert to her repair the attention required elsewhere. At Norfolk the Newark is set down for 30 days' repairs, and as a good deal of work has already been done on her, she will be almost a new

The British cruiser Cordelia sailed ship when she comes out of the yards. The big monitor Puritan has practically completed her repairs. monitor Comanche at Mare island has been examined and found in tolerable condition. At League island the Monitor Miantonomoh and the ram Katah-New York, March 12.-A dispatch din went into commission today, alto the Press from Ottawa says: Sir though they have not yet received their the Delaware river or drop down into try officially that he has arranged a convention with the United States sailed today from Mobile to attach herwhereby the Alaskan boundary dispute | self again to the flotilla at Key West. has been settled. Under the terms of Again it was said at the navy department that nothing had been heard from the court of inquiry at Havana, nor

from Admiral Sicard at Key West. The presence in the city of persons connected with steamship lines and the shores of the inlets, which are thus steel works led to the circulation of a recognized as arms of the ocean. The number of sensational stories during contention of the British and of the the day, but perhaps none of these had Canadian governments was that the the persistency of one, which met sumthree-league limit should begin on the mary denial at the hands of Assistant Secretary Day, to the effect that Minister Woodford had notified the Spanish the inlets, and not follow their shores, government that the president intended These inlets are numerous and extend sending to congress a message announcinto the mainland a great distance, ing his recognition of Cuban independ-

A conference was held at 3 o'clock in graphic and amusing description of a United States has agreed to the British | the office of Assistant Secretary Rooselocating the boundary on the limit of velt, to map out plans for arming and ish cavalry and a handful of insurgents | Chilkoot and White passes, because by | equipping merchant vessels as auxiliary which took place while they were on a the Russian-British agreement of 1825 cruisers. This work, it is said, could train near Matanzas and which was un- the line of demarcation was fixed as be accomplished readily within two doubtedly prepared for their special one running along the tops of the benefit. weeks' time, as all materials, except benefit. entirely unexpected by the Canadians, ordnance could not supply all the guns is regarded with disfavor. It was un- required within that short time, although some 70 or more are now availwas irritated at the forwardness of the able. The supply would be adequate, however, for the most effective auxilthought that the surrender would be lary cruisers and the complete principal ment of the merchant ships could proceed as rapidly as possible thereafter.

As to the question of manning the auxiliary fleet, the navy department feels that the most effective step would be to enlist in the United States naval service the present merchant crews of provements under the continuous con- The ships would be officered from the tract system and for which estimates line of the navy. In the case of enlisthave not been made. This decision ing a merchanterew, the pay and allow-

In the Interest of Miles,

Washington, March 12 .- The senate committee on military affairs today verse action to the senate, and the of lieutenant-general of the army. The is in the interest of General Miles.