sale for \$12,000,000.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented In a Condensed Form.

Forest fires are said to be starting up could find, and then set it on fire. sgain around Ashland, Wis.

The Santa Fe purchased the Atlantic & Pacific railroad at a foreclosure

The Transvaal will observe the queen's jubilee day as a holiday as a token of appreciation.

A big fire in Pittsburg, Pa., destroyed \$3,000,000 worth of property, and resulted in one death and the injury of four persons.

The banking-house of J. B. Wheeler & Co., in Manitou and Aspen, Colo., have gone into the hands of assignees. No reason is given by the directors.

W. D. Case, of Pittsburg, Columbia county, and J. W. Duncan, of Umatilla, Umatilla county, Oregon, have been appointed fourth-class postmasters.

internal revenue. Colonel John Hay, the newly ap-

pointed United States ambassador to England, was received with unusual distinction while presenting his credentials to the queen at Windsor castle. It has been found that Victor Koski

was the man drowned off the coast a few days ago with John Rock, while fishing near Astoria. Koski was a resident of West Astoria, 30 years of age and unmarried.

Johanna Spath, widow of Jacob Spath, ammunition and a field piece. is suing Katz & Sons, sausage manufacturers, of San Francisco, for \$100,000 the defendant's factory and the widow in Pinar del Rio and were liberated uncharges the firm with being responsible on account of negligence.

President McKinley has sent to conress a message concerning the lynch- confinement. ing of three Italians at Hahnville, Va., August 9, 1896. He recommends an appropriation of \$40,000 for the heirs of the persons without admitting the ing to the government's failure to proliability of the United States in the vide adequate commissary supplies.

In the German reichstag Count von | daily. Kanitz, the agrarian leader, interpellated the government on the subject of the proposed United States tariff. He neked if the government wished to continue the agreement of 1891, and said pean imports from American markets.

Washington Park, Chicago, which might have resulted fatally for one of the principals, had not the seconds load-the African coast." ed the revolvers used with blank car-King, son of a noted lawyer who died some time ago, and Colonel Jeremiah Jacob Loesing Is in Luck if He Can Busk, a veteran of the Confederate army, who had fought on board the Merrimac. After shots had been exchanged the duelists' honor had been satisfied, and they shook hands.

Four lives were lost in a tenement house fire in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fire consumed the elevator and other property of the Iowa Elevator Company at Peoria, Ill.; loss, \$200,000.

Trainwreckers threw a switch and wrecked a train on the Houston & Texas Central and killed one man and injured several.

The schooner Annie was crushed in an ice floe off St. Johns, N. B. The crew of twenty-five men barely escaped with their lives.

N. Burris, Son & Co., of Norfolk, Va., one of the most prominent and widely known banking firms in the South, has failed.

The insurgents against Spanish rule in the mountains.

The Hansard union of printers and publishers in London, which collapsed in 1891, has paid a quarter of a million sterling of its indebtedness.

The mineowners of Leadville, Col., met and subscribed \$50,000 toward draining the mines, and it is estimated that opening the mines will put 750 men to work.

foundered. She had seventy-three not be found. fishermen on board, and all took to the boats. Only one of these boats has so far been heard from. When it left the vessel, its complement was ten men. Three perished from exposure and hunger. The bodies of the first two were thrown overboard, but the survivors, in their desperation, were driven to cannibalism, and ate the third. The boat are so badly frostbitten that their arms saved his life by clinging to the over- centrate their forces there and make a must be amputated.

The fourth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Women's Congress has

opened in San Francisco. Spaniards were killed in a railroad ac- Julian street, this city. The fire began on Domokos. The Greek troops, accident near Tampa, Fla. A careless in the livery stable of John Goodman. rording to the Constantinople advices, motorman left his post, and the trolley- This was totally destroyed, and a row tre also evacuating Arta. car was run down by a fast mail train. of three houses owned by Dr. John P.

for the national educational institute tents. Six horses and four valuable to be held in Portland, Or., in August, hacks were burned in the stable. at which it is expected all the Indian schools and agencies in the west will be represented

ON THE AGGRESSIVE.

Insurgent Operations in Havana Prov

New York, May 5 .- A special to the Press from Key West says: Havana advices show that the insurgents are active in that province. Tapasta was attacked last week by a force of 400 insurgents, and held for an entire day. The Spanish garrison in one of the blockhouses retired completely, while the other held their ground and did not fire at the insuregnts or disturb them in any way. The Cubans took possession of the vacated blockhouse, looting it of all the arms and provisions they

The other blockhouse, with a garrison of 300 troops in and around it, kept quiet, no offensive operations being attempted by the Spanish in command. The Cubans camped within half a mile of the Spanish force, and plundered the stores of the town with-

out opposition. La Heiba was attacked by a force from Rodriguez' army, the first of the week, and the Spanish garrison driven out. There is a small earth fort there and two blockhouses. They attacked the earthworks early in the morning, and carried them by a dashing charge, the Spanish retreating into their blockhouses at the other end of town. One of these was attacked by the Cubans. and three bombs exploded under its walls, shattering it badly and killing guns did not open fire before 5:30. The Morgan endeavored to have a day fixed A Washington special says that it several inmates. The Spanish surren-has been definitely decided that Nation-dered, and were paroled by the Cual Committeeman J. E. Boyd, of North bans. Some firing took place between Carolina, will be appointed solicitor of the insurgents and the other two blockhouses, but no attack was made on them, the Cubans apparently being content with the victories they had gained. They entered the stores, took what they pleased, and loaded their plunder in ox teams in plain view of the Spanish. The Spanish loss is said to have been about seventy-five killed and wounded.

Word reached the palace yesterday that a garrison of 200 men at a small place in the southwestern portion of the province deserted to the insurgents last week, carrying all their arms and

The insurgent captains, Rafael Mendoza Sicarros, and Ricardo Haldez, who damages. Her husband was killed in voluntarily surrendered a fortnight ago der Captain-General Weyler's amnesty decree, have been arrested. They are to be deported in irons to Ceuta for

> Advices from Sancti Spiritus report From thirty to forty are deserting

> > Dr. Zertucha in Trouble.

New York, May 5 .- A dispatch to the Journal from Havana says: "Dr. Maximo Zertucha, Antonio Maceo's physician, who is alleged to have bethe Dingley bill implied less the in- trayed the Cuban general to the Spanorease of American customs revenue jards, was arrested at his home near than the successful expulsion of Euro- Guines yesterday and brought to Havana under close guard. It is under-A duel was fought at the entrance to stood at the palace that Weyler has or-

A FORTUNE FOR A TRAMP.

Be Found.

New York, May 5.-This story has to do with one Jacob Loesing, a tramp who ran away from his home in Havre, France, when a little boy of 16, and who has just been left \$38,000 by a unworthy gang of courtiers, colonels, rich uncle who died. The man was taken to a lawyer's office nine months inefficiency, whom he had nominated ago to be examined as a witness in an assault case. In the course of an examination these facts were brought out:

The man was Jacob Loesing; he was born in Havre; his uncle, who conducted a large flour business at Havre, took charge of him and sent him to a boarding shoool. When the boy was 16 years old he ran away, went to Paris, mastered the English language, earned a little money, made his way to Liverdool and came to this country on a cattle steamer. Finding it was necessary to work, even in America, the runaway went West and obtained a position as porter in a hotel in Iowa. He drifted in the Philippine islands are still 25 .- to San Francisco. There, sad to re-000 strong and offering stout resistence late, the wanderer was compelled to serve eighteen months in San Quentin, accused of having broken into a laundry. When liberated he came to

New York. All this Jacob told the lawyer. The latter did not place much confidence careful consideration, he decided that inhabitants. there might be some truth in it, so he wrote to a counsellor at Havre and received the reply that Jacob's uncle had The French fishing vessel Valiant, died several months ago, leaving an es-Captain Pierre, from St. Malo for Mi- tate valued at \$38,000. It was only quelon, struck an iceberg on the Grand for Loesing to go there and prove his banks, near St. John's, N. F., on the identity. Money needed for expenses 18th inst., and almost immediately would be advanced. But Loesing can- Greeks are encamped and skillfully in-

Drowned in Salmon Bay. Seattle, May 5 .- B. H. Waller, cook of the schooner Compeer, loading lumber at Ballard for Central America, drowned in Salmon bay this afternoon. He had quit, intending to go to Alaska, and a new cook had been engaged for from Larissa says it is alleged there the schooner. They started in a small was picked up by a schooner. The sur- skiff for the ship, the skiff capsized cupied by the Turks is not true, and vivors are in a shocking condition, and and Waller drowned. The new cook that the Greeks have resolved to con-

> turned boat. Fire at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 5.-Fire at an early hour this morning destroyed \$20,-John Forepaugh and two prominent 000 worth of residence property on San the Greeks leaving Pharsala, retiring Supervisor Rakestraw is preparing Whistler was consumed with their con-

> As comets near the sun their velocity always increases.

THEIR GROUND

Greeks Maintain Their Positions in Thessaly.

The Presence of Foreign Warships at Volo Reassures the Inhabit-

London, May 5 .- The Times prints the following from its Volo correspondent: When I arrived at Velestino vesterday afternoon, I had just seen the Turkish infantry advancing in two columns, intending to cut the railway. The Greeks, 1,000 strong, under General Smolenski, by whose side I watched the encounter in the rear of the Eighth regiment, under Colonel Gannikosta. gradually advanced our battalion to hold the railway, the other to support on the right center. The Seventh regiment of infantry, under Colonel Regli, advanced to a low plateau on the left. where two batteries were in position. General Smolenski had ordered the shelling to begin when the enemy was well within range, consequently the Turks were evidently about 1,400 strong. Their cavalry reconnoitered the wood where the Greeks were concealed, but the batteries remained silent until 6 o'clock and at the time the fire fell short of being effective, though the Greek practice was the best away from the shells, but continued to oath of office. advance in good order. Our right was station was defended by only a small the end, the large Turkish center was and considered until disposed of. sunset, at 6:45, caused a temporary ces

and I managed to get through. Re- a question of personal privileges, and turning on horseback in the darkness to sent to the clerk's desk to be read an posts, thanks to the failure of head- Express accusing him of being an obquarters to issue regular passports. I structionist and predicting that he was treated with much civility, but would be pulverized under the speaker's

was retained until a late hour. Having met reinforcements on the way to Volo, I went out again today, when the Greeks brought up nearly the whole Pharsala force. Save in the sharp struggles during the night, the Greeks have been successful, holding their ground. The Turks maintained a battery on a hill facing the Greek left, approached the end of the wood and burned a small village.

Nearly all the fighting today has been on the extreme right, in the direction of Lake Karla and the eastern Volo road. Whoever gains this road commands Volo and could cut off retreat

there, † The trains still run to Velestino, the officials displaying great coolness and

As yet the Greek losses have not been

A dispatch to the News from Velestino says the presence of Crown Prince Constantine at Pharsala would be quite spperfloys if he were not the future king of Greece. He ought to remain there, if only to prove to an exasperated nation that he was the victim of an sabreures and the like, of all grades of to be his general staff.

The Assaults at the Junction.

London, May 5 .- The correspondent of the Telegraph at Velestino, under date of Sunday, says: In the battle yesterday 7,000 Turks made repeated assaults on the Greek positions at the railway junction. They were driven back by the fire which poured down from the strongholds of the infantry and Evzones. The Turkish cavalry charge on the Greeks seemed madness, for the horsemen attempted to ascend a long slope in the face of two strong intrenchments of infantry.

Situation at Volo.

Volo, May 5 .- A majority of the in-

posing 100 chests of money, which has preclude their leaving Juneau, and the been lying at the French consulate, was result is that there are upward of 200 transported on board a Greek warship men there, without money or the means

today to be conveyed to Athens. The Turks are approaching in the di- to the Sound. rection of Velestino, where 18,000

trenched. A detachment of Evzones is guarding the railroad station here. The French flag has been hoisted over

the hospital.

To Make a Stand at Volo. London, May 5 .- A Times dispatch that the report that Volo had been oc-

Greeks Leaving Pharsala.

Paris, May 5 .- Telegrams from Constantinople today confirm the report of neys for Theodore Durrant today filed

Killed by a Train.

Martinsburg, W. Va., May 5 .-While walking on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad track near here, Benjamin Shepard and Martin Rizer, farmers, were killed by a train.

THE DAY IN THE SENATE.

Several Important Questions Came Up

Washington, May 5,-After a recess covering practically ten days, the senate | Three Million Dollars' Worth met today with a large accumulation of routine business and several important questions, including the Morgan Cuban resolution, awaiting attention. FIGHTING AROUND VELESTINO The attendance was unusually large. Among the bills introduced was one by Chandler of New Hampshire, for the issue of certificates of indebtedness up to \$50,000,000 to meet deficiencies of revenue. It was referred to the finance committee.

A resolution by Pettus of Alabama, was agreed to asking the secretary of amounts paid as drawbacks during the last ten years.

Vest's resolution, directing the comreport on the causes of the Mississippi floods was favorably reported from the committee on contingent expenses.

by Morgan, who asked for a vote. the artillery, which had mounted gun: Hale of Maine, just returned after an extended absence, desired time to prepare his remarks. He assured Morgan there was no purpose to delay the resolution for the mere sake of delay. After proper debate, he said it would be voted on, as he was as anxious as any one to have the resolution disposed of. for a vote, but there were objections.

Washington, May 5 .- In the house today Joseph B. Showalter, recently elected to represent the Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania district, to fill the place I have yet noticed. The Turks ran of J. J. Davidson, deceased, took the

Bailey of Texas presented a resolureally never engaged, and the railway tion that the Nelson bankruptcy bill, recently passed by the senate, be taken force with two Krupp guns. Towards up by the house on Monday, May 10, seen to advance in the distance, but asked unanimous consent for immediate

consideration of the resolution. Brewster, Republican, of New York, Trains are running to Pharsala now, objected. Simpson of Kansas rose to Volo, I was captured by the Greek out- extract from the New York Mail and triphammer.

A NEW COALING STATION.

The United States May Yet Establish One at Santo Domingo.

New York, May 5 .- A Herald special from Wahsington says: General Grant's project for the establishment of a naval coaling station in Samana bay, Santo Domingo, may yet be realized. According to Mr. Henry Smythe, minister to Hayti, and charge d'affairs to Santo Domingo, under the Cleveland administration, the Domingo government is ready to cede such a station to the United States without asking the

payment of a dollar. Mr. Smythe has not submitted an official report on this subject to the As yet the Greek losses have not been heavy. The Red Cross Society, formerly much in evidence, is now congruence by its absence and this fact time to prepare it, though he had spicuous by its absence, and this fact called on Secretary Sherman, to whom

he made an oral report. In a letter recently written by Mr. Smythe to a former friend in Washington, he says that he discussed with the Dominican foreign office a treaty which embraced the following heads and divisions: Commerce, navigation, extradition and reciprocity of interests and concessions.

Under this latter division he obtained the concession of a coaling station for the use of the American navy during the continuance of the treaty on the sole condition that "coaling facilities" be allowed the Dominican navy in American ports. The coaling station was to be located at any point in the bay of Samana, or in either of two fine harbors east of Santo Domingo or the Caribbean sea.

STRANDED IN JUNEAU.

Two Hundred Men There Are Unable to Get Away.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 5.-The steamer Al-Ki returned this evening from an uneventful trip to Alaska. bringing but four passengers and very habitants have migrated from this port little freight. A large number of to Athens and the island of Eboea, stranded people are at Juneau. They The town is calmer, owing to the ar- went north without supplies, expecting rival of the Greek squadron, and to beg food from others while en route French, British and Italian warships, to the Yukon. They were given to un-Two hundred French sailors are patrol- derstand they would starve if they in the man's story, but after giving it ling the streets in order to reassure the started on the trip, so they remained at Juneau. The recent raise in fare from The Greek treasury of Thessaly, com- \$15 to \$32 from Juneau to Sound points of getting either to the mines or back

No court will be held in Alaska for several months to come. A Juneau paper says that there are so few cases for jury trial upon the district court calendar for the May term that the circumstances will not warrant the great expense which the summoning of a jury would entail upon the government.

Washington Supreme Court. Olympia, Wash., May 5 .- The supreme court has granted a petition for a rehearing in the case of the State vs. McCann, from King county, and in the City of Tacoma vs. Tacoma Light & Water Company.

The Durrant Case.

San Francisco, May 5 .- The attorcopies of a bill of exceptions on the appeal to the supreme court of the United States. The exceptions are to proceedings in court April 10, when a motion for a continuance was denied and when Durrant was sentenced to be hanged at San Quentin prison June 11.

The London markets have been flooded with pearls since the outbreak of the plague at Bombay.

FIRE AT PITTSBURG

of Property Destroyed.

BEGAN IN WHOLESALE GROCERY

The Buildings Burned Were Mostly Fine Structures Situated in the Business District.

Pittsburg, May 4 .- The greatest fire that has visited this city since the the treasury for information as to the memorable one in 1845, started shortly after midnight this morning, in the immense wholesale grocery establishment of Thomas C. Jenkins, on Penn avenue mittee on commerce to investigate and and Liberty street. Three large blocks, extending from Liberty to Penn avenue, and from Fifth to Sixth streets, have been reduced to smouldering The Cuban resolution was called up ruins. The loss will exceed \$3,000, 000, and is well covered by insurance.

Among the buildings destroyed are Jenkins' wholesale grocery establishment; Horne's six-story dry-goods establishment; Horne's office building, the Duquesne theater, and the Methodist Book Concern.

The fire started in the cellar of the Jenkins building, in a pile of barrels filled with waste paper. The flames were discovered by Watchman Hunter. He had smelled smoke early in the evening, but believed that it came from the outside and paid no attention to it. The flames leaped rapidly up the ele-vator shaft, and he made a vain effort to extinguish them with buckets of water. An air shaft used to ventilate the great building fanned the flames, and he found it impossible to do anything. He made his escape from the building with great difficulty because of the immense volume of smoke. The alarm was turned in about the same time by Officer Mitton Bailey, who noticed smoke issuing through the win-

The fire made rapid headway, and by 12:30 o'clock flames began to pour out of the Penn-avenue tront. All the fire department of the city and of Allegheny was summoned, and the firemen fought bravely to check the progress of the conflagration. The fire, however, attacked the immense quantity of barreled oil, sugar and molasses and flour that this building contained, and 12:45 o'clock the Penn-avenue and Libertystreet fronts were a mass of flames. The fire ate its way so rapidly that the firemen narrowly escaped falling debris. Flames filled Penn avenue completely, and shot into the air 200 feet or more, presenting one of the most magnificent

sights seen for years. The building of Joseph Horne & Co., opposite, caught, and the firemen worked desperately to prevent its loss. At 1 o'clock the Horne building was burning from cellar to roof, and the flames had communicated to Horne's immense office building adjoining. The structure was of stone, six stories in height. It was occupied by W. P. Grier & Co., china dealers; Bon Marche Glove Company, Snaman's carpet house,

and scores of physicians. Huck's eigar factory and Hall Bros.' building next fell, and they were quickly followed by the Duquesne theater, Methodist Book Concern building, and the Surprise clothing store. The latter was an immense five-story building, running back 200 feet. The fire was the most magnificent sight seen in Pittsburg in years. When the Jenkins and Horne buildings had became enveloped in the conflagration. Penn avenue was one mass of flames, and sheets of fire, with heavy columns of smoke, were sent 200 feet into the air. The glare of the flames could be seen for miles, and the streets for blocks around were brilliantly illuminated.

As soon as the fire attacked these buildings, several streams of water were turned on them, but the water had no more effect than if it was not an extinguisher. The flames from the burning oil in the Jenkins building rolled but against it, and in five minutes the two beautiful Horne buildings were burning briskly.

The firemen then left the Jenkins building to its fate and used their united and desperate efforts to save the Horne buildings. All the streams that could be summoned were turned on these buildings, but they were now one mass of flames. The fire department then turned its attention to the surrounding budildings, but the raging flames rapidly ate their way to all sides. At 4 o'clock, the fire was finally mastered, but was still burning with intense fury within the blocks bounded by Fifth and Sixth streets east and west, and Liberty street and Penn avenue north and south.

The loss, it is now believed, will be greatly in excess of the first estimates, and is estimated at \$3,000,000.

A number of firemen were injured by falling walls and live wires, but none of them seriously.

Struck for Eight Hours.

New York, May 4 .- Two hundred and fifty union plumbers, steamfitters and gasfitters struck at Newark today for eight hours' work, with no reduction of wages. They were working nine hours. The carpenters and lathers have won their fight. The bricklayers and masons receive the same pay as last year.

Heavy Custom-House Business.

New York, May 4.—There was a hig of Navai Constructor Capps and Caprush of importers today to pay duties, tain Barker, upon the condition of the and the receipts reached \$2,407,829, a Oregon, after her mishap at Bremer-

During the last twenty years the rail-000,000 tons of steel, or almost half the no leakage and no necessity to repair total product.

and tobacco.

RAILWAYS IN MEXICO.

English Contractors Preparing to Build Several Lines.

City of Mexico, May 4 .- An important company has been incorporated here, with a capital of \$1,000,000, the larger part of the shares being taken by Pearson & Son, the English contractors having in hand the drainage of the Valley of Mexico and the port works at Vera Cruz, with a few Mexican shareholders. The new company will be known as the Mexican Land, Navigation & Railway Company. The first object of the company is to build a railway from some suitable point on the National Tehuantepec road to a desirable point in the state of Vera Cruz. The government gives a subsidy of over 8,000 acres of public lands per kilometer of railway constructed. On some 400,000 acres of land thus acquired the company will settle European and other colonists. Among other plans of the company is to acquire railways in the southern part of Vera Cruz, and also the railroad line has already been located, and construction will begin in two months.

THE LEVEES ARE HOLDING.

Worst Is Apparently Over North of the Red River.

New Orleans, May 4.—Dispatches from all points along the river today show that the levees are holding. A fall of one-tenth at Providence strengthens the belief of engineers that the worst is over from the mouth of Red river to the Arkansas line. The danger points now are from Red river landing southward. At Plaquemine today the river rose four-tenths, and the levee workers in that vicinity are having a hard time keeping the line in a condition of safety. The gauge here shows

19.30 tonight. Major Richardson, chief of the state engineers, came to the city at the governor's order to act as advisory engineer on the local work, and declared the defense well constructed. Here and elsewhere the day was devoted to hard work, and no mishaps have occurred. There is considerable alarm about Davis levee, but extensive reinforcements will be begun there tomorrow.

The High Water at St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 4 .- The continued high water has excited a great interest, as was evinced by the enormous crowds that flocked to the river front today. The river continues to rise, marking 30.95 at 4 P. M. At a number of places along the levee the railroad tracks were under water. The terminal association, whose tracks are partly under water, expresses no uneasiness One of the officials stated it would take five feet of water before all their river tracks had been submerged, and that they had engines which would work in three feet of water, therefore it would take a rise of eight feet beyond the present stage before the company would

be incovenienced.

Situation at Natchez. Natchez, Miss., May 4 .- With the exception of a half-tenth rise during the last twenty-four hours, the river situation remains unchanged. The weather having cleared, the situation tonight seems more hopeful. While the levees are in fair shape, they have many streams of water running through them, necessitating a large ditch to be dug to carry off the water at Vidalia. They are being worked on by a large force and closely guarded. In many places the river is within less than a foot of the top, and the current is very

swift. Circulation of Currency.

Washington, May 4 .- The monthly statement of the controller of the currency shows that on April 30 the total circulation of national bank notes was \$232,802,244, a gain for the year of \$8,700,899, and a loss for the month of \$906,650.

States bonds was \$208,768,549, a gain for the year of \$5,365,410, and a loss for the month of \$999,153.

The circulation based on United

The circulation secured by lawful money was \$24,033,695, an increase for the year of \$3,335,589, an increase for the month of \$92,503. The amount of United States regis-

tered bonds on deposit to secure circu-

lating notes was \$232,749,300, and to secure public depostis, \$16,313,000.

Gunboats Ordered Into Commission. Washington, May 4. - The first result of the laying-up of the big cruiser Columbia is manifested in the preparation of orders by the navy department for the commisson of two new gunboats, Helena and Annapolis. The Helena will go into active service for the first time on June 1, and the Annapolis a week later, on the 7th. These boats will be kept on the North Atlantic station for about three months, when, being thoroughly shaken down, they will be sent to one of the foreign stations. probably China, to relieve some of the larger cruisers now in need of over-

Alaska Mail Service.

Washington, May 4 .- The first regular mail service authorized for an entire year in Alaska has been contracted for by the postoffice department, the service being from Juneau to Circle City, 900 miles each way. The contract calls for one round trip a month, beginning July 1, 1897. William F. Saller, of this city, is the contractor, the contract price being \$8,999.

Battle-Ship Oregon's Injuries. Washington, May 4.- The full report

record exceeded by only two days in the ton, on Paget sound, has been received history of the custom house. The at the navy lepartment. As indicated heaviest duties paid today were on sugar by the telegraphic report, the injuries were not of a nature to disable the ship, and although there is a long list ways of the world have absorbed 50, contact with sunken piles, there was the bents