TOO HEAVILY TAXED

Porto Ricans Protest Against the New Island Law.

DELEGATION SEES M'KINLEY

Enforcement of the Law, They Say, Would Impoverish the Island and Cause Business Stagnation-They Ask for Relief.

WASHINGTON, March 11.-The President this morning granted a special au-dience to Wencesiny Borda, Jr., and Vincente Balbas, members of the Porto Ricau Commission, which was appointed at a mass meeting of the citizens of the island held at San Juan, February 2, to protest against the law enacted by the Legislature known as the Hollander bill. This measure provides for the raising of revenue by property and excise taxes. The commissioners presented a formal protest which enumerated a series of 18 objections to the law.

It is contended that there exists today in Port Rico three taxes levied and col lected for the same purpose, "from the impoverished pockets of the people," the new excise taxes collected under the Hollander law, the old insular and municipal taxes, and the customs duties under the Porto Rican civil government act. Under the bill, \$500,000 or more will be collected semi-annually in advance, thereby, the protest says, lessening the money in circulation (of which there is less than \$2,000,-000), and producing a state of impoverish-ment and business stagnation. It is asseried that the measure is both an in-come and property-tax law; that two of the principal industries of the island (rum and tobacco) are taxed so heavily that their production under present circumstances is practically prohibited; that the only standard of valuation of property will be the personal opinion of the Assessors. The people of Porto Rico, the protest says, are ready and willing to meet all taxes necessary for the maintenance of order, justice and good government. The commissioners ask the President that Governor Allen be directed to call a special session of the Legislature to amend the law in a manner which will relieve the people of the burdens complained of and that the Governor be directed to ex-ercise care in the appointment of the As-The commissioners also presented a petition of bankers, merchants and other business men of New York and Philadelphia, praying that the protest be

given due consideration. The President gave the committee nearly an hour, and listened with interest to their statements. He said he did not feel like expressing his authority for holding an extra session of the House of Dele-gates, but would recommend that the Executive Council use the utmost leniency in enforcing the provisions of the tax law. The members of the commit-tee hope to see the President again in the

REPORT NOT MADE PUBLIC. Evidently, No Plague Cases Discovered at San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, March 11.-In view of the persistent publication of the report that bubonic plague existed in San Franthe Treasury Department, some weeks ago, appointed a commission of experts to examine into and report upon the situation there. That report has been received at the Treasury Department, but the authorities are not disposed to make it public at this time. Almost simulta-neously with the receipt of the report, a delegation of prominent citizens of San Francisco arrived here and have since had a number of conferences with Treas-

"Some disputes having arisen between the authorities as to the health condition in California and the quarantine at San Francisco, a commission was appointed by Governor Gage and Mayor Phelan to confer with the health authorities at Washington. Meetings have been held with the Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage, Assistant-Secretary of the Treasury O. L. Spaulding and Surgeon-General Wyman, at which it was elicited that no single case of disease had ever been found in California of the bubopneumonic type, and that all cases exmined (none being of white people), were of a non-contagious character. The Federal authorities have expressed them-selves as amply satisfied that California able to protect the other states of the Union and herself from any species of epidemic, and instead of a condition exteting that calls for Federal interference. representative of the Surgeon-Ge eral's office, now in San Francisco, is in hearty accord with the city and state health authorities.

"California is doing her duty; she has no epidemic now, and never has had, There has not even been a report of a supposed case of plague for 23 days, and the death rate in Chinantown is now the lowest it has been for years. Any statement that the Treasury Department or Surgeon-General's Department has taken charge of the health affairs in San Francisco is absolutely and unqualifiedly Assistant-Secretary Spaulding also gave

out a statement as follows: "The published reports of the existence of bubonic plague in San Francisco should excite no alarm there or in the country The plague is not epidemic there, and I do not believe it will be. I

would feel as safe living in San Francisco as in Washington. The traveling and public can communicate as safely with San Francisco today as a year ago. The Treasury Department is fully advised of the situation, and speaks with confidence in denying that any occasion for alarm exists on account of health conditions in San Francisco,"

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

He Will Start for the Pacific Coast

April 30. WASHINGTON, March 11.-The President will start for California, according to the present programme, April 30. will proceed up the Coast, probably as far as Washington, and will return through the northern Rocky Mountain One plan which was suggested is for the Presidential party to take a steamer at Duluth and make the lake trin to Buffalo in order to visit the Pan-American Exposition there. Arrangements will be made for the prompt transaction of important business that may need the attention of the President and Cabinet en route and a regular office with a force of stenographers, clerks and relegraphers, will be established aboard

Vice-President Roosevelt had a halfhour's tack with the President today, but othing was disclosed as to the nature of his visit. The Vice-President will leave Washington for his home at Oyster Bay some time this week. His Summer plana intemplate a quiet Summer at Oyster ay. The Vice-President will not accomthe President on his trip to the

A number of prominent leaders in both branches of Congress called upon

fore departing for their homes, them were: Senators Jones of Arkaneas, Beveridge of Indiana, Bard of California and Teiler and Patterson of Colorado. Secretary and Mrs. Gage left Washing-ton today for Chicago. The Secretary expects to return in about a week.

Hitchcock Wants an Explanation

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary Hitchcock has called on the government of Hawaii for a report on the recent ejection of the Territorial Secretary from the floor of the Legislature. In response to a request for a construction of the laws imposing the duties of the Territorial Secretary, the Interior Department has replied by pointing out the statute provisions and saying that the method of recording the Legislative proceedings, unless specifically stated in existing laws, must be determined by the territorial au

Machinery Not Affected.

ST. PETERSBURG, March II.-Answering a telegraphic inquiry from an American company, Charlemagne Tower, the United States Ambassador, cabled that agricultural machinery was not affected the recent application of the Russian tariff law, which excepted such machinery from the provisions of clause 2 of paragraph 167, and placed it in a separate

Porto Rican Cases Not Beelded. WASHINGTON, March 11.-The Supreme Court did not announce its decis-ion in the Porto Rican cases today. Only

Alabama's Speed-Test Trip. PENSACOLA, Fla., March II.-The batle-ship Alabama sailed at 9 o'clock this

morning on her final 48-hour speed-test

three opinions were delivered, all of mino

HARRISON'S CONDITION.

Crisis Will Be Renched in 24 or 36 Hours.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 11.-General Harrison passed a fairly comfortable night and his physicians announced today that there had been no change for the worse. He slept until nearly 10 o'clock this morning, and when he was aroused he said that he felt much better. Saturday afternoon, slight congestion of the left lung developed, and it was feared that pneumonia might result. This congestion was less pronounced today, and the physi-clans believe there is no danger unless emplications should arise. The general still has fever. He confidently declares he soon will regain his usual health. Members of the Harrison family have not been

General Harrison's physician, Dr. Henry Jameson, called into consultation Dr. Evan Hadley. Dr. Frank Dorsey has also for several days been in constant attendance on the ex-President. Dr. Jameson makes the following statement:

"General Harrison was taken ill Thurs day with a chill. At that time his all-ment had all the symptoms of the grip. There developed after that a pretty sharp congestion in the left side, involving the intercostal nerves and also the pleura of the upper part of the left lung. With that came fever, his temperature rising two or three degrees. With the exception of the pain suffered Saturday, which has almost disappeared, he has suffered but little pain. His temperature is and has been for some hours about 102 3-5, his res-piration about 30 to 36, and his pulse keeps at about 90. When awake his mind is perfectly clear. I do not consider him in a critical condition at this time, but there is some danger in the extension of the

Dr. Jameson said his patient's condition was such that a crists would probably be reached within 24 to 26 hours, at which time he would either grow gradually worse or gradually better. He thought there was no danger of sudden collapse. The greatest danger is due to his are which is somewhat accounts. his age, which is somewhat against re-sistance of an attack of pneumonia. In a later statement issued this afternoon, Dr. Jameson said:

"The congested condition does not extend generally into the bronchial tubes. had a number of conferences with Treas-ury officials in regard to the matter. This inflamed, but there is not a general concommittee gave out the following state- gestion of the mucous membrane, General Harrison passed a fairly good night and today when awakened was entirely himself. His circulation is well maintained, and this is a favorable factor in

> Jameson has been in consultation on the patient, and with Dr. Hadley has alternated in a close watch for the slightest sign of improvement or relanse 7:30 tonight Dr. Jameson issued the fol-

"General Harrison got through the night in excellent shape. He held his own splendidly until 10:20, when a change for the worse was apparent. The inflamma-tion in the left lung and the pains in his chest then began to give him a deal of trouble, and produced a state of nervous-ness which caused him much discomfort.

"I find no great cause for alarm in the dition of General Harrison, and attribute his condition to the fact that he has been laboring with his allment one day longer. At this hour he is restless. His temperature is now 103 4-5, his pulse 45, his respiration 35. I think he will have no difficulty in getting through the night As to the time the crisis will occur. I can-not say. I am dealing with pneumonia, and a erisis is hard to reckon with. In 48 urs there will be a change of some sort, either for the worse or better.

"With the other physicians, I am very hopeful at this time of General Harrison's ultimate recovery. The chief danger we fear from the illness is an extension of the inflammatory process in the left lung. Unless there should be an extension of that inflammation involving the plurae and some of the lobules of the left lung, e are hopeful of speedy recovery. "At the residence I alternate with Dr.

Dorsey in close attendance, and two trained nurses are always watchful for slightest change. Mrs. Harrison ends a small part of the night with

At midnight Dr. Jameson left the Harrison home, after having spent nearly three hours with his patient. The other physician was present, and his effort was made toward relieving the congestion in the left lung. Dr. Jameson gave out this

"General Harrison's condition is un changed. His strength is keeping up, and his pulse is strong. The inflammation of his left lung has not spread any, and there is no danger to be apprehended until the inflammation spreads. The talk about a crisis in General Harrison's condition absurd. There will be no crisis. He will gradually grow better or he grow worse, and will, in the same way, grow weaker. He is perfectly at this hour, and resting easily.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 12-At 2 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning Dr. Jameson had just left the bedside of ex-President Harrison. He gave out this statement; "The condition of General Harrison remains practically unchanged. There has been no perceptible increase of the in-

A Wisconsin Central Rumor. CHICAGO, March 11 .- The Tribune to

morrow will say:
"The air was thick yesterday with ru-mors of gigantic railway deals and combinations. One of these was a report that the Illinois Central had, or was about to secure, control of the Wisconsin Central, It was claimed that certain large stock-holders of the Illinois Central had bought privately a majority of Wisconsin Central preferred stock, and were assured of a controlling interest in the common. These purchases, it was claimed, would be turned into the Illinois Central as a cor-poration, and thus give the latter a line President today to pay their respects be- from St. Paul to New Orleans."

PLAGUE AT CAPE TOWN

VICTIMS OF THE EPIDEMIC DYING IN THE STREETS.

Malady Is Reaching the Most Pres perous Classes-Malay Priests Taking the Side of the Authorities.

CAPE TOWN, March 11,-The bubonic plague is developing seriously in Cape Town. Fifteen new cases were reported oday, and 97 other persons were isolated because of having come in contact with victims of the disease. Today two colored persons who had been attacked by the plague died in the streets of Cape Town, A nun died while being removed to the hospital. The malady is reaching the most prosperous classes, and it has been necessary to remove to the hospital the entire family of a gentleman. The Malay priests are taking the side of the authorities, and it is now hoped religious trouble will be averted. The removal of sev-eral thousand Kaffirs from the city to the Kaffir location will begin tomorrow.

Burghers Join British Ranks. BLOEMFONTEIN, March 10.-General Dewet is reported to be moving north-

ward steadily, at the rate of 25 miles a day, with a view of crossing the railway to the eastward. He should now be west of Kroonstadt, Several small commandoes are in possession of the southeastern por-tion of the Orange River Colony, from which the garrisons of Dewetsdorp, er, Smithfield and Rouxville have been withdrawn.

It is impossible not to be struck with the fact that a great portion of the for-mer enemies of Great Britain in South Africa now frankly throw in their lot with the British. Brandfort, Kroonstadt and Bloemfontein companies of ex-burghers are now bearing arms against the Boers. They state their object is not to operate against their former comrades, but to de-fend their homes and property against marauding bands. Every town in the Free State occupied by the British will soon become a center of British influence, extending a long distance in their vicinty. Over 13,000 refugees are now within British lines, and many of them demand arms and permission to take the If their requests are granted in he casy to get 2000 ex-burghers enrolled on the British side,

Botha Willing to Surrender, LOURENCO MARQUES, March II.

General Botha is willing to surrender. He asked an armistice in order to communicate with General Dewet and Mr. Steyn Should they decline, it is believed, nevertheless, that General Botha will surren der. The Beers have no artillery or am munition, and are buying all their guns. The railway from Lourence Marques to Pretoria is practically clear of Boers.

Hopefulness at Pretoria.

PRETORIA, March 11, 9:28 P. M .- The result of the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Louis Botha is anxiously but hopefully awaited. presence of Sir Alfred Milner in Pretoria to consult with Lord Kitchener is expect. ed to hasten the change from the military

LONDON, March 12.-The Times has received the following from Bloemfontein: "Boers who have surrendered here say hat Mr. Steyn, in a recent speech at Philinpolis, admitted that there was no chance of regaining the country."

Rebels Sentenced to Death. CAPE TOWN, March II .- A court-mar tial has sentenced to death two rebels connected with the recent wrecking of a at Tamibosch, Others concerned in the crime were condemned to various terms of imprisonment.

BRITISH CIVIL LIST.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Says There Will Be an Increase.

LONDON, March 11.-In the House of commons today Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, ate vicinity of the mausoleum. ing the appointment of a select commit tee to consider the new civil list, con-veyed a hint that an increase in the civil list might be expected. He said that while proposals were based on the late Queen Victoria's civil list, it must be remembered that King Edward had a Queen Consort; that he was not only King of the United Kingdom, but the head of a world-wide power. In the previous eigns Parliament had been asked to pay the debts of a sovereign, but no such application was ever made by Queen Vic-toria. The country might look forward The country might with confidence to King Edward, who has for many years held an exceptional posttion involving exceptional expenditures. His income, although not large, when compared with that of some private in-dividuals, had sufficed him to perform his duties in a manner which had won the gratitude of the country. The proposals would be framed in a spirit of justice to the crown and people.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, gave

notice of his intention to oppose all con-sideration of the subject until the gov-ernment promised to alter the monarch's anti-Cathelle declaration, known as the "no popery" oath. But on Mr. Balfour's announcing that it was proposed to ap point a committee to consider the matter, Mr. Redmond withdrew his opposition for the present. The committee was then ap-

Charles Mackinnon Douglas, Liberal, moved for an inquiry regarding the retire-ment of Major-General Colville, who was sent home from South Africa by Lord Roberts for inefficiency in the field. Mr. Broderick, Secretary of War, replied that the motion compelled him to say things he would prefer to leave unsaid, but that he would tell the House the whole truth. After declaring that he had nothing to apologize for in the course the War Office had taken, he proceeded to

criticise General Colville's conduct. "At Sannans Post," said the Secretary of War, "General Colville blundered or maneuvered about until his force was weary, while the Boers carried off guns unmolested. Lord Roberts thought Colonel Broadwood did right, although General Colville took exceptions to Colonel Broad-wood's behavior. General Colville left Colonel Broadwood and his shattered force severely alone and marched his troops in another direction. He showed a lack of enterprise which lost him the confidence

f Lord Roberts. "Lord Roberts, however, postponed his decision until he should be fully informed. Then there was the unfortunate Lumley surrender, for which General Colville was blamable, as he ought to have attempted to effect relief. I consultd Lord Roberts regarding the Gibraltar command, and I had no alternative after the advice from Lord Roberts and Sir Evelyn wood. gave General Colville an opportunity to resign, but he insisted upon being re-moved. I consider General Colville has been treated more leniently than if he had been court-martialed. Every possible pressure was brought to bear in his favor, but so long as I hold office I shall not give way to such clamor."

EAST AFRICAN BUDGET.

German Socialist Attacked the Ad-

The debate was then adjourned.

ministration of the Colonies. BERLIN, March IL-In the Reichstag today, during a debate on the budget for German East Africa, Herr Bebel, Socialist, made several very severe attacks upon the administration of the colonies. Dr. Stuebel, Secretary of the Colonial Office in a long reply, admitted that the commercial conditions in the colonies were not so good as might be wished, but this was principally due to lack of commu-

deation. The revolts were not due to the collection of taxes, nor the execution of 19 chiefs, which had occurred under ircumstances admitting of no other course. Slayery was no longer legal; the only slaves now existing were those born in slavery. Dr. Stuebel concluded his reply by saying that Captain Hannenberg sentenced to three years' imprisonment and dismissed from the service. Captain Hannenberg was charged with having committed a number of cruel deeds in German East Africa, and arrived in Ber-lin in April, 1900, to be tried by court-

Herr Bebel tried to raise the question of the commutation of the death sentence of Lieutenant Prince Prosper von Aren-burg for the murder of a native in Ger-man East Africa in 1899, but the president of the House refused to allow the question, on the ground that the commu-tation of the penalty was a special act of clemency by the Emperor, of which he need not give account to any one. Herr von Volmar, Centrist, urged that the immigration of Boers to Southwest Africa should be encouraged as much as possible. Herr Bebel said the government had already expended a total of 80,000,000 marks in East Africa, while German trade with that territory had steadlly declined, amounting in 1899 to only one-third of the expenditure for the year, Professor Hase, Pan-German, admitted the decline of trade with German East

A bill prohibiting the use of artificial sweetening, such as saccharine, except when used for reasons of health, has been submitted to the Federal Council. All artificial sweetening is taxed 80 marks

Riot in Catalonia.

BARCELONA, March 11 .- A riot is reorted to have taken place at Manlleu, a own in Catalonia, 40 miles northeast of Barcelona, in consequence of a strike. The strikers attacked some factories and urned two of them. The gendarmes stervened, and in the resulting conflict two persons were kiled and a number of others were wounded, including the Ma-yor. The telegraph lines between here and Manlley have been cut.

In consequence of a dispute with operatives who oppose the erection of new spinning machinery, the local manufacturers have closed the Bilos, locking out 18,000 employes. Serious riots have occurred. The strikers have set fire to houses and assaulted employers.

The Kaiser Improving. BERLIN, March 11.-Emperor William

s progressing so satisfactorily that he was able this morning to spend some time in his study.

The Reichs Anzeiger (official) says tothat, owing to the injury sustained by the Emperor at Bremen, he will be obliged to take special care of himself for some time to come, and in view of this. the unveiling of three new groups in the Sleges Alle, fixed for March 22, and the unveiling of the monument erected in honor of Emperor William at Potsdam have been postponed until further notice.

Britsh Sugar Tax.

NEW YORK, March 11.-Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is closely guarding his bud-get secret, says the London correspond-ent of the Tribune, and nobody can say with certainty that he intends to tax sugar. In anticipation of the tax on this commodity, however, the import of sugar showed an excess last month of 50,000 tons over the quantity imported in February, 1900. Another indication is found in the fact that the British customs authorities are endeavoring to get together a staff of officials possessing a knowledge of the sugar trade.

Guarding Frogmore Mausoleum. NEW YORK, March II.-Apprehension appears to prevail at London, according to a cablegram to the Journal and Advertiser, as to the possibility of an at-tempt to desecrate the mausoleum at Frog-more, in which Queen Victoria is entombed. By order of the King, soldiers are to assist the police in keeping guard over the body of the late Queen. That the arrangement is to be a permanent one is apparent from the fact that a guardhouse is being built in the immedi-

Breslau Banker Fled.

BERLIN, March 11 .- Albert Holtz, Breslau banker, and a director in a number of important industrial companies. has failed to meet his engagements and fied. The police have taken possession of his books and other effects, and examination has already revealed large embez-

Plot Against Wilhelmins. LONDON, March 11.-The St. James Gazette this afternoon says that, accord-ing to representations received from The Hague, the Roumanian police have been instructed to watch certain persons at Jassy, who are suspected of being engaged in a conspiracy against the lives of Queen Wilhelmina and her husband.

Ferocious Duel in Hungary.

VIENNA, March 11 .- A ferocious duel with swords has just been fought at Mentschau, Hungary, between Lietenants Leiderle and Lexerg. The former was killed, and the latter, who is now in the hospital, received more than 20 dangerous

Minister Bogoliepoff Worse. ST. PETERSBURG, Marca Minister of Public Instruction, M. Bogo-Minister of Public Instruction (M. Bogo-Minister of Public Instruction) (M. Bogo-Minister of Public Instructi liepoff, who, February 7, was shot Peter Karpovich, continues feverish, His temperature has reached 103.5 and his ise is 96. His rests are broken and his ondition is occasioning grave fears.

German Wire Prices Advance. BERLIN, March 11 .- According to the Cologne Gazette, German wire makers

have raised the export price 10 marks, owing to the relaxation of American competition, due to the improved situation of the iron trade in the United States. Situation at Marseilles Critical. MARSEILLES, March 11.-The indus

rial situation here is now very critical, Twenty out of \$3 soap manufactories have and others are virtually at a The Spanish Elections. MADRID, March 11 .- The results of the

ections to the Council-General show the return of 232 Liberals, 121 Conservatives

Anticipating the Duty. LIVERPOOL, March 11.-The brokers and refiners are importing thousands of tons of beets from the Continent in ex-pectation of the advance duty.

Defaulter Brown in Honduras. CINCINNATI, March 11 .- A newspaper prints an article from a special correpondent at Ceiba, Honduras, telling of he correspondent's successful search for Frank Brown, the defaulting official of the German National Bank of Newport, Ky. The story runs that Brown is in duras in partnership with S. A. Piper, of Montana, both eng repair their fortunes. both engaged in seeking to

The Dixie Floated.

WASHINGTON, March 11-Word h eached the Navy Department that the training ship Dixie which has been aground for over a week past at Mary-land Point in the lower Potomac, was successfully floated yesterday morning.

The action of Carter's Little Liver Pills is pleasant, mild and natural. They gently stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels, but do not purge.

CONGER LEAVES PEKIN

NO QUARTERS YET SECURED FOR AMERICAN TROOPS.

Does Not Propose to Be Bluffed by Russin-Latter Nation Threatens China.

PEKIN March II .- United States Minister Conger left this morning. Besides the foreign representatives, a large crowd gathered at the station to bid the Min-ister and his family farewell. Companies A and B, of the Ninth United

States Infantry, have been notified that they are to remain in China. It is be-lieved that Major Robertson will command them. Many Americans have urged the Legation to use its influence to have at least two field guns and enough artillerymen to work them left. They say that during the siege these guns would have been more valuable than 200 armed men, and that necessity for their use is likely to occur again.

The Germans report that in the recent

engagement near Pao Ting Fu 250 Chinese were killed and four magazine guns cap The American field telegraph line which

was constructed here has ceased opera-tions, and the wire has been coiled in preparation for shipment to Manila. Despite the report that Li Hung Chang s seriously ill, and that his life hangs by a thread, his physicians say that his condition would not be dangerous except for his advanced age. They are extreme-ly hopeful of being able to bring him

The question of quarters for the American troops remaining in Pekin is still the subject of discussion. Army men fa-vor the Temple of Agriculture as being healthler and sufficiently near the legation for troops to be sent there in a hurry as an additional daily guard, should circumstances arise rendering it necessary. They think the court's objections are magnified. It is not likely the British will relinquish the Temple of Reaven, and they will certainly long require the permanent building being erected there. A com-pany of infantry could easily be housed in the Temple of Agriculture, and the two temples now used for Quartermasters' stores. The only other available place ready is a palace belonging to one of the Princes, far from the legation, in the mid-dle of the Tartar city. This is private

The funeral of Captain Richard B. Paddock, of the Sixth United States Cavalry, who died Saturday at Tien Tsin, was held today. It was an inspiring spectacle. Representatives of the British headquarters staff and of every British regiment were present, as well as a troop of Bengal Lancers. No other foreigners participated.

Squires in Charge.

WASHINGTON, March IL-A cablegram eceived at the State Department today announces the departure of Minister Con-ger this morning, en route to the United States. His 60 days' leave of absence will begin when he reaches San Francisco, Mr. Conger's message was as follows: "Pekin, March 11.—I leave Pekin today

for America. Squires is left in charge." Thus it appears clearly Mr. Rockhill is not in any sense a successor to Mr. Conger as United States Minister at Pekin at this time, but simply a special com-missioner, limited in his functions to the negotiations with the Chinese Govern-ment and the other Ministers for a settlement of the trouble growing out of the Boxer uprising.

MANCHURIAN MARKETS.

Import \$5,000,000 Worth of American Goods in a Year.

NEW YORK, March 11.-The Importance Manchuria as a market for American goods is presented in some figures which the Treasury Bureau of Statistics has compiled from the latest reports of the Chinese Government, says a Washington special to the Tribune. The official fig-ures of the Chinese Government show the population of Manchuria is 7,500,000, or is less than 2 per cent of the total popula-tion of China. The single treaty ports through which foreign commerce enters is New Chwang. Its total imports "from 1899, the latest date for which figures are available, were valued in the official re-turns at 5,279,185 Haikwan taels, and its imports of foreign goods brought from other Chinese ports is 16,566,413 Haikwan taels, making the total value of foreign good received during the year 21,845,598 Haikwan taels, or \$15,974,300, the value of the Haikwan tael being officially given as 73 cents American gold. The total imports into all China in the same year amounted to 284,748,456 Halkwan taels, making the total of imports of foreign goods into New Chwang less than 10 per cent of the total imports of foreign goods

into China in that year.
"The entry of 584.877 pieces of American drills, valued at 2,023.645 Haikwan taels. says the report, "shows the firm hold these goods have on the market, they having increased 10 fold in as many years. American sheetings are even more ought after, over 1,100,000 pieces having come in. The importation of American cotton flannel quadrupled, and American kerosene oil has nearly doubled in com-parison with the totals for preceding

The other exports from the United States to China and Hong Kong, amounted to \$8.795,077, of which it is estimated that less than \$2.000,000 reached Manchuria, making the total value of American exports in 1899 to China and Hong Kong which reached the markets of Manchuria about \$5,000,000, or 22 per cent of the total of \$22.013.000 exported from the States to China and Hong Kong in that year.

JAPAN IS FOR PEACE. But Will Not Submit to Any Injustice by Russia.

LONDON, March 11.-The Japanese legation in London has received a bundle of advices from Tokio relative to Russia's movements in Manchuria, but the Japan-ere Minister is unwilling to admit that Japan is alarmed over the recent changes

in the situation.

"Japan is still reluctant to believe," said an official of the Japanese legation to a representative of the Associated Press this evening, "that any power, even Russia, is acting outside the the powers. Apart from the interest which all the powers have in a success-ful solution of the Chinese situation, Japan would have special cause to be of-fended should the present harmony be disturbed by any individual arrangement between China and any other country.
"We don't desire to participate in the slightest way in disturbing the present united action. The war between Japan and China occurred at a time when Japan was just entering upon a new ero of commercial prosperity, and while there is nothing to regret so far as military and naval prestige is concerned, we are nat-urally peaceful and do not desire hostili-ties. It may be set down, therefore, that Japan will do her utmost to maintain peace and to insure a successful settle-ment of all questions in China. This does not mean that we will submit to any inustice, but the attitude of the Japanes Government today is that it is unwilling to believe that Russia would defy the powers by secret negotiations with China, or that the powers would allow any such procedure to proceed, to the manifest in-jury of Japan as well as themselves."

Russia Threatens China. LONDON, March 11.—The Times in its second edition today publishes a dispatch from Shanghai, March 11, saying: "It is reported upon trustworthy author-ity that Russia has notified China that unless the Manchurian convention is signed at an early-named date, she (Russia) will withdraw the convention and sia) will withdraw the convention and substitute harder terms in its place. Li

Hung Chang declares that he is power-less to resist and has appealed to the United States, Great Britain, Germany (Christianity is making rapid progress and Japan to intervene in China's behalf. Considerable uneasiness in consequence of the extreme friction, is believed to exist between the Yangtse Viceroys and Li Hung Chang."

Indemnity for Profits Lost. BERLIN, March IL-The East Asiatic

Society, of Hamburg, has addressed a let-ter to the Imperial government with reference to the principles to be adopted in determining damages in China. The so-clety asks that China be compelled to pay not only for lives lost and property destroyed, but also for profits not gained, owing to the anti-foreign troubles.

sert that German representatives are negotiating with high officials for the establishment of arsenals at Nankin, Wu Chang and Cheng Fu, in the Province of Shan Tung.

German Arsenals in China.

SHANGHAL March 11.-Native papers

HAZELTON CONFERENCE.

Mitchell Still Hopes Operators Will Be There.

SCRANTON, Pa., March II.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, is here. He said last night that the coal operators' offer to continue the 10 per cent advance in the miners' wages indicated a friendly feel-ing. He hoped that the operators would show the same disposition regarding the other question to come before the Hazle-ton convention.

"In my judgment," said Mr. Mitcheil, "the proper way to adjust wages and in-sure uninterrupted employment is to have annual conferences between the operators and the employes, as is done in the soft coal region. There is no good reason why the operators should not confer with the organization. Last Fail they claimed the organization did not represent the miners. That excuse cannot be put forward now. Practically speaking miner in the region is now enry region is now enrolled in the organization."

Begards It as a "Feeler."

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March II. — Charles J. Thain, district organizer, and a delegate to the Hazleton convention, said last night he thought the action of the coal companies in posting notices sig-nifying their willingness to pay the present scale of wages for another year is only a "feeler." The operators, he said, know there are other pressing grievances, and he believed they will adjust these grievances rather than 'precipitate another strike, Grievances which the delegates from Wyoming Valley will insist on being brought before the convention relate to pay for dead work and a uniform price for rock work. Some of the companies In this section, it is said, do not pay any-thing for dead work, and in the Carbondaie district of the Delaware & Hudson better wages are paid for certain kinds of work than are paid at the collieres operated by the same company here-abouts. The leaders of the United Mine Workers say until there is a uniform system all through the anthracite region there will be constant friction between ployers and employes, and the only of obtaining such a system is co-opera tion upon the part of the companies. Mr. Thain says he does not think there will be a strike, but says if the operators would meet the miners in joint confer-ence all grievances could be settled in a few hours.

DEATH ROLL.

R. C. Garland. GUNNISON, Tex., March 11.-Rufus Cummings Garland, son of the late Atorney-General A. H. Garland, and a com poser of sucred music, is dead at Fort Worth. At the time of his death he was engaged in the legal department of the Dawes Commission. Mr. Garland's sacred music has attracted wide attention.

Maine Diver Dead.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11 .- Edward Conrad, one of the best-known divers in the South, died today. He recently in-spected the wreck of the battle-ship used in destroying the ship.

Mrs. Agnes Sanny Hilton.

NEW YORK, March II .- News was re eived here tonight of the death in Paris today of Mrs. Agnes Sanay Hilton, wife of Henry M. Hilton, Mrs. Hilton had for years lived apart from her husband, was practically disinherited by his father. the late Judge Hilton.

Lieutenant-Commander Chenery. NEW YORK, March 11.-Lieutenant-Commander Leonard Chenery, U. S. N. retired, died today, aged 55 years. He was educated in California and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Christianity in Japan.

NEW YORK, March 11 .- The Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur spoke last night in Calvary Baptist Church on "Protestant Missions in Japan."

"Recent statistics show," said Dr. Mac-"that the Christian Japanese include a Judge of the Supreme Court, who is one of the most learned men in Japan; the commanders of two battle-ships of the first class; the president of the Lower

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and the secretary of the Prime Minister. Christianity is making rapid progress in every part of Japan, and it would not be surprising if before a generation pass-es Christianity would be the dominant faith of the land of the rising sun. Japan is likely to unite her political fortunes with the American republic and the British Empire in resisting the selfish aggressions and grasping ambitions of Russia in

A Murder at Guthrie,

GUTHRIE, O. T., March IL-Mrs. Mary Thomas, aged 73 years, was found dead her room this afternoon. She had been dead about two days from the best that could be learned by the Coroner's jury. Her face and head were horribly mutilated. There is no clew to the guilty per-



If the man does not stop the cough the cough stops the man; stops his ap-petite, his sleep, his pleasure and his work. So called "cough remedies" sometimes relieve but they don't go deep enough to cure. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures coughs and diseases of the respiratory organs perfectly and permanently. It stops the cough. It heals the lungs, stops the hemorrhage, if the lungs are bleeding, and by purifying the blood and increas-ing the action of the blood-making glands enriches every organ with the good blood which alone will make a

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