

HE BREAKS DOWN

Secretary Hay May Resign Office.

EXHAUSTED BY WORK

He Collapses in Going on Board Ocean Steamer.

VOYAGE TO MEDITERRANEAN

Continuance of Great Statesman in Office Depends on His Recovery

CHICAGO, March 18.—(Special.)—Walter Wellman, in a message from Washington to the Record-Herald says in part: "Is the great public career of John Hay drawing toward its end?"

"This is the question which was most anxiously discussed at the Capitol today on receipt of the news that Mr. Hay had embarked for Europe in a condition verging upon physical collapse. For some time there had been whisperings in the Cabinet and diplomatic circles that Mr. Hay might not remain long at the head of the State Department. The talk of his retirement due in part to the Secretary's ill health, in part to his attitude of mind concerning himself and in some small part at least to unsatisfactory relations existing between the administration and the Senate as to foreign affairs. But no one had till just now regarded the state of Mr. Hay's health as serious enough to warrant more than passing speculation upon its future and the other conditions have been of such low standing as to deprive them of any special significance.

May Resign on Return. "Members of the Cabinet said today that they would not be surprised if Mr. Hay resigns his post as Secretary of State on concluding his present voyage in search of rest and health. Nor would they be surprised if he returns refreshed and reinvigorated and disposed to yield to the earnest request of the President that he accept his post in the opinion of Mr. Hay's associates is that everything depends upon the success the Secretary may meet with in his search for health. "It is well known that President Roosevelt views with anything but composure the danger that he may lose the services of the man who has won a high place in the estimation of all the world as well as the United States, and in the opinion of a vast majority of thinking Americans as the foremost diplomatist or international statesman of the time.

Taft His Probable Successor. "For the present Secretary of War Taft will look after the important phases of Mr. Hay's work in the State Department in addition to his own duties in the War Department. The understanding is that, if Mr. Hay retires from office, Mr. Taft is to be his successor."

EXHAUSTED BY OVERWORK.

Secretary Hay's Physician Tells the Cause of His Collapse.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—"Extreme exhaustion of the nerve centers brought on by overwork" is the cause assigned by the Surgeon-General of the Navy, who is Secretary Hay's physician, for the Secretary's collapse just before boarding the steamer at New York. The Surgeon-General had received no message from the family, but from his knowledge of the Secretary's fitness he was confident the fainting spell was due to this cause. "Secretary Hay is worn out from overwork," the Surgeon-General said, "and I have urged him to take this trip in the hope that the sea voyage and separation from official business will restore his strength. The country does not begin to know of the work which the Secretary has insisted on doing, despite several attacks of grippe and bronchitis. As a result, his nerve centers are well-nigh exhausted. I am hopeful that two months of absolute rest will restore him to health and enable him to return to his official duties."

FAINTS AS HE BOARDS STEAMER

Secretary Hay Collapses, but Recovers After Leaving New York.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Secretary of State Hay was taken ill today as he was about to board the White Star Line steamer Celtic for a voyage to the Mediterranean, and became so weak that he was taken on board the steamer in a wheel chair. That his condition was not regarded as alarming seemed apparent, however, as the steamer started on her voyage without delay. Mr. Hay has been in poor health for some time, and the voyage upon which he started today was planned to give him complete rest and an opportunity to recuperate. The Secretary's plans include a stay of about six weeks in Southern Europe.

The Secretary had come up from Washington yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Hay, his daughter, Mrs. James Washburn, Jr., Clarence Hay, his son, and Henry Adams, a personal friend. The whole party went to the steamer today, although Mr. and Mrs. Hay and Mr. Adams were to sail.

At the White Star dock there are several short flights of stairs leading to the second floor, from which four the boarding of the steamer is made. In going up these stairs Mr. Hay had to rest at each landing. Just as he reached the top he reeled back, but recovered himself and went on. As he was about to walk un-

der the gasp which he was seen to turn deathly white and stagger, and he would have fallen had not his friend supported him. The Secretary was assisted to a heap of freight piled up near the gangplank, where he sat down and waited until an invalid's chair was brought from the steamer. He was then wheeled aboard the steamer and went at once to his apartments.

It was within a few minutes of the steamer's sailing time when the secretary went on board, and it was believed that if the ill turn was regarded as particularly serious there would have been some delay while physicians were summoned for a consultation or a change in plans made. No word came from Mr. Hay's apartments, however, and the Celtic left her dock promptly on schedule time.

The Celtic is not equipped with wireless telegraph, and except for possible signals to passing vessels, no word of the Secretary's condition will be had until she reaches the Azores, her first stopping place.

As she passed Sandy Hook the Celtic displayed a signal saying that Secretary Hay was much better.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS TEN

Men Left on Guard at Night Perish in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 18.—An explosion occurred at the mines of the New River Smokeless Coal & Coke Company at Rush Run at 10 o'clock tonight, in which ten men were killed. The explosion was in the Rush Run mine and extended to the Red Ash mine, nearly two miles away, and great flames burst out of the mouths of both mines. About seven men stayed in each mine at night to take care of them and all were killed. The interior of the mines is in such a state at this time that it is impossible for anyone to enter to investigate.

The Rush Run and Red Ash mines are the property of the same company and the latter is the mine in which 46 lives were lost three years ago. It is impossible at this time to ascertain the cause of the explosion.

NEED NOT SHOW WHAT IT COST

Cleveland Corporation Exempt From Convicting Itself of Bribery.

CLEVELAND, O., March 18.—The Circuit Court today handed down a decision that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company could not legally be compelled to exhibit its books in connection with the City Council bribery investigation. Mayor Johnson recently charged that certain Republican members of the Council had been bribed to vote against the annexation of South Brooklyn, a suburb, to the city. The Mayor also charged that the electric company and other corporations had subscribed largely to the campaign funds of the Republicans. The Council ordered an investigation and the electric company was notified to bring in its books. This was refused, and the matter was taken into the courts.

TWO PREACHERS IN HOT WATER

One Unfrooked for Horsteadling, Other Suspended for Stocktrading.

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 18.—The board of 12 Dutch Reformed ministers which for a week has been trying Rev. S. Koster at Orange City on charges of sharp practices in horsteadling today found him guilty and he will be unfrooked.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 18.—Rev. Dr. Wilbur Cockran, who has been on trial before a committee of 12 members of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, charged with stocktrading, was found guilty today and suspended for one year. The closing address for the case was made by Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, of California. Dr. Cockran was twice presiding elder and twice a delegate to the General Conference.

CYCLONE SMASHES A TOWN

Porch, Oklahoma, Full of Mangled People and Wrecked Houses.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 18.—A special from Hobart states that a cyclone struck Porch, a small town near there, last night. One man, name not given, was killed; J. E. and Charles Jones fatally injured and 16 hurt. Sixteen houses were demolished. Details are lacking on account of inaccessibility.

VESUVIUS THROWS HOT STONES

Eruption of Volcano Caused by Severe Earthquake.

NAPLES, March 18.—Mount Vesuvius is again in eruption and is throwing out burning lava, red-hot stones and a high column of smoke, with detonations which are heard at long distances. The eruption is attributed to an earthquake which was felt for 80 miles.

RAISING SINEWS OF WAR

The question of sinews of war, it is declared at the Ministry of Finance, is being arranged satisfactorily. The negotiations for the domestic loan, which is not an expedient adopted from any fear of

HARBIN HIS GOAL

Oyama Sets Date for Entering City.

FAKOMAN HAS BEEN TAKEN

Rearguard Fighting Japanese Near Kaiyuan.

RUSSIANS WRECK RAILROAD

Losses in Mukden Battle Still Unknown—Russians Fear That Their Army Will Meet New Flank Attack.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—(6 A. M.)—The reports of the retiring commander-in-chief and the new commander in Manchuria, which were issued here yesterday, while relieving the immediate fear of the Russian people that the Manchurian army already is cut off and confirming information already received that the retreat is in full progress, throw no further light on the condition of the losses of the army, and contain no disquieting information.

The City of Fakoman, which is well in the Russian rear, has been seized by forces given out as Chinese bandits, but which may be a vanguard of Japanese regulars. From Fakoman one road leads to Kaiyuan, about 13 miles north of the Pass, and the great Chinese road runs northward, paralleling the railroad and offering to a force there the alternative of striking the Russian line or pushing on toward the Sunari River along the highway, which is better than the road over which General Lindeitch will have to retreat. The new commander will need all the strategic qualities of Kutropkin to effect the withdrawal in safety.

Oyama Sets Date He Takes Harbin. How far or how rapidly Field Marshal Oyama will be able to continue pursuit remains to be seen, but the Chinese at Harbin expect him there April 13, and if this opinion proves to be founded on a Japanese proclamation, many persons here, remembering the fulfillment of Oyama's assurances regarding the occupation of Mukden, March 10, will be inclined to make three weeks as the limit.

The Russian government continues to declare that, whatever be the fate of Harbin and of the present Eastern army, the war will continue, and Vice-Admiral Rodzhenko's orders to try leaving the Vice-Admiral Togo have not been carried. Preparations for the mobilization of a new army are continuing, and the finance department is busy with measures to provide necessary funds.

EXTENT OF LOSS STILL UNKNOWN.

The lapse of a full week since the beginning of the retreat from Mukden finds Russia in almost complete ignorance of the details as to the effect of that reverse. Kutropkin, before relinquishing his baton, professed himself unable to estimate losses, and no dispatches referring to the number of prisoners have been allowed to sift through the strict censorship. The public simply knows that the list of killed, wounded and prisoners is great, and is prepared to believe them enormous, though one Russian correspondent expresses the belief that they will not exceed 80,000, all told. This full story of the awful retreat from Mukden to the Pass also remains to be told. Later reports received confirm the first statements that the bulk of the armies retired in good order, the momentary panics affecting only the soldiers who were crowded among the transports in charge of undisciplined officers and fleeing civilians, causing the loss, however, of a great amount of supplies and a number of cannon which otherwise they would have been able to bring off.

RAISING SINEWS OF WAR.

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failure in the French market, are proceeding to a favorable conclusion, and the Ministry of Finance insists that the French engagement will be signed shortly. It has been determined that the new domestic bonds had run for a period of eight years.

TERROR AMONG THE CHINESE

Japanese Hang Russian Sympathizers, and Seize Provisions.

HARBIN, March 18.—(Noon.)—The Chinese here are in an excited state and say notification has been received that the Japanese will enter Harbin, April 13. Many Chinese refugees are arriving from the south. They report ill-treatment by Japanese and say that Russian-speaking Chinamen are being held down and placarded, "the great Russian translator." They say also that the Japanese take all supplies gratis, and that one Japanese General, answering a request to pay at least a little for provisions taken, declared that the "Chinese dogs were not deserving of any other treatment." The population of Bodun, southwest of Harbin, fears the arrival of the Japanese.

In the village of Termitsovo, the Christian Chinese captured Mantzyr, a noted Chinese bandit leader, who had been terrorizing the region around Bodun, and turned him over to a Russian guard, which on March 15 brought him to Bodun, after beating off attempts at rescue.

It is reported among the Mongols that some time ago a large body of Japanese penetrated deeply into the country toward Blumintin, but was expelled by Prince Dik. The Japanese are reported to have sent out a second and larger detachment.

With the many wounded who are arriving at Harbin from the southward are crowds of Russian inhabitants of the region evacuated and employes of the railroad.

TOKIO CELEBRATES VICTORY

Thousands Cheer Congratulatory Message to Oyama.

TOKIO, March 18.—(Evening.)—Thirteen thousand persons went to Hibya Park today to attend exercises commemorating the victory of the Japanese over the Russians. Members of the Cabinet, the elder statesmen, many officers of the army and navy and members of the Diet were present. Mayor Ozaki read congratulatory telegrams to be sent to Field Marshal Oyama on behalf of the municipality, the central cheering the approval of Lieutenant-General Terauchi, Minister of War, and Admiral Yamamoto, Minister of the Navy, spoke on behalf of the army and navy respectively, thanking the people for the support they had given the government during the war.

Sports in the afternoon, and a display of fireworks tonight concluded the celebration.

CONFIDENCE IN RUSSIA SHAKEN

French Foresee Further Disasters and Loss of Vladivostok.

PARIS, March 18.—The Russian defeats culminating with General Kutropkin's recall have completely shaken French official and public opinion concerning Russia's ability to successfully make head against the central cheering. The first view that the Russian reverses were part of a strategic plan is now entirely abandoned and all comment turns on Russia's accumulating misfortunes.

The recognized Russian organ, the Echo de Paris, says Kutropkin follows the path of Alexieff, Stoppel, Orloff, Stark, Gripenberg and a long list of others in various stages of investigation and disgrace, and a dispatch announcing that Captain Clado has been relieved of all functions appears to emphasize the condition of Russia's military demoralization. The Pigro says: "Kutropkin was the victim of over-prudence and lack of audacity. Military critics point out that General Lindeitch did not graduate from the school of cadets of the military academy, but began his service as a volunteer and a private. While a subordinate officer during the Russo-Turkish war, Lindeitch first met Kutropkin, then a Captain. The latter represents the student soldier, while Lindeitch represents the man from the ranks.

"The peace prospects, although recently considered bright, now seem to have disappeared. The officials say this is due mainly to Japan's insistence that Russia shall sue for peace, whereas Russian pride prevents her from taking the initiative. Therefore, it is believed that the war will be indefinitely prolonged, with the prospect of a series of Japanese successes above Mukden.

"Japan's approach to Siberia is considered one of the momentous epochs of the war and as marking the Japanese possession of Asiatic territory now held by a European power. The effect of the Japanese advance to Harbin will be to control the Trans-Siberian Railroad and the entire sweep of Eastern Siberia, including Vladivostok. It is said that this possession of Russian territory may prove an

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WITH ONE TOUCH

President Will Open the Great Exposition

BY ELECTRIC FLASH

Wire May Be Stretched Direct From White House.

HE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

Government Exhibit Will Arrive in Middle of April—Medals and Souvenirs Will Be Made at the Exposition.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 18.—President Roosevelt will be unable to attend the opening of the Lewis and Clark Exposition on June 1, but hopes to be represented at that ceremony by some member of his Cabinet. Senator Fulton called at the White House this morning to bid the President good-bye, and took occasion to again invite him to attend the Exposition.

The President said his plans would not permit of so long a trip, though he would like very much to see the result of the enterprise in which he has shown a deep interest from the very first.

There has been talk of repeating at Portland the same plan which was carried out for the opening of the St. Louis Exposition, viz., connecting Portland with Washington by a through telegraph wire and establishing communication between the White House and the Exposition grounds, so that at noon on June 1 the President, by pressing a key at his desk, will set in motion the machinery at the Lewis and Clark Exposition and formally open the big fair. This plan has not yet been adopted, but will probably be agreeable to the President if it is approved by the Exposition authorities.

EXHIBIT ARRIVES IN APRIL.

Incidentally, it was learned today that the Government Board in charge of the Government exhibit at Portland is preparing to ship its exhibit from St. Louis in order to reach Portland about the middle of April. Work has been received that the Government building will be complete about April 15.

Because of a shortage of funds, it has been found necessary to limit the exhibit at Portland and, instead of duplicating the exhibit at St. Louis showing the entire process of making coins, the Government will show only the actual process of minting. The official Exposition medals and souvenirs will be coined by the Government mint machinery in the Government building.

President Goode has been requested to prepare designs for the medals and for the souvenir dies. The dies will be made at the Philadelphia mint and be on hand at Portland ready for use when the Exposition opens.

COMPLETED BEFORE OPENING.

All preliminary work has been cleared up, and everything points to the completion of the entire Government exhibit before the Exposition opens.

A contract has been awarded to Barnes, Warden & Co., of Portland, for wiring Government buildings at \$7623. The wiring will be so distributed as to illuminate all the buildings at night, showing their outlines and main features. The towers of the main building will be brilliantly lighted. There will be little artificial lighting of the interior, as the building will not be open at night.

MANY DEATHS FROM MENINGITIS.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Chorea spinal meningitis, which has been so prevalent in New York during the winter, has claimed 336 lives since January 1. Most of the victims were chil-

dren. The Health Commissioner says the disease cannot be traced to the source, its workings being so mysterious. "It is in the lower East Side," says the Commissioner, "that the record of death is so great. The wave of deaths will practically increase until April. Three weeks ago there were 48 deaths, two weeks ago there were 62 deaths, and last week there were 78 deaths. For the next two weeks the number is likely to increase materially."

CASTRO PREPARES FOR TROUBLE

Seeks Settlement With Other Nations Before Fighting France.

PARIS, March 18.—Official advices are to the effect that President Castro, of Venezuela, is seeking to settle his complications with Germany and Great Britain, probably with a view to leaving him a free hand in dealing with the complications with the United States and France. The latter awaits the decision of the court at Caracas, however.

France has not subscribed to the position of some other European governments in entering to the United States the enforcement of rights against South American countries. On the contrary, this government expects to enforce its own rights, although whatever action is finally decided upon will undoubtedly be communicated to Washington with the view of securing American co-operation.

ACTION AGAINST ASPHALT COMPANY.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, March 18.—Advices received from Curacao, Venezuela, say that the Superior Court decided on appeal March 15 that the New York & Bermudez Asphalt Company aided the Matos revolution, and the High Federal Court will fix the damages. Final judgment may not be rendered for many months. This case is separate from the action of the government to rescind the company's concession.

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HAS THE BIG HEAD

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REAL GENTLEMEN IN WEST

Cowboy Captain Disgusted With the New York Hog's Lack of Gallantry Towards Women on Crowded Street-Cars.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Captain Seth Bullock, who, with his band of cow-punchers, was here a couple of days seeing the sights, told what he thought of New York, and the story is not likely to contribute any pleasure to New Yorkers, but will be extremely edifying to those dwellers west of the Alleghenies, who from time to time have journeyed hither and have come to the same conclusion as Bullock.

Bullock has been in New York before. He knows New York as well as though he lived here. He pays his own way, when he is here, and feels entitled to his opinion of the place, though he never felt warranted in making any voluntary criticisms. But a criticism was demanded of him yesterday. He leaned back in his chair, thrust his hands far down into his trousers' pockets, turned his cold, gray eyes quizzically on his questioners.

"Do you want to know what I think of this town?" he asked in his quiet, child-steady way. "Now, mind, I know as well as you that there are good people in New York City. But, taken altogether, you are the most provincial outfit in the whole country. You've got so much, you think you've got it all. You think the Creator stopped work when he filled the Hudson River with water, and all the rest of the country out beyond just happened so. Nothing counts unless it is done in New York and by New York except to laugh at."

New York is Too Proud.

"Now, out in our country we know New York is a good town. We know that the East is all right. We know we're all right, too. We think the Coast is pretty good grazing. We're proud of the whole country. But New York is proud of itself, and thinks the rest of the country is luck to be on the same continent. I'm not speaking in harshness or bitterness. But sometimes I think you miss a lot of the joy of being American.

"And another thing. A man from out our way can't help seeing certain things. He can't help seeing the way a lot of acceptance along these subways and street cars of yours crowd the women and stamp on their feet to get ahead of them. Great God Almighty! I came over from Washington yesterday on the Congressional limited, and things they call men pushed their way by women who were there before 'em into the dining-car, and when they were through with their dinners, these same critters sat there and smoked cigars and let the women wait.

Hogs That Escaped Slaughter.

"Now, you don't see things like that out in our country. If that's typical of the Eastern gentlemen, then the real American gentlemen are to be found out West. Let me tell you. I don't think it is typical. I think I recognize some of these critters. For many years the West has been shipping hogs East to Chicago, and I can't help thinking I see a lot of those same blankety-blank hogs romping around here in New York with two of their legs missing—having got past Chicago and the scaling vats."

Men Fight Women for Seats.

Unfortunately, there is ample evidence of the truth of Mr. Bullock's charge that New York men show no consideration for women.

In the struggles to get on and off the subway trails at Forty-second and Fourteenth streets this morning and last evening the wildest disorder prevailed, and in some instances out-and-out fist fights. Blood was spilled and clothing torn. Women and young girls were helpless. Some of the men, after they had been thrown free of the crowd, continued their fighting in the clear spaces of the station platforms.

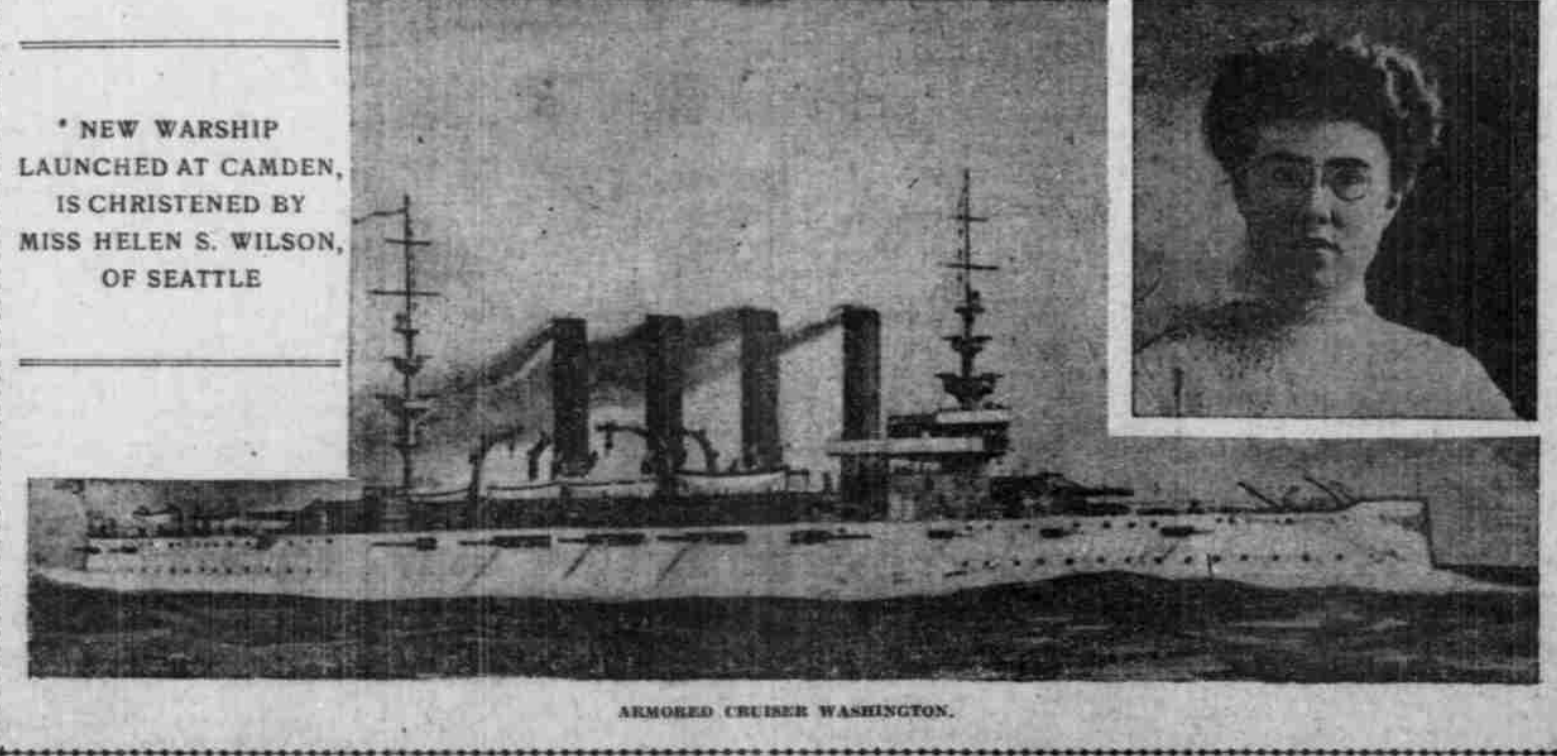
Dr. Ernst J. Lederle, ex-Health Commissioner, pulled himself free of a group of tussling men, struggling to get aboard a downtown express, and then watched the scene about him.

"Not another city in the world would stand for such scenes," he said. "There in the Grand Central Police Station, at the head of the stairs, 30 feet away, was a Captain and two Sergeants and a large force of police. Here grown-up men were manning women and fighting each other, cursing, swearing, and with none even to attempt objection. Just a few trained men could have handled the crowd."

SCHEME TO HELP OUT ADDICKS

Allee Offers to Resign if Delaware Will Elect Gas Man.

DOVER, Del., March 18.—United States Senator J. Frank Allee, in a statement issued tonight, announced that if the two factions in Delaware will unite and elect Colonel Dupont or anyone as his successor next week and elect J. Edward Adicks for the term beginning March 4, 1905, he, Allee, will present his resignation to the Governor. He states that he decided on this course voluntarily and to show the people that he desired to see the state fully represented in the United States Senate.



NEW WARSHIP LAUNCHED AT CAMDEN, IS CHRISTENED BY MISS HELEN S. WILSON, OF SEATTLE

ARMORED CRUISER WASHINGTON.