

#### Friday, April 13.

the fact that none of its members were pines, stating that General Wood's of the month, seven men were done to prepared to speak on the railroad rate achievements were a complete vindica- death in the forward turret of the batbill, that measure was temporarily laid tion of the case of General Smith. aside today in the senate, permitting Hayes, Cal., spoke in favor of an inthe devotion of the entire time to the creased salary for postal clerks. consideration of other bills on the calendar. Of these more than 300 were passed, most of them being private penaton bills.

Among the general bills passed was one increasing the pensions of exsoldiers who lost limbs in the service; another retiring and pensioning petty officers and men of the army, navy and marine corps after 30 years of service at three-fourths their regular pay; and a third bill increasing the pensions of ex-Mexican war soldiers to \$20 per month and making the attainment of 75 years of age evidence of disability.

Washington, April 13 .- After spending much time in useless debate and wrangling, the house took up the postoffice appropriation bill.

The bill was finally perfected at 5:45 o'clock, when Moon, of Tennessee, entered a motion to recommit to the postoffice committee with instructions to report the bill to the house immediately with the Southern railway mail subsidy stricken out. On this motion Crmpacker, of Indiana, demanded a rollcall, which was ordered. Moon's motion was lost, 96 to 99. This retained the subsidy in the bill, and without further objection the bill was passed.

### Thursday, April 12.

Washington, April 12 .- The feature of today's proceedings in the house of representatives was the speech made by Cochran, of New York, who, under an agreement made on a previous day, was given an hour to elucidate the subject of "general debate" on appropriation that Cockran would speak, the galleries were crowded and a very large proportion of the members were in attend-BBC0.

Cockran, after a short discussion of the fiction of "general debate" and the failure of members to attend the sit, his adherence to the Bailey amendtings of the house while subjects cover- ment, prohibiting the temporary susing the widest possible latitude were being illuminated, launched into a defense of the Hepburn rate bill and the legislation, but in the dignified way in which the bill passed the lower branch of congress. In this connection he ridiculed the constitutional debaters in themselves, and said that the best way the senate.

Washington, April 12 .- After a brief speech by Lattimer on in support of the house railroad rate bill, Foraker today took the floor on that measure and consumed practically all of the reate. He spent some time in the discus-

by Banon, Ohio, who defended the ac-Washington, April 13. - Owing to tions of General Smith, in the Philip- ately recalled, on a Friday and the 13th

### Tuesday, April 10.

Washington, April 10. - For seven hours today the house had under con-York, spoke in behalf of the Jamestown exposition. Both Bede and Towne represented the Duluth district in Minnesota in other congresses. They were warmly congratulated on their speeches.

Washington, April 10 .- For more than four hours today Bailey held the undivided attention of the senate with a speech in reply to Spooner and Knox, rate bill.

in the recent history of the senate. al, executive and diplomatic, was held is doubtful."

by its occupant with marked tenacity.

### Monday, April 9.

Morgan addressed the senate today on

bills. In view of the announcement the railroad rate question, the former advocating the legislation and the latter opposing. The Mississippi senator announced his intention to support an amendment providing for a court review of the decisions of the Interstate Commerce commission and also stated pension of the commission's orders by the inferior courts. He criticized what he characterized as an effort to inject high position taken by the house, not politics into the consideration of the only in the exceptional character of the bill. Morgan took the position that the proposed legislation was an interference with the rights of the states to control the corporations created by to check exorbitant railroad rates was tion as to insure competition.

Washington, April 9. - Notwithstanding that this was District day in testimony covering 1,860 typewritten. the house and that body resolved itself pages. Though the commission was

## SEVEN LOSE LIVES.

Powder Exploses in Turret of Battleship Kearsarge.

Washington, April 16 .- Two years ago to a day later than the fatal Mis- Ashes From Mount Vesuvius Are. souri disaster, as every sailor immeditelship Kearsarge by one of those accidents which acquire additional terror COUNTRY LIKE SAHARA DESERT for sailors because of their obscure origin and the almost impossibility of

prevention. The Atlantic fleet had been for weeks

engaged in most severe drills in the sideration the postoffice appropriation waters of the Caribbean sea, culminatbill, but in only a few instances were ing in the quarterly target practice. the provisions considered. During the This practice was just about concluddebate on the special appropriation for log, with most satisfactory results up railway mail pay, bitter words were to Friday, and it was confidently exexchanged between representatives pected at the department, upon the from North Carolina, Arkansas and basis of preliminary reports received, Kentucky, but all were within the that all records would be broken in the rules of the house. A humerous matter of rapidity of fire and efficiency speech was made by J. Adam Bede, of the gunners. But today came a Minn., and Charles A. Towns, New cablegram from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, telling of a dreadful accident on one of his best ships, the Kearsarge. The news came from Caimanera, a little cable station at the mouth of Guantinamo bay, indicating that the Kearsarge itself had arrived at that place. The

message read as follows:

"Caimanera, April 16. - Secretary Navy, Washington: On April 13, have been subjected. and just before its conclusion there was about 3:15 p. m., shortly after complea significant suggestion from Hale indi- tion of target practice of the Kearsarge cating the possibility of an understand- forward turret, while the powder was ing and an early vote on the railroad going below, three sections of a 13-inch charge of powder were ignited. The

The day was one of the most notable charge of powder in other lift just below and one section of 13 inch re-Very few senators were absent at any mained intact. Cause unknown. Mattime during the day and every seat in ter is being investigated. Seven men the galleries, public, private, senatori- were killed and the recovery of another

### BLAMES COMPANY.

Washington, April 9 .- McLaurin and Official Report on Steamship Valencia Disaster.

> Washington, April 16 .- The department of Commerce today made public the report of the special commission which held an investigation into the Valencia disaster last February, holding its sessions at Seattle. The report, which is made to the president and signed by the three commissioners, Laurence O. Murray, assistant secretary the department; Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corpora- and incorporates the recommendation tions, and Captain William T. Burwell, U. S. N., consists of 52 printed pages and exhaustively reviews the testimony and findings of the commission.

A feature of the report is its severe ensure for the Pacific Ceast company, which owned the steamer. The brunt to keep the waterways in such condi- of the blame, however, is thrown on Captain Johnson, who perished in the Denby is an attempt to find a comprowreck.

Sixty witnesses were examined, their mainder of the day's session of the sen- into a common council for the purpose without power to compel the attend- regulation in regard to return certifiof making laws for the District of Co- ance of witnesses and had no funds cates, etc. It repeals the provision of general interest was shown in with which to remunerate them, sub- existing laws permitting Chinese laborsuggested, and then entered upon the the bills requiring non resident pupils stantially all of the survivors of the ers to leave the United States and subconsideration of the entire question of to pay tuition and regulating the em- wreck were examined, except a lew sequently return only in case they have last request, as his injuries proved "Don't worry," he said: "my proposal railroad rate regulation, arguing ployment of child labor. Hepburn, of who had gone to distant points before wives or families or debts due to them fatal. against the constitutionality of the Iowa, replying to a long speech of Sims, the inquiry began. In addition a large pending bill from various points of of Tennessee, in which he contended number of master mariners and memtheir right of return to one year. view. He was frequently interrupted for self government for the people of bers of the crews of vessels which went

Much Finer.

Distress Among Tens of Thousands of Fugitives Appalling-Help Badly Needed.

Naples, April 12 .- The whole of the Vesuvius district, as far as Naples, Caserta and Castellamare, is one vast Sa-Bellamy Storer, who has been reharan desert. Reports tonight from alled as ambassador to Austria-Hunall sides state that the fall of ashes is not so heavy as it has been for the last few days, and the ashes are much finer, vice. He was in Congress from 1891 and from this it is argued that the until 1895, and in 1897 he was appointprospects are much brighter.

The blockade of local traffic continues, but service on the main lines of railway has been re-established, alborn in Cincinnati in 1847. He is a though greatly disarranged by the indescribable confusion in the stations graduate of Harvard (1867) and of the where foreigners, not fully understand. Cincinnati Law School, and he began ing the situation, inveigh against the the practice of law here in 1860. His delays and discomforts to which they studied under Daniel Webster.

This has been a disquieting day in Naples. The people, alarmed by what has happened, have deserted their shops, and the manufactories are nearly Connection connection connection of the connecti all closed. The crowde are in a temper for any excess. It would only require a spark to start a conflagration. The distress among the tens of thousands of refugees is appalling. The government has forwarded supplies of terrier puppy, whose white coat was as at the fig tree."-Houston Post. food and money, several of the Italian cities have done the same, and private slovenly. A writer in the Boston Hercitizens are contributing money for the ald tells the story of the ride. assistance of the sufferers. More help ed Ryan, from the bumpers, when the

is needed.

# REVISE EXCLUSION LAW.

### New Bill Intended to Remove Grievances of Chinese.

Washington, April 12 .- Representaive Denby, of Michigan, introduced a ously. bill today, making extensive revision of the Chinese exclusion act. It extends the operation of this act ten years of Commissioner General Sargent for American inspectors in China under the supervision of the Immigration service and for the re-registration of Chinese now in this country.

The bill is not intended to modify the basic principle policy of excluding Chinese laborers, but according to Mr. mise which shall harmonize differences with China.

It permits Chinese residents of this country to go and come under proper



"Well, Maggie, you have now been married a year. How do you like your husband?" "Sober, mum."-Houston Post.

Poet-So you think I should get more fire into my verses. Editor-My dear sir, quite the reverse !- Boston Transcript.

The Teacher-Why is procrastination alled the thief of time? The Dunce-Because it takes a person so long to say it .- Men and Women.

' Your husband seems to have a very affectionate disposition." "Good gragary, was conspicuous in Ohio politics clous! Have you found it out, too?"before he entered the diplomatic ser- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. Younghub-This sponge cake is very tough, my love." Mrs. Younghubed minister to Belgium. In 1890 he How queer! And I told the man to give was transferred to Madrid, and in 1902 me the youngest, tenderest sponges he he was sent to Vienna. Mr. Storer was had !-- Cleveland Leader.

"Does angels have golden crowns an' wear wings, pa?" "Why, I believe that is the general bellef." "But you won't never be able to find out for sure, will father was Judge Bellamy Storer, who you?"-Cleveland Leader.

> "Pa," said little Willie Underthum, 'what does a man's 'better half' mean?" "Usually, my son," replied Mr. Underthum, "she means just what she says."-Philadelphia Press.

"How do you suppose Eve ever got along without any store windows to Patrick Ryan, a tramp, tried to steal a ride on a freight train one day re- gaze into?" "She probably strolled down cently. In his arms he carried a fox the line every morning and rubbered

immaculate as Ryan's garments were "The plural then of 'wife' is what?" The teacher asked. Sald Bess, A most precoclous little tot:

"It's bigamy, I guess." Philadelphia Press.

brakeman discovered the pair. "We're Mrs. Crimsonbeak-I declare; There's mighty tired, and the pup ain't feeling more hard luck! Nothing has gone right with me this year! Mr. Crimsonbeak-Well, wife, you know everybody Half-way to Bristol the motion of the train made the terrier III. He licked Judge.

Ryan's grimy hand and whined pite-"I shall miss you while you are on your hunting trip, dear," murmured "All right, dogguns," sg'd Ryan, "If the young wife affectionately, "and I shall pray that the men you are going Ryan edged his way out to the end with will do the same !"-Cleveland of the brake-beam, holding the terrier Leader.

carefully in his arms. Then, as the Nell-Miss Schalp tells me she is gotrain slowed at a switch, he leaned far ing to play the harp. Belle-What down toward the ground and dropped nonsense! She hasn't any talent for the little animal on a spot of grass. The music. Nell-Oh, she knows that; but she has lovely arms .-- Philadephia "It's all right, I'm coming!" cried Leader.

Wigwag-Hello! Scribbler. Writing His foot slipped, caught in the brakeadder, and he pitched under the any poetry these days? Scribblerwheels. When they picked Ryan up Only enough to keep the wolf from the his right arm was cut off, his left leg door. Wigwag-Great Scott! The wolf crushed, and his head a mass of bruises. can't read poetry, can he?-Philadel-He was taken to a hospital, where he phia Record.

regained consciousness for a moment. "Do not be so cast down," she said; "Has any one remembered to feed "it grieves me greatly to give you so the little dog?" he asked. It was his much pain." He looked up and laughed.

in support of the practice of granting lower rates on goods intended for export than on those used in domestic consumption.

Wednesday, April 11.

Washington, April 11 .- Among the many bills passed by the senate today was one granting land on Morton island, in Snake river, Oregon, to that passed follow:

ican waters.

rate bill, Aldrich expressed the opinion harbor or appropriation bill. that before the end of the week the of general discussion.

order today, a senate bill ratifying an bia river bill. agreement with the Lower Brule band Dakota, was passed. The postoffice appropriation bill was then taken up.

H. Smith was the subject of a speech asspage.

### May End Race Problem.

Washington, April 10 -Dr. S. Harris, professor of medicine in the Unito the president today about the ravages the South. He expressed the fear, and ed in by the medical fraternity generally in the South, that the negro race was likely to become extinct in this country. Statistics showed, he declargreater than the birth rate.

### Question for Steel Trust.

Washington, April 10,-After a conference with the president today, Geners in this country.

by other senators. Lodge spoke briefly the District of Columbia, made a de- to the Valencia's aid were put on the writ of habeas corpus to bail, a privifense of the form of government, but stand. criticized its administration. He did not think two newspaper men and one army officer, who constitute the board

of commissioners, the proper personnel for such a government.

### Cannon Gives Aid.

Washington, April 14. - Speaker Cannon today assured Representative state as a fish hatchery. Other bills Jones, of Washington, and Chairman Barton, of the river and harbor com-Authorizing the allotment of land to mittee, that he will permit them to natives of Alaska; prohibiting the use call up the Columbia river bill on Monof diving apparatus in the taking of day under suspension of the rules. sponges; authorizing the state of Mon- This is the most satisfactory arrangetana to select lieu lands; prohibiting ment that could be brought about, for aliens from gathering sponges in Amer- it means that the bill must be considered solely on its own merits, and can

In response to a request by Tillman under no circustances be confused or to fix a time for taking a vote on the associated with any other river and The merits of the bill are so apparent that speeches would be so far disposed of as it cannot be assailed, unless by memo enable the senate to foresee the end bers who have been unable to secure reports on bills making appropriations for rivers or harbors in their own dis-

Washington, April 11. - When tricts, and it is not believed any such Speaker Cannon called the house to opposition can now defeat the Colum-

of the Sioux tribe of Indians, in South in the bill seems confident that it will ness men throughout the region express pass on Monday. It will certainly re- but little hope of a peaceful settlement ceive the approval of the president, for of the differences between the operators senger train, known as the "Meteor," The military record of General Jacob he long since committed himself to its and miners. On the other hand offi- was made last night at a point between

### No Limit on Use of Franks.

Salt Lake, April 10 .- That there is no law limiting or prescribing the charversity of Alabama, at Mobile, talked acter of printed matter which congressmen may authorize to be sent through of consumption among the negroes of the mails under official frank, is the gist of a decision rendered here today be added that his opinion was concurr- by Judge John A. Marshall, of the United States District court. L. R. Anderson, chairman of the Republican committee of Sanpete county, Utah, was indicted for alleged illegal use of ed, that the death rate among the mem- the frank of Congressman James A. cers of the Immigration bureau declare in a storm for about 23 hours, but is bers of the negro race in America was Tawney, of Minnesota, for distributio in Utah of political matter.

# Seattle Objects to Negro Soldiers.

Washington, April 9 .- Seattle is vigorously protesting avainst the assigneral Grosvenor, chairman of the house ment of a colored infantry regiment to committee on merchant marine and Forts Lawton and Wright, in place of fisheries, announced that his committee | the Tenth infantry, that goes to Alaska | sibility of inviting the British ambasproposed this week, in connection with in August. The appeals of Senator sador to participate in the Paul Jones hearings on the ship subsidy bill, to Piles have been without avail and he is ceremony at Annapolis on April 24, interrogate officials of the United States informed that Washington must have commemorating events in which Eng-Steel corporation regarding the report- its share of colored soldiers. The de- land came out second best, has led ed selling of steel products abroad at a tail of colored troops to the department those in charge of the ceremonies to rerate cheaper than was given to consum- of Columbia will not include Vancouver frain from inviting the participation of barracks. The detail is for two years. any nation other than France.

# COUNTRY RETURNS TO LIFE.

Sun Shines on Naples and People Resume Business.

Naples, April 16 .- The news from Vesuvius continues to be satisfactory, upon a Chinese arrested for being un-The sun is shining brightly this morning, and the last vestiges of the eruption are disappearing from Naples.

The work of cleaning and sweeping is still going on here. The city has about constitutional, that Chinese found unresumed its normal appearance. Re- lawfully in the United States shall be London Chronicle. ports from the villages and towns in imprisoned at hard labor for one year the region of Vesuvius say that the and then deported. people are gradually returning to their homes. The stores are beinng reopen- those mentioned in the treaty of 1880 ed. which suffered the least are actively en- bankers, members of the learned progaged in repairing their damaged homes fessions, editors or members of other and churches. In the opening up of slasses not falling within the category and government engineers.

### Prepare for Coal Strike.

Philadelphia, April 16 .- Despite the optimism with which Mr. Mitchell views the situation in the anthracite Everyone who is directly interested fields, the miners themselves and busiing obvious preparations for an extended suspension of mining operations, hour, struck the explosive and caused Imported laborers are said to have been an explosion that tore out three feet of placed in several colleries.

### Gorky May Be Deported.

Chicago, April 16 .- A special to a Chicago paper from New York says Maxim Gorky and the woman who is known as his wife may be deported because of false representations made Dewey broke its tow lines in the Medon their entrance to this country. Offithat, if the matter is properly brought now again in control. This informabefore the bureau, Gorky may be de- tion reached the Navy department in a ported. It is believed that persons dispatch from Admiral Sigsbee, dated who do not admire his opinions will lose no time in oringing up his case.

### Can't Ask Him to Attend.

Washington, April 16 .- The impos-

right."

It admits Chinese applicants for the lege now denied. It provides that any Chinaman resident in the United States, may receive a return certificate on exhibition of his certificate of registration or original certificate of entry and proof of his identity. It repeals the provision of the exist-

ing law placing the burden of prcof lawfully in the United States to show his right to be here.

in the law of 1892, already held un-

It enlarges the exempt class beyond The inhabitants of the towns to include accountants, bookkeepers, con entering the United States as a gain as a laborer.

> lenge the world to combat my theory." Kansas City Times. over the break without damage to the

## Drydock Dewey Breaks Tow.

Washington, April 12 .- The drydock iteranean off Malta and drifted about at Messina, Sicily, yesterday. He stated in the dispatch that the Brooklyn remained with the Dewey when it was floundering about, and did not leave it until it was safely in tow.

## Traveling Will Be Expensive.

Chicago, April 12 .- The Central Passenger association has decided to increase the summer tourist rates which prevail every season to the Atlantic sea coast resorts. On an average the rates will be raised about 15 per cent.

### Same Here.

"Oh, let me and the pup ride!" plead-

The brakeman let them alone.

ou can't stand it we'll get off."

terrier yelped in fear.

Ryan, and leaped.

REMEMBERED HIS DOG.

The thanks of every tired woman are lue to the gallant strap hanger who gives her his seat in the crowded district railway carriage when he sees her naking desperate attempts to keep her balance on her feet. But his gallantry is sometimes a little overdone, or it may be that his apparent politeness covers a

with the young man when he courteousy offered her his sent felt that his re-

"my legs are younger than yours."-

### Similarity of Slang and Poetry.

"What is the difference between slang and poetry?" asked a bantamweight philosopher the other day. "It man writes it, it is poetry; if another writes it, it is slang. All the slang that the roads they are assisted by the troops of laborers, but it also provides that it Walt Whitman created is called poetry. shall be unlawful for any Chinese per- All the poetry written by George Ade is called slang. Slang is poetry before member of an exempt class to work for it has taken out its license. That's the only difference. If you write about the snow upon the old man's brow,' that's poetry; if you speak of the 'alfalfa on the old man's chin,' that's slang. I chal-

### The Vice President's Dress.

The tall, impressive vice president is more American. lad when in the Senate in conventionof white vests and colored ties.

Mr. Fairbanks always carefully dusts but brings it into the Senate and places his desk.

### Disappointed.

"I understand your boy was severely hazed at college?"

"Yes," answered Farmer Corntossel. He allus was gettin' into trouble. I never could keep him out of it when he was at home."

"But aren't you indignant?"

"No; I'm not indignant. But I'm kind o' disappointed that I wasn't there to see it."-Washington Star.

A Tilt at His Fallings. Maude-Is he one of the sort that

tips the waiter? Belle-No, he's one of the sort that married, and I refused to give it to tips the soup plate.-Boston Transcript. him."-Ram's Horn,

land Plain Dealer.

Pa Twaddles-I can't see why that young idlot who is calling on Molly hasn't sense enough to go. It's midnight. Tommy Twaddles-"Taint his fault. He can't go-sister's settin' on him .--- Cleveland Leader.

"I suppose our friend will deliver a few speeches in Congress?" "Yes," anhidden sense of bitterness at having to swered Senator Sorghum, "he will destand when he has paid for a sent. In liver them, provided they are ordered any case, the lady who remonstrated by the right people and paid for in advance."-Washington Star.

Skorcher-Got an automobile, have It repeals specifically the provision ply should have been left unsaid. "Pray you? It's very strange I never see you take it," he begged her impressively; on the road. Newman-That's because as soon as I land there, I always pick myself up and scramble back into the machine.-Philadelphia Press.

"If it were not for my wife," growled the first man at the reception, "I wouldn't be here." "Neither would 1, dog-gone it !" replied the other man, "if all depends on who wrote it. If one it were not for my wife. I'm the hostess's husband."-Philadelphia Press,

"How're you making out at the opera house?" "We turned 'em away last night." "G'wan." "Fact. Sixteen of 'em. Manager said it was no use burnin' gas fer a \$9 house."-Pittsburg Post.

Lawyer-You say you left home on the 10th? Witness-Yes, sir, Lawyer-And came back on the 25th? Witness -Yes, sir. Lawyer (severely)-What were you doing in the interim. Witness -Never was in such a place-Balti-

"Ef yer real Interesied," said Deacon al garments of the statesman-long Skinner, "Fil tel' ye what I want fur Prince Albert, dark gray trousers, and thet horse," "Or, I wouldn't be lutera plain black slik tie. This raiment ested in know.n' thet," rep.ied Farmer is duplicated for at least five rows of Shrude, "No?" "No, but I wouldn't seats back and then comes a sprinkling mind knowin' what yed take."-Philadelphia Ledger.

"Do you mean to say that you refuse his immaculate cont-tails, and he never to allow your daughter to marry my leaves his shining top hat in the lobby, son?" exclaimed the lady from Chicago; "why, we have royal blood in our it with extreme caution on the top of veins !" "That's just the reason," said Steddyman; "I'm afraid it might crop out."-Detroit Free Press.

Foreman (at the door)-Did yer husband hoy a new sult av clothes on this mor-rnin', Mrs. O'Malley? Mrs. O'Malley-He did. Foreman-They're rooined entirely, Mrs. O'Malley-How did it happen? Foreman-He was blowed up be a charge av dinnymite .--Cleveland Leader.

"I did one charitable act to-day." remarked a merchant, as he sat down to dinner. "I'm glad to hear it, dear," rejoined his wife; "tell me about it." "Oh, one of my clerks wanted an increase in salary, so that he could get

cials of the coal companies have since Turk and Scammon, south of Pittsburg. Thursday in various sections been mak- Dynamite had been placed on the track.

cars or injury to anyone.

the track. The high rate of speed at which the train was moving carried it

The train, running nearly 60 miles an

Rails Blown From Under Train. Pittsburg, Kan., April 12. - An unsuccessful attempt to wreck the southbound St. Louis & San Francisco pas-