PEACE DECREE

Terms of an Armistice in Cuba Arranged

BY PRESSURE OF THE POWERS

Mrs. Woodford and Other Americans Leave Madrid—A Ministerial Crisis Imminent

Madrid, April 8.—The hope of reaching a peaceful settlement with the United States is growing stronger. It is reported that the basis of an armistice in Cuba has been arranged. If this be true, a royal decree will appear in the gazettes tomorrow or the next day announcing the conclusion of an armistice.

The Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo will await orders at Porto Rico.

A cabinet council is now in session, and it is believed the deliberations are of a very important nature, but the ministers maintain absolute reserve. M. Patenotre, the French ambassador, visited United States Minister Woodford this afternoon.

The official statement that affairs have taken a pacific turn has not yet become generally known, and public opinion remains excited. The bourse declined heavily, owing to the belief that there is dissension in the cabinet, which, however, the ministerial supporters absolutely deny.

Official advices say President McKinley's message to congress will not advise the recognition of the independence of the insurgents, but will recommend measures looking toward the immediate cessation of hostilities and the restoration of peace and stability of government in Cuba, in the interest of humanity and the safety and tranquility of the United States.

Mrs. Woodford, wife of the United States minister, accompanied by her niece and Lieutenant L. G. Dyer, the United States naval attache, left tonight by the 8 o'clock train for Biarritz. General Woodford bade them farewell at the station. Considerable surprise is expressed at their departure, "in view of the settlement," but Miss Woodford remains, and it is explained that the others will return. The staff of the United States legation has left Madrid, and will probably remain in Paris for the present. Arrangements have been concluded to place throughout the country under protection of British diplomatic representatives, in case Minister Woodford is compelled to leave.

Washington's reply to the last suggestion of General Woodford by which it is understood here an, honorable peace satisfactory to both countries can be secured, was received at Madrid during the night. Its contents have not been divulged.

SESSION WAS TAME.

Many Disappointed Spectators in Congressional Galleries.

Washington, April 8.—After waiting patiently in the galleries and corridors of the house for hours, many of them from 8 o'clock until shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon, the thousands who had come to hear the president's message turned away weary and disgusted at the delay. Never was there such disappointment at the capitol. The members felt it even more keenly than the spectators, and for two hours afterwards they stood about the lobbies discussing the latest phase of the situation. The news of the proposed armistice, which came on the heels of the announcement that General Lee had cabled for delay, received quite as much attention as the request of Lee.

The debate in progress in the house over the army reorganization bill attracted little or no attention. It was completely overshadowed by the more absorbing question. Considerable opposition to the bill developed on the ground that its provision for an extension of the regular army in time of war to 104,000 men would be inimical to the National Guard and the volunteer forces, upon which the country had heretofore relied in time of stress. There will be a strong effort to recommit the bill tomorrow.

When the senate convened today, intense expectancy, amounting to excitement, prevailed both on the floor and in the galleries. The president's message had been positively promised, and its coming was awaited with genuine anxiety. Ten minutes after the senate convened, consideration of the sundry civil bill was resumed, and, with the exception of eight minutes consumed by executive session, in which Davis announced that no message would be sent in today, almost the entire session was consumed by the appropriation bill. It was practically completed when laid aside for the day.

Havana, April 8.—There is great enthusiasm among the Spaniards here and thousands are entering the battalions of the volunteers. The Spaniards say they prefer to fight a great nation than a small one, as they would rather die as heroes than live as cowards. They add that Spain has always had a special providence in great conflicts. In spite of this seemingly brave shouting many have already withdrawn their money from the Bank of Spain.

Spain Buying Small Arms.

Washington, April 8.—A telegram was received at the navy department today from the naval attache at London announcing that the Spanish officials have contracted with Vickers Sons, Maxim and other European manufacturers for the prompt delivery of 200,000 stands of small arms and the necessary ammunition.

It is stated that vast untouched beds of street coal lie within 50 miles of Kiao-Chou bay, China.

To Protect Americans.

Washington, April 8.—Representative Jones, of Washington, today introduced a joint resolution to protect the Americans in Cuba, which directs the president immediately to order all vessels of war in the United States in the vicinity of Cuba to proceed to Havana without delay, to protect all American citizens and bring away in safety all who desire to leave the island.

[illegible] lots of the Ganges valley [illegible] where the population averages [illegible] to the square mile.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Crop Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

Leiter furnished proof last week of the most convincing kind that his wheat deal is to be carried through to the last day of May. An enormous loan was made—$3,000,000 of the choicest securities being used. The amount borrowed was away beyond any present necessities; but the wheat bull decided it was better financiering to pay interest on unused funds than to risk a demoralized money market at the very moment when borrowing might be necessary. Leiter now has the funds in bank to pay for any possible wheat deliveries during the next 60 days. As important as the financial arrangement was the completion of plans to hurry the grain controlled by him abroad and into consumption. Every bushel of contract wheat now at Chicago will be on its way to Europe within the next four weeks. Up to the middle of March the railroads were loading Leiter wheat out of only one system of elevators—the Armour. The closing of additional shipping contracts with the east-bound roads for 8,000,000 bushels started loading at every elevator system in the city. On one day last week, cars were taking wheat simultaneously at the Armour, the Weare, the Counselman, the National, the Central and the Keith houses. That means the all rail shipments of 2,000,000 bushels per week. Some day this week, unless the opening of navigation is delayed beyond the expectation, the fleet of 30 vessels carrying 1,700,000 bushels of the Leiter wheat will start down the lakes toward Buffalo. Weather permitting, 8,000,000 bushels of wheat will start from Chicago this week eastward; will be at the seaboard by April 15, and will be off coast abroad by May 1. This Leiter movement of cash grain, now under way for 60 days, is evidently going straight into consumption without at all demoralizing the foreign markets. The spot No. 1 Northern at Liverpool Saturday was 7s 11d, equivalent to $1.14 per bushel there, and which means better than 95c here in Chicago; and the spot No. 2 red there Saturday was 7s 7½d, which at the low rates of freight paid by Leiter, is better than 90c at Chicago. Leiter has been making sales at figures better than these.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 78@79c; Valley and Bluestem, 81c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $3.85; graham, $3.40; superfine, $2.35 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 38@39c; choice gray, 35@36c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, $19@20.00; brewing, $21 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $23; shorts, $17.

Hay—Timothy, $12.50; clover, $10@11; Oregon wild hay, $9@10 per ton.

Eggs—Oregon, 11c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; fair to good, 40@45c; dairy, 35@40c per roll.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12½c; Young America, 13@14c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50@4.00 per dozen; hens, $4.00@4.50; geese, $6.00@7.00; ducks, $6.00@7.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 13@13½c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 40@50c per sack; sweets, $1.75@2 per cental.

Onions—Oregon, $2.25@2.60 per sack.

Hops—14@16c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 6½c; spring lambs, $2.50@3 each.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $4.25; light and feeders, $3.00@4.00; dressed, $5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3.50@3.75; cows, $2.50@3; dressed beef, 6½@7c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Potatoes—Yakimas, $13@14 per ton; natives, $11@12; sweets, 2½c per pound; box of 60 pounds, $1.75.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 25c; ranch, 14@15c; dairy, 16c; Iowa fancy creamery, 23c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 12@13c; Eastern cheese, 12½c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 15c; California ranch, 14c.

Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, 8c; cows, 7@7½c; mutton, 8½c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 8c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 13c; dressed, 14c; turkeys, live, 12c; dressed, 16c.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 6@7c; steel heads, 7@8c; salmon trout, 12½c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; tom cod, 4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 3@5c; herring, 4c.

Olympia oysters, per sack, $3@3.50.

Corn—Whole, $23; cracked, per ton, $23; feed meal, $23 per ton.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $23; whole, $22.

Flour—Patents, per barrel, $4.25@4.50; straights, $4.00; California brands, $4.75@5; Dakota brands, $5.40@$5.75; buckwheat flour, $6.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $16; shorts, per ton, $17@18.

Feed—Chopped feed, $18@20 per ton; middlings, per ton, $24; oil cake meal, per ton, $35.

Hay—Puget Sound, new, per ton, $11@13; Eastern Washington timothy, $16@17; alfalfa, $12; straw, $7.

Wheat—Feed wheat, per ton, $23.

Oats—Choice, per ton, $23.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada, 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Southern coast lambs, 7@8c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $22.50@25; California bran, $19.00@19.50 per ton.

Onions—Silverskins, $2.50@3.15 per cental.

Eggs—Store, 13½@13c; ranch, 14@15c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 19c; do seconds, 18c; fancy dairy, 17c; good to choice, 15@16c per pound.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, 25c@$1.35 per large box; grapes, 25@40c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@$1; pears, 75c@$1 per box; plums, 20@35c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 50@60c.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navels, $1.00@2.50; Mexican limes, $4.50@5.50 California lemons, choice, $1.50; do common, 50c@$1.00 per box.

Hay—Wheat, $19@23.50; wheat and oat, $18@22; oat, $14.50@16.50; best barley, $17@19; alfalfa, $13@14; clover, $12.50@14.

Hops—12½@17½c per pound.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 10c; old, 10c per pound.

WHOLE TOWN DESTROYED.

But Little Left to Show Where Shawneetown Stood.

Chicago, April 6.—A Chronicle special from Carmi, Ill., says: The disaster at Shawneetown, Ill., came when the great majority of the people were in their homes eating supper. The break in the levee occurred a mile above the town, and was within 10 minutes more than a half mile wide. A stream of water 12 to 20 feet deep, carrying half the current of the flood-raised Ohio, descended on the unsuspecting people. It came in a great rush, like a tidal wave. There was no slow rising of waters to give warning.

The houses on the outskirts were lifted up and rolled over and over. Most of them were torn into splinters. Their inhabitants were drowned in them. Nearer the center of town brick structures stopped the onrush of the water for a few minutes, but about two-thirds of the dwellings were floating, careening out into the current of the river.

After a few minutes the horror of the situation was added to by the catching fire of a large house that had started down stream with the others. The people on the roof were already in danger of being thrown off by collisions with other floating houses, but the occupants of this floating firebrand added horror. As it struck one house after another in its course, some others caught fire and their unfortunate occupants were compelled to trust themselves to the mercy of the swirling water on pieces of wood to avoid a more terrible death by fire.

The break in the levee flooded four miles of valley land and cut off communication on two railways, the B. & O. Soauthwestern and the L. & N. When the water had slackened somewhat, many houses were still standing, but it was quickly seen that the frame ones would not last in the flood. By means of rafts and swimming in the cold water 70 or 80 people were transferred from their garret windows and roofs to the flat top of the Gallatin county bank, a brick and stone building, and the courthouse, which is of brick. It was hoped that these would withstand the pressure and the undermining, but when the single courier, who rode for help to Cypress Junction, left Shawneetown, only those two buildings showed above the broad sheet of the flood in the lower part of the town, and it was doubtful if they would not collapse and throw the refugees into the river.

Besides the hundred or more who were on the roofs of the two sound buildings it is known that nearly 1,000 of the inhabitants managed in one way or another to make their way to high hills back of the town, or to houses in the higher section of the village. A few of these survived the sudden burst of the waters, but the first and sometimes the second floors were under water. Those who made their way to them went only in the clothes they were wearing when the water came. No one had time to secure either treasure or clothing. The property loss is very great.

The scene at the upper end of the town, where men and women were struggling against the muddy water to higher ground, some carrying babies on their heads where water was up to their necks, others half swimming, half floating on odds and ends of lumber from homes that had gone floating down the river, many struggling in vain and sinking in the roaring waters, was one that will live in the memory of every beholder.

In one place a mother had reached a safe spot, and turned to help her husband, who had followed with their child. As she reached down from a window for his hand he was thrown from his footing, and he and the child were swept away in the current. The woman saw him sink and then threw herself into the water.

Another family paddled half way to safety on a plank, which held them out of the water. The current caught them and sent them out toward midstream, where in the rougher water they were seen to capsize and sink.

An old man, named Griffin, living on high ground, stepped in the upper story of his trembling house to secure a hoard of money hidden under the bed. His son, a young man of 21, had to climb up the porch to rescue him, so quick was the rise of the water, and when the two attempted to swim to safety the younger man supporting the older, a floating house came running in the current and overwhelmed them.

A woman, supposed to be Josephine Simon, was warned of the danger in time to get to higher ground, but in turning back to help her mother, was caught with the older woman in an eddy and they were drowned.

A woman made an effort to save her lover by throwing a clothesline to him from her house. His house was swept away at the moment, and he was thrown into the water. He swam to the aid of the girl, but she was standing on the side of a gable roof, and was pulled from her footing. Both were drowned.

These are some instances told by John Graham, who reached Cypress Junction, from which place he telephoned here for help. He said that he himself helped 12 persons out of the water.

Governor Tanner, of Illinois, has issued an appeal for aid.

Congress will be petitioned also.

North Levee Gave Way.

Ridgeway, Ill., April 6.—According to the best information obtainable here as to the flood at Shawneetown, the levee on the north was the one that broke. The north end of Shawneetown, except Main street, near the river, was built up of one-story buildings of inferior construction, which were mainly inhabited by negroes. It is believed the larger portion of those lost were colored people.

Appeal for Peace.

Chicago, April 5.—Mrs. Hannah Bailey, of Maine, of the department of peace and arbitration for the world and the W. C. T. U., has sent to President McKinley, on behalf of a million women, a letter commending the action of the administration and urging that peace be maintained. This action, it is said, will be followed by practical relief work for Cuba on the part of the national W. C. T. U.

By the year 1900 Japan will have to pay $25,000,000 a year as interest on its national debt.

How Are You

This Spring?

Tired, nervous?
Can't get rested?
Tortured with boils, humors?

That is not strange. Impurities have been accumulating in your blood during winter and it has become impoverished. This is the experience of most people. Therefore they take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify their blood in spring.

I. M. White, Salem, Or., says: "The members of our family have derived much benefit from the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla. My father was severely troubled with humor, but it readily yielded to Hood's Sarsaparilla."

Thomas A. Coleman, Davidson, Or.: "Four or five years ago I had sores on my feet so that I was unable to wear shoes. I saw Hood's Sarsaparilla advertised to cure scrofula, and I procured two bottles. By the time I had taken them my feet were well."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is America's Greatest Medicine. Sold by all druggists, $1; six for $5. Be sure to get Hood's.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

Swallowing His Words.

"While I was at Moscow," writes a traveler, whose words are reproduced by the Detroit Free Press, "a volume was published in favor of the liberty of people. In this book the iniquitous conduct of the public functionaries, and even of the sovereign, were censured severely. The book created indignation, and the offender was at once taken into custody. After being tried in a summary way, he was condemned to eat his own words. A scaffold was erected in a public square, the imperial provost, the magistrates and the physicians of the czar attending, the book was separated from the binding, and the margin cut off. The author was then served, leaf by leaf, by the provost, and was obliged to swallow this unpalatable stuff on pain of the knout, more feared in Russia than death. As soon as the medical gentlemen were of the opinion that he had eaten as much as he could with safety, the transgressor was returned to prison. This punishment was renewed the following days, until after several hearty meals, every leaf of the book was actually swallowed."

IT WILL PAY.

It will pay to carefully read the descriptive advertisement of Alabastine appearing in this paper, explaining the difference between those goods and kalsomines.

Consumers should bear in mind that Alabastine is unlike all the various kalsomines sold on the market under different names. Alabastine stands pre-eminent and alone as a durable wall coating, and all consumers in buying should see that the goods are in packages and properly labeled.

Captain Cuttle in Safety.

Many are the prayers that are breathed for those that have gone forth to brave the dangers of the open ocean, remarks a writer in The Illustrated American, yet catastrophes on record have occurred in still water within sight, almost within touch of land. The Episcopal prayer book contains a formula of prayer for those at sea, which may perhaps include those that are upon the waters of rivers or anchored in harbors. The horrors that have occurred within close range of land make more grewsome than humorous the remark of Captain Cuttle, who, when in a stress of weather, under close-reefed foresails, with the hatches battered down, used to retire to his cabin and murmur as he sipped his grog, "God help the poor creatures on shore tonight!"

HOME PRODUCTS AND PURE FOOD.

All Eastern Syrup, so-called, usually very light colored and of heavy body, is made from glucose. *"Tea Garden Drips"* is made from Sugar Cane and is strictly pure. It is for sale by first-class grocers, in cans only. Manufactured by the PACIFIC COAST SYRUP CO. All genuine *"Tea Garden Drips"* have the manufacturer's name lithographed on every can.

King is the most ancient of titles. It, or its equivalent, is found in every known language.

I believe my prompt use of Piso's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kans., Dec. 12, '95.

A Bicycle Coincidence.

A remarkable coincidence has just happened at Portsmouth, England, which is thus recorded by The Westminster Gazette: A local doctor, visiting a colleague at his surgery three miles off, left his bicycle resting against the curb outside. When his call was ended, the bicycle was missing, and he communicated with the police, afterward returning home. An hour or two later a constable on duty in the neighborhood of this doctor's surgery saw a cyclist fall from the machine he was riding, which had skidded on the tramlines. The man, a young gunner in the Royal Artillery, was found to be seriously hurt, and was taken to the surgery for medical treatment. The doctor recommended the man's removal to the hospital, his leg being fractured. As he was being taken away the doctor looked at the bicycle, and found that it was his own! The police are now investigating the affair.

SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for chilblains, sweating, damp, callous and hot, tired aching feet. We have over 10,000 testimonials of cures. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The largest hotel in the world is the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York city, a $10,000,000 establishment, built by millionaires for millionaires.

Work in the Patent Office.

In 1897 there were received 45,661 applications for patents, and in addition a large number of applications for designs, trade-marks, etc. Patents granted numbered 23,739, including designs; 65 patents were reissued, 1,671 trade-marks registered and 14 labels and 16 prints. The number of patents that expired was 12,926. The total expenditures, $1,23,843; the receipts over expenditures, $252,798. The total balance to the credit of the patent office in the treasury of the United States January 1, 1898, was $4,970,438.

In proportion to population more patents were issued to citizens of Connecticut than to those of any other state—one to every 786 inhabitants. Next in order are the following: Massachusetts, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New York.

To residents of England 706 patents were issued; to residents of Germany, 551; Canada, 286, and France, 22.

The number of applications received for examination during the year was greater than for any other in the history of the office. Applications awaiting action December 28 last numbered 11,382, due to the inadequacy of the office force. For the 10 years beginning in 1840 the average number of application was 1,186, and for the eight years beginning with 1890 it has grown to 41,479 per year.

THAT SETTLES IT.

With the bloom and beauty of the season, its balmy airs and delightful temperature, we feel like living with new life, and are therefore often very careless in taking care of ourselves. It is this forgetfulness that lays us liable to attacks of rheumatism, the more liable because we think there is little danger of its coming on, but rheumatism is an easy thing to take and sometimes a hard thing to get rid of unless we take the advice of others and learn that the best way possible is to use St. Jacob's Oil. It has been used so long as a sure cure that this advice is given in good faith from the testimony of thousands.

If an Egyptian dies before noon the funeral must take place the same day. If death occurs after noon the funeral may not be delayed after the next day.

ABOUT CHANGE OF LIFE

"I suffered for eight years, and could find no permanent relief until one year ago. My trouble was Change of Life. I tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and relief came almost immediately. I have taken two bottles of the Vegetable Compound, three boxes of Pills, and have also used the Sanative Wash, and must say I have never had anything help so much. I have better health than I ever had in my life. I feel like a new person, perfectly strong. I give the Compound all the credit. I have recommended it to several of my friends who are using it with like results. It has cured me of several female diseases. I would not do without Mrs. Pinkham's remedies for anything. There is no need of so much female suffering. Her remedies are a sure cure."—MRS. ELLA KRINER, Knightstown, Henry Co., Ind.

By the way, the leading druggists tell us that the demand for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is simply beyond their power of understanding; and, what is best of all, it does the work promptly and well.

There died recently in the village of Mauvages, Alsace, a man by the name of Becu, who is the last of the family from which Mme. du Barry sprang. Her real name was Becu, and she was born in Vaucouleurs, a short distance from Mauvages.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look Carefully at the wrapper and see that it is *the kind you have always bought*, and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 5, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

One Great Bonanza.

The value of the metal production in the United States during the past year is estimated at over $762,000,000. This production, says The Engineering and Mining Journal, not only emphasizes the great total value, but also the immense variety of the mineral production of the United States. Not only is this country the largest producer of iron and steel, copper, lead and silver and of gold, but almost every mineral and metal known to commerce is found within our borders and mined or prepared in some quantity.

Sheepskins Made Into Velvet.

M. Puech, of Mazamet, France, is the inventor of an interesting method, by means of which the wool on sheepskins can be converted into velvet. Up to this time sheepskins with the wool on them have only been used for rugs, carpets or the lining of clothing, and the wool has been left in the curled or combed state. Seeing that the natural disposition of the innumerable fibres is perfectly regular, and suited to velvetization, the inventor conceived the idea of removing all the impurities from the skin and adjusting them in such a way that the hairs would not tangle or mat.

Ask Your Doctor

what effect alum has upon the stomach. Then make up your mind whether you will put any more low-price baking powder into your husband's or children's food.

Schilling's Best is pure cream of tartar and soda. Nothing else. 604

Want to Feel What They Are Eating.

The inhabitants of Sikas, Turkey, owing to the oppression of the tax gatherer, who, the more industrious he finds them the more he demands, and that out of proportion to the means, have no ambition to lead other than a hand-to-mouth existence. Their principal food is made from unsifted whole wheat, that has been threshed on the ground by means of a drag drawn repeatedly over it by oxen, and usually has a large admixture of dirt and stones. The people prefer this to fine grade flour, because they say they can feel they are eating something.

GREAT BENEVOLENCES.

In the great cities of the United States the condition of the metropolitan poor is constantly being ameliorated by the grand benevolences of wealthy people. Sanitary reforms are frequently suggested and carried out with earnestness and intelligence. Among sanitary reforms those produced by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in dyspeptic stomach, disordered liver, bowels or nervous system are very conspicuous.

George Sewell Boutwell, the youngest man ever elected governor of Massachusetts, and now the oldest of her ex-governors, has just celebrated his 80th birthday. It is 47 years since he was chosen governor.

Honoring a Dead Cat.

The most novel incident that ever occurred here was the funeral of Old Bill, the favorite old cat of the town, says a correspondent of The New York World, writing from College Corner, O. A pretty casket, covered with black cloth and lined with blue sateen, and having the usual outside trimmings, with a large name-plate, inscribed "Old Bill," was made, and the old pet laid in state in his last nest. He was the property of Barkley, the druggist, and the pet of the entire inhabitants. At the drug store, where he lay in state, hundreds of people viewed the remains, and many brought flowers as a last token of their friendship. The body was taken in a carriage by the immediate friends to the grave in the rear of Barkley's residence lot, where it was buried with more care and solemnity than many humans receive.

The Sadbury river aqueduct in 359 days, has delivered 15,857,300,000 gallons to Chestnut Hill reservoir, and 35,500,000 to Lake Cochituate.

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An Oregon inventor has devised a steam plow which he thinks capable of plowing 15 acres a day.

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After being swindled by all others, send us stamp for particulars of King Solomon's Treasure, the ONLY renewer of manly strength. MASON CHEMICAL CO., P. O. Box 747, Philadelphia, Pa.

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