TO BE FOUGHT IN THE COURTS.

The Question of Who is the Register.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

Col. Richardson Will Not Take the

THE MATTER SOON TO BE DECIDED

When the Case Comes Up Messrs. Pol lard and Sands Will Represent the Incumbent-The Decision May Affect the Commissioner of

Agriculture - Delegate Winborne's Views.

Procedings will be instituted in the Court of Appeals in a few days to deter-mine whether or not Colonel John W. Richardson is the Register of the Land

Just what shape they will take is yet to be decided. It will be recalled that after cons dering the matter for several days. Attorney-General Montague dvised Colonel Richardson to go ahead in the discharge of the duties of the position. The Colonel is doing business at his old stand, and he will not take the initial step in seeking to find out who is the register.

HOW IT WILL BE DONE. The next move will be made by Secretary of the Commonwealth Lawless. He and Colonel Lichardson unierstand each other, and the legal proceedings will be of a friendly nature. As the Legislature by its appropriation bill, indicated that it was the purpose of the lawmakers to make Mr. Lawiess ex-officio Reg sier of the Land Office, he will, by counsel, go before the court and inquire by what authority Colonel Richardson is discharg-ing the duries of register.

ing the dulles of register.

Colonel Richardson will be represented by Massrs, Pollard & Sands. Senator Sands has made an investigation of the case, and is said to be fortified with facts to sustain the Register's contention that he has not been legislated out of office, and is entitled to draw his salary. If the decision is against Colonel Richardson, Mr. Lawless will at once assume charge of the office and appoint the Colonel to a cierkship.

COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE. It was said at the Capitol yesterday that

It was said at the Capitol yesterday that f Colonel Richardson should win Com-rationer of Agriculture Whitehead would a good case to demand his salary the salaries of all of those in his de-ment. The Legislature did not abolish Department of Agriculture, but made t can draw salary under the act no his office, without a specific ap-ation being made for it, there are who contend that Colonel White-

MR. WINBORNE'S VIEWS. MR. WINDORNE'S VIEWS.

Mr. R. W. Winborne, member of the Forse of Delegaies from Rockbridge county, was in the city yesterday on some leval business and left for his home last evening. When seen by a representative of The Times in regard to the state of affairs concerning the Register of the Land Office and the engineer at the Capitol which offices has been abolighed by the Leo'shritte he will offices. It was passed by the Hense, and then with to the Serate, where it was

I and Clive and directs the traint of his drives to the Secretary of the Commonwealth I am not so sure, however, as to the office of the engineer at the Critis. His salary was left out in the approximation hill but nothing was done to abolish his office."

ANOTHER CARTER WITNESS.

Lieutenant Reese Approved the Captain's Office Method's

SAVANNAH. GA., March 25 .- Alexander E. Kastle, an expert engineer, who has constructed jettles at the mouth of the Brazos river. Texas, and at Tampico. Mexica, was on the stand to-day for the defence in the Carter court-martial. Mr. Kastle testified as to the accuracy of the surveys of Captain Carter's work made by himself and Mr. George Y. Wisner

Wisner
Licetenant Thomas Rees, corps of engineers and Assistant Professor of Engineering at West Point, followed him.
Licetenant Reese indorsed all of Capitain Carter's office methods. He was located here with Captain Carter from 1889 to 1822 and was thoroughly familiar with the ofwork. There was nothing in the of kept secret from him he said and he satisfied that everything was con-ted in a proper manner. He acteducted in a proper manner. He acted in Captain Carter's absence and in giving out information and in sending conies of specifications he did exactly as Captain Carter did, considering it was the right course to nursue. He stated that Chief course to sursue. He stated that Chie Clerk Steries had been detected in ar irregularity by Captain Carter and cor-rected. He had never heard of any false

Colonel Barr, jurge advocate on croamination, endeavored to discredit Lieutenant Reese in 1882 purporting to Lieutenani Reese in 1822 purporting to contain instructions to an assistant engineer to nut office matters then labor on a pay-roll. This Lieutenant Reese depied was the purport of his latter and the defence will try to show that such is an improver construction. Lieutenant Reese will continue on the stand to-morrow.

A BIG CONSOLIDATION.

The American Tobacco Co. Will Probably Absorb Its Largest Rivel

CHICAGO, March 25 .- The Tribune tomorrow will say:

morrow will say:

"If present nego lations should succeed
the cigarette trust will absorb its big
fivals in the tobacco business within the
next few weeks. According to information received by insiders to-day, it is
almost conceded that the big St. Louis
concerns which have resisted all efforts
at purchase will capitulate and become
part of the trust. The present effort at
purchase by its rivals was begun three
months ago. In 1805, when the trust suddeny began the martifacture of ping to-The foregoing gives the record of one of the most eventful days the national capital has seen since the close of the purchase by its rivals was begun three months ago. In 1820, when the trust sudden y began the marufacture of plug to-bacco, the Drummond and the Liggett & 49. 9 P. M., 44; 12 M., 42. Average, 47 16.

TAMMANY AT WORK.

The Promised Indictments Against Reformers are Returned.

NEW YORK, March 25.-Nine fermer Republican office-holders of Brookly: were indicted to-day. Many of them have been leasters in their par y for years and some of them have ieth a lower as references. They have been held in high esteem socially and politically. One is a politic commissioner of New York city.

The indictments concern officials in the department of city works. The testimons unditteed goes to show that there were individual raids upon the city funds have the men under indictment.

Witham A. Fillips, a R. publican Police Commissioner of New York indicted on a charge of receiving \$1,500 cm a contract; bailed in \$5,000.

Theodore B. Witte, a former City Works Commissioner of Irocklyn indicted of receiving \$1,500 cm a charge of receiving the contract; bailed in \$5,000 cm a contract; with Commissioner of Irocklyn indicted of receiving \$1,500 cm a contract of receiving \$1,500 cm a contract of the were indicted to-day. Many of them have

of receiving \$1.500 and contract; ad-bited to \$5.000 bail.

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Oscar Knapp, former Water Purveyor, three indictments, charging commance in the auditing of filegal balls against the city of Breeklyn; bail fixed at \$10.000. Freder ck Mine inspector 1 he of City Work Department three indice ments accusing time of cual log francous; bills ball fixed at \$10.000.

A. L. Jansen, former bond clerk in the comptroller's office, charged with taking a fee of \$150 for an official act for which there was no fee; admitted to \$4.000 bail William Leaveraft, Alderman, charges with consplicacy to pass a rise outlor is the former Board of Aldermen for which he received a bribe.

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the former Roard of Aldermen for watch be received a little.

Joseph Ecknart, former President of the Brooklyn Common Council indiction a charse of comptracy jointly will alderman Levyeraft.

William H. Goff, former Succentintendent of Sewers indicted on a charge of necepting a fee for an official act for which there was no fee.

SCENE OF DESOLATION

In the Track of the Flood on the Ohio River-Hundreds Homeless.

River-Hundreds Homeless.

CINCINNATI. O., March 25.—All over the Ohio Valley the sun has shone to-day and the weather to-night is mild. As far as terror and loss of life and property beconcerned that is all over in the interior and tributaries of the Ohio. But the wan and desolation in the track of the storm are sadly manifest. The greatest damage to homes seems to have been at Dayton and Zanesville. In these two cities hundreds of families have been driven from their homes and are made dependent upon public charity, which has been bounterously bestowed. The Ohio river is rising at all points from Parkersburg to ing at all points from Parkersburg to

PITTSBURG PA. March 2.—The flood conditions on the Baltimore and Ohio and a branches were very much implove in the Muskingum river would continu

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., March 25 .his city presents a scene of desolation families have been forced to move on of their houses. People are moving out second story windows in the 1 wer

LOUISIANA SUFFRAGE.

A Clause Adopted in the New Constitution Which May Give Trouble

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 25.-P. It took forty-five days to reach

ocratic and the avowed purpose was t for educational and property qualit swer the purpose effectively. At the same time it was desired to let in as same time it was desired to let in as marry while people as possible and this is a complished by exempting naturalized voters as well as those who were voters in 1867, with their sons and grands sons. The latter clause was advised against by Senators McEnery and Caffory, who said they had consulted the ablest consitutional lawyers in Congress and found them unanimous upon its unconstitutionality.

constitutionality.

These opinions led to its being abandon ed, but the convention was so hopelessly divided upon a substitute that it was smally decided to reinstate the clause and take the risk.

BLACKBURN OUT OF DANGER.

The Indisposition Not Paralysis But the Recurrence of an Old Malady.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Consider ble alarm was created to-day among the Kentucky, by the report that he had suf ered a stroke of paralysis, while return ng from the 'aunching of the two new attleships at Newport News.

Schator Blackburn was overcome while and was taken to his hotel in a semi-conscious state. Later in the day he re-covered sufficiently to talk and to-nigh it was setted that he was out of danger and would probably be about in a few The indisposition was the recur rence of an old malady from which he has suffered before.

W SATHER FORE AST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25 -Fore-er for fa urday; Virginia-Fajr; easterly, shifting to Virginia-Fair; easterly, shifting to exercy winds. "and ins-Generally fair; warmer in the interior; easterly winds.

AN EXPLOSION FROM OUTSIDE

RICHMOND VA., SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898.

Caused the Maine Disaster Says the Court of Inquiry in Its Report.



RESPONSIBILITY

Nor is an Opinion Expressed as to the Nature of Explosion-Testimony Indicates Sub-Marine Mine-Formation of Flying Squadron-Spain's Report.

HE Board of Inquiry into the loss of the Maine finds that the explosion which destroyed the Maine was from the outside and does not fix the responsibility for the disaster. It does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosive, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful sub-marine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was what is known as a floating submarine mine.

There were two explosions, the Board finds; the first was from the outside, and that set off one of the smaller magazines.

Rico is the chief topic among Navy Department officials. Correspondence with Spain is likely to follow.

Commodore W. S. Schley was ordered to command the "flying squadron" in Hampton Roads, with the cruiser Brookyn for flagship. He will take command

Admiral Sicard was detached from command of the North Atlantic squadron and given six months' leave. Captain Sampon was ordered to succeed him.

The Navy Department has taken steps o utilize the naval militia of New Engand and New York in manning the old monitors of the civil war.

Representative Wheeler introduced a bill authorizing in general terms the President to prepare to defend the country during the recess of Congress if Spain or any country commits an act of war. Orders were issued to hurry up work on the Albany, one of the cruisers recently bought in England from Brazil. Orders have been sent to the Norfolk yard to prepare revenue cutters for service as soon as possible after their ar-

THE DECISION.

A Day Full of History Making Events Report Considered by Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Cour-or Inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster, has repored that the loss of the battleship was di o an outside explosion.

the President, has cabled United Stage-Minister Woodford at Madrid, to notify he Spanish government of this concluane President and his advisors held two

extended sessions to-day—one at 10:3) relock, and another at 3:15-at which the members of the Cabinet stated after the neeting that the discussion was of grave vecking of the Maine had the situa-

on seemed so criticas. The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Span-sh naval commission holds the disaster o the Maine to be of internal origin. WILL NOT TURN BACK.

The gove:nment of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo flotilla now proceeding from the Canaries, and would be disinlined to consider a suggestion from this government tending to interfere with the disposal by Spain of her own naval

War preparation on an unprecedented scale is being hurried to completion by the War and Navy Departments and the country practically is on a war foot-

Spain has reported to this government that its court of inquiry finds the Maine was blown up by an internal explosion. The Mangrove has been sent to Harvana, it is said in Washington, after the vana, it is said in Washington, after the was no intention had been wrought factor of the lighest officials, nor, indeed, was it possible to minimize the situation. Viswed in detail the findings of the Court of Inquiry was the most vital feature. Commander Marix, judge-advocate of the Court of Inquiry, delivered the reduction and Vesuvius; torpedo boats Foote, Durstand for the Court of Inquiry, delivered the reduction and Vesuvius; torpedo boats Foote, Durstand for the Court of Inquiry, delivered the reduction and Vesuvius; torpedo boats Foote, Durstand for the Court of Inquiry, delivered the reduction and Vesuvius; torpedo boats Foote, Durstand for the Court of Inquiry, delivered the reduction and Vesuvius; torpedo boats Foote, Durstand for the Court of Inquiry, delivered the reduction and Vesuvius; torpedo boats Foote, Durstand for the court of Inquiry, delivered the reduction.

of the Court of Inquiry, delivered the re-port to Secretary Long early this morn-ing, and shortly after it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands

of the President.
At 18:28 o'clock the Cabinet assembled, half an hour earlier than usual, and began the consideration of the momentous ocument. Even the rigid rules of so-cey which prevailed at Cabinet meet-ers, were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court were known until 2 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the information to the country, as well as the carecty westing officies throughs the easerly waiting officials the TUE CABINET MEETING.

out Washington.
These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an ex-plesion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion. The court does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosive, but testimony roca to show that it was a powerful sub-marine trine, the exact character of which is not desermined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating sub-marine mine. There were two explosions the court finds, the first from the outside, and that set off one of the

smaller magazine.
It was this result, expressed in detail It was this result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court decely conscious of its responsibility, trether with the eridence on which it was based, that occupied the attention of the Cabine throughout its extended sessions of the morning and afternoon. All other and lesser subjects gave way to this foremost yus tion. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to Congress early next week, accompanied by a brief message

While interest was thus contered at the White House, the Navy and War Depart-uents were hurrying forward their work

THE FLYING SOUADRON.

The Five Vessels Chosen-To Augment the Ner h Atlantic Squadron.

WASHINGTON, March 25 .- The orders ssued by the Navy Decartment durin the day covered every branch of naval armament. The "flying squadron" was definitely esta lished, with Commodors W. S. Schley in command. He wil helst his commodore's fag on the flagship Frooklyn next Monday, The squadron is to e

The squadron is to consist of exactly five strips. Those of the squadron will b. the crack armored cruiser Brooklyn h bartleships Massachusetts and Texas and the cruisers Columbia and Minneapo-

Other ships which are now of after at Hampton Roads will not be of the flying squad on, but will tel ng to the North Atlantic Station under Captain compact fleet of the best ships in the navy for quick service at any point along

At the same time, the North At'antic

tugs Leyden and Samuset.

"The fonowing vessers compose the flying squarron: The Brooklyn, Massachnetts, Texas, Minneapolis and Colum-

Some of the other important develop-

ments of the day may be summarize Requisitions were made on the Naval

Ordnance Bureau for a large nu of quick-fire four-pounder and under guns to be mounted on he reve nue cutters and the steam yachts abou-to be purchased. The board determined to use the quick-fire guns for these craft

TEXAS' SUDDEN ORDERS.

Didn't Take Time to Receive Coal Or dered-Other Ships' Auchors Up.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March The battleship Texas, which arrived here his morning from Old Foint to take on noon to proceed at once to the procely, navy yard. So important were the orders that they were sent out to the ship by a tugboat.

ine commander of the Texas had ordered 30 tons of coal, and when the rge the commander refused to receive saying he would explain by letter

UNDER FULL STEAM. There was great activity aboard get-ting ready to sail, and late this evning head of steam.

Considerable significance is attached to are of great importance,

The Texas, it will be remembered, was
attached to the flying squadron recently
ordered to be stationed in Hamp.on
Roads. The ship is in excellent condi-

tion, having been overhauled at the Brooklyn yard not long sincs A dispatch received from O.d Point to-night stated that an incoming warship was sending up rockets and seemed to b under full steam making for Fort Mon The vessel is the school ship Vicks. burg, from St. Thomas, which came here

Men on the monitor Puritan, which came in Welnesday morning, were peparing the ship to sail to-day. It is understood that the commander received orders to proceed at once to Key Wes. The ship's anchors have been pull d up

and she is expected to steam out at any

ANCHORS UP.

Six carloads of mortars and a large six carioads of mortars and a large quantity of emmunition arrived at Fort Monroe to-nigh. The mortars are the largest ever sent to this fort. The cruiser Brooklyn, which is also lying here, has raised her anchors and she may sall before morning. None of the

she may sail before murana.
seamen can be found ashere.
READY FOR SHORT NOTICE.
WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Text a
ls bound for the Brooklyn navy yard,
may propresent will be made

ready for service at twenty-four hours'

A NEW TORPEDO BOAT.

Our Agents Buy a New One From the German Government.

German Government.

WASHINGTON. March 25.—The Navy Department was informed by cablegram from Lleutenant Coiwell naval attache to the United States Embussy at London, that agents of this government had purchased a "Schleshau" torpedo boat that had been constructed for the German government. The new acquisition is of the general type of German torpedo boats and is regarded as a valuable addition to our nsvy. One feature regarding he rithat affords special gratification to the officials of the Navy Department is that she is now ready for sea.

It is said that in a few days she will leave for the United States. She will be attle to make the journey across the Atlantic without difficulty, as she is a atile to make the journey across the Atlantic without difficuity, as she is a good sea-going vessel and her coal canacity is ample for the trip to this country. She is a twenty-three knot vessel and about 159 feet ions. While of the same general type as the Rodgers and Foote of the United States Navy she is a trifle larger. At the Navy Department the precise dimensions of the new boat could not be obtained. Work on the vessel has just been completed, she naver having been in service, she is supposed to carry three torpedo tubes and three small rapid fire guns. Nine to twelve men will be needed to man her.

Lieutenant Colwell, navai attache to the United States embassy at London has been directed by the Navy Department to uree upon the builders of the recentity purchased cruiser Albany, formerly the Prazilian vessel Abrouall, the necessity to hasten the construction of the ship with all nossible speed. In the ordinary course of work the vessel would not be completed before next December, but it is interested by officials of the Navy Department that if the builders are placed under pressure she can be made ready for sea within three months and perhaps even in a little less time.

FIFTEEN BOATS ACQUIRED.

even in a little less time.

PIFTEEN BOATS ACQUIRED.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Four swift yachts, nine fast sea-going tugs and one coasting vessel, the pick of the available small craft in the harbors of New York and Pulladelphia, were acquired to day, and ausment the United States navy by the special naval board of auxiliary vessels. At least two more yachts and two tugs will be acquired to-morrow, unless the negotiations which are now pracless the negotiations which are now prac-tically concluded, should fall though

FIGHTING IN CUBA.

Spaniards Playing Havoc With Insurgents According to Their Story.

HAVANA, March 25 .- This being the fete of the Annunciation, there was little doing in private or official business here.

The Spanish divers have not been down
to the wreck of the Maine since last Sunday, but the American divers have get

un two six-inch-guns.

Owing to the holiday, relief trains for interior points will not leave until to-morrow. The daily distribution of relief at the central station on Estrella street is moving with admirable precision.

It is reported that the Spanish troops recently killed Major Rafael Castillo lately appointed an side-de-camp of General Gomez. It is also alleged that the insurgent general, Nodorese, has been shot near Alquisor, this Province.

insurgent general, Nodorese, has been shot near Alquisor, this Province. General Velasco, according to Spanish reports, has burned an insurgent camp at La Leither, province Pinar del Rio, has surprised four other insurgents' camps, killing sixty-one insurgents and has cantured their alters among whom has captured thirty others, among whom were two insurgent officers. The general is also said to have captured an insurgent

camp at Olo de Agua, and to have killed fitteen insurgents there. General Bernal, another Spanish report had destroyed a number of insurgent camps prefectures, plantations and farms, killing ten insurgents and capturing twen

beadquarters, has also surprised several insurgent camps and has destroyed a number of insurgent prefectures and many plantations.

RIDICULOUS RUMORS.

Spaniards Hear That Gen. Lee Slaps Blanco and Gets Killed.

MADRID, March 25.-United States Minister Woodford interviewed to-night with reference to the report that he had received advices from Washington as to the findings of the Maine Court of In-quiry and the proposed action of the American government, declined to divulge

American government, actimate to obtain a state of the content of To send the Maine report to Coninto a harrel of gunpowder.

The government despite such comments is pursuing a conciliatory policy, and, it is believed, will propose that the Maine disaster be referred to international arbi-

Among the wild rumors current to-day was one to the effect that United States Consul, General Lee at Havana, had slapped General Blanco's face and that General Planco .rew his revolver and killed his assailant. The rumor was ridi-culed and immediately denied officially.

SENT AFTER OUR PEOPLE.

The Mangrove to Bring Back All Except General Lee.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 25.-The Associated Press bulletin that the Court of Inquiry had found the Maine was blown up by a sub-marine mine, created intense

up by a sub-marine mine, created intense excitement here.

The most significant development that followed the announcement of the court's report—a development known to but few-was the sudden sailing of the Lighthouse Tender Mangrove for Havana. The Mangrove was lying quietly at the dock load-Tender Mangrove for Havana. The Mangrove was lying quietly at the dock loading buoys when orders came about 5 o'clock this evening for her to proceed with all baste to Havana and to take on board all the American officials in that city with the exception of Consul-General

It is feared hero that the announcement of the court's report has excited the people at Havana and brought the anti-American feeling to a crisis.

ADMIRAL SICARD'S VIEWS.

He Talks on the Verdict of the Court. Doesn't Expect Hasty Action.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 25.-Rear-admiral Sleard said: "The Court of In-quiry brought in findings of what its members believed. Nothing could have members believed. Nothing could have made them otherwise. If the had been enabled to fix the responsibility I feel sure they would not have shirked this duty."

The attention of the Rear Admiral was drawn to the fact that Spain had of-

NEW PASTOR FOR UNION STATION.

Baltimore Conference Requested to Suppl One.

MENTION TWO NAMES.

Rev. H. P. Hamill of Lynchburg and Rev. Mr Atkinson.

THE BISHOP WILL GIVE NO HINT.

A Resolution Passed Praying for Peace With Spain-Almost Unanimous Opposition to the Transfer of the Fredericksburg Church to the Jurisdiction of the Virginia Conference.

HINTON, W. VA., March 25 .- Special .-It is reported here that a telegram has siding officer of the Baltimore Conference, its sessions at this place, from Rev. A. G. Brown, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Richmond District, asking that member of this conference be transferred to the Virginia Conference to be assigned to the pastorate of Union Station church, recently left vacant by the death of Dr.

WHO WILL IT BE?

Thus far no definite information can be obtained on the subject, as the Bishop and his Council will give no hint on what is to be done until the conference comes

But it is rumored that Rev. H. P. Hamill, now connected with the Woman's College in Lynchburg, will be sent to Richmond. Another rumor says that Rev. Mr. At-

kinsen will be sent. Mr. Atkinson is a Congregational minister of Georgia, who has just applied for admission into the Baltimore Conference. WHAT THE BISHOP SAYS.
HINTON, W. VA., March 25.—Special.—
Bishop A. W. Wilson, now presiding over the Baltimore Conference, said:

over the Baltimore Conference, said:
"I have received a request from Dr. A.
G. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Richmond District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Vanderslice, of Union Station church, and would be pleased to fill the vacancy, if I had an available man, but I am sorry to say I have none. It would give me great pleasure to ascommodate them. If I have a spare pastor I would not then fill the vacancy till

tor, I would not then fill the vacancy till requested to do so by Bishop Fitzgerald, of that Conference." It is reported, said The Times man, "that H. P. Hamill, of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., will be asked to accept the charge at Union Station of the Charge at Union Stat

Yes, said he, I heard it talked among the members of the Conference to-day, but would not think of asking Dr. Hamill

to resign his position at the Woman's College to accept the charge at Richmond or anywhere else.

PRAYING FOR PEACE.

HINTON, W. VA., March 25.—The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Metho-dist Episcopal Church, South, to-day adopted resolutions praying for the setfor peace and for Divine guidance upon the officers of the nation in dealing with the Spanish question. Rev. Dr. J. P. Hyde introduced the resolutions.

TOO GREAT A BURDEN. Edwin Joseph Hopkins, of Washington, was rejected when he came up for admis-sion on trial. He was not recommended by a special committee chiefly on the grounds that he has a wife and three children, whom he would be obliged to support on the salary of a single man or else displace some other married man.

A memorial was adopted to Gener Conference protesting against the propos-

IT WILL BE GEN. BOLLING. He Will Succeed Judge Waddill on

ence. Only one member of the Church voted for the proposed change.

the Committee. When Judge Waddill goes on the bench of the United States District Court, he

will resign his position as a member of the State Republican Executive Commit-He has served in this position for more than a dozen years. The committee for several years consisted of General Mahone, Judge Waddill and General Stith Boiling. Later on, Colonel William Lamb

was on the committee in place of Gen-eral Bolling. The members at present are Judge Waddill, Col. James D. Brady, Mr. Park Agnew, Col. George E. Bowden and Col.

S. Brown Allen.
It is pretty well understood that Gen.
Stith Bolling will be chosen to succeed
Judge Waddill on the committee.

COL. WICKHAM MAY RUN.

His Friends in the Fourth District are Talking of Him for Congress.

It is understood that Col. W. F. Wicknam may be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Fourth district next fall. He has since his marriage been a res-

ident of Powhatan county. The Colonel is the chairman of the Republican State Committee—that is, the Lamb wing of it. He has been asked to become a candidate and it said, has the matter under consid-

His friends say he will be induced to

RUSSIA'S POLICY CHANGED?

Japan Sald to Have Requested the Evacuation of Port Arthur.

YOKOHOMA. March 25 .- A report that they would not have shirked this attention of the Rear Admiral was a to the fact that Spain had of(Continued on Sixth Page.)

TORONIAL March M.—A report that Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds cred