

FOR PEACE OR WAR?

Proposed Feature of the Celebration
of Washington's Birthday.

SOCIETIES, CLUBS AND CHURCHES

Asked to Express an Opinion on the
Question of Arbitration Between
England and America.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A committee of prominent citizens has issued a call

all parts of the country for expression of opinion on the proposition to establish a permanent board of arbitration for the settlement of differences between this country and England. After calling attention to the recent war rumors, the call continues:

We suggest and propose that the people of all cities and towns of the United States at their meetings to celebrate the birth of Washington or at special meetings called for these purposes on the following dates observe the following: on the following dates, religious or fraternal churches, schools, religious or fraternal organizations, centers in their cities

Washington's brilliancy, shall embody their views, each according to its own way, on the following questions:

1.—Do we wish the governments of the United States and Great Britain, by formal treaty to establish arbitration as the method of concluding all differences which may fail of settlement by diplomacy between the two powers?

Dr. Wm. C. Gray, 69 Dearborn street, Chicago, and William Dage, 11 Cliff street, New York, will report the proceedings, which should be sent in duplicate, and arrange for tracing.

We request our newspapers, religious and secular, if this proposal shall appear to be good and wise, to give it their sanction, and urge the people in all parts of the nation to subscribe this celebration of the birth of Washington in this cause, by taking appropriate action on that day, or upon convenient

Chile and Argentina.
New York, Feb. 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Valparaiso, Chile, says:
There is a persistent rumor here to the effect that a protocol will be signed between Chile and Argentina. It

also reported that the boundary commission has come to an agreement in which both parties in the boundary dispute likely to cause serious ruptures between the countries will be settled amicably at once.

The Patria says that it would be much better for the country were there more war ships and fewer professors, and wishes that the same

Electric Locomotive.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—The Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city have shipped to the Westinghouse Electric Works, in Allegheny, the first electric locomotive ever built for

steam railroad. The Baldwin works made everything about this unique engine but the electric mechanism, which will be supplied by the Westinghouse company. The locomotive is the size of an ordinary box car about thirty feet long and mounted upon two four wheel trucks. Completed it will weigh sixty tons. It is geared for 500

horse power, which will pull a loaded freight train forty miles an hour. By a simple change of the gearing the engine can be run up to 1000 horse power and can pull a train eighty miles an hour. This locomotive is intended for freight. The passenger ones will attain a far higher speed.

New York, Feb. 6.—A dispatch to the Herald from Rome says:
African news is still contradictory. It is uncertain whether the Negus is continuing his offensive movement by surrounding (General Baratier) from the rear, or whether he intends to withdraw. General Baratier is in a very strong position near Khatkou. The

present situation may be prolonged for weeks.

OUR DEFENSE.

Twenty-Five Million Dollars Immediately Needed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—In response to a resolution of inquiry the secretary

of war damage in the Senate a statement of the amount of money which could be made available in cash to the State. It says \$2,700,000 could be made by the department prior to July 1st, 1907, of which amount \$4,725,000 should be made available during the present fiscal year. Of the total amount he recommends that \$18,007,

The work is designated for ordnance, \$1,930,000 for armor, \$2,500,000 for submarine defense, \$4,516,000 for guns, projectiles, etc. The special advantage of the increased appropriations as summarized by the secretary are:

The utilization of the army gun factory to its full capacity; the more rapid armaments of our fortifications; the addition of twelve mortar and anti-

A CITY in Darkness.
NEVADA, Mo., Feb. 6.—This city was shrouded in darkness last night. For a year the city council and electric

light company have been at variance over the bill obtained by the company. The council rejected the bill and last night superintendent Joseph Harper ordered the lights out. The company will bring suit against the city.

Hampden Not Assigned.
Hampden, Feb. 5.—The report that Captain Hamblett, the local police

ambassador to the Vatican, the paper secretary of state, has resigned, owing to serious differences with the pope in regard to authoritative questions.