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WAREHOUSE.

Philadelphia Manufacturers Join the Gold Bugs.

BIMETALLISM IS SQUELCHED

Brought Face to Face with Currency Issue - Manufacturers Back Down and Dodge the Issue-Gold Advocates in the Majority.

Philadelphia, March 30.—When brought face to face with the currency question the great Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia dodged the issue and took refuge in a negative position. Since the meeting in Washington about two weeks ago between certain manufacturers of this city and the western silver senators the club has been agi-tated by the reports sent out of that meeting. Some of the gentlemen pres-ent at the meeting had not hesitated to say that they were fairly "buncoed" by the silver men into meeting them, and the alleged report of the meeting was misleading and in many essentials false. Then the club determined that its position should be made fairly fairly known. A special meeting for that purpose was called for tonight and it was at that meeting that the club dodged the issue. The assembly room of the Manufacturers' club not being large enough to accommodate all who wished to attend the meeting, it was held in the banquetting ball of the Union League club. Fully 600 men were

present and hardly a great manufac-turer of Philadelphia was absent. The silver men and bimetallists came to the meeting full of fight, but the gold men were all-powerful and carried things through with a rush. President Dornan, in calling the meeting to order, stated that it had been called for the purpose of discussing the subject which has been agitat-ing the country for many months, but particularly on account of the reports that have arisen out of the recent meet-ing in Washington. Mr. Dornan stated that it was only fair to say that those manufacturers who went to Washing-ton and met the silver senators went there individually and not as members of the Manufacturers' club, and that nothing was done at that meeting which committed the club to any line of policy. At the conclusion of Mr. Dornan's re-

marks the gold men proceeded to offer a resolution which effectually limited a lengthy debate. FOR SHORT SPEECHES.

John H. Converse, of the Baldwin Locomotive works, arose and said: 'Our policy should be action and not talk. I therefore move that the speak-ers be limited to five minutes unless by ununimous consent "

An amendment was offered to Mr. Converse's motion that the time be extended to ten minutes. The silver men and bimetallists were promptly on their feet in opposition to Mr. Converse's

Charles Heber Clark, editor of the Manufacturer, and a pronounced bi-metallist, said that he had come there to talk, and he desired to talk as long as he wanted to. Crier of "Question" arose and the vote was taken on the ten minute amendment. This was lost and Mr. Converse's motion was adopted by an overwhelming majority. The vote on this motion revealed the mengrestrength of the free silverites, and the result was greeted with loud applause. Then the gold men opened their at-

tack under the leadership of Rudolph Blankenburg stated that he agreed with the opening remarks of the chair that the visit of the gentlemen to Washington should not be construed as representative of the action of the club. "When we saw what capital the friends of free silver were making out of this visit" said Mr. Blankenburg "this meeting was called to put on record the irrevocable opposition of this club to free coinage. That visit to Washington has been spread brondcast over all the country, and has placed us in a wrong position. It was only a deep laid scheme of the free coinage men to affiliate the manufacturers of Philadelphia with free silver, when on the contrary, the Manufacturers' club

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Then Mr. Blankenburg presented the following resolutions which were ultimately adopted and presumably define the position of the Manufacturers' club on the currency question. The resolu-

Whereas, False and misleading reports have been spread broadcast over the try as to the conference at Washinston on March 19 between a number of Phila-delphia manufacturers and those free sildelphia manufacturers and those free silver scriators, who, though elected as Republicans and avowing themselves Protectionists, decline to vote for the Republican revenue measure known as the Dingley bill, unless coupled with a free silver collage amendment; and Whereas, These reports have created the impression that the friends of a protective tariff are willing to compromise the cause of protection by endorsing the free and unlimited collage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, in exchange for additional protection; and

ratio of is to 1, in exchange for additional protection; and Whereas. These statements are not only compromising the integrity and patriotism of our manufacturers as individuals, but especially so as members of the Manufacturers' club; therefore, be it. Resolved, That the Manufacturers' club, speaking for its members, emphatically denounces as false the statement made by the friends of free sliver and echocal by those of free trade, that our Philadelphia manufacturers are willing to barrier with the silver senators for the free coinage of silver in exchange for additional protection.

lism can be permamently seitled only through an international agreement, and that the Manufacturers' club declares its unalterable opposition to the free coinag of silver by the United States alone, firm! believing that such a policy will result in disaster at home and dishonor abroad and would only operate to place this country upon the basis of silver mono-

BARKER'S AMENDMENT.

Wharton Barker, the lender of the silverites, then offered an amendment to Mr. Blankenburg's resolutions.

Mr. Barker made no attempt at a speech, but read an abstract from an open letter that he had written to the members of the club, showing the value to this country of free silver. to this country of free silver from the silver men's point of view. Mr. Bark-er's resolutions were as follows:

Whereas, The difference of exchange be Whereas, The difference of exchange between silver standard countries and gold standard countries is equivalent to a bounty of 100 per cent, on the product of the silver standard countries; and Whereas, the cost of product in the old world, and particularly in China and Japan, is less than products can be produced in this country by American labor, witnout reducing our farmers, miners, mechanics, manufacturers and industrial workers to the level of Chinese coolles; therefore, be it

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Resolved, That we are in favor of resening the people of the United States from
such impending danger by removing the
difference of exchange between gold
standard countries and silver standard
countries by the only method possibl
which is the free and unlimited colunge;
silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 by the independent action of the United States,
and we are in favor of a tariff which shall
be sufficient to equalize the cost of production in the United States and in the

European and Asiatic countries, and that the protection incident to such tariffs shall be equally distributed in every sec-tion of the United States and between the various products and industries of each state.

DOBSON'S REMARKS.

James Dobson, the great carpet man-ufacturer, spoke in favor of the United States opening its mints to silver if it was not possible to effect an international bimetallic agreement. Mr. Dobson stated that he was a Republican but that he did not believe that any single metal standard would bring prosperity to this country and that, if we add monomerabilism it

we adhere to gold mono-metallism it would land us in adversity.

Mr. Dobson officeed a substitute resolution. The preamble reaffirmed the money plank of the Minneapolis convention and the resolution was as follows: That the Manufacturers' club of Phil-

adelphia accept this declaratio and reaffirms it with an expression opinion that international co-operis necessary for the safety of an at-tempt to restore bimetallism. Richard Campion, a manufacturer of yarns, offered another substitute reso yarns, offered another substitute resolution, which was practically a re-affirmation of the money plank of the Minneapolis platform. The meeting by this time had become very stormy and the speakers were frequently interrupt—

ed by cries of "Question." The vote was first taken on Mr. Campion's sub-stitute and it was overwhelmingly de-feated. Mr. Dobson's resolution met with a like fate.
Everett R. Wood, a manufacturer of worsteds, in speaking to the resolution offered by Mr. Blankenburg declared they were negative in character and that the Manufacturers' club should take some positive action on the ques-tion. Mr. Wood then offered as a new resolution one asking of congress to endeavor to bring about international

bimetallism. No action was taken on Mr. Wood's resolutions and they were never heard of again. The vote was then taken on Mr. Bark-er's resolutions and only about eight or ten voices replied "aye" to them, while the volume of "noes" fairly shook

PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY.

Robert McWade, editor of Wharton Barker's free silver paper, charged that the club was showing cowardice and that it had not even touched upon the merits of bimetallism or gold metallism in Central Felicia and Aifonso Doce, and he asked in the name of fair play that an aye and nay vote be recorded upon Mr. Blankenburg's resolutions so that each member of the club could show exactly where he stood Mr. Me-Wade's idea seemed to meet with favor, as cries arose "Yes, that's right," but other members called for the vote and the chairman put it to the meeting and the chairman put i A resolution to adjourn was immediately made and agreed to. The meet-

and twenty minutes FLOODS STOP TRAINS.

ing was in session just about an hour

Two Feet of Water on the Rails in Palmyra-Streets in South Buffalo Swamped.

Rochester, March 30.-The Genesee river rose two feet yesterday, and the indications are for a further increase today and tomorrow. The water is now over the Erie and Western New York and Pennsylvania tracks. Many here fear that a flood is coming, as there is the city.

Palmyra, March 30.—The West Shore railroad tracks are under two feet of water here and have been abandoned. Buffalo, March 30 —The annual spring lood has occurred in South Buffalo, where the Cazenovia and Buffalo creeks have overflowed their banks and inun-dated the lowlands. Street cars were compelled to stop running last night. and many families were forced to ellimb to the upper stories of their houses or abandon them. The inhabitants of the section are accustomed to this spring embarrassment, however, and damage will result.

Batavia, March 20.-Tonawanda creek overflowed its banks last night, flooding hundreds of acres of farm lands south of Batavia and surrounding several houses on its banks in this village. is still rising. So far as known no seri ous damage has been done.

RAILWAY MUDDLE.

Bill in Equity Granted A ainst a Big

Trolley Company. Pottsville, Pa., March 39.—Today a bill in equity granted by the courts of Schuylkill county against C. H. Bar-ritt, W. A. Barritt, jr. and James Good-win, until recently president, treasurer and Crector respectively of the Schuyl-kill E, cirle Railway company. The Philade his Construction company; The Car Equipment company, of Phila delphia: The Real Estate Trust com-pany of the same city, and the Ports-ville and Tamaqua Railway companies, vas made public

As smaller public.

It was granted at the instance of Lewis B. Walker, ex-Judge T. H. Walker and F. D. Wetherhill, of fhiladelphia, executors of the estates of J. M. Wetherhill deceased, and other stockholders of the Schuvlkill Electric Rail way company and requires the defend-ants to show up all accounts, books, etc., and surrender all bonds, stocks and securities. They are also restrained from disposing of any of the increased stock alleged to have been issued with out authority and \$500,000 in bonds which it is alleged are about to be is-sued and for which the entire plant and system is said to have been mortgaged.

BAD FOR THE BROKERS.

Proof of Bucket Shop Operations Ma Prove Disastrous at Chicago.

Chicago, March 30.-During height of arguments before Judge Horton today to quash the indictment against the 251 breeket shop proprietors Attorney Rights for the defendants, de-clared that the law creation the board of trade provides that "if bucket shop operations are conducted on the floor of the board the charter of the board shall become null and void."

Lawyer Riddle then intimated that numbers of the loard have been doing a bucket shop business with cierks during luncheon hour. "If that is so and the board knows it," declared the "proceedings should be con court. menced to have the character revealed The attorneys for the bucket shop men refuse to say what proof they have or what proceedings they will take until the motion to quash the in-dictments is disposed of. Judge Hor-ton will probably render his decision next week.

The Paris Arrives.

New York, March 20.—The American line steamer Parks, which was ashore southwest of Quivester buoy, passed in at Quarastine at 2.00 o'clock tonight. She was not sighted passing in at Sandy Hook on account of the for.

Cly to River Looming.

Lyons, N. Y., March 30.—Clyde river is borning and is higher than it has been ince 1865. The thats are all submerged Water is rising at the rate of over a foo an hour. The amount of damage done is

INSURGENT LEADER

Enrique Aleman Killed in an Engagement at Cabanas.

TROOPS ATTACK A VILLAGE

Commodore Lands Arms and a Rody of Men on the Cuban Soil-In Case of Conviction the Vessel Liable to Forfeiture.

tiavana, March 30.—The insurgent, Enrique Aleman, a brother of the cele-brated leader of the same name, was shot this morning in the fortress of Cabanas. Ramon Serpa, an insurgent leader, has been killed in an engage ment with the troops near Sancti Spir-us, province of Santa Clara. Colonel Mancada, reconnectring in

the vicinity of Siguranca, province of Santa Clara, had a battle with the insurgents, who left eight men killed and thirteen wounded on the field. Spanish troops captured 150 horse The insurgents recently attacked the village and port of Sumidero, in the province of Pinar del Rio, but were re-pulsed with a loss of eight men killed, and retired with their wounded. They have made another attempt to pass through the military line drawn across

the province of Pinar del Rio. This time they tried in the southern part, but were repulsed. The insurgent leader Aguirro, after burning Pene Antonio, was engaged near Raineo by General Melquizo. The latter's cavalry charged the insurgents and killed twenty-five of them. troops had two officers and five soldiers wounded. Colonel Segura fought a band of rebels at Villes. They left sev-

en men killed and retired with three wounded. The insurgent leader Perfecto Guinones has surrendered at Guira Melena. Vincente Nunez and Eduardo Garcia, with a force of about 1,500 insurgents, are encamped at the plantation of Mag-dalena, district of Santa Ana, province of Matanzas. They have burned four-teen houses belonging to the little col-ony of Estrella, near Palmillas, and have destroyed a number of cane fields

THE COMMODORE. Washington, March 30.-The collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., has in-formed the treasury that an engineer on the steamer Commodore has made a statement to him that the Commodore

The vessel's papers on the trip were taken out for the coastwise service as far south as Tampa, Fla., and did not permit her to touch on foreign soil.

The collector says he has turned over the information to the United States district attorneys, and if the engineer's statement is corroborated by other testimony, the vessel will be proceeded against for violation of the United States navigation laws. In case of conviction the Commodore is liable to forfeiture under Section 4,337 of the revised

DISPUTE OVER EASTER. Supposition That the Festival Has Passed

In San Francisco is Erroncous. Washington, March 30.-Easter Sunday occurs on the same da over. A statement published that Easter Sunday occurred this year a week earlier in San Francisco than elsewher in the world is declared by upon the erroneous supposition that the astronomical full moon had any-thing whatever to do with fixing the great church festival. If that assumption had been in any way warranted yesterday would have been Easter throughout the country west of Pitts-

The date of Easter depends on the calendar moon and not on the true astronomical moon which in general occurs one or two days earlier and this fact has led to many misunderstandings in the past. According to regulations of the council of Nice, Easter must follow the 14th day of the Pas-chal moon, the Paschal moon being that of which the 14th day falls on or next follows the day of the vernal equinox. Easter is fixed wholly by the ecclesiastical calendar and neither by the Lunar nor by the Solar year as such. In 1896 it occurs April 5.

ESCAPE OF NINE MEN.

Petoskev People and Others Make Heroic and Timely Resenc.

Petoskey, Mich., March 30,-Great excitement prevailed for a time today at this place and in Charlevoix, when the news was spread that nine men had been carried out on a sheet of ice and were in imminent peril. The last few days the ice has been honeycombed by rains and thaws, and though a strong wind was blowing from the east the most venturesome fishermen were making the most of the last day for deep water fishing. They had gone around the bend out of sight of Petoskey when the ice gave way and they drifted rapidly toward the lake.

Hubert Dayls, of Bay Shore, sighted them and set out in an old clinker best in which he succeeded in transferring them from the small drift ice a larger floe which had followed em. Help was speedlly summoned from Charlevolx and Petoskey, and a Chicago and West Michigan train with boats and a big crew of rescuers set out for Bay Shore. With great difficulty the men were rescued in the teeth of a strong east wind which was driving them toward the lake at the rate of four miles an hour.

LANGDON-M'GRATH CASE.

No New Developments in Quaker City

Philadelphia, March 20.-There were no developments today in the McGrath case and none are expected until Dr. Leffman shall complete his analysis of the dead girl's viscera and ascertain the cause of death. Coroner Ashbridge and Dr. Leffman were in conference this afternoon but nothing could be learned regarding it. It was believed that the result of the analysis would be made known today but such was not

he case.
It is reported however, that Dr. Leffman's report will be presented to Coroner Ashbridge tomorrow. If this shall be done, Samuel P. Langdon, who is lodged in the city hall on suspicion of having caused the girl's death, will be formally arraigned withing a few days and the inquest will soon follow.

FIRE AT MOBILE.

otton Agent killed in Battle Hotel Conflagration. Mobile, Ala., March 20.-A small, fire a the scullery of the Battle house at 5.30 o'clock this moraing, filled all the upper house with dense smoke. The wetchman gave the alarm and clerks

and bell boys hastened to waken the All got out safely except Constantine Laverate, agent here for the cotton house of Rall Bros., who fell from the fifth floor window to the gallery below and was killed.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today Fair; Light Southerly Winds.

Philadelphia Manafacturers Join the Gold Bugs.
Foreign Policy of France.
Foreign Policy of France.
News from Cuban War.
Floods Stop Trains at Buffalo.
Horace Leeds Knocked Out.
Trageily at Reading.
Requisition for John Rech.

- The National Congress. Decision of Interest to Chardsmen, Market and Stock Quotations.
- (Local)-Cornelius Smith Files Reasons The Award Must Stand, Common Pleas Court,
- Presidential Canvas Up to Date.

General Political Cossii

- (Local)-Rothven Riot at Providence, Bailey's Appointments. Supreme Court Decisions.
- (Story)-"Nor King Nor Country." Railroad and Financial News.
- (Local)—Suburban Happenings, Banquet of Young Men's Debating Club. 8 News Up and Down the Valley.

AWAITS REQUISITION. Murderer John Rech in Hands of Phila-

delphia Police-The Prisoner Tells the Officers His Domestic Troubles.

the hearing and upon the suggestion of the former the prisoner was not questioned. The confession which Rech made to the Philadelphia authorities was turned over to Prosecutor Perry, and it will form an important part in the common-

wealth's case,
After the hearing Rech expressed
a desire to talk and Captain of Detectives Miller had the prisoner brought to his room. There in the presence of a number of persons Rech told of his experience in this country and of his

meeting Bessie Weaver and marrying her.
"I came to this country from Germany about ten years ago" he said. "and went to Catasauqua, Pa., where I managed to secure work. I saved my managed to secure work. I saved my money, learned to speak English and then went to Allentown, where I opened a bakery. I did not do very well in that business and bought a saloon in Gloucester, N. J. It was at the latter place that I met Bessie Weaver, She came to my house and engaged a room. She drank and smoked but even with her bad habits I was fascinated with her and soon smoked but even with her bad habits I was fascinated with her and soon she began to help me in my hotel business. I asked her why she did not settle down and lead a good life. She said she would if she had some one to care for her. I then decided to marry the girl and we went to Jersey City where

the ceremony was performed by a jus-tice of the peace."

Rech then told the history of the divorce and her conduct at the Glouces-ter race track, where she led a disso-

lute life. Finally the couple moved to Estelville. stelville. Rech continued:
"One day my wife said that the he was not complete without a child and said we ought to adopt one. That is how the baby came into the case. I adopted the infant boy in this city." At this point Rech paused and said he had nothing else to say. He would, he said, answer any reasonable questions. He was asked about his wife's income and answered that there was some mistake about the money his wife possessed. The amount of her income possessed. The amount of her income was just \$10 a week. As to the making of a will by his wife, Rech said he knew nothing about it. He then in a rambling way said that some one must have known his wife had money in the house, just previous to the day of her death, but he made no effort to accuse any one of having murdered her. He declared that a man named Jones was a any person might have known his wife

had money. The brayado which Rech displayed at the time of his arrest has vanished. Today he said he did not mind going back to New Jersey for a fair trial but expressed a fear that the citizens of Atlantic county would not wait for justice to take its course. Rech asked if there was any likelihood of him being lynched and he was assured that he would be safe when lodged in the Mays Landing jail. This will probably have the effect of making the New Jersey officials taking extra precautions to

guard the prisoner. BOOTHS AT PHILADELPHIA. leader of the American Volunteers Re

ceive a Warm Greeting. Philadelphia, March 30,-An audience that filled the Academy of Music to overflowing welcomed Ballington Booth and his wife tonight at the first meet-ing held in this city of the American Volunteers. Many of the best people socially in the city were present and expressed their sympathy with the movement in every way possible. The Booths made very little reference to their trouble with the Salvation army. Mr. Booth did say that he received but two orders from London, both of which he had obeyed, although he had been accused of disobedience. One of these orders was to resign his command and a second one followed almost imme-diately peremptorily directing him to give up his command by 10 o'clock the next day. He also stated that he had been foreibly ejected from Salvation army headquarters, Mrs. Booth said they had letters which would fully exonerate them, but they were too busy with the work that lay to their hands to further continue the controversy, Quite a substantial sum was real-ized from the collection that was taken he found he could not escape a mob up, and the Defenders' league, the or-ganization similar to the auxiliary of at the Kutztown State Normal school,

Tailors' Strike a Failure.

Baltimore, March 29.—After a struggle of five weeks' duration for the recognition of organized labor the strike of the garment workers was officially declared off todght and the \$400 will tomorrow apply for their old positions, and failing to secure them, will seek employment in other marches.

Reed Delegates,

Melrose, Mass., March 3t.—The seventh congressional district Republican conven-tion today elected Pierce, of Maiden, and Amos Breed, of Lynn, as delegates to the St. Louis convention. They were instructed for Reed.

Billiard Match.

New York, March 30.—The 18-inch balk line billard match played tonight result-ed: Schaefer, 600; Garnier, 197. The highest runs were: Schaefer, 76; Garnier The average was: Schaefer, 20; Garnier average was: Schafer, 20; Garnier,

FOREIGN POLICY OF FRANCE

Postponement of the Interpellation Debate.

DEBATE IN THE CHAMBER The Government Expecting to Profit by the Discussion - M. Berthelot's Resig-

the French in Madagascar. Paris, March 30.—Contrary to general expectation, the foreign policy of the government, concerning which notice of interpellations had been given, was not discussed in the chamber of deputies or

nation - Joint Opposition to

senate today. The chamber of depu-ties unanimously decided to postpone the discussion until Thursday. the discussion until Thursday.

The forthcoming debate in the chamber and senate is expected to result in profit to the government. A majority of eighty is expected. Only a portion of the Centrists desire to seize the occasion for upsetting the ministry, the others holding that even a radical cabinet should be supported at a moment like the present, when opposition is ill-timed and unpatriotic. Should the debate take a dangerous turn, it is probbate take a dangerous turn, it is probable that M. Deloncle, a member of the opposition, will speak in support of the ministry and point out the necessity of giving M. Bourgeols a free hand to deal with the situation.

Philadelphia, March 30.—John Rech, the murderer of his wife, Bessle, at Estelville, N. J., who was captured on the outskirts of the city early yesterday morning, was arraigned before Magistrate Jermon at the city ball to, mot yet filled. It is believed that the The political situation here has not day morning, was arraigned before Magistrate Jermon at the city hall to-day and formally held to await the arrival of requisition papers. Prosecutor Perry and Sheriff Johnson, of Atlantic county, N. J., were present at the testing and family affliction.

The Gaulois publishes a sensational statement to the effect that it was the president, M. Faure, who caused the resignation of the minister of foreign affairs. According to the story M. Faure summoned M. Berthelot to his study just before the cabinet council and appealed to him to give up his portfolio. M. Berthelot finally surrendered it upon the energetic insistence of the president, and consented to re-London, March 30.-Replying in the

house of commons today to Sir Charles Dilke, member of the Forest of Dean division of Gloucester, George N. Curdivision of Gloucester, George N. Curzon, the under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, said the question whether the government would endeavor to take friendly joint action with the United States regarding the threatened action of France to Madagascar was of great importance, but the government were not prepared to add anything to the statement made on this subject on the statement made on this subject or Friday last.
The action of France here alluded

tween Madagascar and other nations, in which both Great Britain and the United States are interested. 'MYSTERIOUS" BILLY'S FIGHT Sporting Events at London and a Maspeth, L. I.

to is in relation to existent treaties be-

London, March 30.—A large crowd gathered at the National Sporting club onight to witness the fight between "Mysterious Billy Smith, of Boston, and Bill Husband. The latter tipped the scales at 148 pounds, while Smith was a pound lighter. The fight was eight pound lighter. The fight was rounds for a prize of 100 pounds. betting was seven to two on Smith. The American opened the first round in a lively manner, but Husband was not in the least flurried and the round ended with honors even. In the second round Smith landed several blows on Husband's ribs. Neither man had any advantage in the third round. In the fourth round Smith got in a heavy blow on Husband's head that knocked him dizzy, but he struggled on gamely through the succeeding rounds. At the end of the eighth round Smith was de-

clared the winner on points. The next event was a 20-round match between Tom Tracy and Tom Williams, both Australians. Tracy weighed 144 and Williams 140 pounds. The fight was speedily finished, Tracy's right landing on his opponent's jaw at the end of the first round, knocking Maspeth, L. I., March 30.-The 23

ound contest between Jack Everhardt of New Orleans, and Horace Leeds; o Atlantic City, attracted a large number of sporting men to the arena of the Empire Athletic club tonight. Everhardt's well-known abilities as a hard puncher and "game 'un" to take punishment, installed him as favorite in the betting with odds 11 to 10. Tin Hurst was referee and Frank Freeman held the watch. The curtain raiser was a ten-round argument between Frank Erne, of Buffalo, and Jack Downey, of Brooklyn. The lads turned

the scale around 125 pounds.

The bout, which was declared a draw,

was a most interesting one

any ones' fight until the striking of the gong at the end of the tenth round. Both men were pretty badly punished, Everhardt won, Leeds dropping out in the fifteenth round from weakness. In the fifteenth round Everhardt opened with a short left on the chest and followed with a right on the ear. Jack kept Horace in the latter's cor nor and the Atlantic City mean's were weakening in their force. Horace kept rushing his man and as they cam together Everhardt landed a left hand hook on the front of the chin and Leed: went to the floor. To the spectators it looked as if Leeds fell more from sheer exhaustion than from the force of the blow. He was unable to get up and was counted out.

TRAGEDY AT READING. Daniel Ruppert Stabs Annie Oswald and

Then Shoots Himself. Reading, Pa., March 30,—Daniel Rup-pert, 18 years old, of Alburtis, tonight made a murderous assault on Miss Annic Oswald and then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head when the Salvation army, was organized with and Ruppert called to see her. When 200 named on the roll at \$5 a name. pulled out a dirk knife and attacked her, cutting her in a horrible manner in the face, arms and breast, her vigorous resistance saving her. Her cries brought a number of students on the scene and Ruppert turned and fied. He was oursued for some

last reports the young lady was doing News of Ocean Steamers.

distance over the fields, and finding es cape impossible, shot himself in the head, death following instantly. A

News of Ocean Steamers.

New York, Murch 20.—Arrived: La Bretagne from Havre; Bonn from Breman;
Marstilla from Marseilles and Naples; Patta from Hamburg, Arrived out; Public
dibritar (and proceeded for Naples);
Vizinia at Stettin, March 27; Italia, at
Hamburg, March 29. Sailed for New
York: Thingvalla, from Stettin, March 26;
Friesland, from Antwerp, March 28, Sighted; Veendam from New York for Rotterdam, passed Scilly.

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jority. Both delegates are advocates of Mc-Kinley, with Reed as second choice. The convention declared in favor of the Monroe doctrine, sound money and a high protective tariff and against