DEMOCRATIC DISCORD

Degenerates Into a Free Fight.

HARRITYITES ARE BEATEN

But Not Until Pandemonium Is Unloosed.

3ryanism and Free Silver the Dominant Sentiment Throughout the Entire Convention .- Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming, Named for Auditor-General and M. E. Brown, of Indiana, for State Treasurer -- The Platform.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 31.-The Democratic state convention met in this city today and nominated Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming county, for auditor general, and M. E. Brown, of Blairsville, for state treasurer. The matter of the selection of candidates was entirely overshadowed by the fight to force the retirement of William F. Harrity from the national committee. The opponents of Mr. Harrity succeeded in pushing through, by a vote of 290 to 134, a resolution endorsing James M. Guffey for his position. Mr. Harrity's friends contend that the state convention has no power to declare his seat in the national committee vacant and that he will not surrender without a

The morning session of the convention ended with a disgraceful row, during which some delegates who did not like the way things were going, climbed upon the stage and exchanged blows. A large detachment of policemen were on hand in the afternoon and everything was serene.

CALLED TO ORDER.

State Chairman Garman called the convention to order at 12.30 p. m. Congressman Ermentrout, temporary chairman, received a round of applause when he received the gavel from Mr. Garman. Mr. Ermentrout said, in part:

This is not a convention of men who ecome Democrats, but of men who are Democrats already. Those who would participate and hold the commission of the party should be such, and our government imperative.

Only such. It would be an outrage on the We ask the honest people brave men, who, in the great campaign of 1896, so fearlessly fought under th sanners of our matchless leader, William J. Bryan, and the Chicago platform, not to allow the administrative officers the organization to remain in the hands of those who by their desertion brought about our defeat.

Had it not been for such as they, the untry would have been spared the acle of Mark Hanna in command of its legislators and legislation, There would have been no Republican congress-no anus-faced Dingley bill, which in the twinkling of an eye put into the pockets of a monstrous trust eight million dellars and made the nation tributary to it in the future. Instead of Republicanism, Democracy would be the fountain of honor and preferment, and the destinies of ntry would be now presided over William J. Bryan, the people's choice. The last campaign proved that the Democratic party does not need such leaders as the late president, or the late senaor from New York, or others in your wn state, who either voted against you did not raise their voices for you hile you were battling bravely for the

It is not for me to say to this convention what shall be the policy of the coming campaign. That is for the convention to decide. But upon whatever policy this convention may conclude, I warn you that any action you may take. or any declarations you may make, that will reflect directly in the least on the candidates or platform of the Chicago convention, or on the men who fought for them, will invite party demoralizaand will not meet with the approva! of the Democratic masses,

BRYAN'S NAME CHEERED.

A wild scene of enthusiasm followed Mr. Ermentrout's mention of the name of William J. Bryan. Delegates and spectators stood in their chairs and waved hats and handkerchiefs as they cheered the name of their leader.

The roll call was then begun. it was concluded, John T. Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, claimed several of the delegates from Luzerne were not regularly elected and were not entitled to seats. Chairman Ermentrout refused to recognize Lenahan and declared the convention adjourned for an hour. John T. Murphy, of Philadelphia, a secretary, grabbed the gavel from Ermentrout and attempted to preside, Ermentrout tried to recover the gavel and a free fight ensued on the stage. The solice were called in to quell the riot, Murphy was finally ejected from the stage and the belligerents ordered to take their seats. Nobody was injured in the scrimmage, but much bad blood was engendered. The convention took a recess at 2 o'clock for an hour.

IN THE AFTERNOON.

When the convention reassembled at 3.25 o'clock the force of policemen in the hall had been reinforced and there were other evidences of preparations to prevent a repetition of the disgraceful scene that brought the morning session to a close.

Chairman Ermentrout announced that the offending secretary, John T. Donnelly pleaded with the delegates to Murphy, of Philadelphia, would be excluded from the stage. Chairman Iams, of the credentials committee, submitted a report seating Fenner, Hicks and Smith, from the Sixth Luzerne district, and allowing Tisch, from the First Luzerne district, to keep his seat. John T. Lenahan, of Luzerne, apologized to the convention for his share of the disturbance and retired from the

The committee on permanent organization reported the name of R. W. Irwin, of Washington, for permanent chairman and recommended the continuation of the other temporary offi-

The Reading Convention Zulick, of Northampton, replace John T. Murphy as one of the secretaries. Mr. Irwin in his speech attacked the Republican legislature for dereliction to duty, and continued:

> While we meet as Democrats of Pennsylvania, let us not forget that in a larger sense we are members of the great national Democratic party—the same party which in 1896, under the magnificent lead-ership of W. J. Bryan, six million five nundred thousand strong, animated by a surpose as sincere and earnest, and a motive as high and patriotic as that which characterized the hosts which were marshalled by Peter, the Hermit, on the lains of Asia, began the battle in defense of the plain people-the producers of wealth; and the same party which stands ready today to continue that battle, and which in 1900, on the same platform, and under the same magnificent leadership, will carry our banner to victory, restore to the people the gold and silver of the constitution, overthrow the money power, and the organized trusts, and enthrone the people in governmental affairs.

THE PLATFORM. James Kerr, of Clearfield, chairman of

the resolution committee, then read the platform adopted by the committee as follows:

We, the Democracy of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, heartily reaffirm and reiterate the principles of the Democratic party as expressed in the platform adopted by the national conven-tion at Chicago, in 1896, and approved by 6,500,000 free and independent voters. We are firmly and unalterably opposed to the single gold standard which has been the direct cause of the financial distress that and immediate return to our original specie basis as it existed prior to the de-monetization act of 1873.

We congratulate William J. Bryan, the glorious champion of a righteous cause for his masterly leadership in support of

hese principles. We denounce the Dingley tariff law as measure designed and passed in answer to the demands of trusts and monopolies, every important feature of which is a refuge for the protection of some trust or combination existing in oppo-sition to the public good and in violation of the common law. The schedules of it of the common law. The schedules of it are in brief an assessment upon the individual citizens of the country for the benefit of trusts in return for money advanced to carry the recent election, and they add enormously to the burdens of labor by increasing the costs of the necessaries of life without enhancing in the least respect the wages of labor.

We abhor the character of the warfare waged by the government of Spain against the inhabitants of the helpiess island of Cuba, in which the humane methods of civilized warfare have given place to savage atrocities committed on unarmed civilians and defenseless women and children. The ruthless nature of the conflict waged, as well as the danger to our own peace inevitably resulting from the further continuance of such a system of anarchy so near our border, ren-ders immediate armed intervention by

We ask the honest people of this comnwealth to examine and other records of Republican action in ennsylvania since the assumption of un-imited power conferred at the last elecion, the gross extravagance, the flagrant lic interest, the abject servility to m olies and every form and species of job-bery, the utter disregard of constitutional mandates, the reckless tampering with finance and taxation, the exhaustion of the treasury by profligate expenditures, the consequent suffering of public schools charities and other objects of wise pub-ic care together with the scandalous fury of the factions enraged over the spoils

of the prostrate commonwealth and of its everal ring-ruled cities. We especially call attention to the management of the state treasury department and demand an investigation of the books and accounts of the state treasury, a full statement of the receipts and expenditures, a complete explanation of the deposits of the state funds, se-curities held, bondsmen thereon, as required by statute and an itemized re-port of securities held by such favored banks for said funds and the amount of ontribution made in consideration uch deposits to the campaign fund of

the party in power, late shameless exposure of the unlawful practice of the state treasurer of paying out the funds of the people officers and private individuals without warrant, for the sole purpose of favoring political friends, discloses one of the many infamous schemes of the dominant party and has our sever-est condemnation. We desire that the tax payers inquires of themselves whether such a party, self-accused, self-convicted, everywhere derellet, false and corrupt, can be safely re-entrusted with the power thus abused until it has un lergone purgation and reformation from top to bottom, and all its boss rings and

chines have been cast out. We sympathize with the miners of the ommonwealth in their unequal struggle to obtain a fair compensation for their daily toil, and declare that the ancient and Anglo-Saxon right of trial by jury ought to be preserved, and we deplore the tendency of certain federal and state courts to detract from this right by an unwarranted extension and abuse of the remedy of injunction in differences be-

tween capital and labor. We hereby ratify the selection by the state central committee of James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, who so loyally supported the Hon. William J. Bryan for the presidency, to fill the position of national committeeman from Pennsylvania on the national Demcommittee. We desire record our appreciation performance of his duties by our state chairman, John M. man. His fidelity to his party and its his frequent forceful and fearless expression on the platform of his political views, have infused the party with new vigor and warmed it to higher

HARRITY THROWN DOWN. Charles P. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, presented a minority report striking out the plank of the platform commending the recommendation of James M. Guffey as national committeeman in place of William F. Harrity. Mr. confine their work to state issues and

ion by offering an insult to Mr. Harrity and friends. L. McQuestion, of Butler county, defended the plank. He said the true Democracy of the state should not retain in a position of honor a man who had not been true to Democratic principles or in accord wiht the candidates

not attempt to create a factional divis-

and platform Chairman Irwin showed a disposition to crowd matters and declined to permit more than one speech on each side. When he attempted to force through the platform as read by Mr. Kerr.

Harrity created such a storm of opposition that he withdrew his decision and the roll was called on motion of Mr. Donnelly to strike out the Guffey plank. The result of the vote sustained the majority report by 290 to 134. Absent or not voting, 11. The Philadel-phia delegation stood 41 to 23 in favor

of Mr. Harrity. CANDIDATES NAMED.

Nominations of candidates was the next order of business. Charles B. Mc Conkey, of Harrisburg, named ex-Mayor William K. Verbeke, of Dauphin county, for auditor general. W. H. Holloway, of Williamsport, named ex-Assemblyman Walter E. Hitter, of Lycoming, The vote resulted: Ritter, 284; Verbeke, 43, and the former was declared the nominee,

For the office of state treasurer, James P. Light, of Lebanon, named Mayor Jacob Weidel, of Reading, and C. F. Murray, of Indiana, named M. E. Brown, of Blairsville, Indiana county, Mr. Brown was the fortunate candidate by a vote of 228 to 127. The convention at 5.55 p. m. adjourned

WILL RITTER RUN?

Late tonight a report was circulated that Mr. Ritter had telegraphed from Williamsport to State Chairman Garman, de claring that he had been nominated with-out his consent, and declining to run. The report could not be verified.

HARRITY IS BY NO MEANS DISMAYED

Hasn't Changed His Mind Any and Will Not Leave the National Committee Until Told by It to Go.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 31 .- Willam F. Harrity, in speaking here tonight of the action of the Reading convention, said:

I am not greatly disappointed at the outcome. Personally, I feel grateful to all hose who opposed the radical and reactionary policy of the men now influential in the Democratic organization in Penn-sylvania and I have no resentments for hose who voted otherwise in the belief that their duty to the party required them to do so. Of course, I thoroughly understand that the minority stood for a conservative policy that would have had a tendency to unite the party, rather than for me personally, and I honor them the

The venom displayed by some of the extremists has not annoyed or disturbed me in the least. When I recall that during the campaign of last year the names of such Democrats as William C. Whitney and David B. Hill were hissed in meetings held in Tammany Hall because of their refusal to acquiesce in all of the of their refusal to acquiesce in all of the declarations of the Chicago convention, I find it quite easy to be philosophical

Continuing, Mr. Harrity said:

The action of the committee and of the onvention is to be regarded as a disapproval of my refusal to believe in the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the ald or consent of any other nation. But it will not change my opinion in that respect. In my judgment, the racy of Pennsylvania will recede from its present position. It must do so, if it desires to win victories in Pennsylvania.

"What of your position in the Democratic national committee? What is the effect upon it of the action taken at the Reading convention?" was asked of Mr. Harrity.

"That will be a matter for the Democratic national committee itself, which is the only body authorized to act in the premises. I will dispute the right of any claimant to membership in it from Pennsylvania until the committee itself has passed upon the subject."

WEAVING THE CHAIN ABOUT LUETGERT

The Prosecution in the Famous Chicago Murder Case Brings Damaging Testimony to Bear Against the

Chicago, Aug. 31.-When the Luctgert murder trial was resumed today the de-fense asked the court to compel the state set forth by what means, according the theory of the prosecution, the life of Mrs. Luetgret was taken before her body was placed in the vat. Judge Vincent, Luctgert's lawyer, said the indictment, which contains twelve counts, does not state the manner of Mrs. Luetgert's death. Judge Tuthill decided that the state was not bound to specify the means

Mrs. Agatha Tosch, wife of Michael osch, a saloonkeeper at 629 Diversey evenue, was called. She was a friend of Mrs. Luctgert and visited the latter occasionally. Mrs. Tosch said that on Sun-day afternoon, May 2, Mr. Luetgert came her husband's saloon and bought a class of beer. He was pale and excited, and she asked him what was the matter. but he did not answer. On May 15, she said, she saw him again, and asked him bout the disappearance of his wife. He said he did not know where his wife was, and was as innocent as the sun in the sky. She told him she believed he was guilty, and Luegert replied that he felt like taking a revolver and killing himself. He would do so, he said, but for the children. Mrs. Tosch said Luetgert sked her what she had heard from the detectives who were about her and what she had seen or heard herself.

ODD FELLOWS' DAY.

Big Time at Waynesboro -- Governor

and Staff Attend. Waynesboro, Pa., Aug. 31.—This was Odd Fellows' day here, the event being the parade. There were a thousand men in line, with W. A. Price as chief mar-shal and Captain John C. Gerbig, of Chambersburg, chief of staff, The Daughters of Rebekah were four hundred

The semi-centennial was celebrated by Waynesboro lodge this afternoon in Cen-tennial Music hall. Governor Hastings, accompanied by Secretary of Internal Affairs Latta, Auditor General Mylin and Treasurer Haywood, passed through Waynesboro this evening.

FACTORIES TO START.

Pittsburg, Aug. 31 .- The press glassware scale, affecting \$,000 men in Ohio. Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Indiana, was settled at a conference here today and factories will be started at

NO ARCHITECT SELECTED.

Harrisburg, Aug. 31.-The new capitol commission met this afternoon, but took cers with the exception that C. W. without a roll call, the friends of Mr. adjourned until Thursday afterno

BOTH HARMONIOUS AND ENTHUSIASTIC

Luzerne Republicans Hold a Convention That Beats the Record.

JOHN LEISENRING FOR GOVERNOR

His Boom Endorsed in Handsome Fashion in the Resolutions .- Fell for District Attorney, Llewellyn for Prothonotary, Koons for Clerk of the Courts and Moore for Jury Commissioner.

secial to the Scranton Tribune,

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 31 .- A high-water ark in enthusiasm and harmony was registered in the history of Luzerne Republicanism today by the proceedings of and the circumstances attending the Republican county convention. It was essentially a young men's con-Young blood showed up in the forefront, and showed up conspicu-ously and well. And back and around all was that fine party spirit which inevitably presages unity of effort and party triumph. Incidentally the gubernatorial boom of Hon. John Leisenring was formally launched with an indorsement by the convention.

For district attorney, Daniel A. Fell, the present incumbent, was nominated by acclamation, his competitor in the pre-convention canvass, Charles E. Keck, withdrawing in a graceful speech, and John M. Carr subsequently doing likewise.

PROTHONOTARY,

Nominations for prothonotary being next in order, Frank Wheaton, in a orlef speech, nominated George J. Llewellyn, whose nomination was seconded by John H. Williams, of Plymout, and by Oscar Foster, of Pittston. Houser, of Wilkes-Barre, then nominated E. O. Kemmerer, seconded by R. . Dougher. Granville P. Clarke placed in nomination W. P. James, of Hazleton. The nominations having closed,

balloting was proceeded with, resulting as follows: Total votes cast, 270; necessary to choice, 135; Llewellyn, 217; Kemmerer, 31; James, 32. On motion the nomination of Mr. Llewellyn was made unanimous. Mr. Llewellyn was called to the platform and thanked the convention for his nomination and pledged himself, if elected, to conduct his office to the satisfaction of the people.

William Gerlach, jr., Hazleton, placed in nomination Walter B. Koons, seconded by David Davis, of Nanticoke, Dan Kline, on behalf of candidate J. L. Wagner, withdrew the name of Wagrer and moved that the nomination of Koons be made by acclamation. For jury commissioner James W. Morse was nominated on the fourth ballot.

The convention adopted the following amendment to the rules governing the Republican party in Luzerne coun-

District committees shall be formed in each legislative district, composed of one nember in good standing for each elec tion district, elected and certified at the same time, and in the same manner as vigilance committees. The district convention shall name the chairman and secretary of the convention and during the session of the convention shall elect a chairman and secretary of the district committee for the ensuing year, providd there are no regular rules adopted by the district for the election of chair man, the other officers may be chosen by the committee. The committee thus or ganized shall have the management of the district campaign politics.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform reaffirms the St. Louis national and recent Harrisburg state take action which would render today platforms, indorses the course of Congressman Morgan B. Williams, extends thanks to Senators Quay and Penrose for their aid in passing the Wilkes-Barre public building bill through the senate, indorses the work of the state senator and representatives from Luzerne in the last legislature, pledges support to Beacom and McCauley, authorizes the opening in Wilkes-Barre of permanent headquarters and refers to Mr. Leisenring's candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination one year hence:

We heartily endorse the candidacy of Hon, John Leisenring for the gubernatorial nomination in 1898. As a of the fifty-four it congress, Mr. Leisen-ring proved himself to be an active and aggressive worker for the interests of state and district, and as he from the great anthracite region of the commonwealth, his experience with the great mass of wage workers and the manufacturing interests eminently qualify him for the high office, and among the many aspirants for the office, there are none who could administer the at fairs of the state in a more honest and intelligent manner than our ex-congressman, Hon, John Leisenring, and we here him the cordial and earnest support of this county.

OUT FOR A GOVERNORSHIP.

Congressman William A. Stone Candidty Admits His Ambition.

Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—Congressman W. A. Stone, candidly admitted yesterday that he is seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination. He had returned from a trip to Washington, where he had called on Attorney General McKenna in relation to the tardy appointment of Hon. D. B. Heiner, of Kittaning, for United States district attorney. Congressman Stone said President McKinley will surely appoint Mr. Heiner to the In relation to his candidacy for govern

ernor, Congressman Stone was asked if he expected the support of Measrs. Magee and Flinn. He answered that he would like to have their support, but sees no signs at present to bring the factions into harmonious working order. Congressman Stone will be a delegate to the Repuglican State league conven tion at Williamsport, but says he will do nothing to boom his candidacy while

ALLEGED MURDERER CAUGHT.

It Is Claimed for Him That He Acted

in Self-Defense. Aug. 31.-Monday night Coal and Iron Policeman Walton captured Schospitci, the Hungarian, accused of murdering a countryman with a stone, at Seek. The man was committed to Pottsville jail.

It is now claimed that Schospitci was set upon by a number of the dead man's companions and did the deed in self-de-

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN.

The National Union Opens Its Con-

vention in Boston. Boston, Aug. 31.—The twenty-third con-vention of the Catholic Young Men's Na-tional union opened here today with a parade through the principal streets and a solemn high mass in the cathedral, where the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Mortimer F. Twomey, of Mal-

At the close of the services the delegates marched to the hall of the Young Men's Catholic association, Boston college, where the convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by the president, the Rev. William T. McGuirl, who gave way to J. Mitchell Galvin, president of the Young Men's Catholic essociation of Box-ton college, Mr. Galvin welcomed the delegates and was followed by Mayor Quincy, who did the same. Father Mc-Guirl responded for the delegates and the convention formally opered for business,

BOMB FOR FAURE.

an Explosion Follows the Return o France's President.

Paris, Aug. 31.-President Faure arrived from Dunkirk at 6 o'clock this evening. Ten minutes after the president had passed the Maeline, a bomb was exploded inside the rallings around that church.

Nobody was injured by the explosion but the affair caused the greatest excite-

CONGRESS OPPOSES STRIKE INJUNCTIONS

The Gathering of Labor Delegates at St. Louis Puts Itself on Record in Forceful Language.

St. Louis, Aug. 31.-The Labor congress in session here today adopted long resolutions condemning the recent use of injunctions to restrain striking laborers from acts heretofore considered peaceful. The preamble, among other

things, says: The fear of the more watchful father of the republic has been justified. The judiciary has become supreme. We witness a political phenomenon absolutely new in the history of the world, a republic prostrate at the feet of the judges appointed to administer its laws. • • • Under the cunning form of injunctions. courts have assumed to enact criminal laws, and after the drawing to them-selves the power of legislation have repealed the bill of rights and for viola-tions of those court-made laws have denied the accessed the right of trial by jury. The exercise of the commonest rights of free man—the right of assem-bly, the right of free speech, the right of traveling the public highways, have, by legislation, under the form of injunction, been made a crime and armed forces disperse as mobs people daring, in company, to exercise these rights.

In speaking of the results of the cor President Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers, said tonight: "This convention has given us very material aid al-ready. The money that will be collected under the resolution passed here today to contribute one day's carnings of all ormen will amount to tween four and five million dollars and it will keep us alive a long time. It allows us to go on with the strike without fear of starvation."

The convention, which had been anounced as the last one of its kind to be held, while adjourning sine die, has mere-ly postponed action on the matters before for three weeks, as a call for a similar conference to be held in Chicago, Monday, Sept. 27, was issued. True, the convention ordered its chairman, Mr. Pome roy, of the International Typographical union, to request President McKinley, in the name of the convention to call a cial session of congress for the purpose defining the authority of judges in the matter of injunctions, but as the present will hardly receive the communication in time to convene congress in three weeks even though he considers the mat-ter favorably, the Chicago gathering may nove void, and decide to act in another

GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT.

The Board to Inspect Locations Is

Ready to Report. Chicago, Aug. 31.-The naval officers who compose the board recently appointed by Secretary Long to prepare plans for the crection of an armor plant, to be operated by the United States govern-ment, has concluded its inspection of the Illinois Steel company's plant: Commo-dore J. A. Howell, president of the board, said this concerning the inspection:

"We shall at once proceed to Washing-m. The next thing for us to do is to draw up the plans for the new government factory, and we shall set about it just as soon as all the members of the board have found their way back to headquarters. We shall say nothing at all in the report about a site for the factory. We shall confine ourselves to reporting the cost of producing steel armor plates.

MR. ANDREWS' RESIGNATION.

Brown University Corporation Probably Will Not Accept It.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 31 .- Tomorrow e corporation of Brown university will meet to take action upon the resignation of President Andrews. Teday a meeting of the executive committee is being

The Providence Journal, which has been strongly opposed to President Andrews since the beginning of the controversy, this morning says that it is unlikely that the resignation will be accepted. after petition is being received by the corporation asking it to decline to accept the

CONFESSES MURDER.

Two Men Quarrel and One Then

Takes the Other's Life. Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 31.-Timothy Hartnett, aged 36 years, narried and th father of six children, surrendered himself to the police here late tonight and confessed that he shot Samuel Sornburger early this morning. He was on his way home at the time and got into an alterwith his victim, who drew a recation fired, killing Sornburger, He claims self-defense. He was locked up and will be given a hearing tomorrow,

THE MARCH OF PROSPERITY.

London, Aug. 31 .- The Times published a long letter from a correspondent in Philadelphia describing the remarkable development and improvement in business conditions in America of late. The writer says: "The American public may be over-sanguine, but there seems to b good ground for their present cheerful-ness. It is quite evident that the railroads are entering upon a remarkable season for traffic, and that railroad properties, as a class, are far more valuable than they were a year ago,"

FARMERS' NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Opens at St. Paul with a Smaller At-

tendance Than Was Expected. St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 31.—The seven-centh meeting of the Farmers' National congress of the United States was called to order today at the capitol in the hall of Representatives by President B. F. Clayton of Indianola. The attendance at the opening session was not as large as was expected. The representation in the congress does not exceed five hun-

dred.
Following an invocation by Archbishop Ireland, the congress was gretted on be-haif of the city of St. Paul by Mayor Doran; on behalf of the State Agricultural society by President Weaver, of that organization; on behalf of the state by Governor Clough and to these addresses, respectively responses on behalf of the congress were made by John M. Stahl of Illinois, secretary of the congress, and B. F. Clayton, of Iowa, president-

TRIED TO KILL.

Italian Aimed a Revolver at a Special Officer in Center Street -- Collapsed

Special Officer Harry Courtright, better known as "Pine Knot," had a revolver snapped twice directly at him, at 11.30 o'clock last night, and to the failure of the cartridge to explode, he

owes his escape from death. Courtright was walking up Centre street and had reached Raymond court when he was passed by two men, apparently intoxicated. One of jostled against Courtright and then spoke harshly. The next act of the man was to draw his revolver and attempt to fire it. It missed fire.

The fellow dashed away to Penn avenue and then to Spruce street, where Patrolman McMullen stopped him, Courtright overtook the man half-way up Penn avenue and in an attempt to selze him a razor dropped from the stranger. Arigoni Ferdinando also tried to head the man off, but the words "I shoot!" changed his mind.

When stopped by Patrolman McMulen, the fellow seemed to sink into a comatose state. He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital, where all attempts to arouse him proved futile up to an early hour this morning. From his accent it was judged that the fellow was an Italian. The last seen of his companion he was running

up Raymond court. TO AROUSE ALL THE ISLAMIC FAITHFUL

The Standard of Revolt Is to Be Carried Throughout Asia -- Latest News

of the Revolt in India. London, Aug. 31.-The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard hears, with reference to the Indian frontier troubles, that in response to requests of the Islamic Synod fetves have been is sued authorizing a propaganda through-

Bombay, Aug. 31.—Great relief is felt in official circles here at the news that the tribesmen who yesterday blocked the Kohat Pass have been dispersed. Dispatches received from Peshawur today say that all is quiet there. The notorious Mullah of Haddah, who has been at the bottom of a great deal of the present trouble, is reported to have refused to send assistance to the Afridis who begged him for aid. The Mullah annnounces his intention of immediately attacking the Khan of Dir, on account of the latter's friendship for the British. The Dir's oops are all watching the frontier. The Mullah has been joined by a large number of tribesmen from Afghan territory. Disquieting news has been received from Quetta, the British military post in Beiu chistan. The tribesmen have assembled on the hills about Mach-Mushkaf-Bolan railroad in such numbers that the authorities have telegraphed to the governor general, the Earl of Elgin, asking for reinforcements of artillery and for a heavy force of infantry. Other signs of coming trouble in this region are found in the flight into the territory of the Ame Afghanistan of two important chiefs, the eads of the Bungalagia and Sehri tribes In adition, large bodies of the population of the Pishin villages, with their families,

are crossing the border.

THE COAL ROADS HEARING. Arguments on the Appeal to Be

Made in Savatoga Next Month. Albany, Aug. 31.-Notice was served or Attorney General Hancock today that arguments on his appeal from the decision of Justice Chester, of the Supreme court, vacating the order previously granted by him, authorizing the appointment of a referee to examine the presi-dents of the coal roads to see if suffic-ient grounds existed for the bringing of an action against them for violating the new anti-trust laws, would be bear before the Appellate Division of the Su preme court. Third department, in the Town hall at Saratoga, on Sept. 7, or as soon thereafter as possible.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

Southampton, Aug. 31.—Salled; York, New York, New York-Sailed: Havel, Bremen. Cleared: Majestic, Liverpoo,; St. Louis, Southampton; Noord-Rotterdam - Arrived: Veendam, New York.

MRS. DREW DEAD.

New York, Aug. 31.-Mrs. John Drew the celebrated actress, died this after-noon at Larchmont, N. Y. She was 7. and was the mother of John Drew, Georgia Drew-Barrymore and Sid.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Fair; Variable Winds. General-Fisticums at the Democratic

State Convention. Labor Denounces Government by Injunction. Arbitration for the Big Coal Strike. Luzerne Republicans Hold a Harmon lous Convention.

Sport-Syracuse Takes the Series from Base Ball Games of the Big Leagues

Local-Tax Duplicate for 1897 Com. Notes from the Political Field.

Comment of the Press. Local-Died, Aged About 117 Years. One Fatal, Another Serious Railroad Accident.

Editorial.

Local-West Side and City Suburban. 7 Lackawanna County News. Neighboring County Happenings. Financial and Commercial,

ARBITRATION **NOW IN VIEW**

Pending It, Men to Resume Work at 64 Cent Rate.

OPERATORS ARE WILLING

President Ratchford Partly Confirms the News.

The Final Decision to Be Made at Tonight's Meeting of the Executive Council of the United Mine Work. ers at Columbus -- If the Strikers Acquiesce, the Whole Trouble Will Come to a Peaceful Termination.

Columbus, O., Aug. 31.-The coal strike is considered settled here. The plan is to resume at 64 cents and work pending arbitration. The direct parties in this conference of adjustment are President Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers, and the executive committee of the operators. A number of the latter were in the city today and the result is that a decision may be looked for almost at any moment. The direct effect of this decision will be the opening of the mines and of the resumption of work by all the striking miners the beginning of the coming

week. An operator here says: "The new figure has been accepted by all but one operator in the Pittsburg district and it is understood it has been approved by President Ratchford and other members of the executive committee of the United Mine Workers. It is expected that the single operator still holding out will be finally induced to yield and that the great strike will thus be brought to a speedy and peaceful

THE ABOVE CONFIRMED.

St. Louis, Aug. 31.-When shown the dispatch from Columbus, O., stating that the coal strike was considered there as settled, President Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers, acknowledged that he had received a proposition to have the miners resume work at 64 cents pending arbitration. He added: "Our executive council meets at Columbus, O., tomorrow night, and the proposition of Mr. Young, who repesents a large number of operators. will be considered with other matters. I must decline to discus the proposition until after it is submitted to the coun-

STRIKE GAINS GROUND.

DuBols, Pa., Aug. 31.-Helvetia, six niles from here, was the only mine of the Clearfield and Jefferson coal mining company working today. Walston and Adrian had each voted, at a meeting Sunday, to continue work, but the strikers from Reynoldsville and Eleanora have drummed them out and both were idle today. The suspension at those places was inaugurated without the men voting to strike. The strikers next moved upon Helvetia and that

place will be idle tomorrow. The strikers are now camping at Helvetia. The idle miners here have remained quietly at home and show no disposition to take part in the demonstrations elsewhere in the district, nor to return to work. Delegates representing the striking miners will meet here tomorrow, but it is thought they will not recommend resumption. The

strike sentiment is apparently growing. PROVIDENCE MINER KILLED.

Fall of Roof Ends the Life of Patrick

McHale, of West Market Street. Patrick McHale, of West Market street, a miner at the Cayuga, was killed yesterday morning while at work in his chamber by a fall of roof, McHale was taken from beneath the debris, alive, but died before he could be taken home. A wife and three small

children survive him. BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Opening Ceremonies of the Annual

Meeting in Montreal. Montreal, Aug. 31.—The opening cereng of the British Medical association were held this afternoon at the Windsor hall. After the usual preliminaries, Dr. Thomas G. Roddick, M. P., of this city, he newly elected president, addressed the large gathering. It gave him special pleasure, he said, to see many American physicians and

surgeons at the meeting-a proof of the opolitan character of the medical rofession.

THE ENGINE EXPLODED. The Engineer and Fireman Are Both

Instantly Killed. Akron, O., Aug. 31 .- A Cleveland, Akron and Columbus engine attached to a south-bound freight train on that road exloded at Fredericksburg this morning killing the engineer and fireman, and badly scalding H. E. Shank, the brake-

The dead are William Thornley, engineer, and Lewis, Brown, fireman, both of

Mount Vernon. Gubernatorial Appointments. Harrisburg, Aug. 31.—Governor Hast-ings today made the following appointments: Trustee of the state lunatic hos-pital, Wilson Greenland, of Clarion; trus-

ies of the Cottage State hospital, for in-jured, Thomas C. Gibson, of Mercer, HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST.

New York, Sept. 1.-The Herald's weather forecast: In the Middle States weather forecast: In the Middle States and New England today, fair and warm-er weather and fresh to light, variable winds will prevail, the winds becoming southerly, followed by light local rain near Lake Eric. On Thursday, in both of these sections, fair, warmer and more sultry weather and fresh, southerly to southeasterly winds will prevail, fol-lowed by a "warm wave" with western districts of this section.