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FINAL STROKE TO BE GIVEN

General Otis to Give a Decisive Blow to the War.

REBELLION IS TOTTERING

Daily Messages from President Schurman Tell the Story-All of the Archipelago Reached Except That Part of Luzon Now Occupied by Aguinaldo Pacified-Natives Proffering Allegiance and Asking to Fight Against Aguinaldo-The Philippines Commission Establishing Local Governments.

Washington, May 12.- The administration is determined to push the fighting vigorously in Luzon and force the followers of Aguinaldo to speedy acceptance of terms. Instructions to this effect have been sent to General Otis. The president has been led to this by the latest advices received from General Otis and the Philippines Dr. Schurman during the last week has been cabling almost daily to report the acknowledgment of new tribes of the sovereignty of the United States. Many delegations have visited the commission to tender the allegiance of their people, until now Mr. Schurman is able to report that the entire archipelago, or such parts of it as American influence has been able to reach, is pacified and ready to accept American control. Nothing remains now to be pacified but the little section of the island of Luzon within a small radius of the city of Manila where Aguinaldo is heading his incurrection with fifteen or twenty thousand Tagals. Other tribes in the isiand of Luzon have tendered their allegiance, and some of them have gone so far as to offer to fight against Aguinaldo's men if their services are The American commander will not take advantage of these of-

From other sources if le learned that Aguinaldo's men are suffering from lack of food. Exhausted and discouraged, with no hope of reinforcements from the other parts of the island the Insurgents are in ripe condition to give way before a sudden concerted attack. The commission is engaged in setting up local governments wherever possible, preparing the way for the more general autonomy which the president hopes will be established by con-

FRESH TROOPS TO THE FRONT.

The Regulars Are Being Hurried Forward from Manila.

Mantia, May 12,-4.20 p. m.-Fresh troops are beginning to go to the front. Two battations of the Seventeenth infantry (regulars), that had been holding the lines about the city of Manila, will join Major General MacArthur's division at San Fernando tomorrow. and one battalion of the same regiment will reinforce Major General Lawton's division near Bacolor. These troops will be replaced here by the Twentyfirst infantry regiment, which arrived from the United States on board the transport Hancock vesterday.

Captain Grant, of the Utah battery, whose success in managing the army gunboats Laguna de Bay and Cavedonga, has wen for him the sobriquet of "the Dewey of the army," has been put in command of the recently-purchased Spanish gunboats whose arms the insurgents captured. These vessels Fatal Accident at an English Plant. are now being prepared for operations on the rivers and along the coast. The refitting and arming of the gunboats is being pushed with all diligence.

SAN ISIDRO CONGRESS.

Said to Be Divided as to Making Peace.

London. May 12 .-- A special disputch received here today from Manila says that the Filipino congress, now sitting at San Isidro, is composed of tifty-six members, of whom twenty favor peace and an equal number are irreconcilla-

The others, holding the baiance of power, are ready to admit that absolute independence is hopeless of attainment, but demand better terms at the hands of the United States.

MINES MAY BE CLOSED.

Interference of United Mine Workers Will Cause Trouble.

Hazleton, May 12.-If the United Mine Workers attempt to force the non-union men employed at the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company's collieries at Honeybrook and Audenried to join the union the company will order a permanent suspension of work at these places. Announcement to this effect was made officially this after-

noon. On Tuesday last President Duffy. the United Mine Workers of the district, notified all miners and laborers employed in the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre company's collieries that after May 19 members of the Mine Workers' organization would not work with men who do not at that time belong to the

Progress of the Walkers.

New York, May 12 .- The midnight a in the 72-hour walking match is: Hegel . 348 miles; Glick, 335; Tracey, 128; 321; Igo, 303; Day, 295; Barnes, 294; Craig. 269; Guerrero, 264; Geary, 264,

Washington Buys Bonner. New York, May 12.-The Washington ball club has purchased the release ank lienner from Hartford for \$1,000. Shortstop Hulen has been released.

SENATOR FLINN'S FEAST.

John Wanamaker's Chair Was Vacant-The Society Named.

Philadelphia, May 12.-Senator William Flinn, of Allegheny, gave a din-ner tonight at the Hotel Believue to those of his colleagues in the legislature who stood by him in opposing the re-election of Senator Quay in the long senatorial contest. The guests, in addition to the original fifty-two anti-Quay Republicans, who signed the pledge not to vote for Quay, included several of the senatorial candidates for whom these members voted. Among the guests were Congressman John Dalzell, ex-Congressman George F. Huff and Calvin Wells. John Wanamaker was not present, but sent a letter regretting his inability to attend and praising the men who had stood out against Quay. Addresses were made by Messrs. Dalzell and Huff, Senators David Martin and J. Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia; Representatives Koonts, of Somerset, and Rendell, of Chester, and others.

Previous to the banquet a meeting was held at which a permanent organization was formed. The name adopted is "The Insurgents," Senator Flinn was chosen president of the organiza-

WRECK ON THE CENTRAL.

Seven Passenger Cars Are Burn-

Utica, N. Y., May 13.-The fast mail on the New York Central was in collision here this morning and seven passenger cars filled with passengers are

GONFEDERATE VETS BECOME AGITATED

Discussion Aroused Over Care of Rebel Soldiers' Graves-Rev. Taylor's

Charlestown, S. C., May 12.-At this morning's session of the Confederate veterans the committee on resolutions reported the substitute for the resolution on federal care of Confederate graves, recommending that the "United Confederate veterans record their sincere appreciation of the utterance of the president of the United States in Atlanta in December last concerning the assumption of the care of the graves of our Confederate dead by the national government," and declaring that "we shall welcome any legislation which shall result in the care of the graves of our comrades in the north-

ern states by our government." Rev. Taylor Martin, of Pulaski, Va. spoke against the adoption of the report. He said the veterans had nothing to do with any suggestion from the president and they would never be placed in the attitude of being under obligations to the government that slew

southern men. The discussion then grew very bitter

and great confusion followed. "There is too much McKinlevism in it." shouted a veteran from the audi-Various expressions followed. many of them bitter and sensational. The report was finally adopted with

theors. Veteranz elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander in chief, General John B. Gordon: commander of the department of Northern Virginia, General Wade Hampton; commander of Tennesse, General Stephen D. Lee; commander of the department of Trans-Mississippi, General W. L. Cabell. In accepting General Gordon said there were now Confederate camps in Boston, New York, Chicago and Columbus, Ohio, The next reunion will be held at Louisville, Kentucky.

W. J. Colquitt, of Atlanta, was today elected commander in chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, His only opponent was Robert E. Lee, of

CHEMICALS EXPLODE.

Four Persons Killed.

London, May 12 .- A fearful explosion occurred today at the Kurtz chemical vorks, St. Helens, Lancaster county, killing four persons and seriously in juring twenty. Fire broke out in the chlorate house and a large quantity of chlorate exploded, causing much destruction. Subsequently the boiler exploded and the whole works were

The town was strewn with debris and most of the buildings in the place were damaged. The total loss was about £100,000.

SUICIDE AT TOWANDA.

Harriet Jackson Swallows Seven Grains of Strychnine.

Towanda, May 12.-Harriet Jackson, aged 23 years, committed suicide this evening by swallowing seven grains of

The young woman had been arrested for forging her mother's name to a check, and it was while sented at a table opposite the constable who made the arrest that she placed the peison in her mouth, stating it was for head-In twenty minutes she was

Conclave of Knights Templar.

Philadelphia, May 12.—The United TrandCommandery of the Knights Tempar of Pennsylvania held their annual conclave today. Officers were ele and installed for the ensuing year as Officers were elected lows: Grand ommander, William H. Had-ley, Philadelphia; deputy grand commander, Robert Brady, Pittsburg; grand generalissime, Hiram Calleo, Philadel-

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 12 - Arrived: Patria Hamburg, Cicared; La Champagne, Havre; Etturia, Liverpool; Wineland, Copenhagen; Amsterdam, Rotterdam via Kinsale-Passed: Nomadic, New York for Liverpool. Queenstown-Arrived: Lucania, New York. Hamburg -Arrived: Furst Bismarck, New York via Cherbourg and Southampton. Bre-men-Arrived: Trave, New York.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, May 12.-Pension certifi-Original - Thaniel C. Snover,

GOVERNOR SIGNS APPROPRIATION BILLS

THE MANY MEASURES THAT MET HIS APPROVAL.

The Lackawanna Hospital Bill and Hanhnemann Measure Receive the Approval of the Governor-Cornplanter Indians Are Remembered. Cold Hand for the Voting Ma-

Harrisburg, May 12.-These appropriation bills were signed today by Governor Stone: Children's Homeopathic hospital, Philadelphia, \$12,000; Allegheny County Association for Preven tion of Cruelty to Children, \$2,000; Roselfa Foundling Asylum Maternity tospital, Pittsburg, \$6,000; Roads and Cornplanter lands, \$100; For publish-ing proceedings of dedication of Pennsylvania monument at Chickamauga, \$400; Women's Homeopathic Associa-tion of Pennsylvania, \$10,000; Harris-burg hospital, \$7,000; Children's Aid society of Pennsylvania, \$10,000; South Side hospital, Pittsburg, \$20,000; Northern Home for Friendless Children, Children, Philadelphia, \$1,890; Women's hospital, Philadelphia, \$8,000; Western Pennsylvania Humane society, \$2,000; York Hospital and Dispensary, \$5,000; Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble Minded Children at Eiwin, \$210.- United States. 000; Supreme court library, \$4,000; Pittston Hospital association, \$12,000; Philadelphia Commercial museum, \$25,-000; Columbia hospital, \$4,000; Spencer hospital, Meadville, \$5,000; Mead-ville City hospital, \$5,000; Wagner Free Institute of Science, Philadelphia, \$2,000; Children's Society of Western Pennsylvania, \$48,000; Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital for Nurses, \$10,000; Easton hospital, Easton, \$12,-000: Home for Friendless, Harrisburg, \$2,500; Westmoreland Hospital association, Greensburg, \$10,000; Bethesada home, Pittsburg, \$5,000; Erle Home for Friendless, Eric, \$5,000; Memorial Hospital and House of Mercy, Roxborough, Philadelphia, \$7,000; Wilkes-Barre City hospital, \$25,000; Home for Friendless, Williamsport, \$6,000; Williamsport Training school, \$3,000; Rosine home, Williamsport Philadelphia, \$2,660; Hammel Hospital association, Erie, \$6,000; Old Ladies' home, Philadelphia, \$4,000.

Lackawanna Hospital.

Lackawanna hospital, Scranton, \$30,-

000; Pottstown hospital, \$10,000; Pennsylvania institution for deaf and dumb, \$240,000; investigation of disease of domestic animals,\$8,000; Western Pennsylvania institution for deaf and dumb, \$100,000; Western Pennsylvania institution for blind, \$55,000; Pennsylvania Oral school for deaf mutes, \$51,000; Pennsylvania working home for blind nen, \$25,000; Joseph Knapper, mine inspector, for injuries, \$300; Pennsylvania institution for instruction of the blind, Philadelphia, \$88,400; home for training in speech deaf children, Philadel-\$37,000. Adrian hos ville hospital, \$22,500; Chester county hospital, \$7.500; Shenango Valley hos pital, New Castle, \$12,000; Almira home, New Castle, \$2,000; Bradford hospital, \$6,000; home ladies G. A. R., \$5,000; Eye and Ear hospital, Pittsburg, \$3,000; Friendless association, city of Lancaster, \$3,000; home for aged and infirm vomen, Easton, \$2,000; Children's Industrial home, Harrisburg, \$4,000; Pennsylvania Memorial home, of the Woman's Relief corps, Brookville, \$7,-000; Beaver Valley general hospital, \$7,000; Mercy hospital, Pittsburg \$20.-000; Philadelphia home for infants, \$4,-000, home for friendless children, Reading. \$2,000; Curtis home for destitute women and girls, Pittsburg, \$3,000; Chester hospital, Chester, \$10,000; Carbondale hospital association \$10,000: \$10,000; deficiency in mine inspector appropriation, \$9,743; Benevolent assohospital, Philadelphia, \$5,000; Lancaster general hospital, \$6,000; aged colored women's home, Pittsburg, \$3,000; Gynacean hospital, Philadelphia, \$20,-100. Howard hospital and infirmary for incurables, Philadelphia, \$5,000; Charity hospital, Montgomery county, \$10,000; Rineman hospital, Allegheny, \$5,000. Pennsylvania Society for Protection of Children from Cruelty, \$2,000; temporary home for children. Allegheny, 32,000; St. Christopher's hospital, Philadelphia, \$12,000; Maternity hospital, Philadelphia, \$5,000; Pennsylvania Asylum for Indigent Widows, Philadelphia, \$5,000; Homeopathic Medical and Surgical hospital, Reading, \$5,000; Reading hospital, \$15,000: Philadelphia Orthopaedic hospital, \$5,000; Williamsport hospital, \$14,000: Oll City hospital, \$15,000; Pittsburg Newsboys' home, \$8,000; Union Home for Old Ladies, Philadelphia, 84,-000: St. John's General hospital, Allegheny, \$8,000; Rush Hospital for Consumptives, Philadelphia, \$10,000; Mary Packer hospital, Sunbury, \$8,000; Kane Summit hospital, \$5,000: Philadelphia Lying-in Charity hospital, Philadelphia, \$10,000; Good Samaritan respital, Lebanon, \$6,000: Home for Widows and Single Women, Lebanon, \$2,000; Robert A. Packer hospital, Sayre, \$10,000; Midnight Mission, Philadelphia, \$1,000; Conemaugh Valley Memorial hospital, Johnstown, \$12,000; Pittsburg and Allegheny Home for Friendless, \$4,000; Home for Aged,

Philadelphia, \$4,000; Western Temporary Home, Philadelphia, \$3,600; Home of the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, Philadelphia, \$5,000; reuniforming and equipping the Nationat Guard of Pennsylvania, \$98,000; St. Francis hospital, Pittsburg, \$5,000; Todd hospital, Carlisle, \$1,000; Children's Ald society, of Westmoreland county, \$2,000; Mercy hospital, Wilkes-Harre, \$5,000; Habnemann hospital, Scranton, \$5,000; Lock Haven hospital, \$2,000; St. Mary's hospital, Philadelphia, \$5,000; Warren Emergency hospital, Warren county, \$2,000; County General hospital, \$2,500; Du Pois hospital, \$2,000; Children's Aid society of Franklin county, \$2,900; Washington hospital, Washington, \$2,-000; St. Clare Infirmary, Harrisburg,

Philadelphia, \$1,000; Kittamming hospital, \$2,000. These bills were disapproved tonight by the governor: Amending the act of March 31, 1868,

authorizing incorporated companies to

invest and re-invest surplus funds in

\$2,000; Evangelical Home for Aged,

nortgages, stocks and other securities under certain limitations and restrictions, so as to include all banks and banking companies incorporated under he laws of this commonwealth; joint resolution proposing an amendment to section four, article eight of the const! tution requiring that all elections shall be by ballot. The governor says this provision of the constitution has given general satisfaction and is considered a safe guard in the exercise of the electve, franchise. The purpose of the amendment was to introduce voting machines in Pennsylvania similar to

those being tried in New York state. WATSON SAILS FOR MANILA.

Will Arrive in June-Captain Barker in Command.

Washington, May 12 .- Admiral Waton sails from San Francisco Tuesday as a passenger on one of the regular Pacific steamships, but cannot possibly reach Manila before the middle of June. In order to provide for the direction naval affairs in Asiatic waters heween the date of Admiral Dewey's departure and the arrival of Rear Adniral Watson, orders have been issued placing Captain A. S. Barker in com-mand of the Asiatic squadron after Admiral Dewey's departure until relieved by Rear Admiral Watson. Cap-tain Barker is now in command of the battleship Oregon and next to Admiral Dewey is the senior officer on the sta-tion. He is an officer of ability and discretion, and may be depended on to take good care of the interests of the

DIGGERS BURIED ALIVE.

Shocking Accident at Centralia in Which Four Men Lose Their

Centralia, Pa., May 12.—An accident t the Centralia colliery today resulted n the death of four men and the fatal injury of two others. Six others susained cuts and bruises. The killed are: James Gaughlin, 35 years.

John Koko, 30 years, Joseph Sancheck, 44 years. John Comyock, 30 years.

The fatally injured are: John Colins, foot broken, internally injured: George Fetterko, legs bruised, internally injured. Sixteen men were em ployed removing dirt from a culm bank, which was about seventy-five feet high. The digging was done from the bottom, and instead of digging the dirt down from the top at certain distances, as is usually the custom to prevent accidents, the work was continued a distance of about fifteen feet, at which point the bank stood almost perpendicular.

While the men were thus employed a slide occurred, completely covering them. Men hurried to the scene with shovels and aided in recovering the killed and injured. Tons of dirt had to be removed before the last man was taken from the death trap.

ROSWELL P. FLOWER DEAD.

tion, Jefferson county, \$12,000; Phoenix- Former Governor of New York Expires from Heart Failure.

New York, May 12.-Former Governor Roswell P. Flower died tonight at 10.30 in the Eastport Country club, Eastport, L. I. Mr. Flower was taken ill early in the day with a severe attack of acute indigestion. In the afternoon symptoms of heart failure supervened and he grew steadily worse until the time of his death. The attack of heart failure was accompanied by a fainting spell and Mr. Flower's family in New York city was quickly notified.

Mrs. Flower and the former governor's nephew. Frederick S. Flower, accompanied by Dr. Thomas H. Allen, Mr. Flower's physician, left at once on a special train for Eastport. When home for colored children, Allegheny, they arrived there Mr. Flower had somewhat recovered, but tonight the attack of heart fallure was marked ciation, Pottsville, \$1,500; Kensington and Mr. Flower became unconscious an hour or more before his death.

Mr. Flower always was a Democrat. In the early '70's he helped Sam J. Tilden to develop the famous organization which exposed Tweed and enjoyed many other triumphs

Mr. Flower was chosen chairman of the Democratic state committee in 1817, and in 1881, he defeated William Waldorf Astor for congress after a hot campaign in the Eleventh district. His majority was 3,100, while Levi Morton, Republican, had carried it at the last previous election by more than 7,000 votes. He refused a re-nomination, He was elected governor of the state in 1891. In the cholera epidemic in the late summer of 1892, thousands of passengers arriving from Europe, were quarantined on ship board down the bay. As an emergency measure Governor Flower bought with his own money the Fire Island hotel in the name of the state and ordered that the passengers be sent there.

Case of a "Squatter."

Wilkes-Barre, May 12.-Some months go Henry Zeigier, an aged German hermit brought a suit of ejectment against the Hillside Coal company for the posession of coal lands in Pittston township alued at over a million dollars. plaintiff, it is alleged, is a "squatter," Today the court granted the coal company a preliminary injunction to restrain Zeigler from bringing action in trespass and arrest. May 18 was fixed for argu-

Steel Trust Will Raise Wages.

Youngstown, O., May 12.- The authoritative statement was given out here to-day that the Republic Iron and Steel pany will at once raise the wages of uddlers 25 cents a ton and that wages of other Amalgamated association aployes will be increased in proportion, his increase is retroactive, taking effeet May I. It will affect thousands of Iron orkers in the Mahoning valley ale Puddlers are new paid \$4 a ton.

Sanctioned by the L. A. W.

Chicago, May 12.-Among the race

meets sanctioned by the League of Am-

ertean Wheelmen racing board are the following: May 30, Richard Ford, toona, Pa.; May 30, Woodside Real tate company, Philadelphia: May 30, Associated Cycling clubs, Philadelphia.

Italian Strike Ended New York, May 12.-The strike of 1.300 Italians at work in the Jerome park reservoir ended today, all but about 100 of the men going back to work. No concessions were made by the contractor.

THE HARTRANFT

INTERESTING CEREMONIES AT HARRISBURG YESTERDAY.

Grand Parade in Which Veterans of '61 and '98 Take Part-The Monument Unveiled by Miss Leonore Embrick, of Boiling Springs-The Governor's Address.

Harrisburg, May 12 .- The equestrian tatue of Major General John F. Hart ranft was unveiled with impressive ceremonies this afternoon in the pres nce of a large concourse of people. These exercises were followd by a parade in which the survivors of the Third division of the Ninth Army corps, ommanded by General Hartranft in the Civil war, had right of line. The ocession also included the Ninth reginent of Immunes from Camp Meade a provisional brigade of the National luard, the Grand Army of the Republic posts and Sons of Veterans' camps of Harrisburg and vicinity, and the

Harrisburg fire department. A reunion of the survivors of the First regiment, Pennsylvania volunof which Hartranft was colonel, was held this morning for the election of officers and the transaction of routine business. After the meeting the old soldiers marched to the executive mansion to pay their respects to Mrs. Hartranft and her two sons and daughters. who are the guests of Governor and Mrs. Stone.

Unveiling Ceremony.

After a selection by the Steelton band the statue was unveiled by Miss Leonere Embick, daughter of ex-Representative M. A. Embick, of Boiling Springs, a member of the Hartranft division. As the flags fell from the shining bronze, exposing to the view of the multitude the spirited reproduction of the distinguished soldler acknowledging the applause of the people there was a mighty cheer. The Steelton band added to the enthusiasm by play-

ing the "Star Spangled Banner." Major Isaac B. Brown, deputy secre tary of internal affairs, followed with an oration in which he paid a high tribute to General Hartranft as a soldier and statesman. Major Brown served under General Hartranft and was one of the originators of the movement for the erection of a monument After the ceremonies in Capitol park the procession formed with General Levi A. Dodd, of Baltimore, as chief marshal, and General John P. Brooke, of Lewistown, as chief of staff.

Before the procession was formed a distinguished party was escorted from the executive mansion through massed columns of the provisional brigade of the national guard and the Ninth immune regiment to stand to witness the ceremonies. The party included Goveronr and Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Hartranft and family, Secretary Alger, Postmaseral Corbin, Mrs. Levi A. Dodd, of Baltimore, Major General Gregg, Reading and members of the senate and house of representatives. There were over 30,000 men in the proces The governor's troop of Harrisburg, served as an escort to the

chief marshal. General W. J. Bolton, of Philadelphia, commanded the first division, which was composed of the survivors of the Fifty-first, Two Hundredth, Two Hundred and Fifth and Two Hundred and Eighth regiments. Pennsylvania volunteers. General Gobin of Lebanon, commanded the second division, which was composed of the Ninth immunes, in command, of Colonel Crane; the First, Seventh and Eleventh regiments of the National Guard. The third division was composed of Grand Army posts and Sons of Veterans camps and was commanded by C. M. Kishpaugh, a clerk in the internal affairs department. The Harrisburg fire department and the Montgomery Hose company of Norristown formed the fourth division, which was marshaled by Charles P. Riper, of Harrisburg.

After the Carlisle Indian band rendered "America," the statue was presented to the state by Dr. J. Evan Gamp, of Carlisle, and was received in a short speech by Governor Stone,

The Governor's Address.

"In behalf of the great state of Pennsylvania," Governor Stone said, "I accept the statue for the people of the state and I pledge the state government to see that it be preserved intact as an inspiration to the people. In honoring his memory you honor every private soldier who fought in Lincoln's

Governor Stone said he was glad of the presence of Secretary Alger, whom he had learned to know well and the more he knows of him the more he loves him. Continuing the governor said:

"We have with us one who prayed for General Hartranft during the war, and I know that you will all like to see the woman who was loved by the man you leved. I introduce to you John Frederic Hartranft's wife."

Mrs. Hartranft was presented to the

audience and was greeted with cheers. Cheers were given for General Miles and Secretary Alger until Governe Stone was obliged to shout aloud that General Miles was unable to be pres-The governor then presented General Kyd Douglas, who made a brief speech, in which he said: "My fellow union soldiers, I do not feel it out of place on this occasion for me to be here with you to henor the name of General Hartranft, I feel that I have a peculiar right to be here. I am here as a confederate soldier to pay my little tribute to the man whose would blaze in any country." General Douglas was warmly applauded. Short speeches were also made by General Alger and Fostmaster General Smith. General Corbin and Sculpter Ruckstuhl were introduced to the audience,

Missionary Convention. Raltimore, May 12.-The closing session

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Evangelical Lutheran G. Bond, of Salina, Kan., was elected president, and Mrs. J. F. Hartman, of Altoona, Pa., and Mrs. S. S. Waltz, of Louisville, Ky., vice presidents.

STATUE UNVEILED COLLISION ON THE READING.

Passenger Trains Wrecked at Exeter-Many Are Killed and Wounded.

A Special Train from Harrisburg Bearing Excursionists Who Had Attended the Hartranft Monument Unveiling Crashes Into the Pottsville Express Which Had Stopped at Exeter for Orders—Appalling Scenes at the Wreck—Railroad Officials Offer No Explanation—Fully Twenty-Five Killed and Fifty Wounded-Coroner Will Investigate.

Reading, May 12.-A collision of pas- | HARRY WENTZ, Norristown. senger trains occurred on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad at Exeter, about six miles south of this city, tonight, and a great number of persons were killed and injured. There is no telegraph office at Exeter and details therefore are difficult to obtain at this writing. The number of killed is varjously stated to be from fifteen to twenty. Fully fifty others are injured. The regular express train, from Pottsville, for Philadelphia, connected at the station with a train from Harrisburg which was crowded with excursionists who had been to the state capital to witness the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the Hartranft monument.

Many of the Harrisburg passengers at Reading went aboard the Philadelphia express, but it being found that all could not be accommodated, it was ter General Smith and Adjutant Gen- decided to send an extra train to Philadelphia to run as the second section of of the express. The extra train left twenty minutes later than the express. At Exeter the express stopped for orders, and while standing still the extra train crashed into it while moving at great speed. Three of the rear cars of the express were telescoped and the first car of the extra train was also wrecked The passengers in these cars were terribly mangled, many being killed outright, while others had limbs and bodies maimed. Word was at once sent to Reading and a special train with physicians and nurses was sent to the scene as quickly as it could possibly be put in readiness.

Eight dead were brought here at 1 a. m. A score are under the debris. A train load of wounded was brought to the hospital. Great excitement prevails throughout the city. The railroad officials offer no explanation of the accident. The coroner will institute an investigation at once. Returning passangers at 1.30 a. m. say the scenes around the wreck are of the most fearful description.

Identified Dead.

The identified killed are: - LEAF. Montgomery county. WILLIAM STALER, Norristown. COLONEL GEORGE SHAW, Norris-

CHIEF JOHN SLINGLUFF, Norris JOHN JOHNSON, Mt. Clair. WILLIAM LEWIS, Norristown HARRY HUNCHBINGER, Norris-

GEORGE SOWERS, Norristown,

GEORGE H. ANDIS. Norristown.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

SHOWERS

General-Fatal Wreck on the Reading Railroad. General Otis Will Push the Fighting Against the Filipino Rebels. Unveiling of the Hartranti Monument. Appropriation Bills Signed by Gover-

- nor Stone. General-Pittston News Budget.
- Financial and Commercial. Sports-Atlantic, National and Other League Base Ball Games.
- Editorial.
- Comment of the Press. Social and Personal. One Weman's Views.
- 6 Local-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union . Mason's New Home Now Complete. Local-Teddy Rossevelt Will Be Here with the Letter Carriers. Banquet of the Knights of Malta.
- Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 News Round About Scranton.
- 10 Religious News of the Week. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow Programme of Peace Jubilec. of Washington's

The Los Angeles Teachers' Meeting. 12 Local-News of Local Industries.

HARRY THOMPSON, Norristown SAMUEL BATTY, Conshohocken. HIRAM SHELLY, Hatboro. BENTON SILVES, Reading.

The Injured.

The injured as far as the names could be obtained are: Eddie Smith, Norristown. Charles White, Norristown. Nathan O'Nelli, Norristown, Luther Custer, serious Pottstown. John Johnson, serious, Mt. Clair, Patrick Kern, Norristown Pascal Walters, Swedeland Harry Leister, serious, Phoenixville, L. B. Vanderslive, Phoenixville. Theo. Addle, Norristown. William Frederebern, Norristown. Chas. Maddis, Conshohocken. John Earl, Conshohocken. Harry Kantz, Norristown. David Carney, Norristown,

A. J. Ashenfelder, Norristown, hurt in

Second Relief Train. Reading, May 13.-The second relief train left the scene at 2.50 a. m. crought to Reading twenty additional bodies. The names are not yet known, Most of the seriously injured were brought here on the first relief train. The rest of the injured were taken to Pottstown and Norristown. The northbound track has been cleared and the first train through to this city from Philadelphia was the Buffalo express,

which left Philadelphia at 11.36 p. m.

Wounded at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, May 12.-The Pottsville express, which was run into at Exeter, arrived here after midnight with a few of the injured. They were: George W. Kucker, councilman of the Twentieth ward, this city, injured about the legs. Francis T. Steinbeck, Camden, N. J.

ut about the head and bruised about the body.

C. A. Beaver, Philadelphia, arm bruised and head cut. B. Barney, Philadelphia, leg. arm and

hip badly bruised. Among the reported dead are: John Slinghuff, of Norristown, and an unknown man said to be a real estate lealer, also of Norristown.

When the train left the scene of the wreck, a man named Street, living in this city, was lying unconscious in the

The passengers could give no connected story of the wreck, and the number of dead and injured was not known to any of them. It was generally believed that six passengers were killed. According to the accounts of the bussengers, the engine of the socond train ploughed through the rear ar of the first train, then through the parlor car and half way through the third car. The first car on the second train was also telescoped. The railroad ompany made up a special train at Reading and sent it to the scene of the wreck with a number of physicians, The dead and most of the injured were taken to Reading. The rathroad officals in this city can give no details of the accident. They say they are ignor-

ant of the number of casualties. Senator Penrose's Story.

United States Sounter Boies Penrose and General E. Burd Grubb were passengers in the Pullman car of the wrecked train. The rear end of the car in which they were riding was crushed and the two gentlemen, though badly shaken up, were uninjured. Senator Penrose did not know how many of the passengers of the rear cars were killed or injured but said when the train left the scene those needing attention were being cared for by physicians and residents of the neighborhood. He said he learned that several were killed and nany badly injured, but as to the number he could not say. A few of those whose injuries were slight, came on the train to Philadelphia, but the train left soon after the accident and the more eriously injured were left at the scene and were to be sent to Reading.

Coal Heavers Strike. Buffalo, May 12 .- About 800 coal heavers

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and ore handlers struck today, as they say, to aid the grain shovelers to win

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 12-Personal for Saturday: For eastern Penn-salvania, showers and possibly thunder storms; fresh to brisk + southerly winds; Sunday, fair with cooler in northern portions.