EVE OF THE CONVENTION

Field Still in a Chaotic State at Harrisburg.

JUDGE SMITH'S CHANCES

They Are Hampered by the Failure to Make Certain Combinations-A Western Man Suggested-Guffey Refuses to Place His Finger in the Nomination Pie - Hope Springs Eternal in the Breast of Colonel Fitzsimmons, but the Support of ex-Governor Pattison Is Regarded by Many in the Light of a Hoodoo. Enthusiasm, However, Reigns and the Bands Play On.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 13.-Not in years has there been such a crowd in Harrisburg on the eye of a Democratic state convention as throngs the streets of the city tonight. A half dozen different parades are in progress at the same time and as all of them pass the the Bolton, Commonwealth and Lochiel the streets in the vicinity of these hotels are througed with people and surcharged with what is meant for music. The situation tonight is much the same as it was last night. No one can tell what the outlook of the voting for justice of the supreme court will

Colonel Guffey absolutely refuses to put a finger in the fight and the freefor-all conditions still obtain. Ex-Governor Pattison, who arrived early in the afternoon, called upon Colonel Guffey to assure him of his distinguished consideration and to tell him that he considered his (Guffey's) leadership the best and brightest the Pennsylvania Democracy has ever had, C J. Reilly, of Wittiamsport, will, from all appearances, be the permanent chairman of the convention.

It is the opinion in Harrisburg tonight that Pattison will bring no strength to Judge Smith's candidacy which he openly champions. The exgovernor is looked upon as practically a political corpse. One thing agreed at the various headquarters is this If Smith's friends could induce Judge Lynch to get out of the race his nomination would be practically assured. If Smith had the Luzerne delegation added to his own on the first ballot he would start with a rush that it would be hard to head off. The Lynch people are determined to stick and to night they claim they will have at teast as many votes as Smith on the first ballot. Tonight the Lynch boomers headed by Alexander's band, of Wilkes-Barre, paraded the streets for several hours. The Lynch headquarters are at the Commonwealth.

James Boland, formerly of Scrantsa, is, one of Judge Lynch's chief lightenants. "We are gaining strength every bour," was the statement he made tonight to a Tribune man. Alexander's band and the Lynch boomers paid a visit to the Smith headquarters to night and the band gave a se enade. It is among the probabilities of tomorrow that an arrangement will be made by the men in charge of Smith's campaign with the friends of Judge Mestrezat, of Fayette county, of George R Allen, of Eric, by which one of these candidates will throw his support to Smith and receive in return his support for the superior court nominaton in the event of Smith's nomination, Judge Mestrezat has a strong follow ing and a combination of that kind would be of advantage to Smith.

Fitzsimmons Is Hopeful.

and T. J. Jennings are kept busy at the Smith headquarters on Walnut street receiving the visitors. Mr. Fitzsimmons gave out the following statement tonight: "We have every reason to believe that Judge Smith will be nominated for Supreme court judge. His recognized fitness for the place is the bench and bar of the commonwealth. As a member of the Superior his party and earned distinction for rived later in the day. himself. His nomination for Supreme judge will create two vacancies on the Superior court bench, as the party will be a gainer by Judge Smith's elevation, as his successor will be chosen at the coming election to serve for a full term of the office.

At 7 o'clock tonight another party of fifty Scrantonians arrived and were at Middletown, where the Nineteenth met at the station by the Lawrence band. An hour later a party of Judge Smith's boomers from Philadelphia arrived. They were met by members of Ninsteenth regiment arrived from Porto the Lackawanna delegation and the Rico last Wednesday and is destined Lawrence band and escorted to the for the Philippines. The other two regi-Bolton house. The Philadelphians carried a transparency containing inscriptions highly laudatory of the Lucka-

Scores of visitors to Harrisburg will have to walk the streets tonight, for hotel and boarding house accommodations were exhausted early in the day The convention will be called to order at noon by State Chairman Rilling. who will name W. L. Britton, of Lancaster, as temporary chairman convention. Chauncey F. Hack York, made an address to the delegates tonight, urging them to ignore

the Chicago platform in the resolutions of the convention. The Lackawanna delegates held a meeting today and elected Joseph O'Brien chairman. He will count the vote of the delegation tomorrow. Frank M. Vandling was nade vice-chairman and John J. Coyne,

The following will be recommended for positions on committees: Credentials, W. M. O'Malley; organization, James K. O'Neill; resolutions, Hon-Frank R. Coyne. J. F. Mitchell.

SITUATION AT HARRISBURG.

Lackawanna Men on a Hunt for the Elusive Delegate.

Special from a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, Pa. June 13.-This has een a busy day for the Lackawanna delegation. The various members of it have been actively at work in the interest of their favorite. What effect their work has had is largely conjectural at present. Tomorrow's convenion will demonstrate whether or not t has been effective.

Judge Ermentrout's boomers arrived arly in the day. They came over from Reading, accompanied by the Ringgold band, and made quite a formidable Congressman Ermentrout. showing. vho is in charge of the campaign of is brother, Judge Ermentrout, for the Supreme court nomination, declares with much emphasis that his brother will be one of the very strong men of the convention on the first ballot. There are very few here who share

The two men who have developed the greatest strength during the last two days are former Judge Krebs, of Clearfield county, and ex-Senator Wolveron, of Northumberland, Ex-Judge Krebs is the son-in-law of the late Senator Wallace, the one-time leader f the Democrats of the state. One of his chief lieutenants is W. H. Wallace, who very much resembles his distinguished father.

Judge Krebs in a sense stands for the inti-Guffey sentiment. He is favored y Judge James Gay Gordon, ex-State hairman James L. Kerr and others f that faction. He is far enough weso call himself a western man.

There was a decided boom in Wolcerton stock this afternoon upon the irculation of a report to the effect that the Pennsylvania rallroad was using the influence at its disposal to secure his nomination. Wolverton's friends denied this report with emphasis. "It's a story calculated to hurt our man-

They don't mean that, however, The Pennsylvania railroad influence vill not hurt any man that has it in this practically free-for-all fight.

The high men on the first ballot will

be Kennedy, Allegheny; Yerkes, Bucks; Krebs, Clearfield; Smith, Lackawanna, and possibly Wolverton, Kennedy cannot make the nomination. He is oo old and Yerkes will not be accept ed because he bolted the ticket in 1896. These two of the big guns will drop out early in the balloting, because they will be unable to gain additiona greatest number of second choice delegates will be the winner. Judge Smith in this will have an advantage, be cause he can make a combination with a strong western candidate for the superior court nomination. Unless he is ominated for supreme court, the superior court nomination will not be worth a fig. The leverage this position gives him over the other candidates is

The principal event of the afternoon was the arrival of Hon. Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia, at 2.55. He is not a delegate, but will be substituted that he may become a candidate for permanent chairman tomorrow. avors the candidacy of Judge Smith. At the station the ex-governor was met by the Lawrence band and a number of members of the Lacka- John Glidden, jr., Mary, aged 24; vanna delegation, headed by Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons, and escorted to the Bolton House.

The Judge Lynch boomers arrived sarly this evening and made quite a stir in town. The feeling of Judge Lynch and his supporters wno have been on the ground for the last two days against Judge Smith is bitter. When the break comes, John M. Garman will do his utmost to prevent the Luzerne delegates from going to Smith, The Lackawanna delegation practically had the field to themselves last night, none of the other large delegaions having arrived. They made the streets re-echo with the following song from the pen of D. J. Reedy, which is

Here we have for you a candidate, P. P. Smith, and him we'll nominate, And when we get him there ere'll be music in the air

And a hot time in Scranton that night. Tonight Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons There's only one judge in this state for

Only one judge has my sympathy,

He's a man of great ability, And a Judge of high degree, But there's only one judge, P. P. Smith,

Tonight the Lackawanna vocalists were out in force again, but they had accorded by the people, as well as by plenty of opposition. The Scranton coomers were reinforced this morning by Hon, John P. Quinnan, M. J. Donocourt, he has reflected great credit upon | hue and James J. Padden. Others ar-

The announcement in The Tribune of the resignation of W. F. Hallstead was read with the greatest interest by the Scrantonians and next to Judge Smith's prospects was the most discussed topic of the day.

During the day many of the Scranton visitors paid a visit to Camp Meade regular infantry, Second regiment Immune volunteers and the Second Volunteer engineers are camped. The ments did service in Cuba

Al Detweller and a half-dozen other Scranton young men are members of the Nineteenth. J. F. Mitchell.

RESULT STILL A PUZZLE.

Indications That the Nominee Will Come from Western Pennsylvania. By Associated Press.

Harrisburg, June 13 .- The result of the contest for supreme court judge [Continued on Page 6.]

DESOLATION AT **NEW RICHMOND**

PROSPEROUS VILLAGE SWEPT OUT OF EXISTENCE.

Out of 500 Houses and Store Buildings 300 Are Wrecked by the Storm-Fifty-Four Bodies Already Discovered in the Ruins-It Is Believed That Over One Hundred Have Perished-Many Wounded.

New Richmond, Wis., June 13 .- Indescribably sad are the scenes of desolation wrought by last night's tornado that has practically swept out of xistence the prosperous little city of New Richmond. Out of the 500 houses and store buildings comprising the town, fully 300 were wrecked by the storm or destroyed by fire. Almost every family has one or more members among the dead, injured or missing and little groups are seen everywhere searching by the light of lantern or orch for the loved ones who may be buried in the piles of debris on every hand. With frantic energy the search has been conducted all day and up to late hour tonight fifty-four bodies have been found, although the number of dead certainly will reach 100 or These have, for the most part, been taken to the Catholic and Congregational churches, which, although in the very edge of the storm's path, miraculously escaped its fury. In these temporary morgues the sights are such as to touch the hardest heart, as the grief-stricken living recognize in bodies horribly mangled and often dismembered the remains of missing dear ones.

The wounded find temporary asylums n the uninjured dwellings on either side of the path of devastation, where loctors and nurses from nearby cities and towns are doing heroic work without sleep or rest. As many as possible of the injured whose chances for recovery are considered good are being ent to the hospitals at St. Paul and Minneapolis, where they will have better care.

The business portion of the city covered a space of four squares each way and was built solidly of brick and stone. This entire space was swept clean, foundation walls and in some places masses of debris alone marking where the business places formerly Trees that had lined the streets stood. of the neighboring residence district were broken clear off or twisted and uprooted. The tornado came up the river from Hudson, where the damage was comparatively slight.

Desolate View.

ments of their homes the people wander helplessly, striving somewhat aimlessy and hopelessly to gather together what has been left to them. On the ast and west limits of the city many houses were still standing, with little occupants welcomed their less fortunate neighbors and friends, giving them such ald as was possible and the sympathy that are so much to stricken

In the Congregational church fifteen bodies were laid out on the seats and through the aisles a throng searched for their dead. At the Catholic church a similar scene was enacted. Here a dozen bodies were laid out and some of them were awaiting identification.

In John Glidden's family only one escaped injury. The family was in the living rooms over the store on Main street, when the storm struck, John Glidden was killed Mr. Glidden, Charles, aged 16, and Ella, aged 10, were all seriously hurt. Mary was carried a block from the house and alighted at the edge of the mill pond. Many podies are thought to be in this pond, Many are missing and are believed to e dead.

List of the Dead.

The list of dead thus far found is as

follows: Bixby, William; Butler, Mrs. Cora; Brockbank, Mrs.; Brockbank, Bernard; Brockbank, Josie; Brockbank, Essie; Barreit, Dominick; Brown, Carl, aged 11; Bigelow, Harold; Callahan, William; Bigelow, Harold; Callahan, William Carey, Ed. aged 37; Casey, John, Erin Cameron, Mrs. Claude; Conway, John, Erin; Cargrove, Mrs. Catherine; Dunbar, sung to the tune of "A Hot Time in the Henry; Dunbar, Mrs. Mary; Early, An-Old Town Tonight;" Henry; Early, Lizzie, aged 5; Farrell, thony; Early, Lizzie, aged 5; Farrell, Walter, aged 8; Gillen, Mrs. John; Gunderson, Ole; Greaton, Mrs. Sallie, 33 years; Henry, John; Heffron, Patsy: Heffron. Mike; Hawkins, Mrs.; Hawkins, Waiter; Hawkins, Mille; Hawkins, An-gle; Hawkins, Fred; Hallenbeck, Mason; Hallenbeck, Francis; Hennessy, James, Hittle girl; Hicks, J. B.; Hurley, James Jimeson, James; Katon, Patrick, 14 Kelly, ——, child; Lambdin, Vinnie; Kelly, —, child; Lambdin, Vinnie; Lewis, Mrs. Henry and son; Legarde, Antone: Link, Mrs. John: Martin, T. P. McGrath, Nellie: McGrath, Lillie, aged 5 McKinnen, Kate: McCahe Graw, Russell, & years; McHenry, Pat; McHenry, Mike; McNaily, Tom; Mc-Clure, Mrs. John; Noonan, Tim; New-ell, Pat, farmer; Newell, Pat, turner; O'Connell, Henry: Patton, John: Ports farmer; Rowe, Thomas; Ring, Gusta; Ring, George; Rosebrook, Alvin; Rosebrook, Mrs. Alvin; Stack, George; Stack, Mrs.; Stack, Thomas; Shrady, Mrs.; Shrady, --, infant; Shaw Callmadge, Charles T.; Williams, Mrs. Patrick, farmer of Erin; Wells, Willard, city marshal; Wells, Steve, 14 years; three unknown men, one unknown

Many of the survivors are seriously injured.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, June 13 .- Arrived: South wark, Antwerp. Cleared: Teutonic, erpool; Friesland, Antwerp. S Lahn, Bremen; Tauric, Liverpool. gne-Sailed: Palmeria, from Hamburg. New York, and passed the Lizard June 13 Lizard-Passed: Spaarndam, New York for Boulogne and Rotterdam; La Gas-New York for Havre. Arrived: La Gascogne, New York.

Big Piece of Armor Plate.

Bethlehem, June 13 .- On a Pennsylvania allroad freight car tonight the Bethle em Steel company loaded one single piece of armor plate that weighed 112,056 pounds. It is to be used in a Russian battleship which the Cramps are building and is one of a group of six mammet pieces for the same warship,

JAPAN TO AID CHINA.

Warships Taken in the Late War to Be Returned-Mikado's Government Determined to Protect Its Neighbor from Inroads of the European Powers.

Scattle, June 13 .- According to advices from the Orient, Japan is to return to China all the warships captured by the mikado's navy in the late war between the two countries. That is part of the policy decided on by Japan to protect her neighbors from the inroads of the European powers. It is said that the only condition to be made is that China Invest so many millions in new war vessels to be built under Japanese direction.

The Japanese government sends out notification that the government naval yards will no longer do repair work on foreign or native merchant vessels. except in cases of emergency. It is pointed out that private docks have been constructed sufficient to do the

The Hong Kong papers see trouble shead if the downger empress and Gencralissimo Junglu insist on holding the proposed review of 200,000 Chinese braves at Pekin. Various legations have advised against the review as calculated to endanger foreign interests.

TORNADO IN OMAHA.

Fearful Destruction in the Village of Herman - Fatalities Will Reach One Hundred.

Omaha, June 13 .- A tornado struck the village of Herman this evening and wrought fearful destruction. Twelve dead bodies have been found in the streets. The fatalities will undoubtedly run up to a hundred if not higher. A special train was sent from Blair, the county seat, ten miles distant, carare all down north of Herman and it is not known how much further north the storm went, but reports are coming in to the effect that a large portion of the country north of Herman is laid

Advices received up to II o'clock tonight state that almost every building in the town is destroyed. Wrecked buildings and broken furniture are The desolate view is one not soon to strewn all around, while dead bodies be forgotten. Along the broken frag- lie in many places, the corpses badly disfigured and some of them hardly recognizable

EASY CURE OF APPENDICITIS.

or no damage, and to these homes the A Doctor Who Simply Worked the Muscles of the Abdomen.

New York, June 13 .- Dr. George J. Helmer has cured appendicitie in a young woman without a knife. Placing one hand on the point on the outer surface of the abdomen beneath which the vermiform appendix is known to be with the other he grasped the right leg of the patient at the knee,

To the leg, by a quick movement, he gave a slight twist, repeating sev-This forced out of the eral times. appendix the clogging particles.

STRIKE AT CLEVELAND.

Success Attends the Efforts of Rail-

road Company to Move Cars. Cieveland, June 13.-The efficials of he Big Consolidated Rallway company were evidently surprised today by the success which attended their effort toe move their cars. While every car was surrounded by a howling mob, there was no disturbance of any kind today. While this was due in part to the vig-Hence of the police, who prevented the assembling of crowds, it was mainly atcributable to the fact that the

made no effort to induce non-union men to quit. GENERAL LUNA KILLED.

Reported to Have Been Assassinated

by General Aguinaldo's Guard. Manila, June 13.-Information, believed to be reliable, has reached here of the esassination of General Luna and his adde-de-camp, Lieutenant Pasco Ramon. June 8, by Aguinaldo's guard at the headuarters of Aguinaido. Laura and Ramon, it appears, went to

Aguinaldo, got into an altercation with the captain of the guard, and one of them drew a revolver. The guard then killed Lung and Ramon with their bay-

Anti-Quayites in Control.

Huntingdon, June 13.-The Huntingdon Republican county convention today was catroiled by the anti-Quay faction led y State Senator Chisholm, who won the ganization and nominated eight of the tine candidates for local offices. means the election of an anti-Quay county chairman to succeed Chairman Butz.

D., L. & W. Coal Heavers Strike. Buffalo, June 13.-The strike on the

ocks has extended to the coal heavers t the Delaware, and Lackawanna butes. One hundred of these men quit work today. They apparently have grievance of their own and it is thou cent out in sympathy with the striking freight handlers.

Senator Losch's Condition.

Zanesville, O., June 13.—The condition of State Senator Loseh is somewhat imroved today. He regained conscious-ess during the afternoon and has shown ymptoms of gaining strength. His phycian thinks he may recover sufficiently o be able to go to his home,

No Western Candidate. Dubuque, Ia., June E.-Senator W. B. ng about a western candidate for and I believe we should

in his fifty-fifth year.

aminate McKinley and Hobart and elect Pennsylvania Pensions. Dr. Tait Dead. London, June 13 -- Dr. Lawson Tait, the

M. POINCARE MAY SUCCEED DUPUY

BELIEF EXISTS THAT HE WILL FORM A MINISTRY.

His Reported Selection of Associates. President Loubet Anxious to End the Cabinet Crisis Quickly-Conference with the Presidents of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, June 13.-President Loubet conferred with the president of the senate, M. Fallieres, and with the president of the chamber of deputies, M. Deschanel, this morning and impressed them with the necessity of quickly ending the cabinet crisis caused by the resignation of Premier Dupuy and his ministers yesterday.

M. Poincare has been summoned by President Loubet and is conferring with him at the Elysce palace.

It is believed that M. Poincare, who epresents the Commercy district of the Meuse in the chamber of deputies, was minister of public instruction in the Ribot cabinet in 1895, and has several times been a vice-president of the chamber of deputies, will be asked to form a cabinet. It is understood he is ready to accept the task and it is even said he has already selected a cabinet, to be composed as follows:

M. Poincare, premier and minister of public Instruction.

M. Deicasse, minister of the interior. M. Bourgeois, minister of foreign af-

M. Krantz, minister of war, M. Bouvier or M. Delombre, minister

M. Waldeck-Rousseau or M. Monis, ninister of justice.

M. Lannessan, minister of commerce M. Sarrien, minister of public works. Senator Jean Dupuy, minister of agriculture.

M. Guillain, minister of the colonies The newspapers this morning severey criticize the ministeral career of M Dupuy, charging him with leaning now side and now to another, and with betraying all parties, thus creating universal dissatisfaction. He was fated, they say, to fall sooner or later, under the contempt excited by his wavering policy. The Socialists claim the downfall as the work of their party Most of the Republicans and Radical papers say the crisis will be short.

In conversations had by a represen tative of the Associated Press regarding the ministerial crisis, the persons interviewed said that President Loubet's task would be most difficult unless he had arranged for a new mintstry in advance, having foreseen the fall of M. Dupuy and his colleagues,

The moderate organs generally demand a cabinet which will work toward but the Americans cut their way out the pacification of the country. Among | with heavy loss. the names mentioned by the future ministry are MM. Constans, Rouvier, Poincare, Waldeck-Rousseau, Brisson and Bourgeois,

LOUBET'S ASSAILANT.

Baron Christiani Sentenced to Four Years' Imprisonment.

Paris, June 13.-Baron Christiani, who assaulted President Loubet with a cane at the Auteuil races, June 4, was sentenced today to four years' imprisonment, Baron Christiani was tried before the Correctional police court. The judges deliberated thirty-five minutes and delivered judgment at 2.05 p. m., saying that, according to the articles of the penal code under which Baron Christiani was sentenced, he was liable to from two to five years' imprisonment, There was a general exclamation of surprise when the prisoner was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and pay the costs of the trial. Baron Christiani listened unmoved to his sen-

Counsel for prisoner pleaded that his client's offense was not political, but that he acted on the impulse of the moent, losing his head in the excitement around him.

In his own behalf the prisoner said he did not belong to the Royalist club nor to the White Carnation club, and asserted that his act was wholly unpremeditated. He also expressed the belief that the surrounding circumstances ought to be considered.

The procureur general, M. Feutilolley, in outlining the charges, said the blow nimed at President Loubet was so flerce that the stick in the hands of the prisoner was broken on the balastrades. This alone, the procureur general pointed out, saved the president from having his face smashed. The procureur general then controverted the statements of the prisoner, denying that his act was premeditated, referring to the fact that Christland, speaking to a police inspector at the time of his arrest, said: "If there had been forty of is we would have carried off the whole presidential stand."

For the defense, the Prince de Broglie. Comte de Labord, the Marquis de Broc and others asserted that Christiani had not dabbled in politics and that his action at Auteuil on June 4 did not accord with his convictions or usual quiet demeanor.

After sentence had been pronounced, Christiani left the court in custody The great majority of those present seemed to think the sentence very severe, although it was not expected the prisoner would receive lenient treat-

DEATH OF WILLIAM COX.

A Well Known Montrose Citizen Expires from Heart Disease.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Montrose, Pa., June 13 .- William L. Cox, the widely known harnessmaker and a leading citizen, died in his chair at his place of business today from heart disease.

He was a prominent Mason, aged 71 years. He was the father of Charles Cox, of Scranton.

Washington, June 13.—Pension certifi-cates: Restoration and increase—Abra-bam H. Barnes, dead, Stroudsburg, \$10 oneer of abdominal surgery, died today

AMERICANS AMBUSHED

The Filipinos Are Finally Driven Back After a Desperate Resistance.

They Threatened to Attack Manila—Gen. Lawton's Troops Attacked Them in Intrenched Position on Zapote River, Near Bacoor-Desperate Position of the Twenty-first Infantry in the Jungle. Gen. Otis Reports the Insurgents to Be in Retreat—Our Gunboats and Monitors Engaged at the Mouth of Zapote River.

ablegram has been received from General Otis:

"Manila, June 13 Adjutant General, Washington: "Lawton's troops had severe engage-

ment today with enemy in strong inrenchments at crossing Zapote river, iear Bacoor, Cavite province; bas driven enemy with heavy loss, our easualties some thirty. Insurgents in this southern section not molested until threatened attack in strong force on Manila; now scattered and in retreat;

doubtful if they make further stand, (Signed) Lawton's Battle.

Manila, June 13 -- 6.05 p. m -- General Lawton unexpectedly stirred up one of the liveliest engagements of the war, bouth of Las Pinas this morning, upon which occasion American field guns were engaged in the first artillery duel gainst a Filipino battery, concealed in the jungle. Companies F and 1 of the Twenty-first infantry were nearly surrounded by a large body of insurgents

The United States turret-ship Monac nock and the gunboats Helena and Zafire trained their batteries on Baccoon and the rebel trenches near Las Pinas all the morning. Bacoor was once or fire, but the natives stopped the spread

of the flames. During the night an insurgent cannon was fired three times at the American

on the outskirts at Las Pinas, General Lawton took a battalion of the Fourteenth regiment and two companies of the Twenty-first regiment to locate the rebel battery, and the two guns of the Sixth artillery and two mountains guns were planted against it at 600 yards distance. had a large gun from which they were firing home-made canister, loaded with nails, and two smaller guns. shooting was most accurate. The first lot of canister burst directly in front of Scott's guns and another shattered the legs of a private in the Fourteenth infantry. Several shots struck the edge of the town. The country traversed was as bad as it is possible to imagine, being mainly lagoons, mud and water, fringed with bamboos.

As soon as the fighting opened, the Americans were attacked by hidden or "friendly" natives, in the houses of the town shooting into their rear.

The companies of the Twenty-first regiment, skirmishing along the beach, with Amigo guides, found apparently a handful of rebels, who retreated. The men of the Twenty-first followed and suddenly the rebels opened a teri'he fire on the troops from the sides and rear. The soldiers withdrew to they could and were picked off rapidly. After their ammunition was nearly exhausted the companies of the Twentyfirst retreated, but Ceneral Lawton

dashed down and railied the men. A little group made a desperate stand, General Lawton, Major Starr and Lieutenants Donovan and Sonnelly taking rifles from the wounded men and firing at the enemy, bringing down some of the rebel sharpshooters from a tree. Finally, their cartridges were all gone and they were forced to break through the enemy's flanks carrying the wounded to the main body of the troops. Lieutenant Donoyan,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

a Bloody Eattle

General-Americans and Filipinos Hav

State Democratic Situation Somewhat The French Cabinet Crisis. Missouri Village Swept Out of Existence.

Atlantic, National and Eastern League Base Ball Game Financial and Commercial.

Local-Possibilities of a General Tie Up of the Building Trades. One Day's Accidents.

Editorial. Comment of the Press.

Local-General Manager Hallstead's Annual Concert of the Conservatory

Mount Lookout Mine Flooded. Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News Round About Scranton.

8 Local-Court Proceedings.

Washington, June 13,-The following I whose leg was broken, floundered for a mile through the bog after leading his men in the face of a greatly superor force

General Lawton ceased fighting until reinforcements could be brought up. Two battalions of the Fourteenth regiment and one battalion of the Ninth regiment were hurried to the front and in the afternoon the battle was resumed.

The Monadrock anchored close to shore and her heavy guns pounded the rebels continuously, while the smaller warships, steaming along the shore, poured bullets from their rapidfire guns at the enemy,

The Filipino force engaged appears to have been the largest and best organized body of men which has met ur troops. The Americans were compelled to advance along narrow roads and over small bridges commanded by

earthworks ten feet thick.

The Battle Resumed. Manila, 6.05 p. m.-The only means of crossing the Zapote was by a small bridge, which the Filipinos commanded with trenches spreading V-shaped, they could concentrate their ire on the bridge. They also had the advantage of the trees and jungle, so that the Americans could hardly see

When the battle was resumed at 1 o'clock with the reinforcements, our battery having silenced the enemy's guns, the Americans wading waist deep in the mud of the salt flats, slowly pouring steady volleys of musketry it the rebels, drove their opponents beyond the river. Then the two armles lay facing each other across the deep stream, the enemy practically out of sight, while the men in blue and khaki lay on the mud and bushes, many of them without any shelter, for three hours with a moment's cessation in the firing, pouring bullets at the enemy as fast as they could load. The thousand riffes blended into a continuous roar was vastly different from intermittent skirmish-like raitle of most of the en-

gagements One battalion after another, General Lawton summoned the reserves from Las Pinas until enough troops were left in the town to prevent the Fillplnos from attacking the Americans in the rear, which was feared, as they were creeping around our left through the woods, delivering a flanking fire, which put a great strain upon the endurance of the Americans, who were foundering in the mud across the river, while on the right the Filipino sharpshooters, hidden in the trees, were eppering our men. But, thanks to the poor markmanship of the rebels, our loss was not as great as it would have been if the Filipinos had shot straight. An army, however, has seldom fought under a greater handicap the water edge, finding what shelter or more courageously than did our regnlars, a majority of whom were, compaatively speaking, recruits, who could have been pardoned for retiring in the face of such a florce fire from their exposed positions.

The Fourtenteh regiment lay to the right of the bridge and in front of them was the Twelfth regiment, with the Ninth on the right and the Twentyfirst up the road, facing the bridge, which was the key to the situation, On the bridge were the bodies of two Americans who had attempted to rush neross and many wounded men were carried from the open ground before the bridge.

Bravery of Generals.

After firing in volleys for a short time, the Americans were ordered to fire when and where they could see the enemy. It was every man for himself and the best our men could do was to aim at the faint mists arising from the

rebels' smokeless powder. General Lawton, though exhausted by the morning fight, railied his powers and was the commanding figure in the battle. He went along the lines directing and encouraging the troops. The only approach to the fighting ground was by a narrow, winding road, where the rebel builets dropped thickly, wounding several of our men.

At 4 o'clock there was an hour's lull in the fighting and an artillery sergeant galloped back to where two guns of the mountain battery were waiting in reserve and shouted "Bring up those guns."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 12.-Porecast for Wednesday: For eastern Penn-sylvania, showers; light variable winds; probably showers Thursday. *******