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SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 20, 1899.

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## **FORTIETH** ANNUAL SESSION

#### Junior Order United American Mechanics Convention.

#### OPENED IN THE LYCEUM

Address by Mayor Moir and State Councillor Bowers and Music by Bauer's Band-Officers Appointed and Nominations Made-Action on the Report of Finance Committee Consumes the Entire Afternoon. Two Important Recommendations Are Voted Down-Daughters of America Wind Up Their Business and Adjourn.

HE first day's proceedings of the Junior Order United American Mechanics' convention can be summed up in a few wordsnomination of officers, and place meeting next year, and the consideration of the finance committee's report. The sessions openwith an address by May-Moir, response by Councillor Bowers and the appointment of acting others of the convention.

Philadelphia and Redding were mentioned for next year's meeting, and all the candidates for state offices and national representatives were nomin-

The Daughters of America finished up their work yesterday morning and adjourned.

The picnic and reception announced for last evening at Laurel Hill park was postponed until Thursday even-

## Opening of Convention.

THE first session of the convention opened in the Lycoum yesterday morning. Over eight hundred delegates were in attendance, occupying the lower floor, the boxes and a few seats in the balcony. The interior of the theatre was decorated plea was made in the following cirwith the national colors. After the cular: deberates were seated, Bauer's band played a selection, and Marvin Tuthill, Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.:

Dear Sirs and Brothers: The council president of the state council entertainment committee, called the convention to order. Rev. R. F. Y. Piete offered prayer, and Mayor Moir was introduced, and delivered the address of welcome. In the course of his remarks, the mayor said:

I can assure you it is a pleasant duty that falls to my lot today to welcome this body to our city. We esteemed it an honor when you decided last year to be our guests, and we now feel it a pleasant duty to entertain you here. We all understand the intention of your You are a patriotic organiza-nd a benevolent organization. You are banded together to promote Americanism. That is the most com-prehensive word I can use. We esteem you especially for your

patriotism. You are first a patriotic organization, and you believe that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and you are right. The man who does not take any part in the politics of his country is not only a harmless, but is a useless citizen. Take away the ina useless citizen. Take away the in-terest of the people in our elections and liberty is no more. If the people don't elect somebody will. You will com-municate a morbid violence to officeseekers, who are actuated by sinister motives and who are willing to barter honor and country for self-aggrandize-

Another plank in your plafform, if may call it such, is that you extend a hearty welcome to immigrants who wish to better their conditions. I could scarcely believe your hidebound organ ization, if I can use the word, could b guilty of such liberalism. But the true American is always liberal. I was r but I came here to find a home, and I divested myself of all affili-ation with my native country, and registered an oath of allegiance.

I resolved to be a good citizen, and by fellow-citizens believed me, and therefore I have the glorious privilege of extending to your grand body today the freedom of an American city.

I can say with Duniel Webster: "I m an American citizen." You believe n a free ballot. You believe in the purity of the ballot. You have politics | The in your organization, but you are not o'clock and will resume this morning partisan. The ballot of the American at 9 o'clock, when reports of officers citizen involves the profoundest doc-trines of right. The weakest man by virtue of his manhood is the equal of he mightiest. The ballot is the voice forder; the tongue of justice, and the force of imperial law. The palladium

of American liberties is the ballot box. Your principles are expressed in two "Our Country." I can assure you I voice the sentiment of every man in this city when I extend to you this welcome and when I endorse and agree and honor you for holding the principles which you do.

State Councillor George B. Bowers who responded in behalf of the dele-

It is with pleasure that I take th privilege of responding to these hearty words of welcome. When we decided to come to this city some of your neighbors from Luzerne deprecated the matter. They thought this little town slong the Lack-of-water river could no entertain us. I am glad we are here The organization represents a constituency of about \$0,000 in this state organization was founded in Philadel phia, May 17, 1853, and for some time was purely local in its character. Its motto is "Our Country." its creed, principles, not men, and it is strictly

non-partisan and non-sectarian.

The organization soon began to spread. When that terrible day in '6i came, when rebellion and disloyalty raised their hands in our land, the members of this organization dediated to patriotism, lived patriotism. The members almost to a man went to the front. Lives were sacrificed and when peace began to spread its wings over the land there were left but four councils. Since those hours of dark-

ness we have had varied success. We have had our reverses and our successes. Our object is 'our country, our whole country and nothing but our country, at which for its wisdom, justice and liberty the whole world gazes in admiration." in admiration.

We do not believe in free and unre-stricted immigration. We oppose whole-sale introduction into this country of the criminal classes of other nations. We are champions of the public school. We teach that behind the schools there should be the influence of a good American home. And if liberty is to be perpetuated the influence of the American home must do it. We believe the flag should float over every school and the Bible should be read in every

Not to teach sectarianism, but be-cause it contains a pure code of laws, laws which have illuminated the world

throughout all the dark ages.

We are a benevolent organization.

We visit the sick, bury the dead, and
care for the helpless. One of the grandest monuments of the order is the recently erected Orphans' school, to teach the helpless children the lessons of Americanism. Among the recollections we shall carry away with us, and I trust they will be pleasant, there will be none more cherished than the memory of your hearty welcome to this city.

After Councillor Bowers had conluded his address, Mr. Tuthill presented him with a gavel made wood procured at Culp's Hill, Gettys-The presentation was made through the courtesy of W. D. Decker, of Dunmore. Mr. Tuthill said in making the presentation that Mr. Bowers' decisions would be like the decision on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Mr. Bower responded feelingly, saying: To err is human, to forgive divine. I am human, perhaps too intensely so, but I hope to be able to render my decisions as an honest, impartial and thorough American citizen."

Bauer's band played a medley and Councillor Bower announced that the fortieth annual convention would to into secret session. He appointed as conductor Delegate Robinson, of Philadelphia; as warden, George Weiss; inside sentinel, G. A. Barr; outside sentinel Jesse M. Willetts, and chaplain. E. Bartholomew. The "Stars an I Stripes" was called for and Professor Rauer acceded. The audience arose and there was a very enthusiastic out-

The credentials committee made their report and the nomination of officers The gentlemen named were For state councillor-Charles S. Crall,

state treasurer-John W. Calver,

For representatives to national coun-For representatives to national coun-cil—William Allen, No. 174; S. D. Wood, No. 142; A. H. Leslie, No. 128; S. R. Kenner, No. 427; John King, No. 22; William H. Sigman, No. 26; W. H. Fainter, No. 327; John Van Bergen.

Philadelphia and Reading were nominated as the place for holding the next convention and the latter city's

for Reading as the place of meeting for

he state session in 1900. Reading is especially adaptd for a convention city, being a railroad center axily reached from every part of the With her ample hotel accommodations, her excellent places where-in to hold the meetings of the session of the state council, her hospitable people, the excellent facilities of ac-commodating one hundred thousand strangers without inconvenience, the beautiful mountain scenery, the net-work of steam and electric railways covering the mountains, whereby pas-sengers are afforded a beautiful scene or miles of the Schuvlkill valley be beautiful city park, the miles of paved streets, and street railways covering every part of this industrious and thriving city of one hundred thousand

opulation. All these and many other reasons make Reading a most desirable place of meeting for the state council, and a good time is assured to every one at-tending the session of 1900 if we are

be remembered by all.
Yours in V., L. and P.,
R. S. Heffellinger, No. 19,
R. S. Heckman, No. 27,
Jacob E. Spohn, No. 163, Howard S. Baker, No. 252, Harry B. Fox, No. 371, M. P. Long, No. 448. Charles Hollenbach, No. 995, Representatives.

The afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of the finance committee's report, and the various recommendations were approved with the exception of the payment of \$1,-550 per capita tax on 77,000 members at 15 cents each. The members also voted to cut out the items for legislative expenses amounting to \$700, owing to the fact that there will be no session of the state legislature this year. convention adjourned at 5.20 will be received and officers elected. The following committees will report

Legislative-George W. Lutz, S. Wheadley, George B. Nesbitt, Allen H. Pflieger, C. D. Spangler. Finance-G Howell Arthur, Z. Tayfor Wobensmith, George W. Arnold Appeals-J. V. Robbins, Charles W. Hill, Edwin L. Gretter. Laws-W. F. Duncan, N. H. Goodell and J. F. Kochlein.

during the session:

## Daughters of America.

THE BUSINESS of the State Council, Daughters of America, was concluded before 12 o'clock yesterday morning. newly-elected officers were installed Ly Past National Councillor T. A. Gerbig. and amendments to the state and subordinate constitutions were passed

A letter of greeting was sent to the Juniors in session and Mrs. Annie Smith, of Homestead, was elected delegate to the national convention to fill the vacuncy caused by the resignation of Charles K. Campbell, of McKees-

Resolutions were adopted thanking the local councils and citizens of Scranton for the reception accorded the delegates, and the following standing committees were appointed:

Finance-Charles Allen, Harrisburg;

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## ANOTHER RUSE TO GAIN TIME

THE FILIPINOS ARE ANXIOUS FOR CONFERENCE.

Aguinaldo Suggests Negotiations for the Release of Americans Held Prisoners-Asks That a Filipino General May Pass Through United States Lines for Conference-The Cabinet at Washington Considering Reply.

Washington, Sept. 19.-A cablegram has been received at the war department from General Otis relative to the American prisoners in the hands of the Insurgents. General Otis says that General MacArthur has been approached by a prominent Filipino who asked if he was willing to enter into negotiations with Aguinaldo for the release of the American prisoners held mit a Filipino army officer to pass that he might confer with General Otls. General MacArthur informed him that insurgents on the east coast of Luzon; Major Rockefeller, who was captured peyond the American lines one night shortly after his arrival in the Philippines, and about half a dozen privates who have been reported as missing. The text of the cablegram is as follows:

Manila, Sept. 13. Adjutant General, Washington: MacArthur reports from Angeles visit of two insurgent officers with request for rmission to send into our lines American prisoners and to send to Manila prominent insurgent general officer for conference. The requested interview granted and insurgent officers at Angeles returned north this morning with infor-

(Signed) Otis.

mation

Alluding to General Otis' dispatch, hree of the cabinet members after the cabinet meeting agreed in expressing For state vice-councillor—Z. Taylor Wobinsmith, No. 12; James M. Crawford, No. 84. aldo's proposal. Secretary Root himself said that so many similar conferences in the past had come to naught that he doubted very much whether this one meant anything toward the establishment of peace and good order in the islands.

#### TRUAX DISGUSTED.

#### Chairman of Chicago Festival Committed Tired of Labor Squabbles.

Chicago, Sept. 19 .- Chairman Truax, of the general committee of the autumn festival resigned today. rils of Reading join in extending to you a most carnest invitation to you "In view of the present difficulties

stone of the new federal building and the demand made by certain labor eaders that I withdraw from the presidency of this committee, I deem it my duty to formally tender my resigna-

He reiterates the charge that unless \$5,000 were paid to the stone cutters union a strike was threatened. The general committee refused to ac epi President Truax's resignation and passed a resolution for the continuance of its work.

## SKIN GRAFTING.

#### Delicate Operation Performed at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 19,-A delicate skin grafting operation was performed at Mercy hospital today. Three weeks ago Miss Kate Foy, a laundry employe, had the skin on her right arm torn off given the opportunity.

Time and labor will not be spared to make the stay of our visitors one long teen other girls employed in the laundry volunteered to give part of their skin to be grafted on the injured arm

The girls went to the hospital today and the doctors took a piece of skin the size of a penny from the arms of each one and grafted them on the arm of the patient. The latter is doing well, and the physicians think the arm will se as good as ever in time.

## ALLENTOWN FAIR.

#### Ten Thousand Spectators in Attendance-Races Stopped by Rain.

Allentown, Pa., Sept. 19.-The races this afternoon at the opening of the county fair were brought to an abrupt lose by a drenching rain, when two of the three events had been decided, The races were without especial feature. Ten thousand persons were prezent. Summary:

2.50 trot purse \$300-Captain Wayne first: Enoch, second. Time, 2.2314. 2.33 pace, purse \$300-Free Silver, first: George H., second. Time, 2.1814 2.29 trot, purse \$400-Unfinished.

## SHOEMAKERS MEET.

#### Resolutions Adopted Increasing Rates on Foot Wear.

Harrisburg, Sept. 19.-The shoe man facturers of Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, formed an association at meeting in this city today, for their mutual advantage.

Resolutions were adopted increasing the price of men's snoes and boots 10 to 50 cents a pair; women's, 10 to 25 cents, and children's in proportion.

## President Loubet's Advice.

Paris, Sept. 19.—President Loubet visted the site of the exposition of 1960 to lay and urged the directors of the works exert themselves to the utmost in order to show to the world in 1900 that France is still a "strong, laborious, united nation whose generous soul is filled with the sence of her mission of progress and peace and that she had not been affected by fleeting quarrels."

## Danube Is Rising.

Budapest, Sept. 19.—The Danube is ris ng rapidly everywhere and the work of reventing an overflow of the river is eing hurried. Below Komoron, thirty eight miles from here, forty square miles of country have been flooded by the bursting of a dam.

#### ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.

#### Newhart Murder Case Makes Rapid Progress in Luzerne.

Witkes-Barre, Sept. 19 .- The trial of Frank Newhart, of Edwardsville charged with the murder of his wife, took up the attention of the court to day before Judge Woodward. jury as completed yesterday consisted of George L. Bartin, Kingston John Russell, Hazle township; James Eag-Wyoming: W. L. McCollum Wilkes-Barre: John Hoffmier, Hazle township: William Frail, Newport township; Benjamin Roberts, Ply mouth; John Engler, Pittston towa-ship; Lewis Wertz, Hughestown; John D. Donnelly, Plains township; John Gilhooley, Marcy township; Stewarl Rood, Wilkes-Barre.

The crime for which Newhart is on trial for his life was committed on Wednesday afternoon, June 28, at his home in Edwardsville. According to the testimony of Mary Flanco, his step-daughter, 10 years old, he and her brother had been at Kingston all day and returned home in the afternoon The mother began to prepare the evening meal and the father left the house. by the Filipinos. He also asked to return a short time later in an ugly whether General MacArthur would per-mood because supper was not ready. mood because supper was not ready The girl said at the corner's inquest through the American lines in order that her step-father threatened to shoot mother, and her mother, fearing that he would carry out his threat, the permission would be granted. Went into an adjoining room and tool.

While no names are mentioned in the a revolver which was on the bureau dispatch, it is inferred that included in and hid it in her apron. The father the list of American prisoners to whom noticed the woman's action and folthe negotiations relate is Lieutenant lowed her. A tussic ensued and the Gilmore and the fifteen men of the girl says he shot her mother and then scene of action. The Pall Mall Ga-Yorktown who were captured by the were fired and the woman died almost in which it is said: instantly as one of them penetrated "The general impression is that the the heart. Newhart's wound was a Boers will at once take the initiative slight one, the bullet entering his and an attack is expected at any breast and striking a rib glanced off her into the flesh. Newhart when arrested claimed that his wife had first for Kimberly and the north and the shot at him and then shot herself, but first class cruiser Terrible, sailing from his statement was not corroborated by the little girl who had seen the shooting, and by the fact that the woman had been shot in the back. On the stand today the step-daughter of the prisoner reiterated the testi-mony given by her at the inquest and ross-examination failed to confuse

## GENUINE KLEPTOMANIA.

## A Well-to-Do Towanda Citizen Accused of Taking Everything in

Towanda, Sept. 19 .- A sensation was rented here yesterday morning when t became known that Walter J. Sammons, a carpenter who lives in the old convent property on State street, had been placed in jall on the charge of larceny.

Lehigh Vailey company at Sayre for pert civil engineer, the bureau was unthe past four months, coming home able to provide all the information every Saturday night and returning Sunday night. Several Athens mer- tary recommended that a consulting chants missed goods and the local offi- engineer be retained by the league cers mistrusted Sammons. Sunday afernoon, C. W. Ballard, the shoe deal, er, and a representative of H. C. Parney Co., clothing men, accompanied by Chief of Police Mulligan, came to Towanda. sworn out before Justice Orcutt and which was remitted to the treasurer, with Constable Hollon, a search of

Sammons promises was made, The officers report finding a big wagon load of all kinds of goods s creted in the attic, under the beds, in flour sacks and every other conceivable place. Over \$100 worth of clothing, hats and shoes were identified by the Athens merchants. Sammons adfrom G. A. Kinney, and a mat from Finch Bros, store in Athens. Bicycle lamps, new carpenter's tools, a side of upholstering leather, 100 pounds of white lead, cans of varnish, plumber's goods, hardware, wall paper and almost every conceivable sort of small

nerchandise was found. In the pocket of a vest was found the freight receipts for the white lead. which had been shipped from Sayre in the name of W. L. Brown and consigned to Orrin Frayer. It is alleged that Sammons brought a shoe box full of clothing with him from Sayre last Saturday evening, and some of these goods were found in a flour sack in a

Arraigned before Justice Orcutt on he charge of larceny, he pleaded guilty and was held to court in \$400 bail, in default of which he was committed. The prisoner wanted to settle, and did give each of the two Athens men \$20 for goods which they accused him of taking but which were not found in the

Sammons is a man of some property hard working and industrious, and when questioned as to his motive could nly say he didn't know.

## TRUST TO MAKE PIES.

#### Controls New York Trade and Runs Ten White Automobiles.

New York, Sept. 19.-The American today opened its doors at Sixth avenue and West Thirty-sixth street, boldly announcing that it controlled nineteen out of twenty-one pie foundries in New York city, and proposed to puddle, cast and mould pies for all New York here-

H. F. Quast is president and C. G. Hurst vice-president. It has \$3,000,000 capital, five big stations in New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City and Newark, a giant oven at Eleventh avenue and West Thirty-eighth street and ten snow-white automobiles to deliver the

#### KILLED A GIRL FOR HER BLOOD. The Murderer Sentenced to Death

#### for His Sacrifice. Vienna, Sept. 19.-Leopold Hitsner was sentenced to death here yesterday on the incredible charge of murdering a Christian girl in order to obtain her

blood for sacrificial purposes. The case furnishes fresh material for South Atlantic station. the anti-Semite campaign always vigorous in Austria, and has caused feeling and excitement similar to that aroused by Dreyfus in France.

## Peruvian Minister Dead.

Santiago De Chili, Sept. 19 (via Gai-vestion:—The Percvian minister to Chili, Dr. M. P. Benavides, is dead.

## STILL A CHANCE FOR SETTLEMENT

#### REPORT THAT BOERS HAVE SENT ANOTHER MESSAGE.

London Press Does Not Believe Now That War Is Inevitable-British Government's Position-Transvaal Must Submit or Fight-Outlander Newspapers Pessimistic.

London, Sept. 19 .- An unverified Cape Town report today says that the Boers have delivered another message to the British high commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, more conciliatory than yesterday's reply. Not much credence, however, is attached to the report and It is not regarded as in any way mitigating the seriousness of the crisis. The Outlander press sees nothing but war ahead and urges the Outlanders

to leave immediately. The London press is inclined to take the view that the recent action on the part of the Boers does not make war certainty, though it does place the British cabinet in a position where it must take steps so aggressive that war or utter, ignominious submission will be the only alternative remaining to the Transvaal and it is by no means so presistent in urging the government to move hastily, except in the matter

Troops continue to leave Cape Town

Portsmouth for China today, is reported to have been ordered to go by way

of Cape Town Instead of Suez. Nothing is yet known regarding the date of the expected cabinet council.

#### LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES. Annual Report of Secretary Heard at Syracuse.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 19.-Secretary B. F. Gilkeson stated in his annual report that, although the League of American municipalities was but two years of age, it had on its membership rolls cities representing about onesixth of the entire population of the United States. At the date of his last report the league had a membership of seventy-two cities; since then fiftytwo cities have been added to the membership list. The bureau received during the year 782 special letters of inquiry relative to municipal affairs. Not Sammons had been working for the having a skilled architect and an excalled for in some cases. The secrewhen the revenue of the organization

pense. The secretary had received on account of membership fees since the A search warrant was date of his last report \$2,670, \$2,550 of a balance of \$120 now being in the secretary's hands. There was due to the league for membership fees \$1,340, payment of which, in most cases, must await the passage of annual appropri-

ation orders by councils. The remainder of the aftergoon session was given up to papers and discussions on the 'Collection and Dismitted taking a reel of garden hose posal of Garbage," J. J. Williams, mayor of Memphis, Tenn., took up the subject of "Garbage Collection and Dis posal." H. J. Conden, editor of City Government, New York, discussed "Garbage and Other City Waste. David P. Whelan, of Richmond, also discussed the garbage question and presented interesting facts concerning its disposal.

This evening a reception was given by Mayor McGuire, the town council and citizens' committee, to the visiting delegates at the Yates hotel.

By special request of the delegates, President Black has invited Colonel Richard J. Hinton, who is visiting in Syracuse, to address the convention toorrow on municipal ownership.

#### WANT PRIZE MONEY The Crew of the Resolute Will Apply for a Share.

Trenton, Sept. 19.-Lieutenant Braddock, of Haddonfield, representing the New Jersey naval reserves, who were on the Resolute during the Sparish-American war, called on Governor Voorhees today to enlist the governor's service in behalf of the reserves in the claim they are making for prize money The Resolute was at Santiago during the engagement in which Cervera's fleet was destroyed. The official report of the engagement does not show the Resolute as having taken part. Lieutenant Braddock claims that the Teco Pastry and Manufacturing company lute was within a half mile of the battleship Indiana and in direct firing line of Spanish ships as they emerged from the harbor. Spanish shells, he says, flew all about the Resolute, and when the actual fighting was over the the Cristobal Colon.

Governor Voorhees will investigate the matter before making any forma! investigation of the charges against claim at Washington on behalf of the him.

Governor Voorhees went to Washington tonight to endeavor to secure settlement of a claim of about \$80,000 which is due the state for advances nade in equipping the New Jersey roops who took part in the late war.

#### SCHLEY WILL GO ON DUTY. He Has No Protest to Make Against the Assignment.

Washington, Sept. 19 .- Rear Admira Winfield Scott Schley will succeed Rear Admiral Howison in command of the protest to make against the assignment which the navy department selected for him. As a sailor he will obey

rders without a murmur. He called upon the president this afernoon and told him that he had no complaint to make; that he would cheerfully assume the duties of any post selected for him.

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING

#### Weather Indications Today: RAIN, COOLER.

General-Pardon for ex-Captain Dreyfus. Aguinaldo Asks for a Conference.

The South African Situation.
(Local) Jr. O. U. A. M. Convention
Opens. General - Northeastern Pennsylvania

Financial and Commercial. Local-Court Proceedings. Appeal of the Home for the Friendless

Editorial. Local-Arrangements for the Firemen's

Convention.

Meeting of the Veterinarians.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban Round About the County. Local-Live Industrial News.

## GUERIN SURRENDERS.

## The Anti-Semite Comes Out of His

Paris, Sept. 20, 5,30 a. m .- Precisely at the hour appointed a captain of the municipal guards rapped at the door of Fort Chabrol. There was a moment of expectation and then the door opened. M. Guerin calmly presented himself, meekly surrendered and was driven to the police depot in an open cab, seated beside the captain of the guards. His companions were allowed to go free. Thus the six weeks siege ended in sublimely ridiculous style.

The government plan was to attack the building and arrest Guerin and morning. Measures have been taken his band. The government had given him until 4 o'clock this morning to surrender and had a regular army to assault the fort if he refused.

#### SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

#### Eighty-seventh Annual Session of Supreme Council at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.-The eightyeventh annual session of the Supreme council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States began in Masonic temple here teday. This comprises all the states and territories except those in the south. The officers, all of whom are in attendance, are: General Henry L. Palmer, of Wisconsin, most pulssant sovereign grand commander; Samuel C. Lowrence, of prisoner. Massachusetis, puissant grand lieuten-ant commander; Nicholas R. Ruckle, Indiana, grand minister of state; Newton D. Arnold, of Rhode Island, grand treasurer general holy empire: Clinton F. Paige, of Binghamton, N. Y., grand secretary general holy cm-pire. Senor R. De Zayas Enriquez, fering for two weeks from typhold Mexican minister of state, Washing- fever. ten, was present and announced the regrets of President Diaz, who is sov- now no need to boycott the Paris exereign grand commander of Mexico, position. on account of the latters inability to attend. Israel Stearns, sovereign grand commander of Canada, was also

The annual address of the grand commander showed is active members, three deaths having occurred during the past year: 650 honorary members, and 27,000 thirty-second degree Masons The address dwelt upon the changed conditions resulting from the Spanish-American war. It stated that the new territories of the United States were under Spanish Masonic control and their status in the fraternity would require careful investigation. sessions will continue for three days.

## NEW PALL LEAGUE.

#### Messrs. Reach and Rogers, or Philadelphia, Oppose the Scheme.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—Messrs. Reach and Rogers, owners of the Philadei-phia base ball club, deny the statement in a special dispatch from St. Louis that they favor a new base ball league hostile to the national agreement, or that they had tendered the use of their grounds for such purposes. They say they opposed the twelve club consolidation in 1891, maintaining that its consequent absorption of the old American Association removed the partisanship that attracted many visitors to the different ball grounds and that in eight years experience has only confirmed them in the views then expressed, and they would gladly welome the reconstruction of the Ameri-

#### done under existing base ball govern-STRIKE SETTLED

ment.

can association, provided it can be

## The Blind Broom Makers Return 'to

Work in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—After a strike lasting sixteen weeks the blind broom And Now McCoy Wishes to Fight makers today returned to their work at the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men. There were fifty-nine of them, the other fifty-nine having previously gone back. The strike 17.34 inaugurated as a protest against the methods of Superintendent Hall, of the institution, whose dismissal was demanded. The blind men asked an Resolute took 490 seamen prisoners off Increase in wages and they were granted the latter concession, but Superintendent Hall is retained pending an

## FEVER SPREADS AT KEY WEST.

Washington, Sept. 19.-The yellow fever situation at Key West is regarded as grave. Since the first case was Paterson, shortly after to clock today on reported about three weeks ago, the a special train. He was accompanied by epidemic has been growing steadily, his wife and by his family physician, until today there are almost 400 cases New cases are appearing at the rati f about thirty a day, but the mortalty is low. Fifty-four cases and two leaths were reported for Sunday and Monday.

One new case of fever was reported o the surgeon general from New Or-

#### eans today Elliott Defeats Buckwalter.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.--J. A. R. Eilliott. of Kansas City. Mo., the champion wing shot, today defeated H. E. Buckwalter, of Royersford, Ph., by four birds, in a match at 100 live birds on the grounds Keystone Shooting league, at Holmesburg Junction, near this city, 1++++++++++++++++

## **DREYFUS**

# **PARDONED**

## The Decree Restoring His Liberty Signed Yesterday.

#### IN INTEREST OF FRANCE

The Prisoner Withdraws His Appeal for Reversal of Judgment of Court-Martial-Announcement Received Calmly in Paris-There Is Now No Longer an Excuse for Boycotting the Paris Exposition-The News of Pardon Causes Excitement at Rennes.

Paris, Sept. 19 .- Ex-Captain Alfred

Dreyfus has been pardoned. The official announcement was made loday in tentative form in order to avoid demonstrations at Rennes and in Paris. The pardon was signed this in Rennes in connection with it, and it will have a good effect generally. Dreyfus has relinquished his appeal for a reversal of the judgment of the

court-martial. The announcement that Dreyfus was to be pardoned had been discounted by predictions and there was absolutely no excitement displayed anywhere along the boulevards when the news was announced. The newspapers sold quickly, but there was no rush for them on the part of the boulevardiers. Persons who bought the papers sat down in front of the cafes and read the announcement without comment,

Everyone expected it and the cabinet's decision met with no opposition. Rennes, Sept. 19 .- The news that the council of ministers had decided to pardon Dreyfus was received here with intense excitement. Dreyfus is still a

London, Sept. 19.-The afternoon newspapers here comment chiefly upon the death of M. Schuerer-Kestner, comparing its dramatic features with the deaths of Nelson and Wolfe at the

moment of victory. M. Schuerer-Kestner had been suf-

## The Evening News says there is

Paris Is Calm. Paris. Sept. 19 .- Up to 6 o'clock this evening the utmost calm prevailed throughout Paris. The decision of the cabinet to pardon Dreyfus seemed to have passed unnoticed. The only remark heard was "We expected it.

The official announcement was made in the form cabled to the Associated Press in order to avoid demonstrations of any kind at Rennes and in Paris. But the pardon of Dreyfus is not merely imminent, but was actually signed this morning. Measures have been taken in Rennes in connection with it and it

will have a good effect generally. The newspapers now publish the first semi-official announcement of the cabinet's decision without comment.

The Journal Des Debats, however, "We are assured that the family will receive an order for Dreyfus to leave Rennes very shortly during the night time. The government does not

know, or, in any case, does not say, where Dreyfus is going.' The Journal Des Debats, however, follows the foregoing with the report that Madame Dreyfus has taken a villa at Folkestone, near Dover, England. This report has been denied, but many believe Dreyfus will go to

England on his release, which may take place tonight. The result of a telephonic inquiry at Rennes shows Dreyfus has not left his prison.

#### Dreyfus Out of Prison. London, Sept. 20.-The Rennes correspondent of the Daily Telegraph,

## Dreyfus is already out of prison and that with his wife he will probably eave Rennes tonight." O'DONNELL KNOCKED OUT.

wiring at 9 o'clock last evening, says:

"There is reason to believe that

Fitzsimmons. New York, Sept. 19 .- Steve O'Donnell ras knocked out in the sixth round by Kid McCoy at the Broadway Athletic ciub tonight in what was to have been a twenty-round fight. The betting opened at 3 to 1 on McCoy, but these odds were increased to 10 to 1, with very few takers.

After the men had returned to their dressing rooms McCoy said: post \$1,000 tomorrow to meet Bob Fitzimmons for the title of middleweight champion of the world at 158 pounds."

#### Vice President's Illness. Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 19.-Vice Pres-dent Hobert left his summer home at

Norwood park to go to his winter home in Pension Certificates.

# Washington, Sept. 19.—Issue of September 6: Renewals and reissue—George Evaerdale, Cogans Station, Lycoming, 8; Daniel C. Newell, Troy. Bradford, 812 to \$17; John Kennedy, Athens, Bradford,

\$14 to \$17

WEATHER FORECAST.

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Washington, Sept. 19.-Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For + eastern Pennsylvania, rain and + cooler Wednesday; Thursday fair; +