out because their horses failed them.

The Filipinos took the American pris-

oners from Victoria to San Carlos. On

the walls of the Victoria prison and of

ing names: Civilians-George Lang-

ford, Thomas Hayes; soldiers-Harry

Winfield, Phil Betterton, J. I. Salis-

bury, A. N. Gordon, E. N. Nugent,

Frank Stone, John Desmond, George

Sackett, David Scott, Martin Brennan, Tom Edwards, D. P. Curran, John

Cronin, Charles Baker, G. L. Davis,

names: Civilians-Charles Bird, W. J.

Burke, Battleship Oregon; C. B. Pow-

Chicago, Nov. 26 .- Dr von Holleben,

In delivering the gift Dr. von Holle-

"I bring you greeting from the Ger-

man emperor. He commissioned me to give you this flag, that you have so

long wished for, with the request that

it be passed from one of your societies

gracious favor of the emperor and a

which he bears to you and which you

fought and bled on the battlefield. It

is a symbol of German truth and man-

ed It is the symbol of a German

ties and intimate friendship. I beg of

you to take this flag as a symbol of

rose and cheered for several minutes, while the band played the German

national air. The German ambassador

called for three cheers for the em-

spectators rose and sang the "Star

Dr. Holleben refused to discuss po-

as if each year brings these two great

At the close of the meeting the fol-

owing telegram was sent to the Ger-

o the German Emperor, Sandvasom,

urpose of accepting and dedicating the ag presented by your majesty, send you

The flag sent by the emperor is made

of white slik, with the German crest

emblazoned in the center in red, white

SILVERITES IN LINE.

Conference of Executive Committee

Will Be Held Tuesday.

Chicago, Nov. 26.-Senator R. F. Pet-

tigrew, of South Dakota, and ex-Con-

gressman Charles A. Town, of Minne-

sota, members of the national execu-

can party are in Chicago. A confer-

ence of the executive committee of the

party will be held here Tues in z. at

which plans for the coming presiden-

Alliance with the Democratic party

in the coming campaign will be the

Towne, in discussing the political sit-

uation, said: "If congress this winter

in response to the demand of the

president destroys the bond-paying

value of silver, calls in silver certifi-

cates and re-issues gold paying cer-

tificates, the silver question will be

leading issue the next presidential

campaign. Such action on the part of

congress would furnish an entirely Sif-

ferent proposition from that which con-

fronted the people in the last cam-

paign. The Republican party won be

cause of the failure of the ratio of 16

to 1. The adoption of the Gage and

McKinley financial plan by congress

would mean the contraction of the

currency of the people and the people

theory, in the battle of standards. The

silver question is not dead in Ameri-

The members of the executive com

mittee are C. A. Towne, Minn.; United

States Senator Fred Du Bois, fdaho;

ex-Congressman Charles M. Hartman.

Montana: F. J. Voorhis, Indiana; Ben.

Dean. New York: C. M. Stephenson,

Colorado, and Nathan Cole, Jr., of

Among the other leaders expected to

take part in the discussions are Sena

tors Teller, of Nevada; Pettlgrew, of

South Dakota: ex-Senator Cannon, of

Utah, and Congressman Shafroth, of

National Park Agitation.

Asheville, N. C., Nev. 28.-George S. owell, president of the Apalachian Na-

onal Purk association, has appointed a

the interest of the proposed Apalachian

Cational park. A resolution was passed

cress to establish the National Apalach

Work to Be Resumed at Silver Brook

Harleton, Pa., Nov. 26.-Work at the

who will go before congress

ladies of the United States to

can political affairs."

Connecticut.

Colorado,

would be confronted with a fact, not a

tial campaign will be discussed.

uppermost topic of discussion,

Chleago, Ill., Nov. 26, 1889.

nations closer together."

man emperor:

innics and greeting.

England:

and black,

litical matters, but said to a reporter:

As the flag was unfurled the crowd

national unity."

token of the friendliness and

B. J. Greene, Tilden Herbert.

GERMANY'S KINDLY

Leland Smith.

TWO CENTS.

ZAMBOANGA HAS SURRENDERED

Revolution on That Island with him, most of the horsemen who started having been compelled to drop Is Effectually Crushed. the San Carlos convent are the follow-

END OF WAR SEEMS NEAR

Admiral Watson Cables That One of the Most Important Provinces of the Philippines Has Unconditionally Submitted to American Sovereignty-The Second Largest Island in the Group Will Soon Be Completely Under American Con-

Washington, Nov. 26.-Secretary of the Navy Long today receive a cablegram from Admiral Watson informing him that the entire province of Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, had surrendered unconditionally to Commander Very, of the Castine. The surrender was made on the 15th inst. Admiral Watson's dispatch follows:

Cavite, Nov. 25, 1899.
Secretary Novy, Washington:
November is entire province Zambo-anga surrendered to Very unconditionally. Delivery all guns promised. Numeris focal chiefs declared loyalty

Watson. The information contained in Adto another to be kept by each for a year at a time. It is a sign of the miral Watson's dispatch was received by the president and his advisers with unconcealed satisfaction. The surrender of the province of Zamboanga is have deserved by your services to your regarded as the beginning of the end country, for which many of you have of the revolution in the Island of Mindanao, and, it is believed, will be a hard blow to those who are still ensoldier's honor. The United States is deavoring to mantain the insurrection | bound close with Germany by racial in the Island of Luzon.

On the 21st inst., Admiral Watson cabled the navy department that Commander Very had captured the city of Zambounga on the 16th. He was nided by friendly natives and Moros and was holding the town pending the arrival peror, which were heartily given. The of reinforcements from Jolo. On the same day General Oils informed the | Spangled Banner." war department that he had ordered two companies of infantry to be sen

to Zamboanga from Jolo. Zamboanga is the principal city of the island of Mindanae, which is the second largest Island of the Philippine group. Advices from Admiral Watson indicate that the entire southern half of the Island, which comprises the province of Zambeanga, has yielded to the American forces and acceded to the authority of the United States.

GUERILLA METHODS ADOPTED.

Filipinos Hope for a Time to Spread Terror as Cut-throats.

Manila, Nov. 26 .- 11 p. m .- The last Filipino council of war was held by the retreating leaders at Bayambang on Nov. 13, in the house now occupied by General MacArthur, It was attended by Aguinaldo, Plo del Pitar, Garcia, Alejandrino and some members of the so-called cabinet. Information has reached General MacArthur from sev- | tive committee of the Silver Republieral sources to the effect that the counell recognized the futility of attempting further resistance to the Americans with united forces, and agreed that the Filipino troops should scatter and should hereafter follow guerilla methods.

Reports of ambuscades and skir mishes come from every section of the country along the railroads. Those districts seem to be filled with small bands. Yesterday four men of Company D, Ninth infantry, were foragine beyond Bamban, when twenty Filipinos took them in ambush, killing one and capturing the other three. The Americans resisted for half an hour. The firing being heard at Bamban, Lieutenant Frazer, with a squad, followed the retreating Filipinos several miles. The Americans found the body of a soldier boloed. They burned the hamlet where the fight took place.

Three Filipino riflemen ambushed an American surgeon near Capas. He shot one and the others fled. Between Bamban and Angeles a mule train was fired upon by the insurgents, and a Spaniard. a former prisoner of the Filipinos, who vas with the train, was shot. Minsiqui the officials who welcomed the Americans were murdered. This was the only railroad town which the Americans did not garrison, and on the night the troops withdrew a band of Insurgents entered, dragged Antonio Mejia, president of the town, into the street and cut his throat. The murder ers then assassinated the vice-president and five members of the town council the same manner, and told the frightened natives who witnessed this slaughter to spread the news that a similar fate awaited all friends of the

Americans. Military activity continues in every section. Coine! Bell's regiment has ad vanced from Bayambang upon Mangatarem, where it is supposed there is a large insurgent force. Two battalions of the newly arrived Twentyeighth infantry have been sent by cascoes to Baccor, to reinforce the South

Major Spence, with fifty men of the Thirty-second regiment, surrounded a village near Bautiston during the night and attacked the place at daybreak eapturing a Filipino captain and fifteen men, with seven rifles. The latest news from General Young is that there are ten cavalrymen and 200 Macabebes

TREATY AMONG **GREAT POWERS**

DEFINING SPHERES OF INFLU-ENCE IN CHINA.

Negotiations Follow the Frank Request of Secretary Hay That Some Form of Assurance Concerning American Rights in China Be Given-A Successful Outcome of the Present Negotiations Is Expected-Wu Ting Fang Regards the Matter as Preposterous.

Washington, Nov. 26 .- In official and iplomatic quarters much interest was manifested today in the plan put forward in London cables of a treaty among the great powers defining spheres of influence in China. That On the walls of the San Carlos conanything in the shape of a formal vent were also found the following treaty is to be made between the powers interested in the future of China Sheehy, F. E. Huber. Sailors-Edward as the outcome of the negotiations now in progress is not believed here, ers, gunboat Urdanetta; J. J. Farley, though an understanding of a less for-mal nature is possible. These negotiations followed the frank request of Secretary Hay upon some of the governments which had already given him FEELINGS FOR US verbal and informal assurance of the continuation of all our treaty rights in Chinese territory to have these

Manifested at a Flag Presentation in agreements reduced to form. It was not regarded as necessary to Chicago-A Symbol of National to beyond the point, and, although it frequently happens as the result of initiating negotiations that the scope of them is broadened far beyond any-German ambassador to the United States, today in the presence of 2,000 thing originally in contemplation, it is believed that such will not be the casnow and there will be no necessity for Emperor William to the United Ger-man Soldier societies in Chicago. a general or formal treaty.

The Balky Senate

It would be extremely difficult to frame any such convention as to secure the approval of the United States senate without a protracted struggle that might disclose disagreeable weakresses in the government's policies, and besides the effort would be sure arouse opposition from the considerable element in the United States which is unalterably opposed to any oreign entanglements. Of course, this statement applies only to the United States and there could be no objection on our part to the other powers joining in treaty covering all rights in China, provided there was nothing in the agreement obnoxious to our just ind proper claims.

On the whole, having in view the high and satisfactory utterances in Hawley, and have labored all day Sun-the French chambers of M. Delcasse, day. The Eric owns the road from the French minister of foreign affairs. Honesdale to Hawley, but from Hawrespecting the maintenance of the lev to the Erie main line at Lacka-"open door" in China, there is felt in official quarters to be reason for expecting a successful outcome of the The Eric company claims to desire to the United States.

resulting from the inquirles made ward the United States, and it seems by this government as to the attittudes of the other powers. The Chinese legation views the proposition as purely conjectural and the Chinese ninister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, when his attention was directed to the matter. regarded as preposterous the proposttion that a document be formally drawn un concerning interests in China German-Americans, assembled for the and China not be a party to it.

THE METCALF CASE.

Evidence That the Colonel Acted in Self Defense.

Springfield, Mo., Nov. 26,-C. L. Grogan, late of Company L. Twentieth Kansas, says concerning the alleged killing of a supplicating unarmed Filipine by Colonel Metealf that he is surprised at the statement made by Callahan, who was his lieutenent. Grogan says Callahan and Hall were five companies back from Metcalf at the time of the killing and could know nothing of the matter from their personal knowledge. Grogan says he and five other private were detailed to bury the dead Filipinos after the battle of Calaocan on Feb. 10. While he and a private from Company I were at work

together they came upon the body of a Filipino with a knife in his hand, who seemed to have fallen while fighting. His companion looked at the bedy and said it was the one Metcalf had shot. He said the fellow had been taken prisoner and was unruly. Metcalf stopped to talk with him and tried to get him to go along. The Filipino sprang at him with his knife and rould have plunged it into Metcalf's body had not the officer shot him instantly.

DEWEY WILL GET A TURKEY.

Will Enjoy One of "Hod" Vose's 25. Pound Gobblers.

Westerly, R. L. Nov. 26.-Three choice twenty-five-pound grasshopperfed turkeys will grace the tables of three prominent Americans on Thanksgiving day. One will go to President McKinley, the second to Admiral bewey and the third to Governor Dyer. of Rhode Island.

As has been his custom for over a quarter of a century, Horace Vose, of this place, will furnish the turkeys for the president's and governor's tables and this year he he also contributes one to the admiral. The birds will be shipped tomorrow.

Bailey Will Support Bankhead.

Austin, Tex. Nov. 25.—Hon. J. W. lailey will support Bankhead, of Ala-ama, as long as that gentleman remains on the race for minority leader of the coming congress. He is inclined to the belief that there will be a deadlock between the capdidates remaining if Bank-head withdraws, in which event, he will propose Hon. S. W. T. Lahn, who is his accord choice, believing that the gen-tleman from the Eighth Texas district will prove acceptable to the different

Composite Madonnas. Indianapolis, Nov. 26.-A composite hotograph of the greatest madennas airted by the old masters during 500 ears has been made by Joseph Gray Kitchelt, of Indianapolis, after many months work. The face is marvelessed o do certain objectionable work, will be beautiful, combining as it does, the con-esumed temorrow, the men having deesumed tomorrow, the men having de-deed to return. The company made no first copy has been ordered for the con-

KENTUCKY MUDDLE.

Lull in the Political Situation-No New Developments.

Frankfort, N. Y., Nov. 26 .- Sunday brought a lull in the political situation to all outward appearances. There were no significant developments from Goebel headquarters, though Goebel and his managers remained in confer-ence during the day. There is a general impression outside that some important move is to be made by the Goebel side early this week and it is generally supposed that a mandatory injunction suit to prevent the state election board from counting the vote of Jefferson, Knox and Johnson countles will be part of it, though this is not confirmed by any one in authority. It is doubtful if Governor Bradley would recognize Goebel as governor if given a certificate of election by the state election board, unless its action was in obedience to a ruling of the court. In this event, it is believed, he would resist no further, but would advise Taylor to contest before the leg-

islature. Neither Bradley, Taylor nor any of the Republican leaders, however, believe that the court of appeals in the case of its decision in the Nelson county case yesterday, will grant an injunction, and are today more confident than ever that the state election board will give Taylor a certificate of election. In Taylor circles it is claimed that two of three state commissioners, Ellis and Pryor, are sure to vote to stand by the vote in every county as it appears on the face of the returns.

RAILROAD WAR CONTINUES.

Erie Men Employed in Laying Track Yesterday.

Honesdale, Pa., Nov. 26.-The fight between the Eric Rallroad company and the Eric and Wyoming Railroad company for possession of the Delaware and Hudson canal between Lackawaxen and Honesdale continues. On June 26, last, the Delaware and Hudson Canal company sold all rights and title to the Cornell Steamboat company. On Nov. 11 the latter sold its interest in Pennsylvania to the Eric and Wyoing Railroad company, the Erle and Wyoming is laying out a railroad from Hawley to Lackawaxen. Last week the Erie company tried to block the proceedings by filling the caral with gravel under the bridge on which the Erie crossed the abandoned ditch. A preliminary injunction was granted at Milford, Pike county, Thursday, restraining the Eric company from any further interference at the bridge, Last night about 100 Eric men began laying rack from the Eric road at Lackawaxen to the old tow-path and on to day. The Eric owns the road from

negotiations on this subject opened by build a connection of their own on the abandoned tow-path which the Erie At some of the foreign establishments and Wyoming has purchased and on the proposition was considered a "feel- which it will build a track to connect Kingston line on the tow-path from Lackawaxen to Kingston. The I-junction proceedings will be heard by Judge Purdy at Milford on Tuesday.

LOOKING FOR MILLER

Drag Net Out for the Franklin Syndiente Boomer.

New York, Nov. 26.-William F. Miller and his secretary and chief boom-er, Cecil Leslie, of the Franklin syndicate, the 10 per cent, a week concern of Brooklyn, have not yet been arrested.

The extensive operations of the Franklin syndicate and exhaustive credulity of the American people are shown by the number of the drafts which are held by the different city These drafts were banks: through the mails by Miller to subscribers living at distant points, and they deposited them in their banks for collection. The local banks in turn sent them to the New York banks which act as their agents here. These drafts arrived on Saturday. Many more are expected this week. As the syndicate has assigned, the drafts will be returned to their dupes.

The National City bank alone has about 200 of the drafts sent here by banks in Allegheny, Pa.: Portland, Me.; Grand Elsie, Ill.; Amenia, Mich.: Fitchburg, Mass.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Elizabeth, N. J., and two score of other towns.

The Nassau National bank and the Mechanics' bank also have Miller drafts sent to them from out of town. The police say they have spread a drag-net for Miller, which they also say will bring the missing head of the Franklin syndicate to prison before

Although at police headquarters it is believed that he is in hiding in or close by the city, precautions have been taken to place him in custody no matter where he turns up. The chiefs of police of every city in this country and Canada have been asked to look out for him and detailed descriptions have been telegraphed to them.

Killed by Gas.

New York, Nov. 26.-James Buckley, a thorer, to years old, and Thomas Hackway, a laborer aged 47, occupying way, a moorer ages 45, occupying a fur-nished room on East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street, were asphyxiated by escaping gas from a gas heater dur-ng the night. The rubber tube connecting the heater with the gus jet was found disconnected from the heater.

To Secure the Convention.

Kansas City, Nov. 25.—The general committee which has in charge the movement to bring the next national Demo cratic convention to Kansas City last night decided that \$10,000 should be added to the \$17,000 fund already Subscribed and that ten per cent, of the subscrip-tions should be collected at once,

Strike Threatened.

Omaha, Nov. 21.-The Outlook tonight for a strike of union printers, press nep, press feeders and bookbinders em-doyed in job offices here tomorrow. The dine-hour days goes into effect here to-norrow and the men want nine and a fulf hours wages along with it. This the typothetae refures to grant.

Lakes of Killarney Sold.

London, Nev. 25.-It is reported that Lord Iveasth has purchased the Muckross estate, which includes the Lakes of Kil-

KHALIFA SLAIN IN BIG BAITLE

WINGATE ADMINISTERS DE-FEAT TO DERVISHES.

Osman Digna Makes His Escape All the Other Emirs Are Taken. The Chief Surrounded by His Bodyguard Desperately Resists Fierce Charge of British-Khalifa's Two Brothers and Mahdi's Son Among the Slain-Kitchener Praises the

Cairo, Nov. 26 .- Lord Cromer, the British minister here, has received the following dispatch from General Kitchener

'Wingate's force came up with the Khalifa's forces several miles southeast of Cedil and attacked it. After a sharp fight he took his position. The Seven Members of Committee Meet Khalifa, who was surrounded by a bodyguard of Emirs, was killed, and all the principal Emirs were killed or captured except Osman Digna, who escaped.'

The dervishes were utterly defeated, their whole camp was taken and thou-sands surrendered. A large number of vernen, children and cattle also fell into the hands of the Angle-Egyptian

General Kitchener also wires: "Wingate's Arab scouts located the Khal-lfa's position at Omdebrikas. Our force narched from Cedil in the moonlight and frequently had to cut its way through the bush. It arrived before dawn on rising ground overlooking the camp, which was hidden in the trees. We heard their drums and horns before dawn, and at 5.15 the dervishes actacked.

action became general, italf an hour agreed upon. He does not look for any later the whole line advanced and resential changes in the bill, but says over two miles, till the camp was reached. The mounted troops pursued and captured most of the fugitives. "The Khalifa, with most of his men

and the Emir bodyguard, made a gallant stand. Among the Emirs killed were the Khalifa's two brothers and Mahdi's son. "Osman Digna left Immediately after the firing began and is probably concealed somewhere in the vicinity. I

hope eventually to get him. We took the entire dervish camp. All the dervishes not killed surrendered. "I cannot speak too highly of the behavior of the troops, and their endurance during the long, tedious marches preceding the final action. From 4 o'clock in the morning of No-

vember 21 UN 5 in the morning of November 24 they marched sixty miles and fought two decisive actions. "The Soudan may now be declared

BICYCLE RACES.

Records in the Forty-eight Hour Contest.

Kansas City, Nov. 26 .- As the fortyeight hour bleyele race at Convention hall draws to a close the struggle between the five leaders becomes keener and interest among the spectators is likewise enhanced.

Today one of the biggest crowds of the meet witnessed the race. Lingenfelder fought bravely in sixth place. but Niederhofer rode indifferently, dismounting several times during the day. The race will end at 9.30 temor-

row night. At the close of the day's race at 9.30 tonight the standing for the forty hours to date was:

Julius, 803-8; Gus Lawson, 803-8; Repp. 803-7; Miller, 803-5; Waller, 803-5; Lingenfelder, 728-8; Niederhofer, 609-1. Waller and Stafford won the two mile otor tandem race from Fisher and Julius in 3.38. The first mile was made

DISASTROUS FIRE.

in 1.45.

The Business Portion of Weston Is Destroyed.

Bowling Green, O., Nov. 26,-Nearly one-half of the business portion of Weston, a town of 1,200 inhabitants, was burned today. Twelve buildings, occupied by about twenty business firms, were destroyed. The amount of the damage is estimated to be from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and the insurance amounts to about half that. The fire started about 1 a, m. in the rear of a general merchandise store kept by Baldwin & Vetter.

The fire spread over a row of business blocks on one side of Main street for two squares and wined them out before the fire department succeeded in checking the flames at 11 a. m.

WILL BURY BILL ANT. ONY. Philadelphia Times Will Defray Expenses of His Funeral.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.-The Philadelfollowing statement relative to its declared intention to bury "Bill" thony, of the battleship Maine, who died in New York last week: "The Philadelphia Times will bury

Sergeant William Anthony, Maine, and has not withdrawn its offer or cancelled the contract with the Merritt Burlal company, despite urgent Afrikanders are going more and more solicitation of Mr. Croker. (Signed) Julius Chambers. Editor The Times."

Handsome Church Dedicated.

Easton, Pa., Nov. 26.-A handsome stone hurch building erected at Bangor by he United Evangelical congregation, wa oday dedicated by Busnop Dubbs, of Chi cage. The edifice cest between \$0,000 and \$10,000 and at the services today nearly \$7,000 was secured towards paying the

Kansas Bank Wrecked. Bluff City, Kan., Nov. 28 .- Robbers las

right wrecked by dynamite the safe an aped with \$1,000 in rold besides som sliver and bills. This is the eighth Kain sas bank to be robbed by safe crackers within three weeks. Ex-Oarsman Ross Dead.

London, Nev. 26 - Wallace Ross, the ex-oarsman, died today at Charing Cross-pospital after a brief illness. He had neen at the Earls Court exhibition and was just preparing to return home. will be buried at Fulham on Tuesday. He

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR; VARIABLE WINDS. General-Zamboanga Surrenders to the

General Joubert Retires Toward Ladysmith. Spheres of Influence in China. Dervishes Defeated in the Soudan.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial Local-Sermon by Rev. A. J. Van Cleft,

Court Proceedli gs 5 Local-Mention of Some Men of the

Scranton's Star Foot Ball Material,

Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 7 Round About the County.

8 General-Live Industrial News. Saturday's Foot Ball Games,

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Washington, Nov. 26.-The Republi-

to Prepare Financial Measure.

can caucus committee appointed at the last session of congress to prepare a general financial measure for report to the coming congress is preparing to complete the duty assigned it. Tonight seven of the members of the com:mitee gathered at prospective Speaker Henderson's rooms at the Normandie hotel and informally considered the bill prepared by the committee in Atlantic City during the past summer. The members present were Messrs. Henderson, Babcock, Morris, of Minnesota; Curtis, of Kansas; Payne, Dalzell and Overstreet. Nothing decisive was done tonight, the main purpose of the gathering, Mr. Henderson explaining, being to enable the members tacked. to refresh their memories on the varswept through the dervich position for the members are firm in the faith and the hurry to push the measure at the coming session. The committee is waiting to have a joint meeting with the senate committee appointed for the same purpose, but no word has been received from the members of the latter yet as to when they will be ready to meet the members of the house committee. The latter are anxious that the measure shall have prompt consideration and want a meeting of the two committees if possible during the coming week before the republican enveus next Saturday night.

Mr. Henderson thinks the bill will be presented to the caucus for its consideration and the committee is anxious to have action on it by the house as soon as expedient.

JOUBERT'S STATEMENT. Prepared to Harrass the British

Troops on All Sides. Berlin, Nov. 26.-The Deutsche Zeltung publishes a letter, purporting to

come from General Joubert and dated at Ladysmith, Oct. 27, in which the "Even if we do not succeed in preventing the concentration of General Buller's troops, the British army will

be weakened from natural causes to such an extent that not more than 35, 000 efficient troops, or 40,000 at the outside, can take the field. The others must be employed to protect communications. In this connection it is to be borne in mind that not only Natal but Cape Colony, with a base of operations covering 435 miles, must be considered "Our bases of supply are at home and organized on the relay system in three

directions. To protect these does not require 500 men. If one base should be seriously threatened, the supplies will be destroyed. A war of defense, of which we need not think for a considerable time, would present far greater advantages than an offersive war. We are at home in the highlands of the Transynal and the Orange Free State. The British will have to contest every step under inconceivable difficulties, and must be prepared at every moment to fight on two or three fronts.

"Then will begin a guerilla war, which the British will not be able to endure. Already we have \$6,000 men in the field so we do not need to calculate upon a rising of the Boers in Cape Colony and Natal. Nevertheless, if the British stir up the natives and employ them to fight us, a rising of the whole of Afrikanderdom is certain."

IN A STATE OF WAR.

Russian Newspapers Intimate That Powers May Interfere in Africa.

St. Petersburg. Nov. 26.-The Rusdan newspapers announce that the British charge d'affaires has informed the Russian government that Great Britain has been in a state of war with the Dutch republics in South Africa since Oct, 11.

The Syet, commenting upon this says: "England, in giving this notification, withdraws her declaration that phia Times will tomorrow publish the she is not carrying on war, but is merely subjugating rebels."

The Novoe Vremya, which attributes far-reaching importance to the British notification, says: "The powers are Cross agents but military agents as well, and they may judge this a fitting time to intervene, especially as the to the Boer side."

EXPLOSION OF AMMONIA. Destroys the Hammond Beef Plant at Passaic, N. J.

York, Nov. 26.-An explosion of ammenia, resulting from fire, de-stroyed the big plant of the Passaic ompany at Central avenue, Pas-

safe, N. J., today, The loss was \$50,000, covered by insurance. Seven thousand pounds of fat, 5,000 turkeys and 20,000 pounds of beef were destroyed.

The plant was owned by the Hamnond Beef company, of Hammond,

Diamonds Lost.

Chicago, Nov. 26 .- Daniel Earl, a diand importer, lost a leather pouch containing \$7,363 worth of diamonds, rubles, supphires and other precious stones, while carrying it from his office to safety deposit vaults last night. He placed the pouch in his outside coat pocket and missed it while on the street.

GEN. JOUBERT IS RETIRING

Communication with Estcourt Has Been Restored.

VICTORY FOR BRITISH

The Troops Under General Forest-Walker Carry the Heights Near Graspan-Fighting Desperate but Boers Are Forced to Retire-Eighty Boers Killed-A Large Quantity of Powder and 50,000 Rounds of Ammunition Blown Up.

Durham, Nov. 26.-Noon.-Telegracommunication with Estcourt has been restored. Estcourt, Nov. 26 .- Noon .- Comman-

dant General Joubert is retiring from Mooi river on Ladysmith. Durban, Saturday, Nov. 25.-Sir Redvers Buller, looking the pink of health. arrived here this evening and immediately proceeded up the country in the governor's car. He was enthus-

iastically cheered by the people.

London, Nov. 26.—This afternoon the war office posted the following dispatch, dated Cape Town, 13.39 p. m., today, from General Forest-Walker: Lord Methuen reports that he moved yesterday (Saturday) at 3.30 a. m., with he Ninth brigade, the mounted corps, the naval brigade and two batteries, the guards following with the baggage Near Graspan (about ten miles north of Belmont on the railway line to Kimberley) 2,000 Boers, with six guns and two machine guns, opposed him. The action began at 8 a. m. Our batteries fired shrapped very accurately till the heights seemed clear. Then the navy brigade and infantry advanced to the The fighting was desperate

until 10 a. m., when the heights were carried. The Roers retreated on the line, where the Ninth lancers were placed to intercept them. The result was not known at the time of telegraphing. The artillery took immediate advantage of

the enemy's retirement. "Early in the action 500 Boers attacked our rear guard. The brigade met this and also protected the flanks. The naval brigade acted with the prentest gallaning and suffered heavily

but no particulars are yet known. "The enemy showed the greatest stubbornness and must have suffered greatly. Twenty vere buried. It is known that thirty-one were killed and More than fifty forty-eight wounded orses were found dead in one place. One battery fired 500 rounds.

"Our force must halt one day at Graspan to rest and replenish ammunition. The force worked splendidly and is preparing to overcome any difficulty. The naval brigade, the Royal Mariners, the light infantry and the First battalion of the North Lancashire regiment especially distinguished

themselves. "Regarding Thursday's fight: "Eighty-one Boers killed are ac-counted for. Sixty-four wagons were burned. A large quantity of powder, 50,000 rounds of ammunition and 750 shells were blown up. Commandant Albrecht, chief of the Orange Free State artillery, commanded the Boer artillery. General Delewy was in chief

Buller at Pietermaritzburg.

London, Nov. 27 .- Special dispatch from Pietermaritzburg announces the arrival of General Buller there. He met with a splendid reception.

Railway communication between Estcourt and Mooi river has been restored by Lord Dundonald's force and the Mooi river column entered Estcourt yesterday (Sunday), the Estcourt column immediately starting the advance toward Colenso,

British Casualties. London, Nov. 26 .- The admiralty is

from Rear Admiral Harris, dated Cape Town, Nov. 26: I deeply regret to report the following lualties in the action at Graspan yes-Killed-Commander Ethelston, owerful; Major Plumbe, of the Doris;

in receipt of the following dispatch

aptain ----- of the Monarch, Wounded-Flag Captain Protheroe, of ie Deris, severely; Lieutenant Jones, The other casualties are not yet known.

THE SODA EXPLODED.

Continuous Roar Near a Warehouse Fire in Nashville. Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 26 .- The five-

story frame warehouse of B. S. Rhea. Son, on the river front, was denow in a position to send not only Red | stroyed by fire last night. Five loaded Louisville and Nashville freight cars were also burned and two of the spans of the Louisville and Nashville bridge over the Cumberland river were seriously damaged.

The greater portion of the warehouse contents was nitrate of soda, and as the burning combustible flowed in streams to the river, it exploded with a continuous roar, sounding like a bombardment, Loss, \$75,000.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Nov. 26.—Arrived: La Nor-mandie, Havre: Taurie, Liverpool. Mo-villo—Arrived: Ethlopia, New York for Glasgow, Queenstown-Sailed: Umbria, from Liverpool for New York. Southimpton-Arrived: Southwark, New York for Antworp. Gibraltar-Passed: Fuerst Bismarck, New York for Algiers, Na-

...... WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 28.-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair Monday and probably Tuesday: light variable winds.

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