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METHUEN IN A TIGHT PLACE

Boers Believed to Have Cut Him Off from the Rear.

LADYSMITH FIGHT

Bridge Near Gras Pan Destroyed. Report from Pretoria Says Battle Was Begun Wednesday Morning Near Modder River-General Builer and General White in Heliographic Communication.

ing was begun near Modder river at "

o'clock this morning. London, Dec. 8, 6.52 p. m .- The war office has just issued the following. "No further news has arrived from General Methuen today, but the following has been received from Orange River station:

'A railroad culvert was blown up near Gras Pan this morning. The telegraph was also cut. The guilles report heavy firing of guns to the

The foregoing implies that the Boers have cut the line of communication, ing done, behind General Methuen, who, apparently, is now fighting.

den, Dec. 8 .- The Morning Post publishes an article warning the British public that "the disillusionment respecting the Boor forces in Natal is likely to be repeated on the western border." It says that men are wanted everywhere, and asks why the splendid body of 20,000 Royal Marines is employed sweeping floors and washing paint in England instead of being sent to South Africa to handle the aaval guns, which hurrledly trained men, unfamiliar with these deadly weapons,

are now manipulating. The government has decided to despatch to South Africa at the ca liest possible moment a cavalry brigade of about 4,000 men.

Kruger's Desire.

Baron Loch, former governor of Cape Colony and British high commissiones for South Africa, in a lecture in London last evening related some of his experience with President Kruger. He said the remarks of the Transvoal president years ago showed that he contemplated just the state of affairs which had arisen. Mr. Kruger even expressed a desire to have a seaport and said the Transvaal hoped to have a navy some day.

The Times, commenting on Lord Loch's reminiscences, says that they prove up to the hilt the Dutch ambition for Dutch supremacy in South Africa.

While nothing in the last messages ceived from the British camp at the Modder river indicated an immediate advance, it appears that Pretoria has nows that Centing was so used Wed. nesday. It is not shown, however, whether General Methuen advanced on the new position taken up by the Boers or merely engaged in a reconnaisance in force.

Reports were current again at Orango river, Tuesday, Dec. 5, that Mafeking had been relieved. It is known from dispatches from Mara'anve that preparations had been completed there to advance in force on Nov. 15 from Rhodesia, for the purpose of repairing the railroad line and restoring communication with Colonel Baden-Powell. The Boers, however, were entrenched strongly pear Gaberones, midway between Magalapye and Mafeking.

Reinforcements are arriving rapidly at Sterkstroom to strengthed General Gatacre, They include the much-needed artiflery. The authorities expect speedy news that General Gatacre has taken the offersive and diverted some of the Orange Free State forces, which obstruct the advance of General Methuen. A detachment of Cape police had a

skirmish with the Boers Thursday, Dec. 7, near Indwe, while General French reports important reconneiterings. Wednesday. Dec 6, from Nanuwpoort, showing preparations to attempt the recapof some of the British towns occupied by the burghers.

White and Buller in Communication.

Buller confirms the statement that heliographic communication has been fully established with Ladysmith, and that General Buller and General White have been conferring as to their future

London, Dec. 8 .- The following addees have been received from General dethuen's force at Modder river, under date of Tuesday, December 5: "Boers are seen daily passing be-

tween Spytfontein and Jacobsdal lang-They frequently fire on patrols. Mounted infantry received a severe fire while patroling six miles towards the north from a bill. There was no casualties. An hour's cannon firing has been heard at Kimberley. Pretoria, Thursday, Dec. 7 .- The fol-

lowing dispatch, dated today, has been received from the head langer near

"The British are advancing on Colenso, but last night passed without an attack. There was a desultory cannonade this morning, the naval guns in Ladysmith replying vigorously to

Ladysmith, Thursday, Dec. 7, via Weenen.-The total British casualties here since November 1 are five officers and twenty-six men killed, and fifteen officers and 130 men wounded, with three missing.

The Boer force is still around us in large numbers, but all within the town are well and cheerful.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 8.-Pensions: John Lutter, Scranton, \$6. Restoration and increase, Abraham Crispell, West Auburn. Susquehanna, \$6 to \$14.

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED.

Mrs. Laue, of Odessa, Makes a Con-

fession.

Omaha, Dec. 8.-The wife of Fred Laue made a confession which clears up the Odessa, Neb., murder mystery. She made the confession to a brother and uncle of her husband and later to the county attorney. It is to the effect that Dinsmore first poisoned his wife in the rooms of the couple upstairs. He then came down and in-formed her of what he had done and said he was going to finish the job. He went into an adjoining room where Laue was sleeping and shot film, killing him instantly. Mrs. Dinsmore was polsoned, prussic acid being used, it is supposed.

After shooting Laue, Dinsmore brought the body of his dead wife down into the kitchen and left it where it was found by the relghbors when they were called in. The motive for the crime was infatuation for Mrs. Lauc. She states Dinsmore had repeatedly urged her to clope with him, but she had refused. Dinsmore had intended to commit the crime on Thanksgiving night, but Mrs. Laue says she persuided him not to do it. She affirms that Dinsmore was gifted with hypnotic power and that under its power she did as he directed. The brothers of Pretoria, Wednesday, Nov. 6.-Fight- | Mrs. Dinsmore also say that he exercised the same influence over his wife. The confession of Mrs. Laue has caused great excitement and threats of lynching Dinsmore are freely made tonight. Extra guards are on duty at the county jail, armed with repeating Winchesters and Sheriff Funk has determined to protect the prisoner regardless of the consequences. It is possible that the sheriff may try to spirit Dinsmore away during the night. but the people are watching charply and if an attempt of that nature is made there is likely to be some shoot-

MOLINEUX TRIAL.

Interesting Points Developed at Court Yesterday-The Prosecution Wins Several Points.

New York, Dec. 8 .- Several interestng points developed today in connection with the trial of Roland B, Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. First, there was the capture of an important witness for the prosecution. This was Mamie Mullands, the young woman who cared for Molineux's room at Newark. Through a ruse on the part of the detectives she was induced to cross the state line from New Jersey to Severn, N. Y., and when once within the jurisdiction of the New York state authorities she was placed under arrest and brought to New York city. It is said that she will be placed on the stand by the state and compelled to testify that Molineux was accustomed to use the now famous blue paper surmounted by the three interlaced crescents. This same paper made its appearance in the case later in the day, when George William Hall, of Moodus, Conn., was called for the pur pose of testifying concerning a letter which fell into the possession of his employer, Professor Fowler. The witness said that James Burns, of Detroit. Mich., sold a great many thousand letters to Professor Fowler, who deals in medical remedies, that the signature, "Roland B. Melineux" was noticed, and the New York authorities were notified of the find. The defense admitted the identity of this letter as having been written by the defendant This is considered an important point, owing to the fact that it was written upon blue crescent-shaped paper, and the defense has acknowledged the weiting of it. The legal battles today rage i round the question of expert testimony, and the admissability of hand writing when "not disputed." Attor-Weeks fought bravely for his client, but in the end the presecution triumphed, the recorder saving that the court would be forced to consider the exhibits as being in the handwriting of the defendant unless the testimony of the witness, Expert Kinsley, should be impeached or contradicted by the defersa in some manner. It seemed to be a day of victories for the prosecution, for the specimens of handwriting written by Molineux before his arrest, and at the time that Cornish was under suspicion, were admitted, also the diagnosis blank of a patent medicine firm with the blanks filled out in handwriting, said to be the same as that of other letters in evidence and signed "H C. Barnet," and in the face of strenuous objections Expert Kinsley was per mitted to testify that, in his opinion Molineux wrote the address on the

THE BIG READING FIRE.

A war office dispatch from General Only One Life Lost in the Factory

poison package sent to Harry Cornish.

Blaze. Reading, Dec. 8 .- It is now known that but one life was lost in yesterday's fire at Nolds & Horst's factory-Miss Louisa Clay, aged 48. The list of injured, as sent to the Associated Press yesterday, is complete.

A number of the injured are in serious condition and their recovery is doubtful. The plant will be rebuilt as soon as the insurance is adjusted. The coroner has not yet decided on the time of inquest.

Harrisburg, Dec. 8 .- Factory Inspector Campbell has received a letter from the deputy inspector in Reading saying that the mill that burned yesterday, by which so many girls were at the time of passage of the Cullom hurt, was inspected recently, and that anti-polygamy act Mr. Roberts was none of the windows were nailed down and the screens in the windows were f a movable character and were not fastened. Mr. Campbell left for Reading today to make an inspection.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 8.-Cleared: Steamers mbria, for Liverpool; Rotterdam, for Rotterdam; Pretoria, for Hamburg, Livrpool-Arrived: Cymric, from New York. Queenstown-Arrived: Campanta New York for Liverpool and proceeded. Havre-Arrived: La Normandie, New York, Lizard-Passed: Ke Kensingfrom New York for Southampton Antwerp. Isle of Wight-Passed: and Antwerp. steamer Statendam, from Rotterdam for New York.

Argentine Wheat Crop.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 8.-The wheat prospects in the Argentine republic are excellent. There will probably be an ex portable surplus of 2,000,000 tons.

GENTILES ARE ON TRAIL OF ROBERTS

THEY ANSWER THE MORMON'S INGENIOUS ARGUMENTS.

Assertions That He Has Flagrantly Defied the Laws and That He Is Now a Fugitive from Justice-A Few Cold Facts Forwarded from Utah for the Consideration of Sentimental Sympathizers.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- An answer to Mr. Brigham Roberts' address to the American people was issued today by delegation representing the Gen lie element in Utah, who are here to oppose Mr. Roberts. The answer is as follows:

"In this morning's papers Mr. Roberts makes an appeal for sympathy in which are many mis-statements needing correction, while many facts are suppressed.

"Mr. Roberts claims that the precedent made by his exclusion is both new and dangerous. That it is not new was conclusively shown by Mr. Tayler in his able legal argument before the house and not a single precedent to the contrary was cited where the ground of objection was ineligibility. Neither is the precedent dangercus. Whenever a 'prima facie' case is made against a member's citizenship by showing that under a conviction for felony against the laws of the United States he is disfranchised and further that by reason of his present maintenance of the status of a polygamist he is again suffering from civil disability under the Edmunds and polygamy act, such a member refusing even to deny the charge should be excluded. Nor is this dangerous, for it is not likely, as Mr. Roberts seems to assume, that an entire minority or all representatives of a large state are coming to congress carrying such a

arge burden. "In other states men who flaunt their violations of these laws of decency in the face of the public are ent to the penitentiary. It is only in Utah where such indecency ever added to one's eligibility and served as a recommendation to political preferment. Mr. Roberts' contention that no evidence of his guilt can be received except a judicial record of his conviction in Utah as a matter of law, is erroneous, and, as a matter of practice. dangerous, because Mr. Roberts and his all-powerful and inspired priesthood can prevent such conviction if they consider it worth while. Mr. Roberts claims that whatever were his civil disabilities before statehood, they were removed by the adoption of the state constitution.

"If at the time of the passage of the enabling act Mr. Roberts was, as he seems in his appeal to admit, disfranchised by act of bongross and there fore, not a full citizen of the United States, as by the constitution he must be to become a member of congress, then he is still in that same condition because the constitution of Utah could not restore him to federal citizenship and the enabling act did not do it.

"The enabling act of Utah, unlike that of some other states, required citizenship of the United States as a qualification for voting and did not onfer that citizenship upon those then not such citizens. Hence Mr. Roberts' statement that by Utah beoming a state he was rehabilitated with the wanting attributes of citizenship is unwarranted.

Fugitive from Justice.

"Mr. Roberts says he has not been convicted since statehood. It does not follow that he is innocent. He is now fugitive from Justice in Falt Lake county on a charge of unlawful habitation and in Davis county. Utah where resides one of his polygamous wives, with her illegitimate twins. born August 11, 1897, a charge of adul ery (a felony under the laws of Utah) has been for two months pigeonholed by the Mormon prosecuting attorney. "Mr. Roberts in his attempt to be-

little his crimes insists that he is on'? charged with a misdemeanor, He been, under oath and before the proper prosecuting officers, charged with the felony of adultery as well as the mislemeanor of unlawful co-habitation. He asserts that in 1889 he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor only, and also says that if he were cuilty of the same acts in the District of Columbia, 'even flagrantly so," that as a member of congress he could not be arrested therefor because it is only a Joe Choynski, of California, were misdemeanor. Here again Mr. Roberts states what is not true and he ought to know it. Unlawful co-babitation the Broadway Athletic club, under the Edmunds act, under which the District of Columbia both unlaw- fastest kind of work. The decision was ful co-habitation and adultery are very unpopular. felonies, as defined by the Utah statformer is a mislemeaner.

"Many sentimental people are being misled by Mr. Roberts' very ingenious suggestions, from which some people infer that he took his polygamous wives when it was lawful to do so. This is a mistake, Adultery was a crime in Utah when Mr. Roberts was born, and only six years old. His pica for sympathy, therefore, amounts only to this, that he should be allowed to continue his criminal practices, notwithstanding he took his polygamous wives in defiarce of law. We demand that he should cease the begetting of further illegitimate offspring and this is our only bone of contention, the only thing demanded which he refuses to yield.

"In this matter we disclaim any desire to have him declared ineligible because he is a Mormon, but solely because he is violating and defying the laws of our state, of the United States and of common decency."

State Prohibition Defeated.

Atlanta, Go., Dec. 8 -- By a vote of 14 the Willingham bill was killed in the senate and state prohibition defeated. The house has already passed the

THE ERA OF PROSPERITY.

No Hesitation in Business, According to Dunn's Review.

New York, Dec. 8 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, which issues tomorrow, will say:

The approach of the new year usually brings so much hesitation in business that the small shrinkage this year is surprising. Probably never before have the productive forces of the country been so largely covered by contracts at this date, ensuring employment and profit far into the coming year. This results not from any more speculative accomplishment, but from actual demand from consumption running far beyond the producing capacity heretofore, and pushing it to remarkable expansion. The increase in foreign trade has been insignificant empared with the increase of 24,000. 0,000 in payments through clearing houses. For the week the payments have been 20.3 per cent, larger than last year and 38.1 per cent, larger than

Prices of pig iron are strongly maintained, though extraordinary efforts promise increase of over a quarter in oducing capacity within a year because the entire output of most furnaces for the first and in part of last half of next year has been sold already. Sheet bars are a shade lower owing to closing of many tin plate Demand for cars and other railway equipment are enormous, and also for spring, both lake and ocean, Tin is weak at 2715 cents, and copper declined to 16% cents, but lead and spelter are stronger. Woo! has advanced further with much speculativa buying. Cotton is weakened by account of large quantities held back, and has declined an eighth, but reports are sufficiently conflicting to make speculation active, notwithstanding the decrease of \$4,000 b less in exports for three months of the

Wheat has risen three cents and corn a fraction, with decline in western receipts of both. Atlantic exports of wheat for the week, flour included, were only 3.559,677 bushels, against 5 636,767 bushels last year, and Pacific exports 886,172 bushels against 556,523 last year.

Failures for the week have been 221 in the United States against 248 last year, and thirty-three in Canada, against twenty-two last year,

WEEKS ESCAPES TRIAL.

Case Against Him Dismissed Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 8 .- The indictment against Nelson Weeks, of Hackensack, charging him with the death of Miss Smith, 22 years old, at the Victor hotel in New York city on March 8, 1997, was dismissed today. Weeks was the Sunday school superintendent of the Asbury Methodist church in Hackensack. and Miss Smith was a teacher in the same Sunday school and was also the organist in the church. On the date mentioned, Weeks and Miss Smith came to this city and went to the hotel where Weeks registered under an assumed name. Soon afterward Weeks rushed out of the hotel and told a policeman that a woman was dying in the hotel. She died shortafterward from the effects of carbolic acid poisoning. For a few days there was some mystery about the af-

fair, as Weeks had disappeared. He returned, however, and made of statement to the pastor of his churc' in Hackensack, in which he confessed an intimacy with Miss Smith, but denied that he had any part in the cause of her death. Weeks was indicted for manslaughter on April 9, 1897, and the case has been pending until today. The court, in dismissing the indictment, said that inasmuch as there was no chance of convicting Weeks, he did not think it was right to put the county to the expense of the trial.

GLOVE SPORTS.

McFaden Defeats Kearns-Walcott and Choynski Matched.

New York, Dec. 8 .- George McFadden, of this city, defeated Tim Kearns, of Boston in a hard fought battle of 25 rounds at the lightweight limit, 133 pounds, before the Broadway Athletle club tonight. McFadden was stronger knows better. He knows that he has and more scientific than his opponent. but Kearns fought well and score1

clever points. McFadden outpointed Wearns in the majority of rounds and was given the decision at the end of the bout. Tommy Sullivan, of Brooklyn, was

given the decision over Andy Daley, of Boston, in the preliminary bout of twelve rounds at 122 pounds New York, Dec. 8 .- Joe Walcott and matched tonight to box twenty-five

rounds at eatchweights on Jan. 12, at Chicago, Dec. 8 .- Jack Bennett, of he plead guilty, was a felony, as ais. McKeesport, Pa., was given the decisis adultery, with which Mr. Roberts ion over Owen Zeigler, of Philadelphia, is charged in Davis county, Utah. In here tonight after six rounds of the

utes, and it is only in Utah that the STILL AHEAD OF THE RECORD. Leaders of the Great Six-Day Bicycle

Race.

New York, Dec. 8.-The leaders of the great team six days' bleycle race at Madison Square Garden were 375 miles ahead fo the record at 8 o'clock tonight. At last hour Miller and Waller had covered 2,241 miles.

Walthour, the southern champion, had a lead of several miles for the individual prize, and early in the evening he managed to main another lap by clever effort and fast riding. New York, Dec. 2.-Twelve o'clock

Miller-Waller, 2.316.7; Maya-McEach-2,216.6; Gimm-Pierce, 2,316.5; Fischer-Chevaller, 2.316.3; Stevens-Turville, 2.316; Babcock-Stinson. 2.315.8; Schineer-Porster, 2.219. Individual scores: Walthour, 1,199.3;

Aronson, 1.043.8.

At midnight, the close of the 120th hour, the record was beaten by 295 miles.

Trustee of Insane Hospital. Harrishurg, Dec. 8.-Governor Stone today appointed Churies Chalfant, of trustee of the state insate hospital at Danville, vice Thomas Chal-

IDAHO TROUBLES REACH CONGRESS

JOINT RESOLUTION INTRO-DUCED BY MR. LENTZ.

Serious Charges of Cruelty Preferred Against the Soldiers Under General Merriam-Prisoners Confined in a Bull Pen-Wives and Families of Miners Insulted.

Washington, Dec. 8.-Representative entz, of Ohlo, today introduced a loint resolution in the house reciting the charges growing out of the presence of United States troops under Brigadier General Merriam at the centers of the mining troubles in Idaho. and asking for an investigation by a special committee of nine members to appointed by the speaker. The resolution said that it is a matter of general information that United States troops were sent to Idaho in defiance of and contrary to the federal constitution at the individual request of the governor when no riot or insurrection existed and without consulting the legislature or the local sheriff. It is asserted that General Merriam declared martial law and "arbitrarily and with out warrant of law" arrested hundreds of citizens and held them under "most brutal and tyrannical conditions." arrests, it is charged, included many members of the miners' union and the scal sheriff. It is asserted that many men were imprisoned in a buil pen, a place unfit for habitation." Allegation is made that one prisoner

ecame insone from the treatment and, escaping, was shot at as he jumps! into a river. In another case, it is harged, a dying prisoner was denied spiritual consolation. Specific accounts of cruelty are given, including compulsory standing erect for seven hours each day in the hot sun, under penalty of death if attempt was made to move or sit down.

It is alleged also that a captain under General Merriam "amused himself by calling prisoners cowardly curs" while these punishments were being uncertain. inflicted. The resolution also recites that the wives and families of miners were insulted by soldiers, and it is alleged that responsibility for the varipanies of the locality.

BIG BASE BALL DEAL.

Barney Dreyfuss Secures Good Sized Block of Pittsburg Stock.

Pittsburg, Dec. 8.-The biggest base ball deal made in this city since 1885, when Pittsburg purchased the entire Columbus club, was consummated tothe Pittsburg club's future are set at rest. Briefly told, the story is as fol-

On Oct. 31 Barney Dreyfuss resigned Louisville club and disposed of his holdings entirely. Mr. quarters left late this afternoon, re-Dreyfuss then closed a deal with the Pittsburg management whereby he be- through the hotel door: "I guess it's came possessor of a good-sized block of all up with us for this time." There is stock and the assurance of his election | no indication of any trouble. as president at the club's meeting next | has been a great amount of money bet week, just after the National league on the election throughout Kentucky meeting. Today Harry Pulliam, who as to who would be the next governor succeeded Mr. Dreyfuss as president of of the state and the betters are trying the Louisville club, came to the city, to decide whether if Taylor is declared and, after a conference with Messrs. Kerr, Auten and Drevfuss, announced that he had sold to Pittsburg fourteen Louisville players, the consideration in the eyes of the law. The Taylor being \$25,000 in cash and four members betters construe it one way and, natof the local club. They are Chesbro, O'Brien, Fox and Madison. The fourteen players bought from Louisville are: Clarke, who will be manager and cantain of the new Pittsburg club; Wagner, Ritchey, Leach, Kelly, Zimnor, Latimer, Tom Nessitt, Waddell, unningham Phill p.1. Fish rty, Charles Pexter and Woods. All interested in the deal declare positively that there is nothing akin to syndicate ball in the move, but solely an endeavor to put a sennant winning team in this which is looked upon as one of the best

ball towns in the country. A radical charge from the past poliicy of the Pittsburg club will be the playing of Sur lay games this season, The new acquisitions give Pittsburg thirty players, some of whom will doubtless be put on sale during the league meeting in New York.

RAN DOWN HAND CAR.

Two Men Killed and Two Fatally Injured.

St. Louis, Dec. 8 .- A suburban pasenger train on the Burlington road ran down a hand-car bearing five men, one thousand yards west of the bridge at Alton, Ills., today, killing two men and fatally injuring two. The fifth man escaped injury by jumping before the collision came.

The killed: Henry Delaney, Alton; Patrick Foor, Alton. Fatulty injured: Robert Bryant, Alton: Albert Bielstein, Alton.

The accident is attributed to heavy

Habeas Corpus in Reese Case. St. Louis, Dec. 8.-Judge Thaver, in the

States court, today, granted writ of habeas corpus in the case of Reese, one of the members of the executive council of the United Mine Workers association of Iowa, who is now in tail in Fort Scott, Bourbon county Karsas, for contempt of court. The writ was made returnable Dec. 27, when arguments as to the jurisdiction of the cir-cult court of Bourbon county will be heard. Bail was fixed at \$3,000.

Captain Ayers Killed. Washington, Dec. 8.-Captain J. Avers, U. S. A., of the ordnance depart-

was killed here today by from his bicycle and being run over by SPARKS BY WIRE.

affway's new extersion to this city was New York, Dec. 8.-Franklin Leonard, assignee of the Liberty Cycle comoany, has been granted leave to file a rovisional bond of \$50,000 until are filed. The assets will not

exceed \$45,000. Washington, Dec. 8 .- M. F. Smith was, day, appointed postmaster at Oak Ridge Station, Armstrong county

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indicatious Today:

FAIR, VARIABLE WINDS.

1 General-Aguinaldo Retracing His An Answer to Brigham H. Roberts

- Fighting Near Modder River, Idaho Mine Trouble in Congress,
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
- 3 General-Palmistry,
- 4 Editorial. News and Comment.

One Wemen's Views.

- 5 Local-Social and Personal.
- 6 Local-Ex-Judge Ward at Death's Criminal Court Proceedings.
- Local-Documents for Pelozo's Ex-
- Three Men Caught by Falling Roof, 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- Round About the County, 19 Local—Religious News of the Week, Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow.
- Story-"Susie." Local-Live Industrial News. High School News and Gossin.

GOEBELITES WEAKEN.

All Pretense of a Fight for the Certificate of Election as Covernor Has Been Given Up by Them.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 8 .- All pretense of a fight for the certificate of election as governor has been given up by the Goebel people and whether a contest will be made in the legislature is real!; yet to be determined. It will depend largely upon the wording of the opinion which Commissioners Ellss and Pryor will hand down at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. If it implies that the commissioners believe fraud was mmitted, which might invalidate the election, did they as canvassing board have the legal right to go behind the certified returns it is almost certain a contest will be made, otherwise It is

The Democratic candidates for the minor offices on the state ticket, acting on the belief that the commissioners' opinion will contain implications ous actions rests with the mining com- of fraud, have already decided to fight before the state contesting board for the possessions which they believe

themselves entitled to. Commissioners Eliss and Pryor were busy all day writing their opinion. Neither made any denial of the fact that they would decide that Taylor is

entitled to the certificate. The politicians of both parties departed from Frankfort in great numbers during the day and the town today and the many rumors concerning night is practically deserted. All the Democratic and Republican attorneys have left for their homes, the former going this morning and the latter this afternoon, Colonel Jack Chinn, who has been attached to the Goebel head marking with a laugh as he passed governor and later ousted by the legislature as not being a legal incumment, he was in fact actually governo urally, the Goebel men fir "t out differently. There has been so much money wagered on the outcome that the thing has really a serious side to it

ACCIDENT AT PAULI BUILDING. John Allen Fell Tan Feet and Struck

on His Head John Ailen, of 130 Green Ridge street is a corpenter by trade and since the construction of the new Pauli build ing on Washington avenue was be gun has been employed on it. Yester day noon he stopped work with the other men and, taking his lunch, went into one of the rooms in the front par

of the building to eat. The place was very dark and by ac cident he took a missten and fell through a square hole in the floor. He ropped about ten feet into the caller striking on his head. He was taken to the Lackawann

was suffering from concussion of the Nothing very serious is apprehenda however, and it is likely that he will soon recover. Allen is a man of about

hospital, where it was ascertained h

thirty and married. DINNER AT SCRANTON CLUB. Hon, W. W. Watson Entertained Employes of Traders' Bank.

Hon, W. W. Watson, vice president of the Traders' National bank, gave dinner in the Scranton club last night to the employes of the bank. Coverwere laid for eleven, and the following were present: Hon W. W. Wat son, Cashier F. L. Phillips, Teller ill W. Dolph, F. H. Widmayer, Samu-McCracken, W. W. McCulloch, Shirer, E. M. S. Gould, J. S. Morss G. L. Bell, J. D. D. Gladding.

At the conclusion of the short addresses were made by each member of the party. The occasion no special significance, merely one of sociability. Nothing could have been more pleasant or profitable. At the close of the speechnaking a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Watson, and those present resolved to have other such evenings

during the year. Woman and Child Killed.

Adairsville, Ga., Dec. 8 .- Lucy Garbon and her child in arms, were kill today by Bin Mayneld. Frank Bird, was after the action of the priests. wounded by the same shot which killed the mother and daughter. The were in the woman's quarreled over some trivial matter. The murderer escaped.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

New York, Dec. 8 .- Joseph C. Hoagland, he founder and president of the Royal Baking Powder company, died in this city today from acute kidney trouble.

AGUINALDO'S **NEW TACTICS**

Filipino Leader Is Said to Be Retracing His Steps.

GETTING IN THE NET

Headed Off in the North by the Americans Troops-Only Chance of Escape Now to Flee in Disguise. General Young Close Behind Him. Major Batchellor Hurrying to Apari to Close That Outlet-Gen-

Washington, Dec. S .- A dispatch from General Otis, dated at Manila

eral Young's Victory.

today, says: "Hospital ship Relief, just returned from Vigan bringing 272 sick soldiers and 232 Spanish prisoners, reports several hundred Spanish prisoners at Vigan, for which we send transport this evening. Colonel Hare, Thirtythird infantry, took Bangued 5th Inst., and now with portion of regiment and battalion Thirty-fourth infantry is in pursuit of insurgents on road southeast to Lepanto, thence to Bontoc, on which Aguinaldo and 300 insurgents are supposed to be retreating with American prisoners. Inhabitants of western Luzon coast friendly and give

assistance. General Otis also reports the arrival of the transport Olympia with the Thirty-ninth infantry, one battalion of the Forty-ninth infantry and some recruits. There were no casualties

during the voyage. The town of Bontoc, toward which Aguinaldo with his bodyguard is said to be retreating, lies in the mountain fastnesses about forty-five or sixty miles southeast of Vigan. If the last report as to Aguinaldo's whereabouts true, it indicates that he has been headed off to the northward, and is being compelled to retrace his steps toward the south. If he is striving to regain his old stronghold in Cavite province his chances of success are slight. Directly in his line of march is a considerable American force at Bayombeng, to the westward of that point is General Wheaton's force, and to the east of Bayombong is an almost impassable mountain range. General Young behind him, with Colonel Hare close in his rear and his front obstructed, the war department ficials feel that Aguinaldo has little chance of escaping to the southward. It is said that Major Bachellor is marching rapidly for Aparri, about the only port on the extreme north end of the island, in order to cut off the outlet in that direction. The best chance remaining to Aguinaldo is to abandon the escort of 200 men traveling with him. If he should do that he could

GENERAL YOUNG'S VICTORY.

Details of the Five Hours' Fighting at Marvaccan.

make his personal escape in disguise.

Manila, Dec. 8 .- There was considerable relief in Manila when the news vas received today that General Young's small force had arrived safey at Vigan, province of South Bocos. Anxiety has been felt for General Young and the garrison at Vigan since it was known that General Tino had a large aggressive body of insurgents

perating in that vicinity. General Tino made a stand in the mountain pass, between Narvaccan and San Quinto. The natural strength the position was augmented by trenches and pitfalls. The fight lasted five hours. General Young had three companies of the Thirty-fourth infanry, under Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Howe, and two troops of the Third avalry, Captain Swigart commanding, ind one troop, under Captain Chase, He was reinforced during the fight by Luther R. Hare, with a battalien of the Thirty-third, en route to Vigan, General Young ended the fight by charging and routing the enemy, who eft twenty-five dead, several rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition in the trenches. The enemy employed artillery. Only one American was seri-

ously wounded. The uprising in the island of Negros was led by the police of a Corlata dis-trict, where there is a small American garrison. The police inspired false reports of insurgent victories in Luzou and Panay. There are 250 native police in Negros, uniformed and armed

ADVICE AGAINST STRIKE.

Catholic Priests Give Counsel to Nanticoke Miners.

with Springfield rifles.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 8.-The Catholic priests of this place today addressed two thousand mine workers belonging to their congregation, advising them to attend a miners' meeting called for tonight and vote against a sympathy strike, President John Fahey, of the United Mine Workers, this afternoon issued notice that there would be no meeting tonight. He said the officials decided to await the outcome of the business men's attempt to settle the strike before the Shamokin men were asked to go out.

The belief is freely expressed here tonight that the union feared the men would not respond to orders for a strike

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington.Dec. 8.-Forecast for

Saturday and Sunday: Elastern Pennsylvania - Fair Saturday; cloudy, probably showers Sunday; variable winds becoming fresh + easterly.