CURRENCY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

Extended from Morning Till the Evening Session.

HOLIDAY

Will Last Until Jan. 3-Mr. Lacey, of Iowa, Among the Leaders-Remarks of Mr. Pierce on Grever Cleveland.

Washington, Dec. 13.-The currency debate in the house lasted from 11 o'clock this morning until 10.30 o'clock tonight, with a recess of three hours for dinner. The pressure for time to speak continues, as most of the members desire to make contributions to the literature for the occasion. Much of it, however, seems to be for home consumption. There has been very little cross-firing thus far and no exciting or dramatic incidents. So far as known, twelve Democrats, eight from New York, two from Pennsylvania and one each from Maryland and Massachusetts, will yote for the bill. The speakers before the recess today were Messes, Fowler, of New Jersey; Lacey, of Iowa: Cushman, of Washington; Hamilton, of Michigan, and Burton, of Ohlo, Republicans, for the bill, and Brundage, of Arkansas; Wheeler, of Kentucky; Benton, of Missouri; Fox, of Mississippii Pierce, of Tennessee; Sulzer, of New York; Cowherd, of Missouri; Otey, of Virginia; Caines, of Texas, Democrats, and Mr. Bell, of Colorado, Populist, against it.

The house adopted a resolution for a holiday recess from Wednesday, Dec. 20, to Wednesday, Jan. 3, Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, asked that the house adjourn over tomorrow to give the members an opportunity to participate in the Washington memorial exercises, but Mr. Payne, the majority leader, objected. He said if George Washington were alive he thought he would be in favor of the touse proceeding with the transaction of its business.

Mr. Lacey (Iowa), in supporting the currency bill, said he was astounded to hear the gentleman from Missour! (Mr. Dearmond) declare that the Rethe purchase of Democratic votes,

McKinley could have won without the recalcitrant gold Democrats?" asked Mr. Berry (Ky.).

"We won, perhaps, with the aid of those whom the gentleman denominates recalcitrant Democrats," replied Mr. Lacey. "But they were not bought or scared. No more honorable body of men ever stood up to be counted than the gold Democrats of 1896." Proceeding, Mr. Lacey said the Democratic gains in the present house came from New England, New York, New Jersey and Maryland, where the Chicago platform had been trampled under foot, "Not in New Jersey," interposed Mr. Daly (Dem., N. J.).

"Perhaps not there, but certainly in other states,"

Mr. Benton (Mo.) said he stood with the Democrats and Populist parties in never-ending opposition to extending the powers of national banks. Mr. Fox (Miss.) argued that the

enactment of the pending bill would increase the value of all obligations, public and private.

Grover Cleveland Denounced.

Mr. Pierce (Tenn.) said that although an advoate of free silver at 16 to 1, he would not see that the free coinage of silver was involved in the provisions of the pending measure. It simply proposed to continue the exist ing conditions. He read from a speech of Mr. McKinley when a candidate in '96 declaring that there was no purpose to withdraw the greenbacks from circulation and then challenged the other side to deny that the pending bill would in effect impound and retire the greenbacks. In the course of his remarks he denominated Grover Cleveland the arch enemy of sliver and of the Democratic party, "He perverted the principles of his party," said Mr. Pierce, "and prostituted men high in its coun-

The Democrats greeted this utterance with applause. Mr. Burton (Ohio) in support of the bill declared that the adoption of the gold standard by the progressive nations of the earth was inevitable. That was the logic of

events. Mr. Hamilton(Mich.) said that the argument in favor of the pending bill was an argument after the fact. The people in 1896 had returned a verdict against the legislation of value in a dollar and in favor of the dollar that could cross the ocean without shrinking when it came in contact with salt

water. Mr. Cushman (Wash.,) said that in view of the pending bill he would voice the sentiment of his people. He was for the gold standard. Remembering the promises and prophecies of the Democrats in 1892 and 1896 if he were a Democrat, he said, he would be keeping still in six different languages Lince the inauguration of Mr. McKin ley he said everything, commodities labor, humanity and the flag, had risen. except the Democratic party. It had been steadily going down hill (Laughand applause).

Mr. Sulzer (New York) in opposing the bill protested vigorously against the haste with which it had been considered. He said he favored sound money, hard money, gold and silver, and declared that it was dishonest to change the contracts made by the government with the bondholders by substituting "gold" for "coin."

He announced himself unequivocally at Dannemora prison.

for the Chicago platform, which, he said, was the best platform ever adopted by the Democratic party (Demo cratic applause). The bill, Mr. Sulzer said, would create a national bank trust.

Mr. Cowherd (Mo.,) argued that the bill would inevitably result in the sale of millions of bonds to secure gold. After some further remarks against the bill by Mr. Otey (Va.,) and Mr. Gaines (Ten.,) Mr. Hill (Conn.,) concluded the day's debate with an claborate argument in favor of the gold

Washington, Dec, 13.-At the night session the feature was a characteristic speech by Mr. Linneu (Rep., N. C.), the only Republican who voted for the Teller resolution in the Fifty-fourth congress, in explanation of his change of position in favor of the gold standard. The gold standard had stood the RECESS test of experience, he claimed, and had proved itself the ideal standard. The other speakers were Messrs. Robinson (Dem., Ind.), Kleburg (Dem., Tex.), Roxey (Dem., Va.), Cooney (Dem., Mo.), Zenore (Dem., Ind), Kitchen (Dem., N. C.), and Henry (Dem., Tex.), all against the bill. At 10.30 the house adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

CAUCUS OF SENATORS.

Republicans Will Meet to Receive Report of Their Committee.

Washington, Dec. 13.-The Republican senators will hold a caucus at 11 g'clock tomerrow to receive the report of their committee appointed at the last caucus to make new committee assignments. The committee will also report the creation of four new committees and that they have made a new arrangement with the Democratic committee for increased representation upon the thirteen principal senate The four new committees, with their chairman, are,

islands (except the Philippines), Sen-Cuba, Senator Platt, of Connecticut; Foster.

ommittee will be filled by the appoint- | nine wounded, ment of Senators Spooner and Hansbrough, Republicans. Senator Wol- the enemy were killed and that many committee on foreign relations. Sen-captured 100 prisoners, 200 rifles, sevators Bacon and Morey having been cannon, a quantity of provisions the instance of the Democrats. Two ber of Spanish prisoners. The latter more Republican senators go on the report that some American officers and on the committee on appropriation go Tarcova, where, they add. General Tinto Senators Carter, Warren and Wet- to, who is severely wounded, had ar-The committee announcements rived. will be made at temorrow's session of the navy co-operated successfully the senate unless the Democrats ask with the army efforts on the west coast. a postponement as the appointment of Senator Allen, of Nebraska, necessitates a recasting of their assignments.

WASHINGTON TO CELEBRATE.

Elaborate Preparations for Observance of Washington Day.

Washington, Dec. 13.-Elaborate prepa ations have been made for the celebra tion of the certennial anniversary of the death of George Washington. Many vis-itors from a distance, especially among the Masonic fraternity, have arrived in the city to participate in the ceremonies. Cour separate and distinct events have been planned for this locality. The Ma-sons and the Red Men will conduct solomn exercises separately at Mt. Vernon. The Masonic services at Mt. Vernon will theld at noon at the mansion where resident McKinley is expected to deliver in address. Two wreaths are to be placed on the tomb, one coming from the Earl of Londesborough, past grand senior warien of Masons in England, and the other of evergreen from the vicinity of the home of John Washington in England. The Red Men's exercise will take place in the afternoon. At night the latter or-ganization will have a large meeting at onvention hall, where a large number of ddresses are to be made and an oration will be delivered by Schator Depew.

The local patriotic societies will com-ine in religious service in the Church of the Epiphany at 4 o'clock where the ora-tion will be delivered by Hon. David J. Hill, assistant secretary of state. An apropriate celebration will occur in Lafayette square opera house at night under the auspices of the George Washington

Tonight the grand lodge of Masons of Virginia had a celebration and banquet at Alexandria, Va., which was largely attended.

BASE BALL BUSINESS. Affairs of the League Are Discussed.

New York, Dec. 13.-The meeting of the National League of Professional Base Ball clubs was centinued today, and the league representatives will probably be in session until Saturday. Innumerable perplexing questions have come up for solution, and even after the close of the six hours' session today it was officially announced that nothing had been done, The Wrigley matter, however, came up before the board of directors, Messrs. Brush, Hart, Rollson, Reach, Soden Wagner and Young, and it was learned from what seemed to be an authoritative source that it is the intention of the board to impose a fine of \$1,500 on the Brooklyn-Baltimore syndicate. In the course of the investigation today into the Wrigley matter President P. T. Powers, of the Eastern learne; Fred Knowles, representing the New York club; John M. Ward, counsel for the Syracuse club, and Charles Ebetts, President of the Brooklyn club, were summoned before

As the board of directors is practically the same as the board of arbitration, which yesterday decided against the pro-test of the Syracuse club regarding the taking of Wrigley by the New York club t was presumed that the action of the board of directors, which is final, would be similar to that taken by the board of arbitration. The only question that re-mained in doubt was as to a fine, and although no official strtement was given out that a fine had been imposed, it is

believed that that action was taken. Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 13.-Among nomina-tions sent to the senate today from the president were these Pennsylvania post-masters: Robert S. Bowman, Berwick; Samuel G. Wilson, Bridgeport; William H. Logan, Clifton Heights; George D. Leonard, Newberry; Lotta J. Kintner,

Shaw Sentenced for Life.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Irving Shaw, 14 years old, of Providence, Saratoga county, was today convicted of murder-ing his playmate, Jesse Blanche, at Providence, last October. Justice Stover sen-tenced young Shaw to life imprisonment

AGUINALDO'S **EXPERIENCE**

REBEL CHIEF A FUGITIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Without a Command-His Bodyguard Destroyed-Gen. Del Pilar Killed and Gen. Concepcion a Prisoner. Gen. Tino Wounded and Fleeing Before Lieut. Col. Howze-American Prisoners Rescued.

Manila, Dec. 13.-General Young reports the rescue of Bruce, of the Nevada regiment, and Edwards, of the gunboat Yorktown, who had been held prisoners by the Filipinos. General Tino, who is carrying other American prisoners north, is being pursued hot-Aguinaldo is a fugitiv / in the mountains, his bodyguard laving been destroyed and Gregorio del Pilar killed. General Concepcion has surrendered,

The Lepanto province has been cleared of insurgents. The navy cooperated with the army on the west coast. Two thousand eight hundred released Spanish prisoners are coming to Manila Lieutenant Colonel Howge's reports

show definitely that General Tino is conveying American prisoners north, Bruce, of the First Nevada, and Edwards, of the Yorktown, were rescued near La Paz. Howze is rapidly pursuing Tino with Penn's battallon of the Thirty-third infantry.

Major March, probably from Abra province, reports the destruction of Aguinaldo's bodyguard and the killing of General Gregorio del Pilar. General Concepcion and his staff surrendered to On the Philippine Islands, Senater Major March, who liberated and sent Lodge: on Porto Rico and the Pacific to the coast 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 friars.

ator Foraker; on our relations with Reports from Lepanto province show has been cleared of insurgents. on coast and insular survey, Senator | Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains, without a command. The two vacancies on the finance March's loss was two men killed and

The latest reports show that fifty of cott will fill the vacant place on the were wounded. The Americans also already appointed to this committee at and some money and released a numcommittee on judiciary, Fairbanks and several men who had been taken pris-Simon. Three of the four vacancies, oners were conveyed from Lacag to

The navy co-operated successfully In the advices transmitted by General Young, the dates and localities are indefinite.

Released Spaniards to the number of 2,200, including General Pena are awaiting transportation at Lacag to Vigan. General Otis' Report.

Washington Dec. 13 .- General Otis reported some stirring news from Manila today. His advices show, that the insurgents are, as he predicted a few days ago, at the end of their resources from a military point of view. and are giving way at all points before the rapid advance of the American troops. General Otis's mergages were

"Manila. Dec. 13.-Fifty men of the navy and fifty men of the army, transported by the navy, took Laog, on the 10th inst. Young, with staff, followed next day. He reports Howze with Penn's battallon of the Thirty-fourth. followed by a portion of the Thirtythird infantry passed north to Piding, east of Laog. March's battalion of the Thirty-fourth was at Cayan, province of Lepanto, on the 7th inst. Third cavalry was along the coast and in the mountains pursuing the enemy. Young states his extreme northern force passed over the mountains, driving the insurgents under General Tiro, who was badly wounded, killing fifty and wounding many. He made large captures of rifles and property with all insurgent transportation, and released all the Spanish prisoners in that section to the number of about 2,000, Our casualties were two wounded. Our troops are still pursuing the remnant of Tino's command. March's battalion of the Thirty-third reports from Cayan, Lepanto province, on the 7th inst., that he had destroyed Aguinaldo's bodyguard; killed General Gregorio Piffir; received the surrender of General Concepcion and staff; killed and wounded fifty-two insurgents, released 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 Friars, and considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded. My information is that Aguinaldo has dis guised his individuality, abandoned his Vice-President Morton and Wife also troops and is hiding in Province of Benguet."

PROHIBITIONISTS MEET.

Date for Next National Convention

Fixed Unon. Chicago, Dec. 12.—The Prohibition na-ional convention will be held in Chicago June 27 next year. This was decided at the meeting today of the national com-mittee at which twenty-six national committeemen were present, representing six-

teen states.
The contest was a spirited one only one ballet was taken, the standing, Chi-cago, 14; South Bend, 2; Indianupolis, s; Buffalo, 2; Columbus, 2. It is the plan to hold the convention in the Colliseum now being erected on the site of the old

Libby prison. The resignation of National Chairman Dickie, of Michigan, was accepted by the committee after considerable dis-cussion and O. W. Stewart, of the Illinois state committee elected to the tion. National Secretary W. T. Wardell also tendered his resignation, but the committee refused to accept it.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 13.-Pensions: Increase—Emanuel Boyer, Shamokin, \$8 to \$10; William W. Converse, Wells, Bradford, \$6 to \$8; Urbane Sloat, Kingsley, squehanna, \$6 to \$12. Original widows -Mary A. Boston, Fairmount Springs. Luzerne, \$12.

Bishop of Maine.

Portland, Me., Dec. 13.—Robert Crosson, jr., pastor of St. John's church Boston, was thesen bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Maine at a onvention of the clergy and laity here death of Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely.

STARTED THE FIRE WITH OIL. Tragedy in the Clarke Household, Near DuBois.

DuBois, Pa., Dec. 13.-As a result of using an oil can to start a fire, Mrs. A. J. Clarke, of Walston, is dead, her husband is lying at the point of death at the Adrian hospital, and a little daughter is seriously burned and if she does recover will be scarred for life. The home of the ill-fated family took fire

and was completely destroyed.

Mrs. Clarke entered the kitchen about 2 o'clock this afternoon, having been engaged in housework in another part of the house. The fire in the stove seemed to be out. She got the oil can and commenced to pour oil on some wood she had put in the stove. There was an explosion, which scattered the burning oil over the apartment, setting fire to the room in many different places,

Mrs. Clarke and her little daughter, who was playing around while her mother was busy at work, were both deluged with the burning fluid. The screams of the woman and child brought Mr. Clarke from another part of the house and in his efforts to stamp out the flames that enveloped his wife and child, his clothing caught fire. By the use of water and blank-ets by the crowd of neighbors who had assembled, the flames were extinguished from the persons of the three unfortunates, but not until the wosome places the flesh was completely charred and burned from the bones. She died within two hours. Mr. Clarke and the child were removed to the hospital, and although the condition of both is considered dangerous, the doctors have hopes of the recovery of the child.

WIFE'S NAME DRAGGED IN. Proceedings in the Molineux Trial Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 13 .- In the trial of Reland B. Melineux, charged with the murder of Mrs. Entherine J. Adams, direct examination of handwritexpert, William J. Kinsley, was oncluded. The proceedings were enlivened by the appearance as a witness of Robert Stephen Holt, a flour merchant. It was during the examination of this witness that the name of the wife of Molineux was dragged the trial for the first time. Holt had testified that the late Hency C. Barnet, who died at the Knickerbocker Athletic club about a year ago, was also connected with the firm of Holt & Co., had identified certain letters as being in the handwriting of the deceased, and upon cross-examination by Mr. Weeks, had testified that a lady from out of town had called upon him at his Lexington avenue residence some time in November. The object of this particular line of crossquestioning evidently purpled Assistant District Attorney Osborne, for he examine the witness about Mrs. Molinoux. known her when she was Dianche ruptly influence a petit juror. Chesbrough: that he had met her sevletic club. In reply to Mr. Osborne's questions the witness testified that on | allegieg an overt act on the part of one occasion he had been in Barnet's the defendants in an attempt to bribe room at the club when Miss Chesbrough was there. The witness Barnet. Miss Chesbrough and another we- Oct. 4. Fairbanks went to Hummelsman had been attending an entertainment at the club and had visited Barnet's rooms. Barnet and Miss any juryman who would vote for ac-Chesbrough remained in the rooms slone together. The witness remembered that there was part of a bottle of champagne on the table when he

DEATH OF MAJOR LOGAN.

Report That He Was Killed by His Frayer. Own Men Unfounded.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Colonel Long. the quartermaster in charge of army transportation at San Francisco, who was instructed recently by Quartermaster General Ludington to investigate the report published in certain newspapers that Major John A. Logan, U. S. V., had been killed by his own soldiers as an act of revenge, says that Koppitz, the freight clerk who was alleged to have been responsible for the allegations, denies officially and positively that he made any such statement to a newspaper representative or to any other person.

Captain Couling can find no one the ship," adds Colonel Long, "who made such remarks, and is satisfied that, if made, they were by some irresponsible party."

ELLEN TERRY IN A FIRE.

in the Burned Hotel.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.-A slight fire created great excitement at the Hotel Walton early today. Hundreds guests were aroused from their beds and almost a panic ensued. Among the distinguished guests in the hotel at the time were Ellen Terry and former Vice-President Morton and wife,

The blaze was caused by a defective electric light wire in the kitchen. The smoke ascending to the upper floors, awakened most of the sleeping guests and haif-clad men and women ran wildly about calling for assistance. were soon on the ground floor, and in a short time the flames were extin-

SUIT AGAINST THE ERIE.

The loss is trifling.

Mrs. Anna Leippe Seeks to Recover \$20,000 Damages.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Honesdale, Dec. 13 .- A jury was empannelled on Saturday and held over for court this week before which to try the case of Mrs. Anna Leippe vs the Eric Railroad company. Leippe brought suit to recover damages for the death of her husband, who met his death while in the discharge of his duties as brakeman on an Eric freight train. While at Loidville some disarrangement for a car brake caused him to fall between the

cars and he was killed. The accident happened in May last Mrs. Leippe was left a widow with four children, the oldest being Il years of age. The suit was brought for \$20,000. is terrific.

WRECK ON THE JERSEY CENTRAL

FOUR OF THE TRAINMEN ARE KILED.

Passenger Train No. 18 Runs Into the Rear End of an Extra Coal Train Near Allentown-Passengers Severely Shaken Up, but None Are Seriously Injured.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 13,-Passenger train No. 18 on the Jersey Central railroad, eastbound, due here at 8.57, this evening ran into the hind end of extra coal train No. 426, also eastbound, opposite Laury's, between Siegfried and Trechler's. Engineer Fred Yeomans. Fireman William H. Smith and Baggagemaster Thomas Herth, of the passenger train, and Flagman George Hann, of the coal train, were buried under the wreck and killed. The bodies have not yet been recovered. The All Lines Remain Strong Except wreck caught fire and engine No. 574, smoker and baggage cars of the passenger train were burned. The day coach escaped the flames. The passengers were severely shaken up, but none were seriously injured. The coal train dropped Flagman Hann at Trechlers. There he was picked up by the passenger engine on which he rode when killed.

A wreck train and crew and hospital car were summoned from Mauch Chunk, also doctors from Siegfried and Trechiers. Yeomans was 55 years old and leaves a wife and three children: Smith, aged 40 years; Hann, aged 24 years, married, from Bergen, N. J. Brakeman John Graham and George injured.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED.

The Alleged Jury Bribers of Lan-

caster Must Stand Trial. Philadelphia, Dec. 12 -The federal grand jury today returned true bills of indictment in the case of Thomas O'Dea and Harry J. Fairbanks, charg- past ten days. ed with attempting to corruptly inflaence the jury before which ex-United States District Attorney Ellery P. Ingham and ex-Assistant United States District Attorney Harvey K. Newitt were tried for conspiracy in attempting to bribe a secret service operative in connection with the revenue stamp counterfeiting case. Two bills are returned against Fair-

banks, one charging hir, with corruptimmediately seized the opportunity to ly endeavoring to influence the due administration of justice, the other Mr. Holt said that he had charging him with conspiracy to cor-Indictment charges him with conspiracy. In the

> jurors. The second count states that town, and informed Charles Hollar, another juror, that there was money for

second bill there are four counts, each

quittal. Among the wlinesses examined were: Hotelkeepers from Reading, Hummelstown and Millerstown; they included City Soliciter William J. Rourke, of ding: Frank Messer, a hotel clerk. Mahlon J. Seidle, traveling salesman W. A. Whitman, a Reading council-Irving J. Lerch. and B. A.

DYNAMO EXPLODES.

Five Men at East Pittsburg Are Badly Injured.

Homestead, Pa., Dec. 13.-Five men vere injured in East Pittsburg today at the works of the Westinghouse Electrical and Machine work. A new dynamo in the machinists' room had just been completed and was being tested. Many of the workmen were standing near watching the workings of the dynamo. It was being run at a very high rate of speed, when sud-

results. Those hurt are: Robert Coyle, general foreman, suffered a compound fracture of the skull; James Baird, cut by flying pieces of steel about the body and his right hand was fractured; J. H. Hartman, of East Pittsburg, cut about the body and groin, not dangerous; Ross Me-Atcer, cut on the shoulder with a piece of metal, not serious, William Bonner, of East Pittsburg, cut about the head and face.

GEN. WOOD SUPREME IN CUBA. The Major General Appointed Governor of the Island.

Washington, Dec. 13 .- By direction of the president, Major General Leonard Wood, United States volunteers, was today assigned to the command of the division of Cuba, relieving Major General John R. Brooke, United States army. Major General Wood will, in addition to his duties as division commander, exercise the authority of military governor of the island.

On completion of the transfer of the command, Major General Brooke is ordered to return to Washington and report to the adjutant general of the In relieving Major General Brooke

the president says he desires to express his high appreciation of the faithful and efficient service rendered by that officer as military governor of Cuba,

Ministerial Crisis Imminent.

Madrid, Dec. 12.-The chamber of deprties today by a vote of 110 against 100 ejected a motion demanding the abolition the under secretaryship of the bays and of other posts at the ministry marine. Owing to the closeness of vote a ministerial crisis is believed to be

Poers Shelling Ladysmith.

Frere Camp. Natal. Dec. 14.-The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indicatious Today:

FAIR: COLDER.

General-Methuen Receives a Setback at Monder.
Currency Talk in the House.
Aguinaldo a Fugitive in the Mountains.
Four Trainmen Killed on the Jersey Central.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. 2 Financial and Commercial.

3 Local-Jermyn Man's Rich Strike in Klondike. Newspaper of Nome, Alaska.

Editorial. News and Comment.

Local-Carbandale Murder Case on Trolley Company Will Help Build Matter of Police Fines.

6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.

7 Round About the County. 8 Local-Live Industrial News. General Court Proceedings.

THE IRON TRADE.

Sheets. Pittsburg, Dec. 13.-The American Manufacturer and Iron World will say

tomorrow The dull season that has the iron and steel branches of trade in its grasp affords plenty of leisure for both sides of the business to do some thinking. All lines remain strong except sheets, which have been dull for some weeks, but there is a spark of life re-maining in the sheet men, for they now predict a resumption of demand at considerably higher prices next month. There are some grounds for their prediction, since the cost of sheet bars is not likely to fall below \$36 for the next year under the most favorable conditions, and the cost of spelter is moving along in the right way for the galvanized division of the trade. Sheet bars for immediate delivery are diffi-Shipto, of the coal train, are reported | cult to get at \$38 and it may happen that \$38 will be the cost for much of next year. Billets for late delivery next year are quoted at \$35, which would bring the cost of sheet bars in the normal ratio to about \$37 as things go. Pig iron of all grades is firm, but little is moving, principally because there is so little iron left to be handled. The southern iron market has been dull as far as sales are concerned the

A little spurt in export iron has manifested itself, an order for 2,000 tons being booked. It now seems more than probable that the year will have gone by with but two or three additional furnaces in blast in Alabama, and this in spite of extraordinary effort to bring abandoned stacks into operation again. Trussville and Hattie Ensley furnace at Sheffield are ready for the terch and it may be anbilt furnace at Birmingham will have increase of 256,000 tons over last year, but, outside of a small increase in protons, the increase will appear to have | forced to retire with heavy loss. been gathered from accumulated stocks in the furnace and warrant yards. There is no break in the quiet which has overhung the Chicago marsome important improvements at the Bayview plant, Milwaukee, Wis. The changes contemplate the erection of new furnaces, roller mill and converters at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000.

ORDER IS HELD UP.

Mayor Moir Refuses to Approve of

Thomas V. Lewis' Appointment. Mayor James Moir yesterday refused to approve of an order for the pay-ment of the salary of Thomas V. Lewis. lately appointed assistant sanitary offier of the board of health and who has been acting in that capacity for over a month past.

The mayor bases his stand on that portion of the act of assembly of 1887 which defines the powers of the board of health and which is construed to mean that in cases of the appointment of all extra sanitary agents appointments must be made with the consent of councils to become valid. Mr. denly the thing flew apart with bad Lewis' appointment has not been confirmed by councils, hence the position of the mayor.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

rested.

New York, Dec. 13,-Warrants were ssued tonight by Coroner Yates, at Paterson, N. J., for the arrest of Goula W. Capwell, the conductor, and William Snedeker, the rear brakeman of Buffalo express, which was in collision with an accommodation train on the Dolaware, Luckuwanna and Western road on Nov. 29. The warrants are based upon the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Jury in Reading Fire.

Reading, Dec. 15,-Coroner Rothermel and jury occupied all of today in inves-tgating the Noble & Hurst fire in which Louise Clay lost her life and sixty others were injured. The jury tonight rendered that Lord Methuen's forces amounted a verdict that notwithstanding the firm f Noble & Hurst complied with the re-ofrements of the law, such factories thould have more efficient means of escape in case of fire, and where explosive are used such explosives and the maery devoted to their operation should be kept in a separate building.

Two Men Hanged.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 15.-Jim Codding and Wash Powell were hanged here today for the murder of a country storekeeper amed Vickers about two months ago nanging was strictly private. Mr. Vick ers was well known in the community. The negroes threw the body in a well and t was some days before it was discov-

Lost \$17,600.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 21,-8. W. Gardner, of Orlando, Fla., lost \$17,000 this morning between Macon and Summerfield while driving in a surrey. Mr. Gardner is wholly at a less to account for the disappearance of the money, all of which was concolled in a small satchel which he car-

METHUEN CHECKED

Battle Between Great Boers and British at Modder.

VERY SERIOUS SETBACK

Fighting Lasted Two Days-Burghers 12,000 Strong-Each Side Held Its Position-British the Aggressors-Suffered Heavy Loss in Effort to Dislodge the Enemy-Compelled to Entrench Themselves. Pretoria's Report of the Fight.

London, Dec. 12.-General Methuen reports from Modder river that he met with a serious check on Monday and suffered great loss. The general's despatch is dated Tuesday, Dec. 12. It is

as follows: "Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long. high kopje from 4 until dusk Sunday It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak, Monday, the south end of the kopic The attack was properly timed, but failed. The Guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer battery, attacked the enemy on the left, and the Guards on the right, supported by field artillery and howitzer battery. They shelled the position, from daybreak and at 1.15 o'clock I sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje for a distance of six miles toward the Modder River. 1, today, am holding position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

March of Highlands.

North of Modder River, Tuesday, Dec. 12.-Farly vesterday evening the Guards and the Highland brigade moved from the Modder River camp, marching in the night, in a westerly direction. The objective of the High landers was the eastern spur of the Eoer position. The Guards followed the bank of the river, while the York shire Light infantry moved along the riverside. Just before daybreak the plied any day. These and the Vander- Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boor entrenchments, at the foot been the only additional furnaces, of the hill. Not suspecting that the Shipments for the year will show an Boers were in the vicinity, the British were still marching in quarte in close order, when they met a terriduction, which last year was 1,033,000 ble fire from the flanks and were

The troops reformed under the shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later, the Gordons arrived and the troops gradually kets, though a better inquiry for bars worked their way forward until they and some other products is noted. The were within 200 yards of the Boer po-Illinois Steel company will soon begin sition. They displayed the greatest gallantry. In the meanwhile, a navel gun at the Modder River, the howitzer batteries and the Horse artiflery opened a terrific fire, enfilading the trenches and searching every portion of the Boer position, The Boer guns were entirely silent. The Ecers, on the open ground directly in front, moved with the object of making a flank at-

the guards and artillery. The Boers recommenced shelling in the evening, but no damage was done The British slept on their position. It is expected that there will be a renewal of the fighting temperow. The losses on both sides were very heavy.

Beer Report of the Fight. Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 11.-An official report says: "A battle at Modder river was begun yesterday with cannon fiving. Heavy fighting proceeded from 2.39 o'clock in the morning until 9.30 o'clock with cannon, maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4.30 o'clock, and the fighting still continues. A balloon has just arisen above the British positions, where it remained ten minutes, and descended. There were

heavy rains during the night." At 9 o'clock this morning a further Lackawanna Trainmen Will Be Ar- report was received from Modder river. A dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained, and that forty-one British prisoners had been taken. At 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had been abated somewhat. The Bullish are constantly using their

balloon. The fighting was still going Kimberley is still quiet.

More Reverses. London, Dec. 14.-4.45 a, m.-Each important battle seems to bring a worse reverse for the British, and the papers this morning serrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to H.000 men and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 12.—Arrived: South-work, from Antwerp, Sailed: Oceanic, for Liverpool; St. Louis, for Southamp-ton; Friesland, for Autwerp, Cleared: La Gascogne, for Havie, Amsterdam-Arrived: Werkeneum, from New York, Southampton—Arrived: St. Paul, from New York, Cherbourg—Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm, Der Grosse, from Bremen and Wilhelm Der Grosse, from Bremen and Southampton for Nev. York.

. WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 13.-Forecast or Thursday and Friday: For generally fair Thursday; probably followed by rain or snow Thursday or Friday; fresh northerly