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RELIEF FOR LADYSMITH

Rumor That Buller and Clery Are on the Scene.

BOERS CAPTURED

Favorable Impressions on the Stock Exchange in London-Sixth Division Mobilized-Boer Picket Line Encountered-Effect of the Lyddite | snow in the northern plateau. Shells.

London, Dec. 14 -- A special dispatch from Pletermaritzburg, Natal, was it was reported that General Buller and General Clery had entered Ladysmith and had captured ten thousand

On the stock exchange this afternoon the price of Rand Mine shares sudthe price of Rand Mine shares sud-denly jumped up \$1 on report that or of the general high pressure in the inter-denly jumped up \$1 on report that General Clery had entered Ladysmith | tinuance of the cold weather through- gia; Lanham, Texas; Sibley, Pennsyland that General Buller had captured

The British War Office has heard nothing officially of the alleged relief of Ladysmith. The officials do not credit the report. They believe that the relief of the town at such an early date is practically impossible.

London, Dec. 14.-A special dispatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monday, December II, says that the Ladysmith garrison had made a fresh to brisk. sertic and destroyed the Modder spruit bridge

London, Dec. 14.-The war office this

"The sixth division has been mobilized and four battalions of this division will have embarked by Sunday. "The government has also approved

of the immediate mobilization of the Modder River, Tuesday, Dec. 12 --

While the guards were advancing on the plain, which the Poers were shelling from the adjoining ridges, they encountered and cut up a strong Boer observance. All members of the picket prisoners.

London, Dec. 15.-The war office has received the following despatch from General Forestier-Walker at Cape

Dec. 13, reporting a skirmish at 4 o'elock in the morning with 1,800 Boers who vere advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmishing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, seven wounded, including one officer, and two missing.

MANY BOERS KILLED.

Prisoners Say Methuen's Lyddite Shells Wrought Terrible Havoc.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Tuesday, Dec. 12.-Details gathered here by a representative of the Associated Press among the wounded British and Boers give some idea of the desperate naturof the fight at Magersfontein. The Highlanders did all that the most gallant troops in the world could do, but it was impossible to face the terrible fire of the Boers. The British artillery again saved the situation and divides the honors of the day with the Scotchmen. The batteries worked for hours under a galling rifle fire.

According to the Boer stories, it was impossible for the burghers to have escaped fearful loss. One Boer prisoner said a single lyddite shell killed or wounded more than seventy Boers, and that two other shells burst over two bodies of Boers esconced behind the hill and did fearful damage. All agree that the Boers fought throughout with the utmost gallantry. Their sharpshooters seldom missed their mark.

A Seaforth Illghlander says that while he was lying wounded on the field he saw a Boer, of typical German appearance, faultlessly dressed, with polished top-boots, a shirt with silk ruffles, and a cigar in his mouth, walking among the ant-hills, picking off the British. This Roer was quite alone and it was apparent from his frequent use of field glasses that he was singling out officers.

Another wounded Boer says that a lyddite shell, fired on Sunday, fell in the middle of an open-air prayer meet ing, held to offer supplications for the cess of the Boer arms

All the wounded are full of praise for the treatment they received from the

CENTRAL STOCK INCREASES.

Stockholders Will Meet on December 28.

Albany, N. Y., Dc. 14.-The stockholders of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company voted at a meeting in this city today to increase the capital stock of the company from \$100,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares

of the par value of \$100 each, to \$115,-600,000 divided into 1,150,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The stockholders will hold another meeting in this city Dec. 28 to pass upon the lease of the Boston and Albany. It is not expected that there will be any opposition to the ratification of the lease.

TYPICAL WINTER.

Prevails Except in the Atlantic and East Gulf States.

Washington, Dec. 14.-Typical winter weather prevails tonight except in the Atlantic and East Gulf states, and marked high pressure and low temperatures are general, except in the upper Ohio valley and lower lake region, which are covered by a storm that has moved rapidly northeastward from the west gulf coast since Thursday morn-

A temperature of 20 degrees below was recorded at Valentine, Neb. Thursday morning and freezing weather extended into Central Texas. There have been general, though mostly light snows in the upper Mississippi valley and lake region, and rains south of the Ohio river and the west gulf states. There were also light showers in the extreme northwest.

A marked depression is central off the north Pacific coast and there have been general rains on the coast as farsouth as central California and also

It will be much colder Friday in the with heavy frost in Northern Florida Friday night and light frost in Central Florida. It will also be colder Friday | in the upper Ohio Valley, Middle Atpublished in the city today in which lantic states and New England, except in Maine. The storm on the North Pacific coast will doubtless move eastward, but with diminished intensity on marked high area in the British North-

This high area, in connection with out the country for several days. It vania; Burke, Texas; Terry, Arkansas; states, followed by clearing weather; rain in the Middle Atlantic and South New England states will turn into snow and be followed by fair weather Saturday. In Northern New England it will snow Friday and be generally fair Saturday. Snow is also indicated Friday in the extreme northwest, probably extending Saturday through Eastern Colorado and Kansas. On the Atlantic coast easterly winds will shift to westerly Friday night, becoming

MOLINEUX TRIAL.

morning made the following announce- Devoted to the Testimony of William J. Kinsley-Witness Insists That a Man Could Not Throw Off His Individuality.

New York, Dec. 14.-Today's pro-

cedings in the trial of Roland B.

Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams were largely devoted to a hearing of the testimony of William J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert. The cross-examination of the expert by Mr. Weeks for the defense commenced in a unique way. Mr. this Mr. Sibley assented, but said he Weeks asked Mr. Kinsley if he had had not availed himself of the proffer. picket posted on a hill for purposes of given all of the reasons why the "Bar- as he did not desire to embarrass the George Camby, the grandson of Betsy net" and "Cornish" letters, the ad- gentlemen who had tendered it. mitted handwriting specimens of the defendant and the poison package address must have been written by one individual. The expert replied in the negative. Mr. Weeks asked what the additional reasons were and the handwriting expert proceeded to enlarge upon the subject. Mr. Weeks suddenly changed his mind as the expert commenced to discuss new features of the peculiarities of the poison package address, and attempted to shift the line of questioning by calling attention to the fact that the witness had forgotten some of the points after studying the case for nearly a year at the rate of \$25 per day.

Mr. Kinsley, in answer to interrogatories by Mr. Weeks, insisted that e man could not throw off his individuality in his handwriting at will; that a handwriting expert asked to form conclusions and drew inferences from a single sample letter of the alphabet taken from out of one word could do nothing it being impossible to form conclusions on the character-

istics of one letter. So many hypothetical questions were seked by Mr. Weeks that Assistant District Attorney Osborne objected, saying that he thought it was going into the realms of psychology, but Recorder Goff overruled the objection, adding with a smile that the subject under discussion was not psychology,

but metaphysics. It is thought that when the crossexamination of Mr. Kinsley by Mr. Weeks is completed the next step taken by the state will be the introduction of medical testimony for the purpose of proving that the poison from the bromo-seltzer bottle in reality caused the death of Mrs. Adoms.

IOWA COAL MIMERS STRIKE. Mines in the Webster County Dis-

trict Tied Up.

Des Moines, Dec. 14 .- All the big coal nines in Webster county are reported be tied up by the strike of about 0 men at Kalo, Coalville, Lehigh and Carbon. The men went out because of the refusal of the companies to grant advances of wages, which the men thought just in view of the advancing prices of coal. The Boone county district, immedi-

tely adjoining Webster county, is likely to be drawn into the trouble.

HACKED HER AUNT TO PIECES.

Brutal Murderess Gets Twenty Years for Her Crime. medical department on the battlefield,

Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 14.-Judge Sanlerson today sentenced Elizabeth Bear, aged forty-five years, for the murder, it Kiskaton, on Oct. 6, of her aunt, Kate Wolven, a paralytic, aged eightythree years, to twenty years at hard labor in the woman's prison at Auburn. The aged woman was literally hacked to pieces with a butcher knife.

Pettigrew Resolution Tabled.

Washington, Dec. H.-The senate today by a decisive vote and practically with-out division laid on the table the Petti-grew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States officers had recog-sized the Filipino insurgents' flag, and had turned over Spanish soldlers to the neurgenta It agreed to the house Christmas recess resolution and agreed to meet tomorrow to receive reports on composition of its committees for this congress.

HOUSE DEBATE ON THE CURRENCY

THE ENGAGEMENT IS TAME AND PROSAIC.

Mr. Sibley Surprises His Friends by the Anouncement That He Will Vote Against the Curency Bill. Joint Resolutions Introduced by Representative Williams-The Intention and Purpose to Recognize the Independence of the Filipinos. The Night Session.

Washington, Dec. 14 .- The debate on the currency bill in the house today was tame and prosaic. The attendance both in the galleries and on the floor was light, and none of the speeches made attracted especial attention. Mr. Sibley (Dem., Penna,), who had pub-South Atlantic and east gulf states, liely announced his change of views on the money question and who it was thought might vote for the bill, stated that he would vote against it.

Mr. Thayer, a Massachusetts Democrat, was the only member of the onposition who made a speech for the bill today.

The other speakers today were account of the close proximity of a Messrs, Crumpacher, Indiana; Lovering, Massachusetts: Olmstead, Pennsylvania; McClery, Minnesota; Boutelle, Illinois, and Graft, Illinois, Republicans, in favor of the bill, and Messis, Cox, Tennessee; Lewis, Georwill rain Friday in the South Atlantic Balla, Texas; Gilbert, Kentucky; Smith, Kentucky: Berry, Kentucky; Atwater, North Carolina, and Jett, Illinois, Democrats, against it.

> Mr. Olmstead (Penna.) spoke in favor When Mr. Sibley (Penna,) arose to speak at the close of Mr. Olmstead's remarks, much interest was manifested, owing to the report that he had changed his views upon the silver question. Mr. Sibley, however, disappointed his audience. He had only risen to say that he proposed to print his views in the Record. He had been offered time by the Republicans, but as he had spoken against the Republican candidates in twenty-seven states in '96, be did not desire to accept favors at their hands.

On the other hand, he did not desire to embarrass the Democrats by asking for time from them. He would vote against the pending bill, he said, but he did not entirely agree with the views of members upon the minority. He would therefore content himself with

printing his opinions. Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, called Mr. Sibley to witness that he had been offered thirty-five minutes within which to present his views. To

Resolutions Offered.

Two joint resolutions were introduced in the house today by Representative Williams, of Missouri, which are result of a consultation among number of Democratic leaders in the house and are understood to be expressive of their general position on the Philippines. The first resolution declares the intention and purpose to recognize the independence of the Filipinos and withdraw our land and sea forces provided the independent government agrees to refund the \$20,000. 000 paid by the United States to Spain: give a suitable naval and coaling station and grant in perpetuity freaccess to their ports. Another section pledges our friendship and assistance and also pledges against foreign interference or aggression for ten years. during which time the foreign affairs of the islands are to be under Ameri-

can control. The other resolution asks for information relative to the conclusion of a treaty with the sultan of Jolo and provides for an inquiry by the judiciary committee as to whether the constitutional provisions against slavery and the statutory act against polygamy ap-

ply to the Sulu people. Mr. Jones (Wash.,) introduced a bill to extend the Homestead law to the Philippines, so that the soldiers serving in the wars with Spain or the Philippines shall have the benefit of Homestead settlement in the Philip-

nines. members made speeches: Messrs. H. C. Smith (Rep., Ill.,) and Gibson (Rep., Tenn.,) in favor of the bill and Messrs. Sheppard (Dem., Tex.,) Shackleford (Dem., Mo.,) W. E. Wilson (Dem., III..) Burnett (Dem., Ala.,) Allen, (Dem., Ky.,) McLay (Dem., Miss.,) Ridgely (Pop., Kan.,) Breazeale (Dem., Ark.,) Talbert (Dem., S. C.,) Stokes (Dem., S. C.,) against the bill. At 10.15 the house adjourned until temerrow.

GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Thirty-Two Entries on the Northfield Links at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 14 .- Thirtytwo entries started in the opening events of the Atlantic City Country club golf tournament on the Northfield links today. The air was clear and the weather conditions excellent or good playing. The play was at thirty-six holes. The games today were to qualify the entries for the events tomorrow and Saturday, the eight leading scores to make a test for first prize, the Atlantic City cup, the principal event on the card Those who qualified for this event are as follows:

W. H. Davis, Lakewood... 91 M. Hamilton,Lakewood 89 S. Dougias, Fairview... 92 H. M. Forest, Phila. Jasper Lynch, Lakewood., 99

F. H. Dohlen, Phila. 95 E. A. Darby, Atlantic City, 102 Among the players were Finley S Douglass, the ex-amateur champion: Percy Payne, of Princeton, the intercollegiate champion, and Craig M. Hamilton, Baltimore club champion.

Dodson's Execution.

Harrisburg, Dec. 14.-Governor Stone today fixed Jan. 30 for the execution of Samuel Dodson, of Philadelphia.

FIRST LAFAYETTE DOLLAR.

Unique Specimen Coin Authorized by Congress.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-The first Lafayette dollar, the unique specimen authorized by congress in aid of the fund for the erection of the Lafayette monument in Paris, was struck off at the United States mint in this city today. This coin will be presented by the president of the United States to the president of France, Fifty thou-sand of the coins will be struck, and are to be dispo. d at a cost of \$2 aplece. Payment for them must be in the hands of the Lafayette memorial commission not later than tomorrow. The coin is a legal tender dollar, and bears upon its face a double medalion of the heads of Washington and Lafayette and on the reverse a miniature reproduction of the equestrian statue of Lafayette, with the inscription, "In commemoration of monument crected school youths of United States to General Lafayette, Paris, France, 1900," Secretary Gage, on Dec. 8, ordered the purchase of silver builton for the mintage of the Lafayette dollar. specimen coin had been submitted by the secretary of the treasury to the Lafayette memorial commission and upon the recommendation of a special expert committee, composed of Artists Frank Millet and C. A. Cooldige, who pronounce the coin the most artistic ece of work turned out by the United

States mint, was approved This being the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington, it was considered appropriate that the coins should be minted today. The second coin struck off was forwarded to Mrs. McKinley, while the third was given to Mrs. Kate Thyson Hart, of Washington.

AMERICAN FLAG HOUSE.

The Home of Betsy Ross Will Be Preserved.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-At the annual meeting of the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial association. held at the flag house, No. 229 Arch street, today, the treasurer, George Clinton Ratchellor, of New York, anneunced that \$13,231 had been raised in twelve months toward the fund for the purchase and preservation of the house in which Betsy Ross made the first American flag. At present 500,000 names appear upon the roll of honor in the flag house.

As a result of the annual election, Dr. Brooks, superintendent of public schools of Philadelphia, was re-elected president; Dr. Adam H. Fetterolf, president of Cirard college, vice-president; John Quincy Adams, New York, secretary, and George Clinton Batchellor, of the same city, treasurer.

Superintendent John Jasper, of the public schools of Greater New York, and Hon. Asa Bird Gardiner, also of New York, were elected members of the board of directors.

It was announced at the meeting that a history of the flag, prepared by Hoss, will be issued under the seal of ciation by March contain hitherto unpublished data regarding the creation of the flag.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

His Death Anniversary Observed with Appropriate Ceremonies.

Washington, Dec. 14.—George Washington memorial services were held this afternoon at the Church of the Epiphany, under the auspices of the Patriotic societies of the District of Columbia. The church was crowded. The Episcopal form of service was conducted jointly by the Sons of the American Revolution, colonial: ial War. Sons of the Revolution. Daughters of the Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812. The bishop of Washington officiated, as-

Features of the exercises were a of Washington, the singing of Kipling's recessional and an address Assistant Secretary of State David J. Hill, together with the reading of an dress, the service closing with the "Dead March from Saul." Assistant secretary Hill in his address said Washington should be thought of, not as an isolated individual, but in his relations as a leader of his people. In the present colonial emergencies, when this government has broken oppression and scattered anarchy and is now confronted with disposition of the gravest trust it has ever had, when 12,000,000 of people have been swept into our control we should draw lessons. Mr. Hill said, from the magnificent patriotism and skillful statesmanship

of Washington. Tonight the Masonic order supple mented their Mount Vernon ceremonies of today with elaborate exercises at Convention hall, where patriotic music by the Marine band, songs and addresses formed features of an interesting programme. Great Incohonce George E. Green, of New York, predded, and speeches were made by Past Great Incohonee Charles H. Litchman, of Massachusetts, and Great Prophet Robert E. Daniels, of Georgia. Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, was the orator of the evening and was given a hearty reception.

Rev. Henry M. Couder, chaplain of the house of representatives, pronounced the benediction.

METAL WORKERS IMPRISONED. Five Sent to Jail for Interfering with Mon-Union Men.

Chicago, Dec. 14.-For violating an njuuction restraining them from interfering with non-union workmen, members of the United Metal Workers' association have been sent to jail by Judge Jesse Holdom for from four fourteen days.

The injunction which the men violated was issued Nov. 20 and was the cutcome of a strike declared by the United Metal Workers against the Yslow Brothers company, aron manufacturers.

Steamship Arrivals.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Arrived: Steamer Germanic, from New York, Lizard— Passed: La Champagne, New York for

DECISION ON THE LABOR QUESTION

PROCEEDINGS OF AMERICAN FEDERATION AT DETROIT.

The Sun Boycott Approved as a "Magnificent Defense of the Rights of Labor"-Resolution Declaring for the Reduction of the Standing Army to 25,000 Men-The Public Printer Congratulated for Paying Increased Wages.

Detroit, Dec. 14.-Sentiments of the delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention on various pending labor questions were declared today in the adoption of a string of resolutions reported on by committees.

The report of the boycott committee on the New York Sun lockout was the special order. The committee recommended adoption of a resolution offered from the Detroit Trades Council, declaring endorsement of the Sun boycott by the Federation, approving the "magnificent defense of the rights of labor," made by the printers and stereotypers in the matter, and calling upon "all organized workingmen, all lovers of justice and friends of humanity to require of the Sun corporation that it right the wrong it has done to its old employes by returning to the conditions that preceded the strike or lockout of last August." In the event of a refusal of the Sun to comply, the resolutions, "call upon all members of affiliated unions and all who sympathize therewith to refrain

advertises in those newspapers. The report was adopted. A resolution declaring for reduction of the standing army to 25,000 men. was adopted after striking out the first paragraph, which read as follows "Whereas. The tendency of the pres-

from purchasing the Sun and Evening

any person, firm or corporation that

ent administration is to unnecessarily increase the number of men in the standing army, etc." Other resolutions were adopted as follows:

Urging state legislatures to outlaw all kinds of convict labor; against permitting slavery in the Hawalian islands; re-affirming seamen's demands; congratulating F. W. Palmer, public printer, for paying increased wages in his own discretion to printers and bookbinders; favoring same leaves of absence for employes of naval yards and ersenals as for other government employes; appropriating \$500 in aid of 'ramps' ship yard strikers; inviting the letter carriers to affiliate with the Federation, and providing a special organizer for the Pacific coast.

Resolutions were adopted this afternoon to aid in the introduction and recognition of the stamp of the Coopers' union; asking boilermakers, shipbuilders and horseshoers to refrain king upon the product of Troy, N. Y., iron company on account of the company having refused to treat with the Coopers' union; boycotting a Chicago terra cotta making concern contingent representing the organized ndustrial element of the city. They ncluded Warren C, Browne, of the American Workmen: James P. Farrell and Charles J. Dunbar, both ex-presidents of Typographical union, No. 6, and E. H. Edwards. They went act

ively at work on committeemen. They said that next May the print ers will hold an exposition in New York city of the typographical art, which will be the finest ever given, and that if the convention is held in New York in early June the exposition will be continued until after it adjourns. The exposition they said, would be greatly benefited by the large gathering of strangers who would attend the convention, and sisted by the rector of the church and | the selection of New York as the convention city at this time would be a tribute to the members of the allied special thanksgiving commemorative printing trades and to industrial work-

AGAINST GLASS BLOWERS.

extract from Washington's farewell ad- Important Decision Rendered by Vice-Chancellor Reed.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 14.-An important decision was rendered by Vice-Chancellor Reed today in the case of the Cumberland Glass Manufacturing company, of Bridgeton, against the Glass Blowers' association of the United States and Canada, Dennis A. Hayes, president, and others. The suit rew out of the glass blowers' strike at Bridgeton, last March, and which has since been amicably settled. The Cumberland Glass Manufacturing company sought to enjoin the defendants from the part they were taking in the strike. The vice-chancellor, in his opinion, holds that a combination to strike or to induce others to strike, is made lawful under a New Jersey statute, provided that the means used are those of persuasion and not of coercion. In the case of the Bridgeton strike there was conflicting testimony as to vioence by those named in the bill, but the chancellor said that it was proved that there was a large crowd in the street and that permanent guards maintained to keep men away com the works.

This, the chancellor said, was corcion and he granted an injunction gainst those who formed part of the rowds, but refused an injunction gainst Hayes, who did not advise any iolence. The chancellor also refused in injunction against the Glass Blow-'s' association, holding that the assciation had a right to-advise its embers to strike and to pay money to those who were on strike,

FATAL FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

New York, Dec. 15.-Shortly before o'clock this morning three people on Thanksgiving eve. killing 50 First avenue, Williamsburg. The fire is in a rear tenement and broke out at 1.30 Two women and one man were

Two Joes Will Fight.

billed.

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 14.—The Dubuque Athletic association today signed Joe Choynski and Joe Wolcott for a 29-round contest to take place during the first week of January, for a purse of \$2,500,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

RAIN; COLDER,

1 General-Report That Ladysmith Siege is Raised. Samoan Treaty Signed. Congress Still Wrestling with the Currency. Doings of the American Federation

of Labor. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania Financial and Commercial.

3 Local-Happenings in Dunmore Bor-

- 4 Editorial. News and Comment.
- 5 Local-Carbondele Murder Triat. 6 Local-Vinduct Measure Introduced in
- Local-Hon, Webster . C. Weiss All dresses the Royal Arcanum. Men's Union Talks Politics.
- 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the County,
- 0 Local-Live Industrial News. Petrust Escaped Through a Loophote

IT IS STILL A SECRET.

The Result of Deliberations of the National Base Ball Magnates. Something Interesting Is Prom-

New York, Dec. 14.-At the rate at which the national league is doing the work it will not be completed for several days to come. From present appearances it is scarcely probable that the annual winter meeting will have been completed by Saturday, and

Sun and to discontinue dealings with It may run into next week. "It is possible, yes, probable," said one magnate tonight, "that the league may adjourn until next spring without having decided many of the questions before it. There are matters under consideration that are of such importance to the general welfare of the national game that we are simply compelled to handle them with the utmost care. To hurry matters along faster is impossible. The honor and integrity of base ball, to a certain extent, are at stake. At the proper time the public will be made acquainted with what we have been doing, but at the present time absolute secrecy will be main-

tained." The board of directors again monopolized things today, as it did on Wednesday. For six hours the board was in executive session. At the conclusion of the meeting President Young

susiness before it. What action has been taken or what matters were discussed at today's session cannot be cussed at today's session cannot be Article III. It is understood and agreed made public. The public will get all that each of the three signatory powers the information necessary when the shall continue to enjoy in respect to board makes its report to the league meeting tomorrow."

or of the national heard of arbitration had been called for tomorrow. At the conclusion of its session the regular meeting of the league will be convened. The fact that another meeting of the

board of arbitration has been called is a significant fact and it was whispered about the Fifth Avenue hotel tonight that the directors would request the national board to reconsider certain questions. When pressed upon the subject to-

night one magnate said: "The national board has been called together to consider some new mutters that have arisen. What these matters are I cannot say." When asked if the national board would be asked to review its action in the New York-Brooklyn-Syracuse wrangle over Wrigley, the magnates maintained a discreet sil-

That it is the Wrigley matter that is proving a thorn in the side of the directors and has taken up the major days is unquestioned. That Brooklyn eas guilty of the charges made in the New York management's protest the directors have already decided. It is the question of punishment that is proving difficult for the solons to decide. Opinion as to the reduction scheme is divided among the outsiders Some believe that the circuit will be cut at all hazards, while others believe that the league will go on next season with 12 clubs. Still others say that two clubs, Louisville and Cleveland will be dropped.

Dr. Lee Hunt Stuckey, the controlling spirit of the Louisvilles, says that his franchise is in the hands of the league. He will continue or get out, at their pleasure. Dr. Stuckey pro poses that the league control and hold the franchise and in return give him a certain percentage of the gross receipts. It is said that the board of arbitration will soothe the minor leagues today by agreeing to raise the drafting price from \$500 to \$1,000. That Fred Clarke will manage the new Pittsburg team is now a settled fact. Patsy Donovan, the former manager, and President Dreyfuss had a conference today, at the conclusion of which Dreyfuss promised an unconditional release providing Clarke agrees.

The rumor that Boston was going to il or release Herman Long was denied by the Boston people today. They say that Long will only be allowed to go in case a trade can be effected by which Boston will get Long's equal.

WARRANT FOR RIORDAN.

Will Be Charged With Manslaughter in Case of Paterson Wreck.

New York, Dec. 11.-Although the coroner's jury did not mention Engineer John Riordan, of Harrison, N. J., the driver of the Philipsburg train that dashed into the Buffalo express cere killed in a fire, whichbroke out at | persons, Prosecutor Emly, of Pass de ounty, N. J. today eaused a warrant for his arrest to be issued. He is accused of manslaughter,

Harry Wallace Sentenced.

Castle.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14.-Harry Wal ace, of Blackbird, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree in the killing of his common law wife, Mary C. Perry, was today sentenced to impris-onment for life in the county jail at New

TEXT OF SAMOAN TREATY

Adjustment of Questions Between the Three Governments.

ACT SIGNED AT BERLIN

Germany Renounces in Favor of the United States Her Rights and Claims Over and in Respect to the Island of Tutuila and All Other Islands of the Samoan Group East of Longitude 171 Degrees West of Greenwich-Signed by Hay, Holleben and Pauncefote.

Washington, Dec. 14.-The full text of the treaty negotiations between the United States, Germany and Great Britain for the adjustment of the questions between the three governments in respect to the Samoan Islands was made public today. The treaty bears date at Washington, December 2, 1899, and after reciting its purpose to be to adjust amicably questions betweent the three powers in respect to the Samoan group and to avoid future misunderstandings proceeds textually as follows:

Article I. The general act concluded and signed by the aforesaid powers at Berlin on the 14th day of June, A. D., 1859, and all previous treatles, conventions and amendments relating to Samoa,

Article II. Germany renounces in favor of the United States of America all her rights and claims over and in respect to the island of Tutuila and all other islands of the Samoan group east of longitude 171 degrees west of Greenwich, Great Britain in like manner renounces all her rights and claims over and in respect to the island of Tutulla and all other islands of the Samoan group east of longitude 171 degrees west of Green-wich. Reciprocally, the United States of America renounces for Germany all their "The board of directors has com- rights and claims over and in respect to pleted its labors and cleared up all the the islands of Upolu and Savali, and all of longitude 171 degrees west of Green-

their commerce and commercial vessels in all of the islands of the Samoan group Mr. Young announced that another enjoyed by the sovereign power, in all orts which may be open to the com

nerce of either of them.
Article IV. The present convention shall be ratified as soon as possible and hall come into force immediately after the exclusing of ratifications, In faith whereof, etc.

(Stgned)

John Hay.

Pauncefote. A separate treaty was negotiated to over the provision for the settlement of claims in Samoa. It sets forth that the three governments are "desirous of effecting a prompt and satisfactory settlement of the claims of the citizena and subjects of their respective countries resident in the Samoan islands on account of the recent military operations conducted there and bave concluded a convention for the accomplish-

ment of this end by arbitration." The king of Sweden and Norway is made arbitrator and he is not only to determine the amount of claims, but is to decide to what extent either of portion of their time for the last two the three governments is bound alone or jointly with the others to make

good these losses. The nature of the claims to be adjusted is set forth in Article 1 of the

treaty, as follows: For Settlement of Claims.

All claims put ferward by American dilzens or German or British subjects espectively, whether individuals or empantes, for compensation on account of the losses which they allege that they have suffered in consequence of unwarranted military action, if this be shown to have occurred, on the part of Ameri-cans. German or British officers between the first of January last and the arrival of the joint commission in Samoa, shall be decided by arbitration in conformity with the principles of international law

or consideration of equity. There is also a provision to the offeet that "either of the three governments named with the consent of the others pre-lously obtained in every ase, submit to the king for arbitration similar claims of persons not being natives, who are under the protection of that government, and who are not included in the above mentioned

The agreement provides for the exchange of ratifications four months from the date of its signature, which is the seventh of November last, or

earlier if possible, Senate Confirmations.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Among nomina-tions confirmed by the senate today were those of Lewrence Townsend, of Pennsylvania, to be minister to Belgium; Lloyd G. Griscom, of Pennsylvania, to he secretary of legation at Constanti-nople, and J. C. McNaily, of Pennsyl-vania, to be secretary of the legation to Gustemala and Henduras.

Bishop of Havana. London, Dec. 14.-A special despatch from Rome says that at the consistory eday the pope installed the bishop of

Havana.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 14.-Forecast for Friday and Saturday: East-Pennsylvania-Rain Friday; Saturday, fair; fresh easterly winds shifting to westerly by Fri-day night; continued cold Saturand Sunday ********