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GEN. BULLER DEFEATED

British Commander Near Ladysmith Suffers Reverses.

HE LOSES ELEVEN GUNS

General Hildyard Advances to a Position Occupied by the Boers Near Colenso, and His Men Are Caught in a Trap and Are Mowed Down Like Sheep Under the Galling Fire of the Enemy.

London, Dec. 16,-12,47 a. m.-The war office has received a dispatch announcing that General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing ten gung London, Dec. 16,-12.5 a, m,-General

Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left eleven guns bhind.

London, Dec. 16.-1 a, m.-The f. Ilowing is the text of General Buller's dispatch announcing his reverse:

"Fuller to Lansdowne, Chieveley Camp, Dec. 16, 6:20 p. m.

"I regret to report a serious prverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 o'clock this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugeia river and it was my intertion to force a passage through at one of them. They are about two miles

"My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. General Hart was to attack the left drift, General Hadyard the right road and General Lyttleton was to take the centre and to support either.

"Early in the day I saw that General Hart would not be able to force a passageway and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry and his leading battallon, the Connaught Rangers, I will have to pay a fine of \$500 for havfear, suffered a great iteal, Colonel I, G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

"I then ordered General Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, entered Coleuso station and the houses near the bridge.

In Ambush.

"At that moment I heard that the whole artiflery I had sent to support the attack-the Fourteenth and Sixtysixth Field batteries, and six naval twelve-pounders, quick firers, under Colonel Long, had advanced close to the river in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses; and the gunners were compelled to stand to the guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a donga; and desperate efforts were made to bring out the

"The fire, however, was too severe and only two were saved by Captain Schofield, and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.

"Another most gallant attempt with three tennes was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of the eighteen horses thirteen were killed and, as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark, sacrificing life to a gallant attempt to force the passage.

"Unsupported by artiflery, I directed he troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

"Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was crossing on my right flank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dundenald and part of General Latton's brigade The day was intersely hot and most trying on troops whose condition was

"We have abandoned ten guns and lost one by shell fire. The losses in General Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy although the proportion of severely wounded is, I hope, not large,

"The Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth Field butteries also suffered severe losses. We have retired to our camp at Chieveley."

Mine Inspector's Report.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—Mine Inspector Ward Brennan, of the Seventh anthra cite district, made his annual report to During the past year there were 5 fatal and 81 per-futal accidents, the deaths causing 32 widows and 76 or-phans. Forty-two collieries and two wusheries are in operation and the total shipments will run on to 6,00,000 tens. a large increase over last year. The most fatalities were enused by gas ex-plesions, shots and falls of jump coal

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 15.—Charcel: Lucania, for Liverpool: Amsterdam, for Rotter-dam. Rotterdam—Arrived: Spharndam, from New York Salled: Measdam, for New York Browhead-Passed: Steam-ers Culic, New York for Liverpool; Um-bria. New York for Liverpool.

MOLINEUX TRIAL.

Important Evidence of Handwriting Expert.

New York, Dec. 15 .- When the trial of Roland B. Molineux was adjourned today until Monday William J. Kinsey, the handwriting expert, was still on the stand, undergoing a severe cross-examination at the hands of Mr. Weeks, the attorney for the defense. It is expected that the work of crossexamining Expert Kinsley will not be completed before Tuesday evening next. Perhaps the most important point-certainty, the most interesting point-in so far as it is supposed to outline the possible policy of the defense, was the attempt today of Mr. Weeks to introduce the name of J. Morton Riggs, a name not heretofore menloned during the present trial. Mr. Weeks handed Expert Kinsley a small slip of paper and inquired: "Does that not purport to be the signature of J. Morton Riggs?" To this Mr. Osborne objected and the objection was sustained, but after long arguments Recorder Goff ruled that the paper could be marked for identification. Riggs is said to be at Hong Kong, or at least was there a few weeks ago, having

been discharged from the navy at that The other features of the day which happened during the long cross-exam-Ination of Expert Kinsley were the statement of the witness that he had once "side-tracked" Molineux as the possible murderer during his examination of the handwriting of the members of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, the introduction of a letter from Expert Edwin B, Hay, of Washington, in which it was shown that Mr Hay did not agree with Mr. Kinsley in some conclusions regarding the handwriting of the defendant, that in consequence of this correspondence he had redoubled his efforts, studied Molineux's handwriting more closely, and that as a result he had formed the opinion that he had previously orally expressed, that "Molineux wrote the address on the poison package."

NATIONAL BALL LEAGUE

Conference Continued at Fifth Avenue Hotel Yesterday-Brooklyn Club Fined-Other Matters Consid-

New York, Dec. 15.—The meeting of the National League of Professional Base Ball clubs was continued at the Fifth avenue hotel today and the Wrigley matter, in which Brooklyn. New York and Syracuse are involved,

was finally settled. The Brooklyn base ball club will not have to pay pecuniary damages to the New York club for having taken Shortstop Wrigley last season, but that club ing violated the national agreement, This fine goes into the league's treas-

The claim made by the New York management against the Brooklyn club has been under consideration for the past three or four days, and the board of directors this afternoon reported that there was a deadlock and that they were unable to decide the matter. This ends this question as far as the lengue is concerned.

At the first day's meeting of the oard of directors New York demanded that Brooklyn be compelled to pay \$2,-500 damages for taking Wrigley, after having been notified by President Young that the player was under temperary contract to New York. John T. Brush of Cincinnati, and A. H. Soden, of Buston, championed the New York cause, while James Hart, of Chicago. and Frank DeHaas Robinson, of St. Louis, led the opposition, Mr. Brush insisted that the full damages claimed be awarded, but this was lost on a tie vote. Eventually a motion that the assessment be \$500, proposed by Mr. Brush, was carried, but upon motion of Mr. Beach, of Philadelphia, the decision was reconsidered and from that time to the and there was a deadlock, the whole matter being eventually tubled.

It was on motion of Mr. Brush that the Brooklyn club was fined \$500 for violating the national agreement. Mr. Robinson made a motion that a reprimand instead of a fine be inflicted, but his motion was tost.

It was decided also that all of the games played by the Brooklyns in which Wrigley took part should be thrown out in the computation of the of the Brooklyns as far as first place support. is concerned and the championship was formally awarded to that club.

imposed on the New York club heremitting the fine, President Young was ordered to repay Mr. Freedman date and misunderstanding. receipts of the game, something over \$500, and the Brooklyn management will get its share of it. The proork-Baltimore game of Sept. 5 was

not sustained. The league then proceeded to elect new board of directors and a board of arbitration. After two ballots Audrew Freedman was chosen to succeed E. Wagner, of Washington, on the board of directors, which, in addition to Freedman, will be composed of Reach, of Philadelphia; Hart, of Chi- not to the "Democratic party," cago: Brush, of Cincinnati: Robison,

of St. Louis and Soden, of Boston. The national board of arbitration cas re-elected and is composed of Hart, of Chicago: Rogers, of Philadelphia: Brush, of Cincinnati; Soden, of Boston: Robison, of St. Louis, and of the bill, after which the house re-President Young.

The new committee on constitution s composed of Rogers, Hart and Brush; the committee on rules of Han-

lon, Hart and Reach. President Ban Johnson, of the Western league, is busy trying to organize the old American association. His organization, if effected, will include in the east Providence, Philadelphia, Haltimore and Washington.

At the conclusion of today's session the members denied that the proposed reduction of the circuit had been dis-

INTERESTING TALK ON FINANCIAL BILL

SHARP PERSONAL COLLOQUY DURING THE DEBATE.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, Gives an Hour's Speech Vigorously Presenting the Democratic View and Eulogizing the Democratic Organization-Various Speeches for and Against the

Washington, Dec. 15.—The closing day of the general debate of the financial bill in the house proved to be one of exceptional interest. At the outset a sharp personal colloquy occurred between Representatives Wheeler and Herry, of Kentucky, over the recent Kentucky election and the charges growing out of it. Considerable feeling was shown. Later in the day Mr. Bailey, of Texas, until recently the Democratic floor leader, received close attention in an hour's speech vicorously presenting the Democratic view and eulogizing the Democratic organization. In marked contrast with Mr. Bailey's utterance, Mr. Scudder, of New York, who followed him, aunounced that as a Democrat he be-Heved in the gold standard and would vote for it. Mr. Payne, of New York, and Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, also spoke during the day. The debate under the five minute rule occurs tomorrow.

Upon conclusion of the airing of the Kentucky politics by Messrs, Wheeler and Berry, of that state, the debate on the currency bill was resumed, Mr. Brosius (Pa.) speaking in favor of the

Mr. Brosius declared that no page in American history would shine with greater splendor through the centuries than that which tells how this nation preserved its honor, maintained its redit and kept its money good.

Mr, Cooper (Tex.) spoke against the Mr. Williams (Miss.) arraigned the Republican side for inconsistency and urged that it was possible by legislative enactment to maintain a ratio be-

tween the metals. Mr. Bailey's Effort.

Mr. Balley (Tex.), the floor leader of the Democrats in the last congress, received close attention from both sides when he spoke. He said a remarkable spectacle was presented by the debate on this bill. He recalled that when in the Fifty-fourth congress Mr. Towne asserted that the Republican party had never declared for a gold standard, the Congressional Record showed that he was interrupted by many Republicans with the exclamation: "And it never will." Mr. Bailey said the Republican side was so busy studying the trend of events that it had no time to study the science of money, while the first section of this bill purported to establish the gold standard, the law of 1875 fixed the gold dollar as the unit of value This bill was therefore simply a reenactment put forward to make people elleve something new and wise was being done

When Mr. Bailey referred to the increased production of gold, Mr. Daltell interrupted to ask if in view of this increased supply of gold Mr. Bailey Texan responded emphatically in the affirmative, amid Democratic applause. The Democratic side simply asked a was supplied by either gold or silver. then, instead of refuting the Democratic position, it simply confirmed it.

Mr. Bailey declared that the logical outcome of this bill would be to take the millions of silver impounded in the treasury into the open market and sell it, as Germany has done. If the supporters of this measure were honest and consistent they would thus offer the silver for sale now, as that would be the inevitable fate of silver under this bill. He compared the appreciation of gold values and the corresponding depreciation of cotton and wheat.

Mr. Bailey closed his speech with a stirring tribute to the time-honored and undying Democratic organization, which evoked applause from the Democratic side.

Scudder Also a Gold Democrat.

Immediately following Mr. Bailey came the statement of Mr. Scudder (Dem., N. Y.,) that "as a Democrat I favor the single gold standard and standing of the club. The board also will vote for this bill." While not con- The officers would not divulge the cancelled the game between Louisville curring in a of the features of the and Brooklyn which had been trans- bill. Mr. Scudder said the main feature feired from Louisville. This action, establishing a gold standard and givhowever, will not affect the standing ing stability to values commanded his

Mr. Payne (N. Y..) said Mr. Bailey had discovered nothing new in the old The league remitted the fine of \$500 law fixing the gold standard. The trouble had been to have gentlemen on the cause of the forfeited game of June 16 Democratic side accept that law and the Polo grounds. In addition to the purpose of the present bill was to place the subject beyond further be

> Mr. Dalzell (Penna..) said the Republican party was a progressive party: it was ready to meet the needs and referred to the published interview of derings in Texas that the pending bill should be defeated because it was not In the interest of the Democratic party Mr. Richardson (Tenn..) sharply mestioned this statement, saying the

Mr. Bellamy (N. C.,) spoke against the bill. Messes, Mondell (Wvo.) Kerr and Bromwell (O.,) spoke in favor of the pending measure.

eference had been to "Democracy" and

The debate closed with a short speech by Mr. Morris (Minn.,) in favor cessed until 8 p. m. At the evening session Mr. Clayton

(Dem., N. Y..) announced his intention to vote for the financial bill. In response to unfavorable references which had been made to gold Democrats Mr. Clayton said there were many of that belief in New York and the number was growing constantly. spoke for the bill were Messes, Sulloway, New Hampshire: Blagham, Pennsylvania; Mudd, Maryland, and Myer, Wisconsin. Those who spoke against the bill were Robinson, of Nebraska: Thomas, North Carolina; Lloyd, Illi- at Mercer.

nois: Snodgrass, Tennessee; Rucker, PHILADELPHIA GETS Missouri; Robb, Missouri; Davenport, Pennsylvania: Lamb, Virginia: Caldwell, Illinois; Stephens, Texas; Gordon, Ohlo, and Neville, Nebraska.

At 10.15 the house adjourned. HARMONIOUS MEETING.

State Grange Adjourns After Being in Session Four Days. Lock Haven, Pa., Dec. 15,-The most harmonious meeting of the State grange held in years adjourned to-

day, after being in session here for four days. The committee on national legislation favorably reported to the meeting : resolution asking congress to regulate

The resolution demands that congress should enact such legislation as shall compet such combinations to occupy their true position as creatures and servants of the public by enforc-ing publicity of their methods and accounts, preventing over espitalization in its various forms and forbidding discrimination in charges, etc.

The committee on education reported against a resolution asking the repeal of the present law regulating school terms and urged the establishment of township high schools, higher wages for the teachers. The committee deplores the cutting of the school approprintion.

The transportation committee reported on the injustice of corporations in not paying their share of local taxes, The committee on resolutions urged that efforts be made to have a law enacted making game the property of the owner of the land on which it is found and making it unlawful for any person to hunt game without the owners' permission.

The committee also urges the election of United Stales senators by the direct vote of the people; recommended no change in the number of detegates to State grange, and favored direct legislation through initiative referen-

The grange, by resolution, expressed a preference for Lock Haven as the

place for next year's meeting. REPORTS ON WHEAT CROP.

Statement by the Statistician of Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Dec. 15,-The statistician of the department of agriculture reports that the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,300,000 bushels, of 12.3 bushels per acre. The production of winter wheat is placed at 291,700,000 bushels and that of spring wheat at 255,600,000 bushels. Every important wheat-growing state has been visited by special agents of the department and the changes in acreage are the result of their investigations. which is about 200,000 acres greater than that sown in the fall of 1898. The Philadelphians Visit the President. sowing of wheat is still going on in

The newly sceled area of winter wheat is estimate at 30,150,000 acres, California and in some of the southern subject to correction. The average of condition is 97.1.

DEATH OF T. G. WALTER.

One of the Most Popular Conductors in Northeastern Pennsylvania,

Tunkhannock, Pa., Dec. 15.-Thomas Grattan Walter, who has been identi- the meeting today that the convention still believed in silver at 6 to 1. The fied with the Montrose railread since its inception, died this afternoon. He had the contract for laying the rails in 1872 and was made conductor of the the Rhode Island elections. June 5 was sufficiency of basic money, and if this first train, a position which he held to then selected, but the date was reconthe time of his death.

Under the regime of James L. Blakslee, of Mauch Chunk, who was presi- congress will have adjourned. dent of the road for many years, Wal- the time and place had been selected. ters was virtually manager and succeeded in making the road pay for quest from Delaware that the commititself and declare dividends, a distinc- tee take some action to straigten out road has since passed into the hands of the Lehigh Valley. Walter was un enthusiastic Methodist and always mittee decided that it had no jurisdiccarried his bible upon the train.

MCONSHINERS CAPTURED. Internal Revenue Officers Seize a Distilery in Pike.

Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 15.-Internal Revenue Officers Evans, of Carbon tale, and Slack, of Charleston, W. Va., have seized an illicit distillery in Pike county, Pa., five miles from Hawley. They visited the place yesterday, but the owner was absent. They found a complete plant for the making of apple whiskey in the cellar of the house. name of the moonshine owners.

Officers have known for some time this moonshining enterprise, but heretofore have been unable to find the plant. It was brought from near Natrowsburgh, N. Y., two years age.

FIRE AT PHILLIPSBURG.

Four Hundred Men Out of Employment.

Phillipsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.-A number of buildings containing boilers, engines, steam compressors and other mine machinery were destroyed by fire test of the New Yorks over the New demands of the present. Mr. Dalzell this morning at Morrisdale, the plant being known as No. I shaft of the Mar-"that gentleman who has made dema- risdale Coal company. The value of goguery a profession" during his wan- I the buildings and centents is estimated at \$39,000. Four hundred men have been thrown out of employment

It is also reported that the fire eas reached the inside of the mine and the loss will amount to \$75,000. In response to a request, fire engines have sent to from this place.

OLD THEATER BURNED.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The Comedy theatre was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The flames are supposed to have started in the scenery room. The loss will not exceed \$25,000. The Comedy theatre was the Alhambra, one of pioneer show houses of this city.

Subsequently it was known as the old Bush street theatre and more recently as the Comedy theatre. Almost every actor of prominence has played in this theatre.

Governor's Appointments.

Harrishurg, Dec. 15.-Covernor Stone this morning appointed Robert Orr. A. B. Carter and A. B. Pilson, all of Mercer, trustees of the Cottage State hospital

THE CONVENTION

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN MEET-ING ON JUNE 19, 1900.

At a Meeting of the Republican Committee at Arlington Hotel in Washington the Quaker City Is Selected as the Place for Holding the Next National Convention-Philadelphia Wins from Chicago by One Vote. No Opposition to Renomination of

McKinley Appears.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The Republican national convention will be held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19 next. The place and date were decided upon by the national Republican committee today after a friendly contest for the honor of entertaining the convention between the city selected, Chicogo, St. Louis and New York. meeting of the committee was held at the Arlington hotel and was presided 12 General-One Hundred Years of over by Senater Hanna, the chairman of the committee. Forty-three of the states and each of the six territories were represented. Senator Fornker as proxy for Charles L. Kuriz, the national committeeman from Ohio, and Senator Wolcott, proxy for J. F. Saunders, of Colorado, being the only absentees. In addition to the committeemen many of the big wigs of the Republican party were in attendance. The proceedings throughout were en thusiastic and harmonious, every speech that was made emphasizing the fact that President McKinley will be renominated and that the convention will be in effect simply a ratification meeting. The claims of the rival cities were presented by distinguished citizens of each in open session. The batloting took place in the afternoon be hind closed doors. Upon the first ballet Philadelphia received thirteen votes, Chicago twenty, New York seven and St. Louis nine. On the second ballot the contest narrowed to Philadelphia and Chicago. The New York votes went to Philadelphia and the St. Louis vote was split between the City of Brotherly Love and the Windy City of the lakes. An amusing incident or curred in connection with this ballot, After it was concluded and announced as Philadelphia twenty-five and Chicago twenty-three, Mr. T. N. Jameson, the national committeeman from Illinois, suddenly discovered that in the excitement he had forgotten to He demanded that the vote should be recast and this was accordingly done, but it did not change the result, Chicago gaining only the vote

gin of one vote. Immediately upon the announcement the Quaker City boomers who had been of their stocks realize severe losses. Ing insurgents who are caught by our the Quaker City boomers who had been vaiting in the lobby broke out in ringing cheers and the hotel was soon given up to their jubilation. Later many of them went to the White House and called upon the president. As the ballot was secret there is no record of the city, for which each committeeman

Philadelphia won by the narrow mar-

voted. It was the desire of the leaders at should be held June 12, and that date would have been selected had it not been that it conflicted with the date of sidered and changed to the 19th in the hope and belief that before that date the committee considered briefly a retion entirely its own at that time. The the factional fight in that state to prevent two contesting delegations from appearing from that state. The comtion.

After the Delaware case had been disposed of, the chairman was authorized to appoint a sub-committee of five to make arrangements for the convention, also a committee of three to prepare and distribute literature. Chairman Hanna and Secretary Dick were made ex-officio members of all sub- 238,514 last year. Shrinkage in western

Messrs. Manley, of Maine; Long. of Florida, and Simon, of Oregon, were appointed a sub-committee to consider trict of Columbia

Adjournment was taken until towerrow morning, when the Payne resolu- \$12,000,000 in cotton, lowered the value tion for changing the system of rep. of staple exports \$15.337567 in spite of resentation will be brought up for consideration. At 2 o'clock tomorrow morning the committee will call upon the president to pay their respects to exports over imports more than \$49. him in a body.

Quakers Are Jubilant.

general satisfaction expressed on all year. sides when it became known here this afternoon that Philadelphia had been selected as the place for holding the Republican national convention next year. The citizens worked hard for the honor and intend to work all the harder from now on to properly take care of the host of Republicans that will be here. The idea of bringing the convention to this city originated with the members of the young Republican club, one of the most prominent politicat organizations here, and tonight the club is duly celebrating the consummation of its project.

The delegation which went to Washngton to been the city arrived home at 8 o'clock this evening and was received like a conquering army. There was a good sized crowd at the station to welcome the delegation and a band of music was also there to great them. The delegation was escorted to the Young Republican club, where refreshments awaized it.

Blown to Pieces.

Pen Argyll, Pa., Dec. 15.-J. Oswaid Parsons, 21 years of age, was literally blown to pieces at the United States slate quarry here today. Parsons was preparing to set off a blast when pow-der that had been scattered by the high wind found its way it to a crevice in the rock and became ignited. The blaze set off the charge Parsons was working on, and the unfortunate man was instantly killed. The body was mangled in a horrible manner

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR; VARIABLE WINDS.

General-General Buller Defeated. National Republican Convention Will Meet in Philadelphia.

Latest Philippine News. War of Words Over Currency Bill.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial

Local-Lightning Rod Man Visits

Germany. Editorial. News and Comment.

Local-Social and Personal. One Woman's Views.

6 Local-Carbondale Township Murder Case in Jury's Hands

Local-Mayor Moir and Deputy Controller Hartley. Superior Court's Ruling Affecting Brewers' Licenses.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban Round About the Courty.

10 Local-Religious News of the Week. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Story-"Semper Fidelis."

13 General-Musical and Theatrical Gos-

General-Interesting Record of Cliff Dwellers.

General-General Bates' Mission to the Sultan of Sulu. Local-Live Industrial News. Court Proceedings.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Unusual Depression in Stocks Displays Divergence Between Trading and Productive Industries.

o.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say

New York, Dec. 15,-R. G. Dun & n tomorrow's issue : Unusual depression in stocks this week has displayed the great divergnce between the trading and the proits speculation. Never has production been greater, the number of hands employed larger, the wages distributed higher or the purchasing power based upon earnings than at this time, and ever have conditions of trade or returns of earnings and traffic given certainty of greater business for transporters. Yet as the earnings of the rallway and manufacturing companies mount upward their stocks decline, as if it were disastrous for a road to double its earnings and ruinous for a mill to realize unprecedented profits. Roeder, Sixteenth infantry, twenty Inflated capitalization has, of course, done much harm, and speculative exof the committeeman from Illinois, citement has counted profits in many cases long before they were carned. The result is that while industries many wounded."

> duction still 294,959 tons weekly December 1, against 288,522 November I, and the decrease in stocks not held by the great steel companies was 5,020 tons. A Pittsburg company bought 40,000 tons besbelow recent prices, and Valley forgo, and quoted a shade lower at \$10. Bars are again irregul 5, 2.1 for common at Pittsburg, and 2.2 for refined at the east, and plates not exceeding sixty inches are sold at 2.30 by mills out of orders, while it is said that 2.85 cents is shaded at times for No. 27 black sheets, but nearly all works still have orders far ahead, and in other varieties prices are unchanged. The collapse of London speculation dropped the quotation of tin to 14 cents here, with recovery to 2514 cents, and copper

is weak at \$11.63%, but lead is a shade stronger. The boot and shoe works are hastening deliveries to meet the generous foreign demand. Leather continues very strong. The movement of wheat is disappointing, but prices have declined only % cents, with corn a fraction higher. Atlantic exports of wheat, flour included, have been in two weeks of December only 5,738,269 bushels, against 11,129,459 last year, and Pacitic exports 1,501,982 bushels, against 1,receipts only 2,975,725 bushels having forward in two weeks, against 17,748,411 hast year, is remarkable, though the movement then was abnorelection of delegates in the Dis- mal. Exports of breadstuffs in November decreased \$3,500,000, which, with losses of \$900,000 in provisions and

un increase of \$2,000,000 in cil. But enormous shipments of manufactured products made the excess of 000,000 for the month. Fallures for the week were 218 in the United States, against 261 last year, and twenty-six

BACKUS TEAM WON.

Scranton Bicycle Club Bowlers Easily

Defeated Last Night. The Backus bowling team met the Scranton Bievele club's representatives on the alleys in Eackus' place, Washington avenue last evening. The Bieyele club was defeated in the first tatch by 57 points; in the second by

149 and the third by 27 points. The highest individual scores were for and the store opened and the woande by Will Hopkins and Will Weichel, of the Backus team, each of shorn made 298. Hopkins also bud highest average score, 162, Weichel was a close second with 161. Roper was the Bicycle club's night man. The total scores were: Backus' team, \$59, 981, 843; Bleyele club, 802. SH5. S16.

The members of the victorious team were Roland Baker, William Weichel, Smith Gorman, Bernard Coons, Lewis Weber and Will Hopkins.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Washington, Dec. 15.-Secretary Root and raised commutation of the death sentence imposed by court martial upon Corporal Damhofer and two other sol-diers of the Washington volunteer regiment, who were convicted of assaulting Pilipine women. The commutation is to imprisonment for twenty years. In making this recommendation the secretary states specifically that he is satisfied of the legality of the former sentence.

THE BATTLE IN NEGROS

Four Hundred Filipinos Were Routed at Madrigal.

TRIUMPH OF DISCIPLINE

Rebel Force Defeated by Twenty Americans and Eighteen Native Police Under Sergeant Alfred Roeder, of the Sixteenth Infantry. Insurgents' Casualties, Twenty-Eight Killed and Many Wounded. Major Batchelor's Battalion in Distress - General Young's Troops Shoeless Pursuing Remnant of Aguinaldo's Men.

Washington, Dec. 15,-The war department received the following cable nessage today, giving the latest developments in the situation in the Phil-

Manila, Dec. 15.—Batchelor, Twentyfourth infantry battailon, reports on 7th inst. had an engagement at the junction of Magel and Rio Grande rivers, Isabelia province, enemy leaving four dead and five mortally wounded in trenches. Our loss was one drowned and four wounded. Says he is in need of clothing, provisions and money Will reach Tuguegaro, Gagayan province, shortly. Doubtless the navy relieved him yesterday. Four hundred and seventy-five Spanish prisoners arductive industries of the country and rived this morning, among them the sick at Vigan, numbering 120. Young. at Banqui, Northwestern Luzon, reports that his troops are still pursuing the remnant of insurgents who have twenty-three American prisoners in their possession. Country exceedingly rough. Our men, without shoes, still persistently pursuing. Few Spanish prisoners now in hands of insurgents. probably 1,000, mostly in south. Expect to effect their release in a few

"Negros reports Sergeant Al.red soldiers and eighteen native police, attacked 400 insurgents at Madrigal, Negros, this morning. No casualties. Enemy's loss, twenty-eight killed and

and transporting companies realized It is believed by Washington offiforces in the Philippines are likely to Iron Age reports the output of pig at be summarily dealt with. At the cabinct meeting today the matter was discussed at some length, and it was the general sentiment that the situation demands vigorous treatment. So long as the insurgents keep up a show of semer for \$24 at Valley mills, which is an army under a semblance of discipline they will be treated as prisoners of war when captured, but when they decenerate into isolated bands of marauders, harassing our forces by cold blooded assassinations, it is the judgment of the officers in command in the Philippines and of the president and members of the cabinet that the situntion demands summary action.

SPIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Boston, Dec. 15 .- A letter received recently from one of the officers of the United States ship Monterey at Manila,

dated November 3, says: "The Princeton today was ordered to coal to go to some unknown destination. Great secrecy is maintained nowadays. Even misleading statements are published in the papers, They do not fool the wily natives, however, who get information from the main source of orders. It is said, with reason for absolute belief, that spics have been caught with copies of orders which had not yet reached the person to whom they were addresstd, and that detachments of soldiers, ordered by telegraph to move, have been ambushed in places which the insurgenta could have reached only by being informed of the intended movements. Secrecy at present is more of a pretense that a reality."

WENT THROUGH A SKYLIGHT.

Sarah Davis, of 323 Center Street, Painfully Injured. A cry of 'police!" was raised in &

resort at 323 Center street about midnight and one of the inmates, Sarah Philadelphia, Dec. 15.-There was in Canada, against thirty-one last Davis, thinking that it was one of the nightly raids made by the police ran to a window in the rear of her apartment and jumped out. She was on the second floor and jump.

ed to the roof of the one story portion Lauer & Marks' store, which connects the Lackawanna avenue and Center, street buildings. Unfortunately for the woman, she landed on a skylight instead of the roof and went through into the store,

man taken to the Lackawanna hospital. Her injuries are very painful.

sustaining a fractured leg and sprained

back. Members of the firm were sent

The Quay Case. Washington, Dec. 15.-The hearing before the senate committee on privileges and elections upon the legal aspects of

the Quay case will take place tomorrow,

Senator Hanna's Residence.

Washington, Dec. 15.- Senator Hanna has leased the Cameron residence on Lafayette square, formerly occupied by

Vice President Hobart.

Washington, Dec. 15 -Forecast or Saturday and Sunday: ern Pennsylvania-Fair and con-

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WEATHER FORECAST.

tinued cold Saturday and Sunday; tinued cold Saturday and Sunday;
 fresh northwesterly winds becoming variable. +++++++++++++++