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TRIBUTES TO GEN. LAWTON

the Dead Hero Fittingly Expressed.

PRESIDENT VOICES GRIEF

Cables to General Otis a Message of Sympathy and an Expression of the Public Feeling - Secretary Root's Apt Communication-Magnificent Eulogy Pronounced by President Schurman of the Philippine Commission.

Washington, Dec. 20.-The president today sent the following cablegram to

Major General Ous, Manua:

Executive Mansion, Dec. 20. I have learned with inexpressible sor-row of the death of Major General Lawton and ask to share with the officers and men of the Eighth corps in their grief. One of the most gallant officers of the army has fallen. At the time the sad news came to us his nomination as brigadier general of the regular army was already hade for transmission to the somete, but no rank can enhance his fame. He rose from the ranks of the Ninth Indiana volunteer infantry, illing every grade in the service to that of major general of volunteers and in three wats was conspicuous for bravery and devotion to duty. The country mourns the death of this intrepid leader. Convey to Mrs. Lawton my heartfeit syn-pathy in her overshildowing addiction. (Signed) William McKinley.

Secretary Root cabled as follows: War Department, Dec. 10.

Otis, Munita: I join with the officers and men of the Eighth army corps in deepest regret over the death of their heroic comrade, General Lawton. I beg to convey to Mrs Lawton expression of my sincere sympathy. It was the ideal death of a sol-dier, as his splendid courage and devotion to duty had met the ideal of a sol-diers' life. The sad news will be announced to the army and due ceremonies of respect for his memory will be diof respect for his never rected in general orders.

Secretary of War.

President Schurman's Tribute.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 20.-President J. G. Schurman, of Cornell, the head of the Philippine commission, said today relative to the death of Major General

General Lawton's death is a great pubcalamity. At the front and in the very eye of danger, the post he always ought for himself, our prince of fighters has fallen. In him the army loses a mighty inspiration, the public a sure bulwark of confidence. Fearless, impetuous, and always successful so that his very name was in itself the strength of legions. Lawton was always a noble and attractive man, a kind general, sympathetic, loyal and honorable, the very flower of American manhood. His power, determination, simplicity, straightforwardness and intuitive sympathy made a combination of qualities peculiarily effective for dealing with Orientals.

From the moment of his arrival in Manila he enjoyed the confidence and atfection of Americans, as he soon won not only the fear, but the respect of the Filt-pinos. Fighter, though he was, no man more loyally or cordially adopted the policy of conciliating the Filipinos. That clear mind and sound heart soon discerned that force was not the sole solution of our problem there. He heartily advocated displacement of military power by civil government in which the native should manage their cwn affairs throughout all the regions in which American sovereignty had been established, Had he lived, I think no man would

have contributed more to the pacifica-tion of the Filipinos, which is the grave problem now confronting us. But it has been decreed otherwise. The hero's work is done. The nation mourns and has ample cause to mourn him. I lay my wreath lovingly and reverently on his bler and my heart goes out in deepest sympathy to his noble wife, who with their fatherless children is now so deso late and sorowful in the Philippines.

Other Tributes.

Secretary Root made the following statement today in regard to the death of General Lawton;

It is seldom that a loss can so truly b called irreparable as in the case of Gen-eral Lawton's death because he not only possessed the highest soldierly qualities, but the process of selection by actual experience had brought about universal recognition of these qualities while he was in the full vigor of life, so that the opportunity for great usefulness and the highest commands lay before him. He had not merely the quality of courage, but the quality of command which is will and disregard of danger. When the story of his march through central and northern Luzon in the autumn of 1800 comes to be written. I believe that the crowning nebievement of his life of strenuous and noble service will be deemed to add lustre to American arms and secure for him an enduring place as one of the heroic figures of American his-

Charles Denby, one of the Philippines ommissioners, said: "He was, as an Indian fighter, most distinguished. He was the bravest of the brave. I vainly reasoned with him in the Philippines as to his constant personal exposure in action. He knew no fear, was careful and prudent of everybody but himself. His death is the most deplorable event that could have happened to our arms."

Professor Worcester, another of the Philippines commissioners, said: "His noble character endeared him to all. He knew no such word as defeat. It seems the very irony of fate that he should be cut down, when the armed conflict is practically ended. Although he was a fighter, and no braver man ever lived; I know he yearned for peace and hated war. He met a soldier's death and his name and fame will

sald: "No army ever had a more reliable or indomitable soldier. A colossal character has been removed from our midst.'

"Major General Miles, commanding the army, said: "His death is a great loss to the army and the country. He FORMAL SUMMONS OF NA-Nation's Appreciation of has a record for courage, judgment and bravery. He did the principal fighting in the Philippines. He was a thorough soldier, a kind-hearted gentleman, a noble man."

Appeal to the Country.

An appeal to the country was issued from the war department today asking for contributions for the relief of the widow and four small children of the gallant General Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, in the Philip-pines, yesterday. The text of the appeal follows:

Major General Henry W. Lawton, U S. V., whose death occurred at San Mateo, Island of Luzon, December 19, 1859, has left little but his good name as a legacy to his wife and children. A piece of property purchased by him as a home in California has a mortgage. The ndersigned have voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the indebtedners. Contributions will be thankfully re-ceived by them and be devoted to the subject above set forth. Contributions will be received by the fellowing:

H. S. Cerbin, adjutant general, Wash-John P. Weston, acting commissary seneral, Writington.

William Ludlew, brighdier general, William R. Shafter, major general, San

Pension for Widow.

Senator Fairbanks today introduced a bill granting a pension of \$2,000 a year to the widow of the late General Lawton. Representative Landis, of Indiana, introduced a similar bill in the house. Mr. Landis represents the district from which General Lawton's first regiment was recruited.

REMAINS IN MANILA.

Escorted in by Staff and a Squadron of Cavalry.

Manila, Dec. 20.-Major General Lawton's body was brought from San Mateo to Manila this afternoon, his staff and a squadron of cavalry acting as escort. It was found necessary to bridge the river. The funeral will take than thirty days before the meeting of place from his late residence here, a the national convention. Delegates at place from his late residence here, a mansion formerly occupied by the Spanish general. The body has been placed temporarily in a vault in El Paco cemetery, where many of the American soldiers have been interred, and a guard of honor will be main-When Mrs. Lawton and her tained. four children shall have completed their arrangements for returning to the United States the remains will be taken on a transport with an escort of officers, for final interment, as it is thought probable here, in Arlington cemetery.

Universal Sorrow.

General Lawton's death has caused universal sorrow in Manila. No American officer had greater popuarity among all ranks and in his dealtheir respect and confidence to a reare arranging to attend the funeral in a body.

To his executive ability and personal leadership is chiefly due the britliant execution of the plan of campaign in South Luzon which has scattered the insurgents from San Isidro to the gulf of Lingayen. That section of the island which has to be traversed during the very worst season of the year presented difficulties considered by all acquainted with it to be almost insurmountable, but General Lawton thoroughly covered the programme assigned him. When he reached Tayug and found that the other division had not arrived, he went through to Dagupan on his own responsibility. Although he imposed great hardships on his men he invariably shared their lot cheerfully.

Results of the Fight.

Thirteen Americans, including three officers, were wounded in the engagement at San Mateo, where General Lawton was killed. Captain Breckenridge's wound is not considered dangerous, although the bullet penetrated his arm and side.

It is estimated that the insurgents numbered five hundred and that half of them were armed with rifles. The Americans numbered 1,300, but the command had been much depleted by sickness. The wagon train found the roads impassable and was obliged to

The insurgents retreated to the northeast, leaving six dead. They have other forces near Taytay. This region, although close to Manila, has proved the most difficult from which to distodge the enemy. It is now reported that the insurgents intend to rendezvous at Santa Cruz province and east of Laguna de Bay.

The American secret service reports that Aguinaldo has joined the Mariquiana force.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

Washington, Dec. 20.-The senate to-To be brigadier generals (all late major nerals of volunteers), James H. Wilson, Fitzhugh Lee, Joseph Wheeler, Lieuten ant Colonel A. R. Chaffee, Colonel J. C. Bates, Colonel S. B. M. Young, late brigadier generals, Lieutevant Colonel G. W., Davis, Colonel Theodere Schwan, Colenel R. H. Hall, Colonel Lloyd Wheaton General officers, to be brigadier gen erals (late brigadier generals of volum-Charles King, Fred D. Grant olonel R. P. Hughes, Colonel S. Oven shine, 1. Hale, also Colonel J. F. Smith First California, and Colonel Frederick Sunston, Twentieth Kansas. The renate also confirmed a number of

army premotions and appointments.

Mining Rates Increased. Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 20.-An is crease of 15 cents per ton on the present price for mining coal will be saked for next April by the miners of West Virginla. This action is the result of a two days' session in this city of district 17, of the United Mine Workers of America,

which ended today. College Building Burned.

Akron, O., Dec. 20.—The main building of Buchtel college, including all the laboratories, library, men's and women's dormitories was burned to the ground tonight. The loss is fully \$100,000 with \$65,-

CHAIRMAN HANNA ISSUES THE CALL

the Election of Delegates, the Filing of Notices of Contest and Other Matters in Connection Therewith.

Washington, Dec. 20,-The following call for the next Republican national convention was issued tonight:

Headquarters National Republican Committee, Washington, D. C. To the Republican Voters of the United

In accordance with established custom and in obedience to instructions of the national convention of 1836, the national Republican committee directs that a national convention of delegated representatives of the Republican party be held at the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of nom-inating candidates for president and vice president to be voted for at the presidential election, Tuesday, November 6. 1980, and for the transaction of such other ers as may properly come before it, and that said convention shall assemble day of June, 1900. The Republican electors of the several states, District of Colelectors, without regard to past political affiliations who believe in the principles of the Republican party and endorse its policies, are cordially invited to unite nder this call in the selection of candi-ages for president and vice president. Said national convention shall consist a number of delegates at large from each state, equal to double the number of United States renators to which each state is entitled and for each representative at large in congress two delegates at large; from each congressional district and the District of Columbus, two delegates; from each of the territories of Alaska, Arizona, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Oldahoma, two delegates, For each delegate elected to said convention an alternate delegate shall be elected to act in case of the theence of the dele-

All delegates shall be elected not less large shall be elected by popular state and territorial conventions of which at least thirty days' notice shall have been published in some newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the re-

gate, said alternate delegate to be elect-

ed at the time and in the manner of elect-

spective states and territories, The congressional district delegates hall be elected by conventions called by the congressional committee of each district in the manner of neminating the candidate for representative in congress. in said district, provided, that in any congressional district where there is no Repub'ican congressional committee the Repub'ican state committee shall apsoint from among the Republicans resident in such district a committee for the surpose of calling a district convention of delegates to represent the said district. The election of the delegates from the istrict of Columbia shall be held under the direction and supervision of an el ings with the natives he commanded tion board composed of Hon John B. Cotten, Mr. W. C. Chase and Mr. L. M. markable degree. The mayors whom Saunders. Such board shall have authorhe installed in the neighboring towns ity to ux the date for such election and

arrange all details and regulations incident thereto and shall provide dence of each voter. The territorial delegates shall be elected in the manner of ominating candidates for delenates in ongress and desegates from the Indian Territory and Alaska shall be elected by popular convention. We recommend that ne territories of Arizona, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Oklahoma each tour alternate delegates, and the admission of such additional delegates to the convention is hereby recommended. All notices of contest shall be mitted in writing, accompanied by a printed statement setting forth the grounds of contest, which shall be filed with the secretary of the national committee twenty days prior to the meeting of the national convention. Contests will be geted on by the national convention In the order of the date of the filing of

M. A. Hanna, Chairman. Charles Dick, Secretary.

YOUNG LOGAN'S DEATH.

Was Helping a Wounded Comrade When His Summons Came.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 20.-A letter written by Lieutenant Colonel Brereton, of the Thirty-third infantry, who was with Major John A. Logan when he was killed, has been received here. he was killed by his own men. letter is dated San Fabian, Nov. 12.

Your husband died a hero, while leading in battle the command to which he had been assigned upon joining his regiment. the Third battalion. His battalion was the advance goard of the regiment in attack upon the town of San Jacinto.

Yesterday, November 11, Major Logan was leaning over a wounded soldier, to assist him, when he was shot through the head. This was stortly before a c'clock in the morning. Prompt surgical the head. attendance was at hand, but the major never recovered consciousness and died while being conveyed to the hospital. exact locality was about two miles from San Fablen on the road to San Jacinto. I was one of the last persons who saw him alive and he was brave and self-possessed until struck down by the enemy's bullet.

DEROLOUDE SENTENCED.

Gets Two Years for Interrupting the Senate of France.

Paris, Dec. 20 .- M. Paul Deroloude, president of the League of Patriots and who is one of the prisoners on trial for conspiracy against the government, was today sentenced to two years' imprisonment for interrupting the proceedings of the scenate and denouncing the senators composing the high court of

On November 18, M. Deroloude was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for insulting the president of

Protest Against Freight Rates.

New York, Dec. 20 .- The railroad comnittee of the New York board of trade and transportation will send to the inter state commerce commission in Washing-ton a formal protest against the advance in freight rates agreed upon by the trunk line freight committee.

INTER-OCEANIC CANAL.

Bill Authorizing the Appropriation of \$130,000,000 to Build It.

Washington, Dec. 20 .- Senator Sulltvan's bill for the construction of an inter-occanic canal connecting waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, authorizes the president to ne gotiate with Creat Britain for modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty so as to enable the United States to own, construct and operate under its exclusive jurisdiction a canal across the Isthmus of Darlen from the mouth of the San Juan river on the Atlantic to Lake Harague, then to the Arizone. The president is further authorized to purchase all valid outstanding concessions from Nicaragua and Costa Rica granting the construction of a canal across the territory and of those countries for not more than \$5,000,000. The president is then acquire control of such territory belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as may be needed, at a cost not exceeding \$5,000,000,

The work of construction shall be done under the supervision of the secretary of war and three commissioners to be appointed by the president. The sum of \$130,000,000 is appropriated for the completion of the work. The salary of the three commissioners shall not exceed \$6,500 per annum each,

MR. PETTIGREW WANTS TO KNOW

Scents an Administration Attempt to Balk One of His Inquiries-Compliment to General Brooke-The House Adjourns.

Washington, Dec. 20,-In the final session of the secate today before the holiday recess, Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) in a characteristically incisive speech demanded to know whether it was to be the policy of the representatives of the administration to suppress proper facts and news when called for by a senator, He said he believed an effort was being ide to prevent the testimony taken by the war investigating commission from being sent to the senate, at his request, and declared his purpose of not submitting to the suppression of information to which the people, in his

opinion, were entitled. Taking Major General Brooke's farewell proclamation to the people of Cuba as a text, Mr. Hale (Maine) briefly congratulated the general upon the ork he had accomplished in Cuba and said he could now see the dawn of the time when the Cuban people would be Independent, Mr. Morgan (Ala.) offered an amendment to Mr. Bacon's resolution guaranteeing to the people of Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines a republican government, and Mr. Hoar (Mass.) introduced a resolution declar-ing how the people of the island possessions of the United States should be governed,

In the House.

No business was tranacted at the time was occupied in a filibuster at the academy of fine arts. The pedesagainst a motion to adjourn. This was inaugurated by the Democrats and with bronze plaques, showing some of wrote the admitted handwriting and some Republicans, in order to give Mr. Grow, the venerable ex-speaker of the registration to include the name and rest- house, an opportunity to reply to some statements made yesterday by Mr. Gaines (Tenn.).

Mr. Payne, the majority leader, was defeated on two roll calls. Mr. Richardson chafed him on his defeat in a good-natured way. After Mr. Grow had made his state-

elect six delegates and six alternates, ment, the house adjourned until 12 and that Alaska elect four delegates and o'clock, January 3, 1900.

HUSBAND HAS SOME RIGHTS. Court Says He May Stay Out Late at Nights.

San Francisco, Dec. 20,-Because her husband cared to wander from his own fireside after dark, Mrs. Edward C. Daley, of Oakland, sued for divorce after fifteen years of happy wedded life, notice and statement with the secretary. Judge Frank Ogden, who heard the testimony, decided that Mr. Daley could stroll about in the gloaming until after midnight, or later if he so desired, and keep a stiff upper lip when he got home, Such conduct, the judge said, did not constitute cruelty sufficient to warrant

legal separation. When a man stays away from home until a late hour that is one of the burdens which the wife has to bear," was the dictum delivered by his honor. "Nor can the wife compel her husband under the circumstances to give an ac-It sets at rest the story circulated that count of his actions or tell where he has been."

SPELL IT WITH THE "U."

President Decides That "Puerto Rico" Is the Proper Name.

Washington, Dec. 20.-The government has finally adopted "Puerto and immediately therafter rejected Rico" as the official spelling of the name of that island and has changed all official documents to adhere to that

The board on geographic names recently requested from President Me-Kinley an expression of his views and in making the decision he says the name should be Puerto Rico in accordance with the custom of the people of the island.

FRANCE WANTS MORE SHIPS. Credit of Half a Billion Francs Opened for This Purpose.

Paris, Dec. 29.-The naval committee of the chamber of deputies today unanimously approved the principle of the proposed bill of the minister of marine, M. Lockroy, opening a credit of 500,000,000 francs for the defense of the coast and naval stations and an increase in the number of ships.

Completely Exenerated.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 20.-Peter Kuch, of Jersey Shore, who was arrested on Monday on the charge of killing William d. Marks, while huntling in the woods on vember 2), was discharged from casody today. There was no evidence proused to show that the shooting was acidental, and he was completely exonerated by the police.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Dec. 20 .- Pensions: Origi-

PEPPER MUSEUM IS FORMALLY OPENED

HANDSOME DONATION BY DR. PEPPER'S WIDOW.

Bronze Statue of the Late Provost of the University of Pennsylvania Unveiled in the Presence of Many Thousand People-Scope of the Museum and Gifts Already Re-

Philadelphia, Dec. 20,-The University of Pennsylvania free museum of science and art, one of the late Dr. William Pepper's cherished hopes, was formally opened today in the presence of several thousand interested people, Immediately following the presentation to the board of trustees of the museum. a bronze statue of the late Dr. Pepper, the gift of friends, was unveiled. The presentation speech was made by former United States Senator George F. Edmunds, in behalf of the Dr. Pepper testimonial committee.

In connection with his address, Mr. Edmunds was delegated by Mrs. Frances Sergeant Pepper, the widow of Dr. Pepper, to present to the un!versity trustees as her memorial to the memory of her husband the deed of a gift of \$50,000 as a fund to carry on the work stacted by Dr. Pepper. Mrs. Pep-per is a lineal descendant of Benjamin Franklin, and, like her distinguished husband, she has always manifested a deep interest in everything appertaining to the welfare of the university. Another interesting gift to the new institution was made by John Wanamaker. It comprises a valuable Esquimaux collection gathered at Point Barrow, Alaska, by Mr. McIlhenny, Mr. Wanamakeralso presented the museum with an interesting collection of Etrusean Jewelry.

The movement to create the museum was begun in 1889 by the late Dr. Pep-per, then provost of the University of Pennsylvania. The first floor is almost wholly devoted to exhibition rooms, while on the second floor is a great central hall, rooms for curators and for instruction, in addition to the spaces for exhibits. Some of the collections of great interest, already installed, are the objects secured by the various expeditions sent by the university to Babylon, the Etruscan and Egyptian collections, Prof. Maxwell Sommerville's Buddhist collections, many engraved gems and stones of great value and rarity, Asiatic ethnological specimers, curios from the remains of the aboriginal cliff-dwellers, treasures from Borneo and a great variety of other objects of interest both ancient and

The statue is a heroic figure of bronze, and stands on the terrace just west of the museum building. It represents the late provest seated in a chair, clad in his academic gown, Carl Bitter was the sculptor and the work was finished in 1897, having been shown and phrase by phrase. Mr. Tyrrell's brief session of the house reday. The at the annual exhibition of that year tal is of granite and is ornamented Dr. Pepper's greatest achievements.

INJUNCTION ISSUED.

Troubles of the J. O. U. A. M. Are to Be Aired in the Courts-Want to Prevent Collection of Per Capita Tam.

Harrisburg, Dec. 20.-Judge Weiss, in the Dauphin county court, today, granted a temporary injunction against the State council of Pennsylvania and the National council Jr. O. U. A. M., restraining the board of officers of the state council from levying and collecting the per capita tax of 752 cents for the support of the national council.

The petition for the injunction was filed by William A. Pike, of Philadel-phia, and John F. Fox, of this city, counsel for Derby council, No. 40, of Hummelstown, Pa., one of the oldest

councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. The petition also asked that the state officers be restrained from borrowing money on the credit of the state council for this purpose; that the order of the national judiciary to the state tax be declared fliegal and null and void: that the decree of the national judiciary revoking the state council's charter if the tax be not paid by Jan. 10, 1900, he declared illegal and null and void. The defendants are given

fifteen days to answer. The troubles of the order started ast September at Scranton, Pa., when the state council rejected a motion to levy a per capita tax of 15 cents to pay the tax due the national council motion to reconsider this action, thus precluding the possibility of changing the attitude toward the national council at the Scranton convention. This resulted in a suspension of the state charter. The Junior Order of United American Mechanics is strong in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and eastern states and the present controersy with the Pennsylvania councils has attracted wide attention.

Midnight Mass, New Year's Eve. Philadelphia, Dec. 20.-Concerning the stholla prie ts to sing a midnight mass New Year's eve Archbishop Ryan says: The dispensation was granted to the riests of this country by the pope with he provise that it meet with the approval of the bishops. As I am heartily in favor of the privilege it will be accepted in this rehadiocese."

Two Men Shot by Negroes.

Rosedale, Miss., Dec. 20,-T. H. Me emore, an extensive planter and mer chant, and his manager, A. D. Dumas, were shot and fatally wounded today by two negrees, Bob and Wash Code. trouble grew out of a business dispute the negroes emptying the contents of a shotgun into the bodies of the white men, A large posse is in pursuit.

Before the Board of Pardons.

Harrisburg, Dec. 20.-The board of sardons heard applications today for a ommutation of sentence to life imprisament in the case, among others, of nal-John Remagner, Starrucca, Wayne, William Penn Bowman, of Wilk \$6; Lechard B. Bartholomew, Bradford, 58. The board reserved its decision. William Penn Bowman, of Wilkes-Barre

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

1 General-Situation Is Grave in South Many Tributes to General Lawton, Formal Opening of Pepper Museum.

- Call for Republican National Conven-
- 2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
- 3 Local-One Day's Court News,
- 4 Editorial.
- Literary Gosafp. 5 Story-"Bard vs. Boxer."
- Englanders. Raid on the Slot Machines. Local-Christmas Day in the City

6 Local-Annual Dinner of the New

Churches Thrilling Runaway on No. 6 Branch. Local-West Scrapton and Suburban 9 Round About the County.

10 Local-Live Industrial Notes.

EXPERT EVIDENCE AGAINST MOLINEUX

John F. Tyrrell, of Milwaukee, Is Fully Convinced That Molineux Wrote the Address on the Package of Poison.

New York, Dec 20,-The entire proeedings in today's session of the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, were devoted to the examination of John F. Tyrrell, of Milwaukee, a handwriting expert. Although Mr. Tyrrell's evidence was mainly technical, being devoted to the peculiarities in slants, by strengthened, extending for curves, loops, "pen pressure" and "pen habits" of writings which he alleged were done by Molineux it was by no means tedious, and the jurors asked him questions and appeared deeply in

Mr. Tyrrell brought out the point that the writer of the poison package address could only write a certain distance without lifting his hand or changing the position of his pen. Titt this connection he made comparisons between the address on the polson package, the bogus "Cornish-Harpster" letter and some writings admirted to have been done by Molineux. He said that similar words of all the exhibits had the same "pen habits." He also peinted out what he claimed to be pertinent similarities in the formation of many of the letters, loops, strokes and curves.

When asked the strength of his opinion that the defendant wrote ail the exhibits from which the word "oblige" had been taken and analyzed, he said: "As strong as anything terrestial-as anything can be on this earth." The examination proceeded on these lines, taking word by word study of the exhibits, he declared, led him to this conclusion: "The same hand wrote the polson package as the Cornish and Harpster letters."

SCRANTON PASSED BY.

Federation of Labor Decides to Meet Next in Louisville.

Detroit, Dec. 20.-The American Federation of Labor today unanimously reelected all its old officers. Louisville, Ky., was selected as the place of the next convention. The other candidates were Cleveland, Columbus, Scranton, Pa., Salt Lake City, Galveston and Bay City, Mich.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that any product of labor represented to be union-made shall not be so considered unless it bears the union label. A proposition for adoption of a universal union label was rejected, but the legislatures of the states and congress were asked to enact a law covering the use of a universal union label. One of the closing acts was a declaration against keeping open stores on Sunday,

Bodies of Maine Victims.

Washington, Dec. 20 .- Secretary Long called at the white house today and in-formed the president that the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster would oard of officers to levy and collect this | probably reach Washington on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week for burial of Arlington. The president will attend the burial services if nothing occurs to prevent.

Brumby Memorial Fund.

Atlanta, Dec. 20.-The Atlanta Journal today started a fund for the purpose of creeting a monument to the memory of Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby. fund is to be subscribed to by Georgians principally and the monument will be crected in Atlanta.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 20.—Sailed: Cevic, Liverpool; Southwark, Antwerp via South-Southampton - Arrived: Louis, New York.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

New York, Dec. 20.-Cable advices reseived here today announced the death n Dublin on Tuesday of Professor J. W. Glover, the eminest musician, aged 80 years. He gained world wide prominence for the edition of Moore's melodics, which he harmonized and edited.

Fargo, N. D. Dec. 20.—President A. H. Simmons, president of Fargo college to-night while standing in a book store

dropped dead from heart disease.

ongregational work in the northwest. Pittsburg, Dec. 28.-Rev. W. J. Robin-ion, D. D., paster of the First United Presbyterian church, of Allegheny, and moderator of the United Presbyterian general assembly, which met at Philadelphia last May, died today at Battle Creek. Mich. The deceased attained much reputation as a leader to the move ment baying as its object the incorporaion of express recognition of God and the Christian religion in the constitution

deceased had been a prominent figure in

WEATHER FORECAST.

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Washington, Dec. 20.-Forecast of Thursday and Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair Thurs-day and Friday; variable winds, and brave in battle. mostly fresh westerly.

SITUATION IS GRAVE

London Is Alarmed at the Absence of News.

WHERE IS GEN. METHUEN?

Nothing Has Been Heard from Him Since Sunday-The Boer Position Is Most Formidable and Extends a Distance Nearly Twelve Miles. The British Forces Are Standing on the Defensive-Coal Famine in Sheffield District One of the Results of War.

London, Dec. 21.-4.45 a. m .- The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so, his position is dangerous.

A correspondent of the Dally News, telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday says:

"The Boer position, already formidable, on Dec. 11 has since been greatarea of twelve miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point, guns have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. powerful attacking force can hope to

make a successful assault." The latest despatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. General Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Tewn to proceed to Durban to reinforce the natal column. Absence of news from him has led to a surmise that he is trying to join General White by a flank movement. The appeals for yeomanry and volunteers are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers

to reach 18,000. The papers are now generally joining in free criticism of the government and the war office, as day by day fresh proofs of unpreparedness come to light. Special stress is laid upon the failure to provide proper transports, which columns to stick tight to rallways, and upon the inferiority of

the British artillery. One of the results of the coal famine in the Sheffield district, indirectly arising out of the war, is that several important steel firms are not able to get coal even from their own collieries, a few miles distant. They will sue the railway companies for non-delivery of

Big Stand at Stormberg. London, Dec. 20.-The Daily News

has the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, Dec. 16: "The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg, and are massing a great force at the abandoned British camp. One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch."

Moderate in Peace Conditions.

London, Dec. 21.-The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions. "The chief anxiety of the burghers is

as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lourenzo Marques." IRISH SOLDIERS LOYAL.

Gen. Roberts Resents the Insinua-

tion That They Would Desert. London, Dec. 20 .- General Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London today. Their departure from Dub-Hn was marked by cheering crowds, but the general made a quiet entry into London. After going to a hotel he spent about an hour at the war office in consultation with the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war. Then General Roberts returned to the task of packing his effects and interviewing the officers elected for his staff. At the hotel he received a representative of the Associated Press and assented to send a parting message to the American people. He said: "Circumstances naturally forbld my speaking about the campuign shead of me, except to say that I have entire confidence in the British soldier and that I believe the traditions of our army will be upheld in South Africa. "For the friendly interest and sym-

pathy exhibited by many Americans I am most deeply grateful. I feel sure the justice of our cause merits this, Though we may be at war, I can safely say that no unnecessary harchness and no acts of inhumanity will man the fair name of this branch of the Angle-Saxon race. I cannot too warmly express my admiration for the spirit which prevalls in our colonies. action of Canada will always be a glorious page in the history of the sons of the empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent and

is sending to the front. "The reports which indicate that disloyalty exists in the Irish regiments are absolutely untrue. In the hour of danger my countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for their queen and their country and, whether it be against the Boers or men of other nationality, the Irish soldier will be found loyal to his queen

"You cannot deny those reports of +++++++++++++++++ Irish disloyalty too strongly."