SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 12, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

# WAR PLANS OF THE BOERS

# The British May Return to Their Original Scheme.

### BULLER DEFEAT REPORTED

Great Central Advance on the Capital of the Orange Free State. Lord Roberts May Not Be Able to Move for a Month.

London, Jan. 12, 4 a. m.-Lee-Metford cartridges are running short in the British magazines, and according to a semi-official report the war office proposes to fall back temporarily upon 100,000,000 "mark IV" expanding bullets, most of which are already stored in

The war office, however, has issued a strict order to the volunteers that the fifty rounds of "mark IV" given them must be used in practice at home, none being taken to South Africa.

After the public announcement that no such bullet would be used in this war, its employment, the Daily Chronicle thinks, would be a serious breach of faith, especially as the British commanders have complained that the Boers occaisionally use such projectiles. The newspapers were reconciled dur-

ing the early days of the war to a censorship, taking it for granted that full narratives sent by mail would supply all deficiency. For some weeks, however, even the mail correspondence that has arrived in London has shown signs of habitual seissoring by the censorages. Messages are numbered without chronological or logical connection, leaving the happenings described quite unintelligible in many cases. The editors, acting possibly in concert, are laying these facts before the public and insisting that they be permitted to know and to print the facts.

The Daily Mail formally accuses the war office of "doctoring" in editing official dispatches before their issuance, and eltes particulars.

The Daily Chronicle avers that there seems to be an official conspiracy against letting the truth be known. Although the number of deaths from dysentery and enteric fever at Ladysmith have been published by the war office, since Saturday's fight, nothing has been given out regarding the losses in the engagements. The war office asserts that it has nothing to

Arm-chair critics, who, in the absence of reporterial or official descriptions from the seat of war, pour forth pages of conjecture and opinion, conclude that not much is to be expected of the British hosts in South Africa until Lord Roberts shall have had plenty of time to think, and fresh levies shall have arrived. Time is working not for the Boers. Each day makes more difficult the three beleaguered positions.

Although the war office declines to confirm the report that Lord alethuen has been recalled to Fugland, inquiry made by an Associated Press corres pondent at General Methuen's home at Wiltshire have elicited the information that when he received his wound this threw him heavily and spinal and other injuries supervened. The theory is now advanced that the scizures of the German mail steamers Herzog and General, since released,

were made on purposely misleading information supplied to British agents. the design being to embroil Great Britain and Germany in a quarrel. London, Jan. 12 .- The Daily Mail "We learn that in the attack on Ladysmith last Saturday, January

6, the British losses were fourteen of cers killed, thirty-four wounded and over 800 non-commissioned officers and men killed or wounded. The Boer loss, we heard, was estimated at be tween 2,000 and 3,000."

# Ladysmith's Provisions.

Private advices from Ladysmith.

dated January 2, say that rations of

London, Jan. 12 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated January 8, says:

bread and meat are plentiful, and the garrison had not then touched the bully beef and biscuit supplies. Luxuries are scarce in Ladysmith, but the hospitals are well supplied with milk and the horses are in good condition." London, Jan. 11.-The announcement of the arrival of Field Marshal Lord Roberts and General Lord Kitchener at Cape Town has failed to stem thgrowing impatience of the country at prolonged inactivity in the main British camps and the entire absence of news from the front. The public and press being unable to form any just judgment as to the actual position of affairs, reports are rife that inaction is enforced on General Builer owing to the exhaustion of the reserves of ammunition, and there are

even rumors of a shell famine at home. It is almost universally assumed that with the landing of Generals Rob erts and Kitchener a prompt return is to be made to the original plan of campaign, namely, a great central advance on Bloemfontein. But the most impatient of the enthusiasts admit that Lord Roberts will be unable to move before the end of the month.

Up to the time of filing this despatch no news of any importance had been received today from South Africa.

### REPORTED DEFEAT OF BULLER. Another Paris Bourse Canard Circulated in London...

London, Jan. 11.-On the street today Kaffir securities were weak, owing a report from Paris that General Bullhad met with another defeat. A report was current in the clubs later in the day that a battle was progressing at the Tugela river, but nothing could be obtained in corroboration of the report.

### METHUEN NOT RECALLED.

Official Denial of a Report That He Was to Be Replaced-Unconfirmed Statements About His Mental Con-

London, Jan. 11.-The officials of the war office here deny the report, pub-Il hed in the United States, that General Methuen had been recalled. Chicago, Jan, 11 .- A cable dispatch

from London to the Chicago Tribune

says: "Licutenant-General Lord Me-thuen, commanding the column advancing to the relief of Kimberley, is to be relieved of his command within two weeks. Later he will be sent to Cape Town and eventually ordered home When he reaches England he will be retired. These facts have been confirmed by an official of the war office "Lord Methuen's case is a sad on-Always a man of rather frail physique although an athlete and sportsmap his constitution began to show signs of breaking down almost immediately after he took command of his division Three days after the battle of Belmont General Wolseley suggested to the war office that Lord Methuen be relieved. The advise was not heeded, but the wisdom of this aged but keen commander-in-chief's suggestion is now

realized. "Friends of Lord Methuen insist that he is only in broken health; that the strain of many campaigns has shattered his naturally nervous system. Those persons who know the circum stances and the stiuation on the Modder river equally well and who are willing to give out facts plainly, say that the general's mind is unbalanced, terms. The position assumed by the testimony Constant proof of that, they say, has been coming to the notice of the officials of the war office for weeks. It is be regarded as contraband of war only asserted that the commander of the when they are supplies for the enemy's Modder river forces has sent to the forces. It is not sufficient that they government some of the most remark- are capable of being used for the beneable messages ever received from a fit of the enemy; it must be shown general in action. One, received a few that they are so in fact through their days ago, is a fair sample of the oth- destination at the time of the seizure, ers. It contained only three words: The British government does not claim Darkness after Dawn.

"It is said by those acquainted with the inner workings and plan of cam- | bark Mashona were contraband of war. paign adopted by the war office that The British government is investigatwho, with Lord Roberts, arrived at goods seized on the third vessel, the Cape Town today, will proceed imme- Beatrice, diately to Modder river. He may not take active field command of the troops, Methuen's place.

a number of officers under him. Three of them. Colonel Arthur Paget, Colonel compensation to the owners on account Gough and Captain Campbell, he ordered home. They arrived in London later on. It is probable, however, that today. Colonel Gough is seeking a vin- the British government will not wait colonel attempted to discuss the plan such amends as seem to be fair.

of the Magersfontein attack Methuen It is believed that the uncertainty rdered him under arrest.

surpressing the true state of affairs so knowledge of the ownership of the far as Methuen's ailment is concerned, goods. but the newspapers do not hesitate to print the hard facts about the battle cial statement was given out by the Magersmontein, which are aching them through the mails. They all go to show, in the language of an Ambassador Choate reporting an in-

### AGAINST THE RUSSIANS. Rosendale Thinks They

# Should Be Excluded.

Washington, Jan. 11.-Julius Rosendale, special agent of the department of agriculture of Pennsylvania, appeared before the industrial commission today and spoke on the subject of the immigration of Russian and Yiddish Jews. He described the condition of these persons in the city of Philadelphia, drawing a gloomy picture of the conditions existing in the slums there.

He advocated an amendment to the aws, forbidding further immigration f the clarses mentioned and said that in his opinion the municipal authorities should exercise direct control in the matter of enforcing cleanliness and useful labor in connection with such immigrants as are now here.

# HOPE TO ESCAPE HANGING.

#### Gang of Eight Convicted of Murder Want New Trials.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 11.-A motion for a new trial has been made for Rollas Imbness, convicted here yesterday of murder in the first degree for plotting with seven others the death of Joseph Rut-kowsky, who was killed at William Penn. The evidence tended to show that Rollas struck the fatal blow. As to Matt Bubness, his brother, who was acquitted, it was shown that he acted rather as a scacemaker than as a promoter of the The acquittal of Matt Bubness will be

the basis for argument for a review of the cases of the eight men convicted of murder.

# SERIOUS TURN OF A JOKE.

#### Boy and Girl Locked in a Church Nearly Died from Gas.

Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 11.—After a re-rival meeting in the Evangelical church, d Hellertown, practical jokers locked boy and a girl in the gallery of the church, and when the couple were resued by the janitor they were suffering from escaping coal gas, As the jokers drove a wedge in the keyhole the trustees of the church will prosecute them for damaging property.

# Jury Pleaded Guilty.

Holidaysburg, Pa., Jan. it.-Dashiel lury pleaded guilty in the Blair county court today to murder in the second de-gree. He was sentenced to seven years and four menths imprisonment in the western peritentiary. Ten months ago Jury killed Patrick Sheenan in Altoona by striking him over the head with a neck yoke. The fact that he was drunk at the time raved him from hanging.

Snow's Sentence Commuted. Boston, Jan. 11.-By an unanimous vote the executive council today computed the sentence of Edward Ray Snow, the B-year-old boy murderer, from death by electricity to life imprisonment. Snow re dering James T. Whittemore last Sep-

Nominations Confirmed. Washington, Jan. 11.-The senate today onfirmed the neminations of Frank H. Morris, of Ohio, to be auditor for the war department, and W. W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be auditor for the navy de-

# **ENGLAND'S REPLY** TO MR CHOATE

VIEWS IDENTICAL ON THE SUB-JECT OF SEIZED GOODS.

British Government Does Not Claim That Any of the American Goods on the German Bark Maria Were Contraband of War-Investigating Facts in Connection with Goods

Washington, Jan, 11.-The answer of the British government to Mr. Cheate's representations respecting the seizures of American flour and other goods on the vessels Beatrice, Mashona and Maria has been received. Just as the officials of the state department expected, it amounted only to a partial answer, very satisfactory as far as it goes, disposing of the character of some of the goods seized, but not finally deciding breadly whether or not foodstuffs are to be regarded as con-traband. The British government adopts precisely the point of view regarding the seized goods that was assumed by the state department and embodied by Mr. Choate in his note on the subject addressed to the British foreign office. In this Mr. Choate re-

ports as follows: "That the answer is highly satisfactory; that it is broad and liberal in British government is that foodstuffs in transit to a hostile destination can that any of the American goods on the German bark Maria and the British Lord Kitchner, the hero of Omdurman, ing the facts in connection with the

Nothing was said in Mr. Choate's report explanatory of the preceding but will put the column in working or- message, touching a release of the der again and then assign some one seized goods, but of course, a fair inelse, probably General Colville, to take ference from the statement that the goods on two of the vessels had been "Lord Methuen, in addition to his found to be not contraband is that other eccentricities, has quarrelled with they either will, or have been already of these seizures that can be adjusted fication by court-martial. When the for any hint, but will voluntarily make

as to the character of the Beatrice's

Later in the day the following offi-

just state department: of Salisbury on the afternoon of the 10th instant, in regard to the American shipments of flour and provisions in that they can only be considered conforces, it not being sufficient that they poses, are capable of being so used; but it must be shown that this was their destination at the time of scizure. This American contention that the goods were not subject to seizure and practically disayows the seizures; it not being claimed that there is any evidence of hostile destination.

# STUDYING THE VOTE.

#### Democrats Will Try to Investigate Losses. Philadelphia, Jan. 11.-The committee

Rilling of the Democratic state committee to investigate the falling off in the Democratic vote in Philadelphia, state held another meeeting here today. The committee has held several persons gave testimony. This meeting, like the previous sessions, was keld behind closed doors. Nine witnesses were heard, the last that the prosecution expects to call.

The committee will hold its next meeting at Pittsburg on Jan. 18, and will sit in this city again on Jan. 31, Between the 18th and 21st inst. the investigators will hold a session in the interior of the state. The time and place for which session will be decided on later.

# FETTEROLF'S NEW JOB.

### Will Take Charge of the Business Men's League.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11 .-- A. D. Fetterolf, of Montgomery county, who last week resigned his position as resident clerk of the house of representatives, was today elected secretary of the executive committee of the state Republican organization opposed to Quay. and his re-election as United States

Mr. Fetterolf will take charge of the details of the approaching campaign for the committee, in conjunction with F. A. VanValkenburg, of the Business Men's league of the state.

Indictment Against Rosser. New York, Jan. 11.-The grand jury to ay found an indictment for assault in the first degree against Willis Rosser, the medical student who at the close of the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, on Dec. 9, shot Frederic Slater of Rahway, N. J., in a quarrel over a bet ting dispute. Rosser, while a soldier, cently killed a man in San Francisco and was tried for murder and acquitted.

# Twelve-Year-Old Boy Lost.

Special to the Scranton Tribune Towanda, Jan. 11.—Perry Vanderpoot, of Terry township, this county, was in lown yesterday searching for his 12-yearold son. It is claimed that a tramp had entired the boy from home on Tuesday and that they came toward Towards the facts having been verified

# THE MOLINEUX TRIAL.

### Prof. Rudolph Whitthaus the Principal Witness Yesterday.

New York, Jan. 11.-The principal vitness today in the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Karharine J. Adams was Professor Rudolph H. Whitthaus, the well known chemist, who made an analysis of Mrs. Adams' stomach, of various portions of Henry C. Barnet's exhumed body and of the box containing an effervescent salt which it is said Barnet took before his

death. Dr. Whitthaus said he found mercurie cyanide in the contents of the Barnet box and the common constituents of Kutnow powder. He found a small quantity of cyanide and mercury in Barnet's liver. In the kidneys he found mercury, and in the brain, mercury.

Witness then took up the Adams case. In the deadly bromo seltzer bottle Prof. Whitthaus said all the constituents of the powder found by him were the regular constituents of bromo seltzer except mercury and cyanogen. The analysis was made of powder taken respectively from the upper and lower parts of the bottle. The former developed the presence of 33.45 per cent.

cyanide of mercury, and the latter 42.15 per cent. Mrs. Florence Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Adams, and who was present at the time of her mother's death, described the poisoning. Mrs. Rogers was very self-possessed and showed no emotion. Her story agreed with that told by Harry Cornish and a long cross-examination did not shake her

Prof. Whitthaus will go on the stand again tomorrow to testify as to his analysis of the contents of the glass from which Mrs. Adams drank the fatal draft, and as to his analysis of Mrs. Adams' ston ach.

### DR. FRENCH DEAD.

### Was the Most Successful Woman Physician in the Country.

Boston, Jan. 11.-Dr. Elizabeth French, of Philadelphia, one of the best-known woman physicians in the country, died at her daughter's home late this afternoon.

Dr. French had reached her eightieth year. She was widely known For many years her permanent residence was in Philadelphia. In this city she not only had a most success ful career in the practice of medicine in association with her daughter, Dr. French-Patterson, who is also a registered practitioner; but in addition Dr. French was long recognized as one the early leaders in the advanced tositions in the fields of exact science. now so largely occupied by highly educated and ambitious women. The advantageous use of electricity in medical therapeutics-universal in the practice of today-was first made auspicious "The London press is considerably cargo is based upon an imperfect by her discoveries and her teachings, and while she had to overcome the usual obstacles encountered in the progress of any novelty in medical A telegram has been received from and similar appliances for administering electricity in the treatment of phyofficer, that 'the attack was that of a | terview had by him with the Marquis | sical ailments brought her both fame and fortune. In Philadelphia, until her great bodily activity was hindered by an accident that made her lame for the detained British steamers Beatrice the rest of her life. Dr. French took and Mashona and the Dutch steamer a foremost part in all the public pro-Maria. The British position as to jects and undertakings of her own sex foodstuff and hostile destination is to lessen the sufferings of the poor; and she distributed her large means traband of war if supplied the enemy's with unstinted hand for charity per-

Intellectually, she was a woman of presence, a powerful and melodious qualification virtually concedes the Voice, and that rare quality of magnetism which is almost hypnotic. Dr. French was an aggressive and a conthough in her democratic life she was

as gentle as a timid child. Dr. French was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa., in 1821, the daughter of a physician, and from an early age worked with her father at the place of her birth. Later, after her marriage, she removed to New York and continued in practice there and in Philaof Democrats appointed by Chairman delphia for many years, and for the

last six years in Boston. Dr. French was one of the ablest and strongest advocates of temperance of Allegheny and other counties in the her day, having lectured extensively on this subject and being the originator of the women's praying band. meetings here at which thirty-three also was the author of several books on her special medical work and upon temperance.

# BATTLES IN THE CONGO.

### Reports of Two Engagements with Rebellious Batatelas.

Brussels, Jan. 11.-The Soir today says that a detachment of Congo Free State troops, under Baron Dhanis, the Belgian commander, had two battles with the rebellious Batatelas, in the neighborhood of Baraka, early in October last. The paper adds that ninety of the Batatelas were killed, but that the Congo Free State troops suffered no casualties.

Among the killed were three chiefs. The Congo troops were under the Immediate command of Lieutenant Hecq. though Baron Dhanis directed the operations.

### SANK THROUGH THE RIVER ICE Stranger Walking Across When He

Suddenly Disappeared. Norristown, Pa., Jan. 11.—From her bome along the bank of the Schuylkill, at Port Kemedy, Mrs. Jacobs was this morning watching a man cross the river on the ice, when suddenly, as she glanced aside for a moment he disappeared. She says he must have gone down through a de and drowned. Mrs. Jacobs was alone in the house at

the time and was unable to go to the assistance. The coroner has stranger's been notified.

#### Steamship Arrivals. New York, Jan. II.-Sailed: La Cham-

agne, for Havre. Arrived: Trave, from Fremen. Queenstown—Sailed: Oceanic for New York. Bremen-Arrived: Kalser Wilhelm Der Grosse, New York via Cherbourg and Southampton. Off for Natal.

New York, Jan. 11.-The steamship Au Cape Town, East London and Port Natal Hesides an immense cargo of provisions, flour and grain, the carries thirty troop horses and fifty transport mules.

# **STEAMER** WRECKED

ON A REEF

# Passenger Ship in Distress Off Newfoundland Coast.

### BODIES WASHED OFF DECK

Passengers Were Clinging to the Rigging Just Before Nightfall-It Is Feared That They Will Perish Before Daylight-The Boat on Fire.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 11.-A large steamer, believed to be a passenger ship, whose name cannot yet be ascertained, was wrecked on a reef in St. Mary's bay, about five miles from

The vessel, which lies with her head low in the water, is on fire aft.

Several persons have been washed off the deck during the day. Just before nightfall others were descried in the rigging. It is feared that these will perish before daybreak. At this hour, 9 p. m., it is impossible to secure any further particulars, nor can any be obtained before morning.

# -- FUATION AT MANILA.

### Admiral Dewey Was Aware of the Plight of the Spaniards.

Washington, Jan. 11.-Responding to the senate's resolution of inquiry the the senate a copy of Admiral Dewey's report from Hong Kong, dated March 1898, relative to the situation at Manila. The text of the report shows that it was made in response to a telegram of inquiry from he secretary, and the admiral gives in detail the his command, and also a list of Spain's vessels and other means of defense at Manila. He stated that his own squadron was in a high state of efficiency. Speaking of the Spanish forces he said it numbered "about are working, even though it brings science, her inventions and her skill in 15,000 soldiers of all arms in all the them into conflict with the western the construction of medical betterles islands, of which half are in the vicinity of Manila. The Islands are now in a state of insurrection and my informants state that even the Spanish soldiers who constitute only a part of the whole are disaffected. Both ships and forts are in need of ammu-

To this statement he added the following: "I believe I am not overconfident in stating that with squadron now under my command the vessels could be taken and the defenses at Manila reduced in one day. There is every reason to believe that great force; and with a commanding with Manila taken or blockaded the rest of the islands would fall either to the insurgents or ourselves, as they are only held now through the support of the navy and are dependent upon vincing advocate in discussions, al- Manila for supplies. Information has just reached me that there are armed rebels in camp near Manila. who are willing to assist me."

# ANOTHER COAL ADVANCE.

# Bituminous Will Be Increased 30 to

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.-The Press to-

35 Per Cent.

norrow will say: On April 1 there is to be an advance of at least 30 to 35 cents per ton on bituminous coal freight rates and a meeting of the bituminous coal carry- test made today of coal recently ing roads is to be held within a few days. This advance will cause bitumprice of coal as in the Cumberland region the miners will get at least is Clearfield region five cents more, while bituminous trade is in a flourishing and all tests of reputed discoveries condition, and the operators are having trouble in securing enough cars to meet demends. The railroads are using more bituminous than they have for years, and factories all over the country are asking for speedy shipments, as their supplies are limited. in Boston soft coal which brought from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per ton six months ago, now readily sells for \$4.50 and \$5,

# Dewey Home Volumes.

Washington, Jan. 11.-Treasurer Roberts and Assistant Secretary Allen this afternoon presented to Admiral Dewey the beautiful volumes recently prepared containing the names of the contributor o the Dewey home, tegether with a hisory of the efforts to raise the money for the home. The presentation was made at the admiral's home and was without cere-The admiral expressed his gratitude for the present.

# Suicide of an Odd Fellow.

Philadelphia, Jan. H.-W. P. Jennings. aged 80 years, one of the eldest inmate of the Odd Fellows' home in this city, committed suicide today by stabbing himself with a shoemaker's knife. He had seen a sufferer from rheumatism for

#### Bryan's Delaware Date. Wilmington, Del., Jan. 11.-The date of

William J. Bryan's visit to Delaware has been set for Friday. January 26, when he will make an address in the evening at the Grand opera house. This will robably be Mr. Bryan's only date in

# Latham Defeated.

Jan. 11.-George Standing American professional racquet champion, defeated Peter Latham, world's cham-pion, today on the B. A. A. court, three straight games, 15-6, 15-9, 16-13

# THE NEWS THIS MORNING

### Weather Indications Today:

# 1 General-Large Steamer Wrecked Off

- New Foundland Coast, South African War News. Congressonal Doings. England's Reply to Mr. Choate.
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial,
- Local-Common Pleas Court Doings.
- Work of a Day in Superior Court Editorial.
- News and Comment. Local-Trolley Car Wrecked and Many Persons Injured. Four Arrests for Election Frauds.
- Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- Round About the County. Local-Clarence Rozelle's Voyage to the Philippines. Live Industrial News.

### TRADE TREATY WITH FRANCE. Report of Strong Opposition in

Washington and Paris Denied. Paris, Jan. 11 .-- A representative o the Associated Press has been informed at the foreign office here that, so far as the officials are aware, there is absolutely no truth in the despatches from Washington, published in London, to the effect of strong opposition in the United States senate and the French chamber of deputies against the ratification of the commercial

treaty between France and the United Stutes. It is probable, the foreign office officials add, that they would have heard of such action if it had been taken, yet nothing whatever has been received from the French embassy at Washington casting doubts on the ratification, and they utterly discreduel the cabled reports. They point out that, so far as the chamber of deputies is concerned, there is not the slightest reason to suppose that the rat fication is in jeopardy, and they are confident that there will be no hitch on either side, and that the treaty will soon be

### ORGANIZING MINERS.

# Mr. Mitchell Will Push the Work as

Rapidly as Possible. Indianapolis, Jan. 11.-President Mitchell, of the United Mine workers, said secretary of the navy today sent to that the work of organizing would be taken up with renewed vigor immediately after the conventions and conference closed. He considers the anthracite region of Eastern Pennsylvania one of the most inviting fields. In the five counties around Hazleton, Luzerne county, Pa., there are 300,000 names of the available vessels under miners, of whom only 20,000 are organized.

Mr. Mitchell also says the United Ming workers will undoubtedly push their organization into all of the far western country wherever coal miners

federation of miners. A dozen or more members of the na tional board and delegates arrived today and several hundred are expected

### tomorrow and next day. LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Officers Elected at Philadelphia Yes-

terday. Philadelphia, Jan. 11.-The Pennsyl vania Lumbermen's Protective association at its annual meeting here today elected the following officers: President, W. M. Janes, Steelton; vice president, B. S. Thomson, Luzerne secretary and treasurer, T. J. Snowden, Scranton: directors for three years, S. Heck, Allentown; W. Z. Sener, Lancaster; directors for one year, Emil Guenther, Philadelphia; Thomas P. Merritt, Reading; directors for years, A. J. Grater, Norristown, and

#### L. S. Ryman, Wilkes-Barre. The next meeting will be held in July at Wilkes-Barre.

### COAL IN SANTIAGO. Business Men Interested in a Test

in Mayari District. Santiago De Cuba, Jan. 11 -Business men, especially those interested in mining, were greatly interested in a covered in the Mayari district. A coal mine in Cuba would be of the greatest inous coal companies to put up the possible value. At present the price of coal is \$8 per ton for ships and steam plants; and there is virtually per cent, more per ton, and in the no domestic consumption owing to this prohibitive figure. Scientists the total increase in the cost of pro- have always told that it was imposduction will be 25 cents per ton. The sible that coal should exist in Cuba;

# have resulted in failure.

Bryan and the Contests. Frankfort, Ky., Jan. II.-The suver Democrats who are opposing Goebel claim to have direct information that Colonel Bryan does not approve of the contests which are being prosecuted by Goebel and other Democratic candidates. They went so far today as to say that Bryan had written a letter to Blackburn discouraging the contests. National Committeeman Urey Woodson, who was in conferenwith Bryan in Chicago last Sunday gave emphatic and positive denial to these

# claims tonight

Post Office Robbery. Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 11.-The post offic California, Pa., was entered last night after 12 o'clock by thieves, the safe broken open and about \$160 in cash, \$400 of which belonged to the government, two thousand two cent stamps of other nominations and some valuable checks and receipts taken.

# Anti-imperialist Meeting.

Washington, Jan. 11 .-- About 500 person attended an anti-imperialist meeting held in Masonic hall here tonight. The Weather was wet and disagrecable. The speak ers were ex-Senator J. B. Henderson, of sachusetts, and Representative Lentz, of

# Charters Granted.

Harrisburg, Jan. 11.-These corporations were chartered today by the state department: The Bullshead Coal company Scranton, capital \$25,000; Country Press and Printing company, Montrose, capital

# Roland Reed.

New York, Jan. 11.—Roland Reed, the actor, was reported to be doing well in St. Luke's hespital tonight. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# INQUIRY ON **PHILIPPINES**

# Debate in Senate on Pettigrew Resolution.

#### SPOONER'S BILL

Amendment Offered by Mr. Lodge. Senator from South Dakota Insists on Having His Resolution Considered Separately from Mr. Hoar's. Arraigns the Administration. Says It Is Inspired by England. Criticizes the Manila Censor.

Washington, Jan. 11.-An unusual amount of routine business, including the presentation of petitions and the ntroduction of bills, was transacted

by the senate today. Among the bills introduced was one by Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, providing, in brief, that when the insurrection of the Philippines shall have been suppressed the government of the islands shall be vested in such person or persons as the president may direct, until congress shall direct how the islands shall be governed.

The resolution of Senator Pettigrew regarding attempts to open negotiations with the Filipinos was taken up. Senator Hoar had offered a similar resolution of broader, scope,

Mr. Ledge offered a further amendment, to include any information coming to the war department of plans of people of the Philippines in arms against the United States as to the projected uprising in the city of Manila for the destruction of foreign property and massacre of residents; also regarding treatment of prisoners by insurgents. Mr. Lodge referred to the published reports of the plan to throw dynamite bombs during the funeral of General Lawton to create panie, during which an uprising was to occur. His amendment also covered information regarding the anti-Imperialistic utterances which were being disseminated among the insurgents, and alleged documents circulated among United States soldiers serving in the Philippines last summer urging them not to re-enlist. Information regarding all these facts, Mr.

# Lodge said, should be known.

Mr. Hoar Assents. Mr. Hoar assented to Mr. Lodge's plan, but said he should like also to include the president's instructions to the peace commissioners in Paris. But presumed there would be objection to that, and he would not press it. But he should, however, press the request for all instructions to the Philippine commissioners. Mr. Hoar was also desirous that this information

should be sent in from time to time, not in one hughe, unwieldy document Mr. Pettigrew insisted on separate action on his resolution. He referred feelingly to the manner in which his resolution of Dec. 14 was shelved on the ground that it would be immediately telegraphed to the insurgents, but in reality to prevent the American people from knowing the facts. His present resolution called for specific facts and should be passed. He said: "The resolution of Senator Lodge should read 'if not incompatible with the interests of a candidate for reelection.' The whole conduct of the administration senators here," he add-

ed, "is in line with the policy of concealing the news and suppressing the facts. Mr. Pettigrew charged that vital parts had been suppressed in General Otls' report; that the news of the Suit treaty had been mangled and suppressed until the Ohio election and that General Otis had altered the president's proclamation before he issued it. Otis had defrauded the Filipinos and

the administration and had humbugged

During his remarks Mr. Pettigrew

the American people.

referred to the insurgent government as a "sister republic." Mr. Pettigrew became involved in a sharp passage at arms with Mr. Gallinger. The latter attempted to inter-rupt Mr. Pettigrew, but the South Pakota senator said he declined to yield to a "stump speech."

"That is what the senator from South Dakota has been making for five months," observed Mr. Gallinger, sententiously. "I do not object to those remarks from the senator from New Hamp-shire," retorted Mr. Pettigrew, "be-

#### cause he is such a genial gentleman, as his colleague knows." Press Censorship.

Continuing. Mr. Pettigrew referred to the letter of R. M. Collins, the Associated Press correspondent in Manila, about the strict censorship in Manila, as a further proof that the administration was seeking to keep the truth from the American people. Mr. Pettigrew said he refused to leave to the president's discretion the question of answering his interrogatories. An administration that would suppress the truth from the public would not hesitate to conceal the facts from the senate. The policy of the administration, he said, had been, in his opinion, instigated by England. He charged that the United States commenced the war first by the proclamation by the president in December, 1898, and afterward by firing the first shot and killing the first man. "If I were a Filipino," said Mr. Pettigrew, "I would fight until I was gray

### \*\*\*\*\*\* WEATHER FORECAST.

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Washington, Jan. 11.-Forecast for Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, rain early Friday morning high easterly winds, becoming