SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

# GEN. BULLER **SURPRISED** THE BOERS

## Followed Up the Movement by Shelling the Trenches.

### HIS FORCES CONCENTRATED

One Cause for Anniety Removed by Recent News-In Cape Colony General Methuen Makes a Demonstration in Force, Shelling Boer Works-Gatacre Is Skirmishing Around Molteno-An Account of a Battle at Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 18, 4.30 a. m .- General Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgeiters Drift, fifteen miles west of mitted to wear side arms and uni-Colenso, on Wednesday, Jan. 10. This Luzon was ended, when they would intelligence is contained in an exclu- surrender. Colonel Byrne refused to sive despatch to the Times, dated yesterday. He followed up the movement by shelling the Boer trenches,

This news completely disposes of the statement that Sir Charles Warren's force went in the direction of Weenen. and it tends greatly to restore confidence in General Buller's tactics.

The supposition that he had divided his forces into three columns had given cause for anxiety. It is now seen that such a view was erroneous, as General Buller's forces are concentrated.

In Cape Colony General Methuen has made a demonstration in force shelling the Boer works. General Gatacre is skirmishing around Molteno and General French has been throwing a few shells at the Boers at Rensburg. Colonel Plumer is moving to the relief of Mafeking from Bechuanaland. He is now in command of less than 2,000 men. Mafeking is in a bad way: the siege is being pressed with determination and the Kaffirs are deserting because of pinched rations and the necessity of eating horse flesh.

The Standard has a vivid account of that the garrison was surprised and critical. Out of a detachment of thirty Gordon Highlanders who surrendered stroke of the war.

The government is relaxing its efquite undecided as to when the Eighth division will be shipped.

The war office declines the offer of a third battalion of Northamptonshire militia, saying that no more militia will be sent abroad. It seems probable that only 5,000, instead of 10,000 yeomanry, will be mobilized.

The ministers are gathering for a cabinet council, which will probably be held tomorrow (Friday).

#### · From Spearman's Farm London, Jan. 18.-A special dispatch

from Spearman's Farm, dated January 17, says: The British column moved to

Spearman's Farm, beyond Springfield on January 11. The difficulties in crossing the swollen river were great, the wagons being quite covered." The other morning papers are out with extra editions confirming the

dispatch from Spearman's farm to the Times. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent under yesterday's date "I am permitted to wire from

Spearman's farm that General Lyttleton yesterday afternoon ferried and forded Petgieters drift and seized with little opposition a line of low ridges a mile from there. During the night a howitzer battery was carried across, Today, from Mount Alice, near Swartzkop, naval guns and howitzers effectively shelled the Boer position which is strong.

"General Warren also today crossed the Tugela, six miles farther to the west, near Wagon drift, with all arms. in the face of a hot and heavy fire from Boer cannon and rifles. He has effected a most satisfactory lodgement two miles further on toward Sproen kop."

London, Jan. 18.-The Pietermaritzburg corespondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing late Wednesday evening. January 17, says:

"Arrivals from Estcourt report that there was fighting on the Tugela to-

### day. The result is not known here."

A Bombardment. London, Jan. 17 .- The following dispatch has been received from Mafe-

king under date of January 3: "The enemy began a renewed and vigorous bombardment January 1, and liberately fired six 9-pounder shells into the women's laager, killing a little girl and wounding two children. The strategical position is unchanged."

Modder River, Cape Colony, Jan. 17.-There was a demonstration in force, under General Methuc. jester-day, a division being engaged, with the object of ascertaining the strength and disposition of the Boer force and also in order to try to draw the Boers from Kimberley, where, lately, they have been active. The British discovered the Boers in great force and be- is over 80 years of uge.

ing reinforced from the direction of Jacobsdal.

At 4:30 the artillery opened fire, the shells dropping in the Boer entrenchments with great precision. The attack was directed against the Boer left. The firing continued until sun- CASE OF THE PROSECUTION set, mostly with artillery, although the guards, on the right, fired some long range volleys The Roers reserved their fire until the British were returning to camp in the darkness, when six shells followed them. There were no causalties among the British

London, Jan. 18 .- The Daily Mail has the following, dated yesterday, from Pietermaritzburg: "News has been received that Gen-

eral Buller is making satisfactory progress."

## BYRNE DISPERSES FILIPINOS.

Terms of Surrender Not Satisfactory to the American Colonel. Manila, Jan. 17.-7:05 p. m.-Colonel

Kibbe, with the Forty-eighth infantry, sailed on board the transport Hancock today, with gunboats. The object of the force is probably the important islands Samar and Leyte. which the insurgents hold. The American blockade and the lev-

ies of the Tagal army have caused great, suffering among the people and hundreds of persons are in an almost starving condition.

The Tagal general, Mauricio, recently landed at Negros from the island of Panay and requested a conference with Colonel Byrne. He proposed that the insurgents be let alone and performs in the towns until the war in agree to this, however, and said they would be considered as bandits and shot if they were found armed. Colonel Byrne surprised the insurgent camp the same night and scattered the Filipinos, killing thirty of them, including a general.

### BRYAN'S ADVICE

AT CINCINNATI

Says the Time Has Come When No Farmer Can Afford to Be a Repub-

Cincinnati, Jan. 17 .- Colonel William Bryan addressed an audience of 5,000 at Music hall tonight, under the auspices of the Cincinnati Bimetallic He said that the time had come when no farmer or laborer could afford to be a Republican. He said that party had entirely changed front. He quoted from Lincoln't letter to a Boston Republican meeting in 1859 and also from his first message, in which Lincoln said that he feared monarchical tendencies in the republic. Passing to the money question, he said he had been asked to drop that question. He believed in it, that is, in the double the assault upon Ladysmith, showing question he said there was no man in this nation big enough to let that question fall in such a way as to break it Following up the criticism of the Republican party, he devoted considerable time to the currency bill before conevery man was wounded, says the cor- gress. Passing to the trust question respondent. Curiously enough, this is he argued that monopolies could be the first mention of the capture of the stopped by the exercise of powers with-Highlanders. The Boer repulse at in the province of congress. The greater part of his two hours' speech was Ladysmith was the heaviest counter- devoted to the Philippine question. This he said was an issue on which American sentiment had never beer forts to send out reinforcements. It is expressed in any national election. He discussed the defences of the Philippine policy and was very severe on th theory that the possession of the Philippines would pay. He said:

"I would not put the life of one American soldier on the auction block for all the gold and all the wealth of all the Philippines." His solution of that question would be to announce to the Filipinos, as had been announced to the Cubans, that they would be assisted in establishing an independent government and would afterwards receive the same protection in maintaining t as the South American republics had received. He will go from here at noon tomorrow, directly to Washington, and then to New Jersey and New York.

### At Peace with Spain.

Madrid, Jan. 17 .- In the senate today Premier Senor Filvela announced that negotiations were in progress with the United States for the conclusion of a treaty of peace and friendship, and a treaty providing for extradition and the resumption of normal relations. He added that preliminary steps had already been taken with a view to the conclusion of a commercial treaty.

State Dinner for Seventy-Eight. Washington, Jan. 17.-President and Mrs. McKinley entertained the members of the diplomatic corps at a state din-ner at the white house tonight. Covers were laid for seventy-eight persons and owing to the large company the table was set in the main corridor. appropriately decorated for the occasion and the Marine band played.

### Tuxedo Tennis Tournament.

Tuxedo, Park, N. Y., Jan. 17 .- The feature of the tournament of the Tuxedo Tennis and Recquet club today was the match between E. H. Miles, amateur champion of England, and Tom Pettit, the professional champion of America Pettit gave Miles 15 and a bisque

### Troops to Be Mustered Out.

Harrisburg. Jan. 17.—General orders were issued today from the headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. detailing Major David W. Simpson, Twenty-first regiment, to muster out the following companies of the regiment: C Meadville: D. Warren; E. Bradford; H

### Jersey Dairymer. Meet.

Sharon, and I. Erie.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 17 .- The New Jer sey State Dairy union held its annual meeting here today and elected officers. The union decided to agitate for the pass age of a law against putting coloring matter in oleomargarine, and also against

### Mrs. Patterson Ill.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 17 -- A special Mrs. M. J. Patterson, the only child of delegates today passed the "Jim Crow" Andrew Johnson, is critically ill at her home there and not expected to live. She for whites and black on the railways, Mrs. M. J. Patterson, the only child of

### MOLINEUX TRIAL **NEARLY ENDED**

PRACTICALLY CLOSED.

Evidence Given by the Letter Box Man-Heckman Makes a Strong Witness-Cross-examination Fails to Shake the Testimony-The Recorder Asks Questions Also-The Testimony of Koch.

New York, Jan. 17.—The prosecution today practically closed its case against Roland B. Molineux, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Katharine J. Adams, with the introduction of the testimony of Nicholas Heckman, proprietor of a private letter box agency, where Molineux is alleged to have hired a box in which he received patent medicines from manufacturers. Heckman is the witness whom a Nashville, Tenn., lawyer, named Colmar, sought to have extradited to Tennessee last year as an escaped convict. investigation it was found that Heckman had never been in Tennessee and that Colmar had concerted the plot for the purpose of getting money

out of Molineux's lawyers. Heckman made a strong witness today. He testified that he had known Molineux by sight for five years and that he had seen him one hundred and fifty times. On May 27, 1898, Molineux went into witness' place and engaged a box for the receipt of mail. He gave his name as H. C. Barnet.

Witness testified that Molineux came in about twenty times for his mail, which was mostly private medicines. Witness remembered putting in defendant's box a package of certain powder. This powder is the one in which it is alleged cyanide of mercury was conveyed to Barnet. Witness never knew Harry Cornish. After a savage cross-examination by

Mr. Weeks, who failed to discredit the witness, Mr. Osborne took Heckman in hand again. "Do you realize the seriousness of what you say here?" Mr. Osborne

asked. "Yes," was the reply. "Has any one in this world given you a cent or offered you a cent?"

"Yes sir."

"Who was it?"
"J. C. Walsh" (Walsh is said to have been concerned in the Colmar epi-

side).
Q. "He offered you money to identify Molineux? A. No; it was the other way.

When Osborne had finished his examination of Heckman, Recorder Goff turned to the jury. "If there are any of the jurors" he of this witness, now is the time to clear up any remaining matters which

he may explain. I shall not permit this witness to be recalled." "If there is anything else that the will be their last chance," the recorder

### Recorder Asks Questions

Weeks and Osborne remained silent and the recorder continued: "Then I shall ask a few questions myself. Mr. Heckman, you recognize the selemnity of the occasion, do you not?"

"Yes,' 'answered the letter box man. Q. And being a man of years and discretion, you understand the consequences of perjury-the punishment it incurs?

A. I do. Q. You realize fully the awful conseqeunce which may follow to this defendant if you do not now speak the

A. I do. Q. Now, I want you to state to me under the solemnity of your oath whether or not there is any promise. expressed, or implied, to you, or any reward of any kind or description held out to you as the result of your testimony in this case? A. Absolutely none. I don't expect

any reward and I don't want any. Q. Have you any reason to believe that you will secure any reward or any gratuity of any kind on account of your testimony in this case? A. No. sir.

Q. Do you realize how vitally imortant it is and when I say that I want you to look deep in your conscience-have you any doubt in your mind-any doubt whatever, as to this defendant being the man who rented that letter box from you as H. C. Barnet? If you have any doubt in your mind, anything on your conscience, now is the time to disclose it Have you any doubt?

A. None whatever, Q. If you have any doubt now is the made any mistake whatever-even the slightest-now is the time to correct it. A. I have none. I have no doubt at all. When Detective McCafferty came to me he appealed to me as solemnly as he could and begged me to make no mistake. I had no doubt and I have none now.

The recorder-Very well. You may step aside

### Koch's Testimony.

The first witness today was Joseph Koch, another letter box man, who testified yesterday that Molineux had talked with him in December, 1898, about engaging a box: that a few days later a second man, with a heavy mustache, had taken a box, under the name, "H. Cornish" and that packages of medicine had came to the box. The ross-examination of Koch today was very severe.

Mr. Weeks sought to show that Koch's description of the man who engaged the box, given to the police last year, would fit Harry Cornish But Koch repeated positively that Cornish was not the man. Koch said that he told Weeks in May, 1899, that the man who called on him in December, 1898, to see about the box was Molineux. His conversation with Weeks was in Koch's office. Weeks having come into the office to inquire about the "H. C. Cornish box." Court then adjourned.

### "Jim Crow" Bill Passed.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 17 .- The house of

# BOARD OF PARDONS.

Arguments Heard in Cases of Meyers and Krause.

Harrisburg, Jan. 17 .- The board of pardons heard argument today in the cases of Samuel Peter Meyers, of Somerret, and Frank J. Krause, of Lehigh, both of whom have applied or a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment. An executive session will be held tomorrow to consider these and a number of other cases which have been under advisement since the December session. The application in Krause's case is based on the plea that there was no motive for his alleged crime and that by reason of public sentiment against him it was impossible to obtain a fair trial. District Attorney Groman filed a protest against a commutation. Meyers is alleged to have murdered Michael Carney and John Lenhart at Garret two years ago.

His attorneys have asked that his sentence be commuted on the ground that he is of unsound mind and that the members of his family are subject to nervous and mental disease and disturbances. The district attorney of Somerset county and the widow of Meyers alleged victims have protested against a commutation. Arguments were also heard in the cases of John Barna, of Pittsburg and Michael F. Maloney, of Allegheny, second degree murder. The cases of Samuel Houck, of Harrisburg, burglary; Thomas Cooper, of Allegheny, arson: James E. Ritenour, Westmoreland, felony, and John F. Doyle, of Philadelphia, conspiracy, were continued. The case of William H. House, former assistant city attorney of Pittsburg, serving 22 months in the Western Penitentary for embezzlement, will also be considered tomorrow in executive session, he having made application for a re-

### GENERAL WHEELER'S RETURN. No Significance in His Relief from

Further Duty. Washington, Jan. 17 .- It is said the war department that there is no special significance in the fact that General Wheeler has been relievel from further military duty in the Philippines and ordered home. Although he made no complaint, it is inderstood that active duty in the field has undermined General Wheeler's health and that it was dangerous for him to remain in the tropical climate of the Philippines much longer. While it is not officially admitted that General Wheeler has resigned his commission, it is stated positively that if he has taken such a step the president will suspend action until he has had an opportunity to confer with him on the subject, with a view of dissauding him from such a course. He is nearly 64 years of age, the statutory list of active service in the army and but said. "who have any questions to ask for that fact would have been appointed a brigadier general in the regular

army The president is said to favor legislation which will authorize the aplawyers want to ask Heckman this | General Lee and, perhaps, one or two others, to be brigadier generals on the retired list, in acknowledgement of their faithful services to this country during and since the Spanish war. It is said that is one of the reasons why General Wheeler is summoned home At this time.

His orders which were issued several days ago, require him to come to Washington by way of San Francisco. for consultation with the secretary of

### UNITED MINE WORKERS.

#### Fully 700 Delegates Are at Indianapolis Convention.

Indianapolis, Jan. 17.-The day's session of the United Mine Workers of America convened today, with John Mitchell, president, in the chair, There were fully 700 delegates pres-

Chairman P. J. Keenan, of the credentials committee, submitted his report. Mr. Fahrar, of the committee, who read the report, said that there would be differences in this convention as there have been in all others. Owing to the nature of the data furnished the committee had not been able to put all delegates in their proper places. The showing of the various states was larger than expected.

The credentials committee's report was acted upon and all delegates who were not seated were ordered to report to the committee for a settlement of

differences The election of officers was postponed and the report of the committee on rules and order of business read and accepted. President Mitchell then announced the names of the regular committees which will work during the convention. These committees: time to speak of it, and if you have Scale, transportation, appeals and grievances, reports of officers, and a committee of tellers.

### Wages Advanced.

Pittsburg, Jan. 17.-Firemen and possibly conductors and engineers all over the Baltimore and Chio railroad system proper are to be the subjects of a substantial wage advance dating from uary 1. The advance will be about 8 per cent. The Pittsburg and Lake Erle man-agement sent out notices to the various division headquarters announcing an advance to all its yardmen. In general the advance averages about 10 per cent.

### Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Jan. 17 .- Pension certificates: Philip Lenig, Northumberland, \$8 to \$12; Joseph Hackett (dead), Plymouth. \$8 to \$10. Original widows. etc.—Maria E. Smith, Johnstown, \$8; Susan V. Weir, Adamsville, Luzerne, 88; minor of Isaiah H. Edwards, Bloomsburg, \$10; Emma L Lebkiecher, Wingate, Center, \$8.

County Jailer Killed. West Plains, Mo., Jan. 17-County Jailer Alfred Henry, while feeding the prisoners in the Howell county jail today, was overpowered and killed by two prisoners. B. Richardson and Ed Grady. The prisoners escaped and locked the door after hem. A reward of \$1,000 is offered fo their capture.

### Charters Granted.

Harrisburg, Jan. 17.—Charters were issued by the state department today as follows: Pittsburg Sou hern Street Railpany, Pittsburg; capital \$25,000. Crescent Manufacturing company, Pittsburg; capital \$25,000. Pittsburg Real Es-tate company, Pittsburg; capital \$5,000.

### LIVELY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

TALK OVER THE SALE OF THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

Mr. Sulzer, of New York, Starts the Ball Rolling-Mr. Sibley Warmly Commends the Course of Secretary Gage-Resolution of Inquiry Regarding the Conduct of the Philippine War Is Adopted-Mr. Teller Talks on Finances-The Vote on Gold Standard.

Washington, Jan. 17.-The house had another inning today over the sale of the New York custom house by Secretary Gage. Mr. Sulzer, of New York, the author of the resolution for an investigation of the secretary's transactions with the New York banks, started the ball rolling by charging that the mandate had already gone forth to suppress it. Mr. Sibley, a Pennsylvania Democrat, formerly a radical advocate of free silver, who now out of sympathy with Democrats in the house, warmly warmly commended Mr. Gage's course. These two speeches precipitated a de bate which lasted about three hours Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, explained that the committee on rules, to which the Sulzer resolution had gone, had not acted because no evidence had been produced before the committee to warrant the ordering of such a far-reach ing investigation. Not a single person had appeared before the committee to Mr. Hepburn (Rep., Ia.,) aspress it. sailed Mr. Suizer for some of his extravagant statements and declared there ought to be some way to rebuke a member for slandering honored officials. Later in the day during the discussion of the appropriation for the army, Mr. Cannon, in charge of the bill, challenged any member to move to strike it out. Mr. Williams (Dem. Miss..) replied to Mr. Cannon in an eloquent speech, in which he affirmed the loyalty of every American citizen to the flag and charged Mr. Cannon with shrewdly issuing a challenge that he knew would not be accepted. He maintained the right, however, members to criticise the policy of the government, asserting that loyalty to the flag was often confounded with loyalty to a policy of the government. The urgent deficiency bill was passed with only one unimportant amend-

ment.

An agreemnt was easily reached in he senate today to take the final vote in the pending bill fixing gold as the standard of value in the United States on February 15. In the intervening time, the measure will be discussed.

After several days of debate the drag net resolution of inquiry regarding the conduct of the Philippine war was adopted. It was introduced by Mr. Hoar, (Mass.) and practically was as a general substitute for resolutions of a similar, but less extended character offered by Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Lodge. Beyond a vigspeech by Mr. Pettigrew the resolution aroused no debate as it is within the discretion of the president to send or not to send any of the information requested. The resolution offered by Mr. Hale, (Maine) as to the seizure of flour by the British authorities was adopted, but only after a spirited debate and after the resolution had been materialy amended. Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations made a sharp attack upon the resolution but withdrew his objections after it had been amended. Mr. Teller, (Silver Rep., Colo.) addressed the senate upon the financial bill and will continue his speech to-

#### morrow. WILL HONOR HEROES.

# University of Pennsylvania to Erect

a Memorial Tower. Philadelphia, Jan. 17 .- Provost Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania, has issued a request to the general Alumni association of the University, numbering many thousands and located in various parts of the United States, to forward the names and all data of those who served in

the war with Spain. The purpose is to have the names cut in stone in the memorial tower, now being constructed as a memorial to those former and present University of Pennsylvania men who serve! their country during that time. The tower, which is nearly completed, will form the principal entrance to the dormitory adjunct of the university and will be red brick, 52x94 feet wide and 90 feet in length.

It will cost about \$80,000. Provost Harrison further announces that all information furnished by any member of the alumni will be compared with the war department records to insure correctness.

### THREE ARE ARRAIGNED.

Men Indicted for Violating Election Laws. Are Be ore the Court.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.-Samuel R. Markley, Frank Taylor, alias Pierce, and Joseph S. Hogan, who were recently indicted for violating the election laws in the Twelfth division of the Fifth ward, were arraigned in quarter sessions court today. There are nine indictments against

the defendants, and they entered pleas of not guilty to four of them which charged them with various violations of the law. To the other five indictments, charging conspiracy, their attorney filed demurrers. Argument the demurrers will be heard by Judge Bregy on Friday.

Five other men for whom warrants have been issued for similar offenses in the Fifth ward have not yet been apprehended.

### Cigarmakers Strike.

Boyertown, Jan. 17 .- Owing to the dis charge of four cigarmakers employed at Dunn & Co.'s cigar factory at this place, by the firm, all of the employes, three hundred in number, quit work and went on a strike today. They intend to remain out until the discharged men are rein-stated. The firm stated that they reserve the right to employ and discharge whom

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

#### Weather Indications Today

RAIN.

General-General Buller Crosses the Tugela River. Conclusions of Committee on the Roberts Case.
Testimony in the Molineux Trial.
Congressional Doings.

- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Financial and Commercial Local-Opinions Handed Down by the Superior Court. Funeral of Rees Watkins.
- Editorial. News and Comments.
- Local President Truesdale Interviewed. Two Killed, Several Injured in the Ox-
- Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- Round About the County. Local-Live Industrial News.
- Condition of the Anthracite Coal Trade

### IMPORTANT DECISION.

#### Judge Arnold's Opinion in the Oleomargarine Cases.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.-A decision of interest to the entire produce trade of Pennsylvania was handed down by Judge Arnold in common pleas cour today in the case of the commonwealth against J. K. Vandye, agent of the Oakdale Manufacturing company, of Providence, R. I. In substance the court declares that the coloration of oleomargarine is in violation of the statutes. Vandye sold in this city in original packages shipped to him by the Oakdale Manufacturing company fifty pounds of oleomargarine. He had been sued by the state dairy and food commissioner for selling the commodity. He filed a demurrer on the ground that he was engaged in the lawful business of selling oleomargarine. The question raised during the argument was whether a dealer should under the law be compelled to use coloring matter in oleomargarine to render the composition distinct in appearance from genuine butter. Judge Arnold decided that the legislature could not compel the manufacturer or dealer to add any color to the article, but it may punish him for add-

#### costs on Vandyke. HIT BY SEVEN BULLETS. John O'Neil Is Shot by Charles

ing any coloring matter to oleomar-

garine. He imposed a fine of \$100 and

Robinson. Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 17 .- The per sistent attention of John O'Neil to the wife of Charles Robinson, of Spruce Creek, resulted in his death today at he hands of the wrenged husband. Suspecting the infidelity of his wife and having knowledge that O'Neil would call at the house today Robinson procured a 38 calibre revolver and came upon the couple in his home unawares. Without saying a word Robinson commenced firing at O'Nell and bullets were in O'Nell's body. Two

of the bullets entered the left temple and one took effect in the neck. O'Nell died without a murmur. Rob inson, then in an indifferent manner, picked up O'Neil's body and threw it into the street. Mrs. Robinson's admiration for O'Neil is unquestioned. Both Robinson and his wife are in

jail.

#### A Large Increase Is Shown During Last Three Months of Year.

SALE OF STAMPS.

Washington, Jan. 17 .- A large increase is shown in the sales of postage stamps and stamped envelopes during the three months ended December 31, 1899, as compared with the similar per iod of the preceding year.

The increase in number of articles was 125,041,675, and in value \$2,456,952. The largest increase in number of articles sold is in "postage due" stamps, thirty-six per cent.. and the largest increase in value of articles sold, is no fear of failure is entertained and found in ordinary stamped envelopes,

#### 34 per cent. ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS.

#### Tuscarora People Accused of Flood ing Bradford with Bad Dollars.

Towanda, Pa., Jan. 17.-James T. Culver and Adolphus Babcock, of Tuscarora township, were arrested today and held in bail for a further hearing by United States Commissioner Mix. charged with making and passing

counterfeit money. The men are suspected of belonging to a well organized gang of counterfeiters that has flooded the county

### with bogus dollars.

Schaefer-Morningstar Contest. New York, Jan. 17.—Play was resumed today in the 14-inch balk line handicap match between Jake Schaefer, who is en-deavoring to score 2.000 points against 1,500 by Ora Mornit getar, the young Chicago shortstop. Schaefer lost ground to-day and was unable to break through the lead which his opponent has maintained from the beginning of the contest. Score: Afternoon game-Morningstar, 100; average, 16 4-16; high run, 47. Schaefer, 153; average, 30 3-5; high runs, 71 and 32. Evening game-Morningstar, 100; average 12 4-8; high run, 25; grand Schaefer, 199; average, 28 3-7; high runs, 92 and 67; grand total, 1,075

### Senate Confirmations.

Washington, Jan. 17 .- The senate today confirmed the following nominations Consuls—M. J. Carter, of Pennsylvania, at St. Johns, N. F.; A. Wood, of Penn-sylvania, at Kehl; G. L. Darte, of Pennsylvania, at Patras, Greece; A. C. Yates, of Virginia, at Martinique. Postmaster, sylvania, C. Graffian, Catasaugua;

#### H. L. Cooper, Edinboro, Erie county. Thirteen Are Killed.

Turin, Jan. 17 .- It is now announce that thirteen persons altogether were killed and forty others were wounded by the explosion yesterday of the dynamite factory at Avigliano, fourteen miles from

### Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Jan. 17.-Arrived: Friesland, Antwerp. Sailed: St. Paul, Southampton; Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Cleared: La Gascogne, Havre. Rotterdam—Arrived: Statendam, New York. Southampton—Ar-

# COMMITTEE IS AGAINST **ROBERTS**

## Report That Will Be Made on the Mormon's Casc.

### STATUS AS POLYGAMIST

Congressman-elect from Utah Pronounced a Polygamist-Investigators Divided as to Method of Procedure to Keep Him Out of the House-Majority Recommends Exclusion - Minority Believes He Should Be Seated and Expelled. Will Submit Report to That Effect.

Washington, Jan. 17.-The special committee of the house of representaham H. Roberts of Utah, today reached a conclusion. On the polygamous status of Mr. Roberts the committee was unanimous and it agreed on a formal statement of facts. On the question of procedure to be adopted the committee was divided. The majority, consisting of all the members except Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, and De Armond, of Missourl, favored exclusion at the outset. Messrs. Littlefield and De Armond will make a minority report favorable to seating Roberts on his prima facle rights and then ex-

pelling him. The statement of facts found by the

committee is as follows: We find that B. H. Roberts was elected as a representative to the Fifty-sixth congress from the state of Utah, and was at the date of his election above the age of 25 years; that he had been for more than seven years a naturalized citizen of the United States and was an inhabi-tant of the state of Utah.

We further find that about 1878 he mar-ried Louisa Smith, his first and lawful wife, with whom he has ever since lived as such and who, since their marriage, has borne him six children.

That about 1885 he married as his plu-ral wife Celia Dibble, with whom he has

ever since fived as such, and who, since

such marriage, has borne him six chil-dren, of whom the last were twins, born August 11, 1897. That rome years after his said mar-riage to Celia Dibble he contracted an-other plural marriage with Margaret C, Shipp, with whom he has ever since lived in the habit and repute of marriage. Your of this marriage. It does not appear that he held her out as his wife before Janu ary, 1897, or that before that date she held him out as her husband, or that before

that date Dey were reputed to be hus band and wife. That these facts were generally known n Utah, publicly charged against hi during his campaign for election, and were not denied by him.

That the testimony bearing on these

#### facts was taken in the presence of Mr. Roberts and that he fully cross-examined the witnesses, but declined to place himself on the witness stand.

WILL RAISE THE CASH. No Danger That Philadelphia Will

Not Redeem \$100,000 Pledge. Philadelphia, Jan. 17.-President Henry Burke, of the Citizens' Convention association, today emphatically denied the rumors sent broadcast from Washington to the effect that the committee was unable to redeem its pledge of \$100,000 for the national committee to open the campaign. He asserts that that the \$100,000 will be forthcoming. When Senator Hanna and the subcommittee of the national campaign committee were in this city last week the latter was assured of the entire

William E. Elkins, the millionaire traction magnate of this city, is said to have remarked to Senator Hanna; "Don't worry over that \$100,000 promised the national committee, senator; if it is not made up by the time you need it, you call upon me and I

will make good the deficiency." The members of the citizens' committee went to Washington today to attend the meeting of the national committee.

### OUR COMMERCE FOR 1899.

Record of Exports Beaten-That of Imports Almost Equalled. Washington, Jan. 17.-The exports of merchandise from the United States

during the year 1899 were valued at

\$1,275,486,641, and exceeded by \$19,940,-375 those of the previous year, which were the largest up to that that of any twelve months in the history of the country. The value of the merchandise imported during the year was \$799.834.620, which is an increase of \$16,408,727 over

less than the imports of the year 1895. when the highest record on imports was scored. The balance of trade in favor of the United States for the twelve months

the previous year, and only \$1.824.727

#### was \$475,652,021. Philadelphia Exposition.

Washington, Jan. 17 .- The sub-committhe of the Republican national executive committee having the matter in charge met today and went over the plans of the Philadelphia exposition building with the architect. A number of changes were suggested and the committee will not another meeting until these

#### ···· WEATHER FORECAST.

been made.

Washington, Jan. 17.-Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For eastern Pounsylvania, rain Thursday; fair Friday; high easterly winds; gales on the coasts.