TWO CENTS.

LONDON IS **ANXIOUS**

The Tension Greater Than at Any Time During the War.

OFFICE SILENT

Nothing in the Way of Dispatches Given Out After Midnight-People Obliged to Depend Upon Stock Exchange Reports-The Bul's Responsible for a Statement That General Warren Had Captured Spion Kop.

London, Jan. 25.-4.15 a. m .- The as semblage in Pall Mall outside the war office and those privileged to walt in the lobbies reluctantly dispersed at midnight, after the final word that morning papers went to press with conjectures and forecasts of all sorts, striving to guess out something from

Topography maps show that Spion Kop is the highest part of a rocky plateau. Eastward for eight miles are the Boer positions along the Tugela. Northwestward from Spion Kop the plateau runs gradually up to a great spur of the Drakensburg.

General Butler's infantry to reach the summit of Spion Kop must cross a natural glacis three-fourths of a mile wide and climb 500 feet up a steep slope.

Nobody here seems to know, even the war office, what Lord Rob-erts has done with his large reinforcements. Six thousand troops awaited his arrival at Cape Town, and since then six thousand others have reached there. Military critics are all hoping that a good share of these 12,000 have argue that a few days wait may make him strong enough to overcome the deadlock.

There are 19,000 troops at sea, and this heavy weight on the British side is expected to destroy the equilibrium now existing on every field of opera-

The British losses up to date in killed, wounded and captured, according to General Buller's last list, total

The Tension Unrelieved.

London, Jan. 24.-The extreme tenthe most anxious pause since the war began had not been relieved up to this afternoon by anything save the daily stock exchange reports, which, today were started by the bulls, who asserted that General Warren had captured Spion Kop. Anxiety in regard to the next news is visible on all sides,

The war office was besieged at an early hour this morning, and the clubs and other resorts liable to receive early news have been crowded with eager inquirers. It is generally recognized that the Boer position, if ever taken, can only be captured at a tremendous

As the afternoon progressed the excitement on Pall Mall reached a high pitch. At 3.30 p. m. the war office officials reiterated the oft repeated statement that "nothing has been received from General Buller." The suspense was increased by the belief that General Buller would never have published his intention to attack the Boers on Spion Kop unless satisfied that the arsault would be carried out before the news could be published, and it was fully anticipated that the news of his success or failure would reach London in a few hours at the most.

The cabinet ministers called at the war office after luncheon to ask for news.

Report of Monday's Battle.

London, Jan. 25.-The Daily Telegraph publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's camp, dated Tuesday, January 23, 9.30 p. m.: "On Monday Sir Charles Warren's

force cannonaded and fusiladed the Boer positions west of Spion kop, near the Acton Homes road. A lyddite battery co-operated with the other batteries and maxims. Certainly the fire was effective. The Boers, however, clang desperately to their works, from which they are only being very glowly Today the enemy fired their guns oftener, using also the captured fifteen-pounders with shrappel. Our casualties today were less even than

those of yesterday. "Fighting began about 6 c'clock in the morning and continued until dark. but there has been nothing like a general engagement. The naval big guns assisted from Potgleters drift in shell-

ing the Beer positions." Prepared to Fight Interminably. London, Jan. 25 .- A dispatch to the Times from Spearman's Camp. dated

Tuesday, 9.30 p. m., says: "The Boers today had more guns and are prepared to fight almost interminably, having entrenched their ridge, which stretches in an almost unbroker line from the Drakensburg many miles

"Firing continued throughout the day. We have not advanced any further, but we threw up entrenchments during the night, from behind which the musketry duel continued from exactly the same position as yes-

BOERS REPORT A VICTORY.

Say They Repulsed British and Inflicted Heavy Loss Saturday.

London, Jan. 24 .- A despatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, Jan. 23, amplifies the despatch of Monday, Jan. 22, from the Boer head laager, which was published yesterday. That despatch said: "According to official despatch said: "According to official des-patches received at Pretoria from the apoplexy this morning, aged 70 years.

Boer laager near Colenso, 30,000 British made a simultaneous attack Saturday on several positions on the Tugela river, with the object of forcing the relief of Ladysmith. A terriffer battle ensued, and fighting continued for sixty hours. A frightful bombardment oy forty British cannons opened the engagement. Then came grand infantry attacks by the force under Generals Buller and Warren, who were three times repulsed with great loss-es." The despatch received today

"Four or five times during the day the British replaced their wearled soldiers by fresh ones. The Boer casualties to date are one man killed and two men wounded slightly. Our men are in excellent spirits. There has been a large slaughter of Britisa. General Botha is now in sole command, General Cronje having been sent elsewhere."

The same despatch referring apparently to the situation at Colenso says: "One of the large Boer Maxims was emporarily disordered, but was soon repaired. The British northern camp is in confusion. People are observed trekking aimlessly in all directions."

FIRE IN PATRIOT OFFICE.

One of Harrisburg's Leading Printing Establishments Damaged.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.-The Patriot building and its contents were damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars tonight by fire and water. The upper portion of the building is a nothing more would be announced. The complete wreck and the linotypes, presses and other printing machinery are badly damaged. The loss is full; covered by insurance. The other clty newspaper offices have thrown open their establishments to the Patriot, and the paper will issue in the morning as usual. Fire broke out on the fourth story of the building early this evening in a large room occupied by the Harrisourg Shirt Manufacturing company. Inc names forced their way to the roof and soon this portion of

the structure was a wreck. The editorial and composing rooms and other departments of the Patriot were damaged by smoke and water, Sterns' shoe store on the first floor was also badly damaged. The firemen worked for two hours to prevent the flarees from communicating with the lower portion of the building. The origin of the fire is not known. The Patriot was burned out eight years ago. The building is owned by Major gone to help General Buller, and they | Lone S. Hart, former state printer, and is fully insured.

DISEASES OF OUR COLONIES. First Report of the Medical Commission.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—The first of ficial report of the medical commission to the Phaippines, appointed by President McKinley in May, 1899, of which Professor Lexner, of the University of Pennsylvania, was president, will of his speech Mr. Bry appear in a few days in the Johns train for New Haven. Hopkins university circulars. It the islands and gives an account of the scientific methods and work of the commission.

The medical department of the Uni versity of Pennsylvania expects to take up the study of the analogy between the native fevers of the Philippines and those of Cuba and Puerto Rico which have proven so perplexing larrived. to our army surgeons in the field. The importance of this work to our troops in field and garrison, as well as o the native population, the university medical authorities state, is one of considerable importance.

GEORGE B. EYRE'S FUNERAL. Attended at Chester by Five Thous and Persons.

Chester, Jan. 24.-The funeral of George B. Eyre, who was murdered on his speech by remarking that he had Dec. 21, took place today, and was so little time, searcely an hour, in attended by five thousand persons, who which to say all that he wished to precame from all parts of the city with sent, that he would plunge at once the expectations of seeing the face of into a discussion of the three great by the flowers sent by friends and the organizations of which the murdered the point of view of the individual, and man was a member. The service was short and was conducted by the Rev. Taitt, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church. Just as the services concluded the mother of the dead young man broke down and the funeral cortege was delayed an hour before she was sufficiently composed to go to the place of ourial. Interment was strictly private at Chester Rural cemetery.

The police have not yet made any arrests.

To Regulate Court Practice.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 24.-The object of Agib Ricketts, the Wilkes-Barre lawyer in petitioning the Supreme court today for a mandamus on the judges of Lackawanna county is to bring about uniform ity of practice in equity cases in the lower courts. The judges of Lackawanna county insist on practice under the old rules. Mr. Ricketts thinks the amended rules should govern. The Supreme court is asked for an opinion on the matter.

Higher Wage Rates.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 24,-Notice has been most of the mines in northern Cambria county to the effect that af ter April 1 60 cents per ton will be paid for mining. It is about twenty years since the miners in Pennsylvania have been paid as high a rate. No trouble is an-ticipated in enforcing the scale for ma-

chine mining.

Passengers on Trains Halted. London, Jan. 25.-A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques dated Wednesday says: "This morning all pass.

engers booked for the Transvaal were stopped by government order with the exception of the member of the Ruance corps, who proceeded by special train.

Vital Statistic of Havana.

Havana, Jan. 24.—A complete report of the vital statistics of Havana for 1899 has just been issued. The deaths show an apparent excess over the bitths of about 4,000. General Ludlow rays, however, that great many births were not recorded.

DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Bethlehem, Pal, Jan. 24.-Dr. Levi H. Lawali. Bethlehem's oldest practicing physician, and a graduate of Pennsyl-vania forty years ago, died suddenly of

BRYAN VISITS

CONNECTICUT

ADDRESSES LARGE CROWDS AT STAMFORD AND NEW HAVEN.

Divides His Speeches Equally Between Currency the Trusts and Imperialism - Great Enthusiasm at the City Hall in New Haven. The Hen That Lays the Golden Eggs-Dangers of Imperialism.

New York, Jan. 24.-William J. Bryan made a journey into Connecticut to-day, addressing meetings at Stamford and New Haven, and hurried back to New York that he might keep his engagement to address a public meeting in Jersey City tonight. Tomorrow he will go to Harrisburg, Pa., where he will meet the Democratic leaders of

Pennsylvania. Stamford, Jan. 21.-William J. Bryan arrived here on the express from New York at 10.55. A big crowd had assembled on the depot platform. Mr. Bryan was hurried to a carriage and driven to the town hall, where an audience of over a thousand people had assembled,

many of them workingmen. Within ten minutes after he stepped off the train, Mr. Bryan had opened a speech that lasted over three-quarters of an hour. The speech was about equally divided between the currency question, the trusts, and imperialism. "I believe," said Mr. Bryan, "that the tendency of the Republican party is to exait wealth and to debase common humanity. The dollar mark is plainly stamped upon the Republican policy, and there is no policy of the Republicans today that does not bear that

He went on to say that the Republican party is not applying today the principle enunciated in the declaration of independence. "That principle, applied to taxation, would mean that every man would bear his just share of the burden of taxation, but now ar unjust proportion of that burden is

placed upon the poor, 'The Republican party is trying to fasten upon the country a system of taxation made by financiers for their own benefit. When the doctrine of favoritism is once started, it cannot be stayed. To fasten upon the country the gold standard means that it will be affected by every change in Europe."

Mr. Bryan explained his plan for the regulation of trusts under a law of the eneral government. He asserted that the Republican party had no desire to kill the trusts, which were the hens that laid the golden eggs for that party, Mr. Bryan questioned the right of the government to rule the Philippines by force and said the title it obtained to the islands was a title to the land. not to the people. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Bryan boarded the

At New Haver

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 24,-William J. Bryan arrived in New Haven at 2.15 p. m. and was driven to the city hall, where a reception was held. After a brief rest Mr. Bryan repaired to Music hall, where fully 2,000 people awaited his coming. Several hundreds more crowded into the aisles after he

Mr. Bryan's entrance to the stage was the signal for a wildly enthusiastic demonstration. Men and women rose to their feet and cheered themselves hearse. Mr. Bryan bowed his thanks. Mr. Bryan, in prefacing his remarks, referred to his former visits to the city. He did not directly refer to the Yale student demonstration on the city green in 1896, but his words were so pointed as to indicate that he

Mr. Bryan paved the way hastily for of them is paramount depends upon he said, "personally, I do not care to specify." He believed that to assert that the money question as a political ssue is dead is folly for the reason that it vitally concerns all men and because they are thinking of it, no matter what their station in life. Taking up the subject of trusts. Mr.

Bryan said: The Republican party is afraid to kill trusts because they constitute the hen that lays the golden egg in campaign But trusts are bad, intoterable times. nd indefensible. Bad things need not be tolerated in America. And trusts though now only in the intermediate process development, and bad at that, will be much worse in effect when they reach the consummation of their development. They were bad in principle in 18:8; they are bad in principle now, and so long as a principle centiones bad the effect will disastrous. The constitution of the United States gives congress all the pow-er needed to kill trusts. They are a monopoly and are capable of being outlawed. As remedies under the constitu-tion I would demand that the congress before granting a corporation the power to do business outside the state in which it is organized should stipulate as a condition that there must be no water in the stock. Squeeze out the water and you have gone a long way toward killing trusts. Next I would have congress insist that the corporations must prove that they have not been holding a monon any manufactured article hold such monopoly and will not hold any.

Question of Imperialism. Mr. Bryan concluded his speech by dealing with the question of imperialism. He said:

There are three arguments usually advanced in defense of imperialism. The first is that there is money in it; second, God is in it, a mere religious a gument about the destiny of our nation; and, third, the political argument that we are in it and can't get out. As to the first argument, I would not take all the trade in the universe if it had to be purchased by the loss of a single American life. When I hear the prophets speaking of the will of God I want to ask them where they get their credentials. In 1896 I met six hundred prophets who went through this country introducing me to audience as the next president. After election came to the conclusion that they were no anolated prophets. I am suspicious nov of prophets. When some men say the know the will of God, I think that if God | D. Long, was elected president

knew them as well as I do he would not reveal his will to them. That argument about God being in it is always coupled by

the man who uses it with the expression that "It will pay." As to the third argu-ment, who got us into it? It ought to be remembered that imperialism will im-pose on us the necessity of an army big enough to make our flag feared but not loved. MATIC THAN USUAL. The conclusion of Mr. Bryan's speech

was marked by another enthusiastic demonstration. He was driven at once from the hall through a wildly cheering crowd in the street to the station where he took the 3.15 p. m. train for New York. · Banquet in Jersey City.

New York, Jan. 24.-William J. Bryan was banquetted by the Robert Davis association at their club house in Jersey City tonight, after which he delivered a political speech before a

large crowd in St. Mary's hall. Mayor Hoos, of Jersey City, presided at the banquet and thirty men of local prominence were seated at the table with Mr. Bryan. The dinner was wholly informal and no speeches were made. After dinner Mr. Bryan heid a brief reception in the parlors of the club, shaking hands with several hundred persons.

At 8 o'clock Mr. Bryan and those who sat with him at dinner were led by a drum corps to St. Mary's hall, a short distance away. The hall was crowded and many persons were unable to gain admission.

ARE OPEN FOR BIDS.

Corbett and Jeffries Will Consider

Fight Propositions. New York, Jan, 24 .- At a meeting today between representatives of James J. Corbett and James J. Jeffries, it was decided to set Feb. 1 as the closing date for bids by clubs for the boxing contest between these two men on March 15 for the championship of the world. Bids must be made, sealed, to Al Smith, at the Gilsey house, and will not be opened until 6 o'clock on the evening of Feb. 1. The Broadway club and Uties, Buffalo and San Francisco and Coney Island clubs will all be active bidders for the bout.

William A. Brady has received a proposition from the Paris hippodrome, offering a percentage with a guarantee of 125,000 francs for the contest to take place in Paris during the month of July or August, if it is possible to arrange with the men to postpone it until that date. As both Corbett and Jeffries are anxious to have the bout take place on the date selected-March 15it is probable that the Parislan offer may be overlooked.

Jeffries intends, in case of a victory over Corbett, to go to Paris next summer and take on somebody in that city for the championship. Jeffries will start for Hot Springs next Monday, where he will commence his preliminary work. He will stay there about three weeks, and finish up at his old training quarters at Allenhurst, N. J.

DEATH IN OPIUM.

Girl of 19 Dies from Effects of th Pipe.

Philadelphia, Jan. 21.--May Bibighaus, aged 19 years, the daughter of estimable parents, died in a hospital today from the effects of smoking opium, and a number of men are under arrest awaiting a further investigation of the coroner. The girl, who at one time taught a Sunday school class of Chinamen, recently made the acquaintance of a young man named

Harry Parker. Last night the couple went to a house in the vicinity of Chinatown for the purpose of smoking opium. Early this morning she was taken ill and removed to a hospital, where she died in less than an hour after being admitted. Her companion and George White, the proprietor of the house, James Gray, Hugh Kennedy, Frank Reynolds, Frank Grekk and Harry Reese, inmates of the place, were ar rested, but after the coroner had held a partial investigation Reese was discharged. White, Gray and Kennedy were held in their own recognizance, the dead man, but the casket was not leading questions of the day, namely, while the others were held without opened. The coffin was nearly hidden trusts, money and imperialism. Which bail pending a further examination by the corener.

WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION. President and Mrs. McKinley En tertain.

Washington, Jan. 24.-President and Mrs. McKinley gave a brilliant reception at the White House tonight in honor of the judiciary. There was a very large attendance, about 2,500 guests having been invited, including a large portion of resident society and many out-of-town visitors. The guests of honor, the judges of the Supreme court and their ladies, assisted the president and Mrs. McKinley in receiving the guests in the blue parlor, as also did the members of the cabinet, the members of the Philippine commis sion and a number of senators and others with the ladies of their families. The reception lasted from 9 to 11 o'clock. The floral decorations were or the usual elaborate and tasteful scale. the conservatory was open for the inspection of the visitors, and the Marine band played during the evening.

Will Conciliate Miners. Vienna, Jan. 24.—Acting in conformity with the desire of Emperor Francis Jo-seph the new cabinet, headed by Dr. Von Koerber, will undertake the task of ef-feeting conciliation in the coal miners' dispute. Pressure will be brought to refuse conciliation while the men remain on strike.

German Bark Stopped.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—The German bark Hans Wagner, stopped on December 19, in South African waters by the British gun it Fearless and ordered to go to Elizabeth, to enload after leaving the contraband specified by the British au-thorities, has proceeded on her way to Delagon bay, being the last of the seized

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Jan. 25.—Pensions: Addi-tional—Van Meter H. Hammill, Friends-Whitney,

Thompson, Susquehanna,

Honors for Mr. Long. Boston, Jan. 21 .- At the annual meeting of the mass Total Abstinence society held here today, Secretary of the Navy John

ROBERTS DEBATE **GROWING MILDER**

SCENES IN CONGRESS LESS DRA-

Senator Pettigrew Is Again Aroused Against the Administration and Breaks Out in a Violent Speech. Mr. Landis Distinguishes Himself as an Orator-Other Speakers Who Took Part in the Debate.

Washington. Jan. 24.-Routine business occupied the attention of the senate today in a brief session. The reso lution offered yesterday by Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.), calling upon the president for information regarding the treaty entered into with the sultan of Sulu, was passed, after Mr. Pettigrew had made an attack upon the administration for entering into an agreement which, he said, authorized slavery. An extended debate was precipitated by a conference report on the census administrative bill, but the census committee gained its point and the measure was sent back to conference.

The Roberts Debate.

The second day's debate in the house upon the Roberts case was less dramatic than that of yesterday. The galleries were almost as crowded, but the ladies were less demonstrative. The president's pastor, Rev. Dr. Bristol, was in the executive gallery the greater portion of the afternoon listening to the arguments. Mr. Roberts was not present during the day. Had he been he would have heard the most scathing exeriation of the Mormons ever delivered upon the floor of the house. Mr. Landis, of Indiana, the young orator who distinguished himself during the lass congress in an oratorical duel with Mr. Johnson, of his state, won new laurels today. He charged that Utah has been admitted to the Union as a result of a Mormon conspiracy, and reviewed the history of the apostles of the church, whom he charged with living in open and flagrant violation of the statute against polygamy, to show that they had basely broken their solemn pledge to the government. The other speakers today were Messrs, Powers (Rep., Vt..) and Miers (Dem., Ind.,) for the majority resolutions; Mesers. Snodgrass (Dem., Tenn..) and Wilson (Silver Rep., Idaho,) for the minority resolutions; Mr. Lacey (Rep., Iowa.) for his proposition to expel without swearing in, and Mr. Crumpacker (Rep., Ind..) for expulsion by a twothirds vote. The speeches today greatly strengthened the majority resolutions, which seemed in danger of falling after Mr. Littlefield's speech yesterday, and Chairman Taylor was confident tonight that they would be

The house votes tomorrow after-

PREPARING FOR BRYAN.

noon.

electors.

Democrats from Over the State Will Gather at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.-The indications tonight are that there will be a large gathering of Democrats from over the state in marrisburg tomorrow to greet Colonel William Jennings Bryan, Colonel James at. Guffey, of Pittsburg; State Chairman Rilling, of Nie: Congressmen Po..., Hall and Green and other party leaders, have already reached Harrisburg. The state committee will meet tomorrow to fix the time and place for holding the state convention and arrange for the fall campaign. The convention will probably be held in this city on April 5 to nominate a state ticket and elect national delegates and select president

Colonel Bryan will reach here at

o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will

be escorted from the station to the Commonwealth hotel by a bana of music and reception committee. After an informal reception at the hotel, he will visit the board of trade rooms to meet the state committee. Later in the day he will confer with the party leaders and in the evening he will address an open meeting from the balcony of the Commonwealth hotel. The party leaders are in favor of 12 early convention to set the pace for an early national convention. The platform of ...e state convention will conform with Colonel Bryan's declaration of principles and will indirectly endorse the Chicago platform. It will also declare in favor of pure elections, ballot reform and against Senator Quay and the Republican organization. A rouga draft of the platform will be submitted to Colorel Bryan at his con-

PIERCE BROTHERS ARRESTED. Charged with the Murder of George

ference here with the leaders of the

Pennsylvania Democracy.

B. Eyre. Chester, Pa., Jan. 24.-James and 'Pinney" Pierce, brothers, were arrested late tonight by the chief of police, charged with the murder of George B. Eyre, a well-known young man of this city, who mysteriously disappeared on Dec. 21, and whose body was found in the Delaware river last Sunday. Th two men were taken to the city hall and locked up.

Their arrest was expected, as they have been under police surveillance for several days. It has been asserted that James Pierce was seen in Eyre's company on Dec. 21, when the latter started n a boat on the river on a gunning trip, from which he never returned.

Semi-Annual Dividend.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—The directors of the Pittsburg, Cincipnati, Chicago and St. Louis rallroad (Panhandle system) today declared a semi-annual dividend 2 per cent, on the preferred stock. This important action, as it places the dend is an increase of 1 per cent, on the yearly rate over 1869. In 1898 and 1897 the dividend was passed, and in 1896 the annual rate was 2 per cent.

Governor's Appointment.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—Governor Stone to-day appointed Colonel Robert H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg, a member of the state board of agriculture, vice Leonard Rhone,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Todays RAIN: WARMER.

General-London Anxious for South African War News.

Declaration of Labor Leaders at Indianapolis.

Bryan Visits the Nutmeg State.

Roberts Debate in Congress.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Local-Exceptions to Ward Noming tions.
Corporal Boyce Writes from the Philippines.

Editorial. News and Comment.

Local-Detective Leyshon and Wade Finn Return from Europe Without Pelozi.

New Building for Y. M. C. A. Masquerade Ball of the Liederkranz.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County.

Local-Live Industrial News.

AGRICULTURALISTS MEET. The State Board Assembles a Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.-The annual meeting of the state board of agriculture opened today in the Supreme court chamber and will remain in session until tomorrow evening. Governor Stone presided at the morning session and made a brief speech, congratulating the board on its splendid work in the past and predicted for it a bright

future. The remainder of the morning session was devoted to the appointment of standing committees and the transaction of other routine business. The following programme was observed at the afternoon session:

Essay, "Whether the Broad or the Narrow Way in the Business of Farming," Samuel R. Downing, West Chester; "Our Farm Garden," R. J. Weld, Sugar Grove; "Farm Economies," Major Levi Wells, Harrisburg; "Geo-logical Relations of Soils," Dr. M. C. Ihlseng, State college.

The order of business at the evening session was: "Proof Positive that an Investment in Sociability Will Yield a sulted in a tie. Profit to Every Farmer," H. V. White, Bloomsburg; "Quick Growing Trees for Pennsylvania Forestry," Dr. J. T. Rothrock, Harrisburg; "Progressive Poultry Raising," Norris G. Temple, Pocoposon.

IRON AND STEEL TRADE.

A Review by the American Manufacturer. Pittsburg, Jan. 24.-The American and steel trade, will say tomorrow: The final shipments of the old orders that were hung up late last year are going forward, and manufacturers are freer to take new business than disposal of the old specifications shows

that the manufacturers are going after trade in some lines, notably plates. As an inducement in the case of tank plates the quotation this week is at a that it has to come." minimum of 25 cents per hundred pounds less than a week ago, with the admission that producers are looking after trade. When the draught begins with the extra slipbuilding and other work planned for this year to consume plates that rate will move upward, but at present buyers are not rushing to take advantage of the low rate, which is \$15 a ton less than the same material could have been bought for four months ago. But notwithstanding the slowness of buyers to begin their ordering, there is not the slightest evidence of weakness, because

CHAPLAIN DISMISSED.

there is still enough left-over work to

Rev. Shields Accused of Indulgence

keep mills employed steadily.

in Strong Drink. Washington, Jan. 24.-Post Chaplain David H. Shields has been dismissed from the army of the United States, to take effect Feb. 1, and Rev. Edmund T. Easterbrook, of New York, has been selected for appointment to the vacancy. The action in the case of Chaplain Shields was the result of courtmartial proceedings. He was tried at San Francisco for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in consequence of the alleged use of intoxicating liquor, and was convicted and sentenced to be dismissed. The case came before the president in the usual course of procedure and he approved the sentence yesterday, directing it to take effect on the first proximo. Chaplain Shields is a native of Pennsylvania, and has been in the militia service since August 16, 1897.

His alleged transgressions occurred while en route to San Francisco, in compliance with an order to join the army in the Philippines.

Illness of Chief Clerk Rex.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.-Chief Page Coop-r, of the house of representatives, received a message today from the friends of Chief Clerk Rex that he cannot re-cover from the stroke of paralysis which he sustaired last Saturday at his home in Huntingdon, although there was a slight change for the better today in his condition. A later report says that he is dead.

Fight with Moonshiners.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 24.-News reached here today of a fight b-tween revenue officers and moonchiners in Breataitt county, in which Bud Noble, on latter, was killed by Deputy Horton is under arrest and is said to be in danger of mob violence. He will be brought to Louisville. Two of the moonshiners were arrested.

Steamship Arrivals.

Southampton, Jan. 24.—Arrived: St. Paul, from New York. Sailed: Saale, from Bremen for New York. Plymouth— Salled: Patricia, from Hamburg for New York. New York-Sailed: New York, for Southampton: Oceanic, for Liverpool Friesland, for Antwerp. Cleared: La Bre-tagne, for Havre; Cevic, for Liverpool.

Kisner Again in Politics. Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 34.-At a meeting of the Democratic county committee today Hon. Elliett P. Kisner, of Hazleton, was

elected a member of the Democratic state central committee. Mr. Kisner was a fermer Democratic state chairman and this is his first appearance in politics in

FIGHT HAS **GOT TO COME**

Expressed Opinion of the Labor Leaders.

NEWS FROM INDIANAPOLIS

Miners in Authority State That the Fight May as Well Come Now as Any Time, for It Is Now Settled That It Has to Come-Miners Out-Generaled by the Operators.

Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—There was a the joint conference between the delegates from the United Mine Workers of America and those from the Interstate Operators' association, and so much bad feeling was engendered that it was deemed advisable to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to

allow the feeling to subside. The wrangle started when the credential committee reported a division on the matter of admitting the delegates and operators from the state of lowa, which was decided by the chairman against the miners, and continued until Chairman Bogle had called dele-

gate Ryan a liar. Immediately upon calling the session to order Chairman Bogle asked for the report of the committee on credentials and Chairman Dilcher reported it had been decided that the states of Indiana. Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois were entitled to representation in the joint conference. When it came to considering the admission of the state of Iowa there was a division, the members from the operators opposing and those from the miners favoring it. The roll call re-

The chairman then announced that he was entitled to cast the deciding vote and voted no, thus debarring the

state. A heated discussion over the right of the chairman to cast a vote followed and the chairman called Delegate Ryan a liar when the latter accused

him of being two faced. President Mitchell argued that the chairman had no right to cast a vote for the reason that he is an Indiana Manufacturer, in its review of the iron | operator. Much feeling is shown on both sides tonight. The operators clearly outgeneraled the miners in their efforts to get Iowa and West Virginia admitted and the miners have determined not to give up the fight. they have been for twelve menths. The It will, it is announced, be continued tomorrow morning. Miners in author-

ity said tonight: "The fight might as well come now as at any time for it is now settled

RUNAWAY GIRL'S ROMANCE

She Escaped from Industrial School to Join Lover. Chester, Pa., Jan. 24.-Mabel Scheetz and Maggie Mackey, the girls who ran away from the Delaware Industrial school some eight days ago, were found osily located at the home of Mr. Me-Allister, an uncle of Miss Schoetz, near Marcus Hook, by Chief Berry and Sergeant Leary, of this city, today. The runaways were brought to this city and detained in the chief's private office

notified. A romance is attached to the escape from the school of Miss Schootz, who is aged twenty years and quite pretty. While the girls atlege they were harshly at the school, it was learned today that Miss Scheetz is engaged to be married to a deserving young man, Whether it was the alleged harsh treatment or the longing to see her lover that led up to the escape is a

until the Wilmington officials were

of a Wilmington sergeant of police, Miss Scheetz was released and went rejoicing to join her intended husband.

question, but the views of the police

officials underwent a change in regard

to Miss Schootz when they heard of her

tender attachment. While Miss Mackey

was returned to the school in the care

STRIKES ARE ENDED. Troubles at Wilkes-Barre Mines Are Over.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 24.-The strikes that have prevailed among the coal miners of the Wyoming valley for the past ten days are now ended. The miners employed at the Baltimore colliery of the Delaware and Hudson company, who went out a week ago returned to work today, an amicable agreement .aving been reached with The breaker the company officials. boys at the Lance colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, who went on strike yesterday, also re-

turned to work today. The talk of a general strike has died out, for the present at least.

Lawton's Remains.

Washington, Jan. 24. - Arrangements have been practically completed for the transportation of the remains of General Lawton, which are expected to arrive at San Francisco in a few days on the transport Thomas, to this city, where the interment is to be made at the Arlington National cemetery. The remains of Major John A. Logan, which are on the same vessel, are to be taken to Youngstown, O., for interment.

Charters Granted.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.-Charters were isued by the state department today to the following corporations: Wissahickon Building and Loan association, Ambler, capital \$1,000,000; Curwensville Fire Brick company, Curwensville, capital \$100,000.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 24.-Forecast for Thursday: For eastern Penn day; hir's east to south winds; Friday fair and colder.