TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 7, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

TAYLOR HAS **NOT DECIDED**

His Name Is Not Yet Attached to Agreement.

CONSIDERING THE MATTER

Stated Last Night That He Will Not Announce His Decision Until Today-He Had a Consultation with His Attorneys About It -- Senator Blackburn Says He Would Not Like to Think About the Consequences That Will Ensue in the Event of a Failure to Settle the Trouble at This Time.

erankfort, Ky., Feb. c.-Whether it shall be war or reace in Kentucky rests tonight with Governor Taylor alone. The question has been on his mind all day and tonight he declared that be had reached no decision and will announce none before tomorrow,

The text of the agreement reached by the Louisville conference last night. was brought to him this morning by a committee consisting of General THE BIG CANAL Daniel Lindsay, T. H. Baker and T. L. Edelin. They handed Governor Taylor a copy of the agreement, were closeted with him for a short time and then departed. As they left the building Mr. Baker remarked. "I hope and believe that the entire matter will be amicably adjusted. More than this, I am unable to say at the present

General Lindsay and Mr. Edelin spoke in similar terms, and while all expressed themselves as reasonably confident that Governor Taylor would acquiesce in the terms of the agree-ment, they all desired to be understood as saying that they had no authoritative reason from Governor Taylor for entertaining the belief they ex-

What the Governor Said.

Early in the morning, before he had a copy of the agreement, Governor Taylor discussed the condi- within it. tions as he understood them to be be-

has reached me. It would be most unfair and mest discourterns for me to I would say that if an agreement can be given to the people of Kentucky, through the operation of which a fair election and an honest court are as-

ernor Taylor remained alone in his office with the capy of the agreement. He studied it carefully, went over its provisions in an exhaustive manner, and late in the afternoon declared that he would take no action whatever until tomorrow.

"I wish to see my attorneys," he aid, "and to consult with them about certain forms of the agreement before I announce my intention. I will not say what I intend to do until after I have obtained legal advice." The consuitation of the attorneys was held tonight in Governor Taylor's office and adjourned at a late hour,

Blackburn's Opinion.

Sonator Blackburn, who returned his morning from Louisville, expresse I pimself tonight as being confident that the trouble would be settled peacefully, "It is entirely natural," he said, "that the other side should wish to take time to consider the agreement, and to prepare its statement to be issued at the same time the signature is affixed. I have no knowledge of what will be done, but I firmly believe that the agreement will be accepted substantially as adopted by the members of the Louisville conference, and that all chance of trouble will be avoided.

When asked for his opinion of the consequences should Governor Taylor decline to accept the agreement. Senator Blackburn said:

"That is a question I do not care to discuss nor to even think about. If no settlement is made now, it will lead to endless complications before the

There is not in the city of Frankfort a single member of the legislature. The Republicans are all at London and the mocrats in places along the border of the state, from where it will be easy to escape should any attempt be made the military to arrest and convey them to London. But such Republicans of prominence as are here seem inclined to believe that Governor Tay. lor will accept the agreement. They all admit, however, that he has given as yet no oral or written evidence of

An Attorney's Views.

One of the attorneys, who has been prominent on the Republican side in the centest cases, and who therefore does not wish his name used in connection with an interview, said tonight:

"It is in my opinion the duty of Governor Taylor to sign the agreement. If he does not he will lose greatly in standing in his own party. know that he will do what he believes to be right and best for the welfare if the state. It seems to me that under less circumstances there can hardly be two opinions as to what his course

Frankfort today enjoyed at least one day of quiet, the first it has experienced since the Goebel-Taylor contest began three weeks ago. The town was bare of politicians, there was no exin the streets, no crowds around the corners and no threngs in at noon today reached \$25,004.

the lobbles of the Capitol kotel. It was a breathing spell fully appreciated by the citizens of the city.

Terms of the Agreement. The agreement in substance is as

First-That if the general assembly to joint session shall adopt a resolution rati-fying their recent action adopting the ham, the contestees, W. S. Taylor and John Marshall, shall submit without fur-ther protest.

Second-That all parties shall unite in an effort to bring about such a modifica-tion of the election law as will provide for non-partisan election boards and insure free and fair elections. Third-That the conditions shall remain in status quo until Monday, the general

assembly recting and adjourning from day to day until that time. Fourth-That nothing shall be done to hinder or prevent a joint session of the general assembly for taking action on

the ratification resolution.

Fifth—That the state contest board shall meet and adjourn from day to day until Monday without taking any action the contests for minor state offices. This postponement is suggested in order that the action of the general assembly on the ratification resolution may be taken first. Sixth-That the state troops shall be re-

moved from the state capitol at once, though with all necessary precaution for the public safety. This matter is to be under the direction of General Dan Lindsay, of Frankfort.

venth-That the Republican officials and officers of the state guard shall have immunity from charges of treasen, usurpation, court-martial or any other such offenses.

The senate also held a brief session with thirteen members present. Senafor Jolly was elected president protem. A. P. Dyche, of Laurel, was made acting secretary. The resolutions deploring the death of their colleague, Senator Goebel, were read and adopted and the senate adjourned to meet at 12

TO BE NEUTRAL

Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Lays Down the Same Rules as Govern the Suez Canal-Open to All at All Times on Equal Terms.

Washington, Feb. 6 .- The text of the of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty concerning the proposed trans-isthmian canal, was made public today. It provides:

1-The canal shall be free and open, in time of war as in time of pence, to the vessels of commerce, and there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the to a civilian.

erwise. 2-The canal shall never be blockaded. nor shall any right of war be exercised, nor any act of host lity be committed

3-Vessels of war of a beliligerent shall may be said that the prevalent impresfore receiving official notice, and said: not revictual nor take any stores in the | sion is that as soon as the commission "Under no circumstances will I dis-cuss the agreement before a copy of it necessary, and the transit of such vessels existing military government in the through the canal shall be effected with the least possible delay, in accordance with the regulations in force, and with do so. Speaking generally, however, only such intermission as may result from the necessities of the service. Prizes made by which an election law will shall be in all respects subject to the this change will take place at once. same rules as vessels of war of the bei- but the commission is expected

4-No belligerent shall embark or disembark troops, munitions of war or war-like materials in the canal except in case After the three gentlemen who of accidental hindrance of the transit brought the agreement had retired Gov- and in such case the transit shall be re sumed with all possible dispatch.

... The provisions of this article shall oply to waters adjacent to the canal, within three marine miles of either end. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in such waters longer than twenty-four hours at any one time exept in case of distress, and in such co they shall depart as soon as possible; but a vessel of war of one belligerent shall not depart within twenty-four hours from the departure of a vessel of war of

the other belligerent.
6-The plant, establishments, buildings and all works necessary to the construc-tion, maintenance and operation of the canal shall be deemed to be part thereof, for the purposes of this convention, and in time of war, as in time of pence, shall enjoy complete immunity from attack or injury by beiligerents and from acts cal-culated to impair their usefulness as part of the canal.

7-No fortifications shall be erected commanding the canal or the water adjacent. The United States, however, shall be at liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be sary to protect it against lawless-

FOR A FORTIFIED CANAL.

Noted Engineer Would Annex the Central American States.

Chicago, Feb. 6 .- L. E. Cooley, engineer, who was one of the original Nicaraguan canal supporters, is heartily in favor of a fortified canal, and if it cannot be obtained in any other way he would favor the annexation of Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

QUAY CASE TO BE PUSHED.

No Delay After the Financial Bill Is Out of the Way.

Washington, Feb. 6.-In the senate co-day, Mr. Shoup (Idaho.), achounced that it was the intention of the chairman of the committee of privileges and elections to press the consideration of the case of as soon as the financial bill had been

Paper for Australian Colonies.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb, 5.—So great is the demand in the Austrian colonies for American and Canadian paper for news-paper print that every outgoing steam ship for this port for the last six months has carried large consignments of paper to Sydney. The average shipment has teen 106 tons. The next steamship to sail will carry double that amount.

Reading Dividend Declared.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.-The board of di-cetors of the Reading company met to day and declared a dividend of 1% per the \$28,000,000 first preferred stock of the company, pursuant to the recommendation of the executive com-

mittee, which met yesterday. Granted a New Trial. Buffalo, Feb. 6.—Howard C. Benham, the banker of Hatavia, under sentence of death for the murder of his wife, by

poisoning, has been granted a new trial. Lawton Fund, 398,054. Washington, Feb. 6 .- The Lawton fund

ARE SOON TO GO TO THE PHILIPPINES

THE NEW COMMISSION IS TO SAIL MARCH 15.

Judge William H. Taft, of Cincincinnati, Named as Its President. Congress.

Washington, Feb. 8.-The president eday appointed Judge William H. Taft, of Cincinnati, and United States judge of the Sixth Judicial circuit, to president of the new Philippine

Judge Tuft's place on the bench will be filled by the appointment of Judge Henry F. Severns, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

These announcements were made at the close of the cabinet meeting today. Judge Taft has been in Washington several days, presumably coming at the request of the president. This morning he called at the white house in company with Judge Day, former secretary of state and later president of the Paris peace commission. They remained with the president until the cabinet met at 11 o'clock and foined him again after the cabinet had adjourned. On leaving the white house Judge Taft stated that the committee. of which he had been appointed president, would sail for the Philippines soon after March 15, and its special mission would be the establishment of civil government for the islands. Further than that he was not at liberty to speak. It is understood that the other members of the commission will be designated within a very short time and the special instructions which will gulde them in the discharge of their duties will be prepared at as early a day as possible

The First Step.

The appointment of Judge Taft marks the first selection for the new Philippine commission. There will be five members on the commission, and all of them will be civiliars. Mr. Schurman, president of the existing commission, has declined for business Hay-Pauncefote treaty abrogating parts | reasons to remain upon the commission, so Judge Taft will be president in his place. Mr. Denby and Prof. Worcester have been invited to accept re-appointments, but so far have not signified their intentions. Admiral Dewey will not go back to Manila and General Otis will give way, like him,

As some surprise has been caused by the willingness of Judge Taft to surrender a life position of the dignity and emolument of United States cirjudge to join the commission, it cuit Philippines with stable civil governments, Judge Taft will be named as the first civil governor general of the archipelago. It is not thought that move steadily toward that object and to set up local civil governments as fast as the Filipinos shall demonstrate their worthiness.

In the House.

The Philippine question again occupled the attention of the house today with a slight digression concerning the war in South Africa. The feature of the debate was the speech of Mr. Williams, (Miss.,) who made an argument ! against the annexation of the Philippines which attracted much attention. It was devoted almost entirely to the commercial aspects of the acquisition, holding that the absorption of the isiands would be ultimately ruinous to the American producers of cotton, rice, tobacco, hemp and sugar. Mr. Morris. (Mingl), made an exhaustive legal argument in suprort of the right to hold and govern the islands, other speakers were Messrs. Gibbon, (Tenn.), W. A. and H. C. Smith. (Mich.); Cochran, (Mo.), and Neville, | tional bimetalism taken by it in the

The general debate on the diplomatic bill closed today and tomorrow will be taken up for amendment under the five-minute rule,

In the Senate.

Until the financial measure now proreeding before the senate shall have been disposed of officially, it will be considered by the senate every legisla. tive day to the exclusion of all ex- James D. Phelan (Dem.), 10. cept purely routine business. The agreement will have the effect of cutting off all debate upon the Philippine question or other matters except by unanimous consent of the senate until senators choose to discuss other questions in the time they devote to the financial bill.

Before the senate committee on privlieges and elections today in connection with the investigation of incidents con nected with the election of Hon. W. A. Clark to the senate from Montana State Senator Cullen testified that previous to the meeting of the legislature, Mr. Marcus Daly told him that if should not take his seat and that his monthly upon the members, supporters would be denounced as bribe takers.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Washington, Feb. 6.-Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, today introduced a bill extending the pension laws to persons who served in the civil law for only one

Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, today introduced in the house an amendment to the currency bill now pending in the senate directing the secretary of the treasury to constantly keep on hand an emergen-fund amounting to \$9,000.00 of Unite States treasury notes which may be is-sued to any citizen of the United States at a discount of 19 per cent. In exchange for United States bonds, the honds to be for not to exceed a year and the holder to pay 6 per cent. interest

Father Joseph Alane, S. J., director of he observatory owned by the Jesuits at Manifa, was introduced to the president today by Senator Beveridge. It is said that he has come to Washington at the request of the war department and has brought with him maps and other documents desired by the Philippine commission in the preparation of the second part of their report

BANQUET OF BANKERS.

Toast to President of United States Received with Enthusiasm.

New York. Feb. 6.-Men of prominence in banking and monetary circles to the number of nearly 400 met tonight at the annual banquet of Group of the New York State Benkers' association, held at the Walderf-Astoria.

It had been expected that Secretary of the Treasury re would be at the at Once—Proceedings of a Day in him in which it was stated that he could not be present on account of his

health. The toast, "The President of the United States," was drank standing amid great enthusiasm. Speeches were made by Postmaster General Smith. United States Senator Beverldge, Governor Roesevelt, Rev. Dr. Striker and Simon Ford.

BRYAN STILL TALKS ON.

Says, in His Latest, the Volunteer Army Was Democratic.

Greensfield, Mass., Feb. 6,-William J. Bryan made a brief stop in this city | pert Carvalaho and a number of pertoday. He said:

war with Spain and a Republican prestdent called for volunteers, you "anarchists" of '96 made up the majority of the ormy in '98. The majority of the 200,000 volunteers were men who had voted against the president in 1896.

HIGH HONORS TO THE NATION'S DEAD

Thousands of Men, Women and Children Assemble at Indianapolis to proofs pointed more strongly to Cor-Pay Tribute to the Memory of Molineux' father, mother and wife were General Lawton.

Indianapolis, Feb. 6.-The body of General Henry W. Lawton, which arrived in this city from Fort Wayne last night, was transferred to the state capitol at 11:30 today where it lay in state this afternoon. Great crowds lined the streets from the station to the capitol grounds. The inilitary and civic bodies of the state made up the greater part of the procession.

The capitol was elaborately decorated in honor of the dead soldier of Indiana and from the time the coffin was placed on the catafalque in the great rotunda until the doors were closed the stream of people was unbroken, Excursion trains brought thousands of people from over the state and business was suspended during a portion of the day. The schools were dismissed early so that the children might join in the last

tribute of respect. The south and east entrances to the state house were wreathed with flags, blended with crops. At the east en-trance were two brass cannon, relics of the Civil war. A guard of honor was stationed near the coffin. The funeral train will leave for Washington tomor-

row morning. At 6 e'clock when the doors of the capitol building were closed it is estimated that about 40,000 people had through the building and passed viewed the remains of the dead general. The remains were taken to the train at 7:30 o'clock and temorrow at 8:30 o'clock the funeral party will continue its journey to Washington,

BIMETALLISM'S LAST GASP.

Meaningless Amendment Is Tacked on to the Financial Bill. Washington, Feb. 6.-The senate flnancial committee today adopted a

new section to the financial bill, as follows: That the previsiors of this act are not intended to place any obstacles in the way of the accomplishment of international bimetallism provided the same be

ing commercial nations of the world, and at a ratio which shall insure permanence of relative value between gold and silver, Senator Aldrich, chairman of the ommittee, said in reply to questions The that the amendment was to meet the criticism that the Republicans had abandoned the position for interna-

BARD ELECTED SENATOR. Chosen to Fill the Vacancy in Cali fornia's Representation.

St. Louis convention.

Sacramento Cal., Fcb, 6.-Thomas R. Bard was today elected United States senator to succeed Henry M. White. In the senate the vote was as follows: Thomas R. Pard (Rep.), 26; assembly the vote stood; Bard, 59; Phelan, 29; White, 1. Bard was declared elected in both houses.

Both houses will meet in joint session tomorrow to ratify the election of Bard.

An Assessment of 25 Cents Monthly

Levied on Members. Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—The national ex-centive board of the United Mine Works

MINE WORKERS ADJOURN.

ers of America finished its session today and adjourned for three months. The most important action taken was Clark was elected to the senate he the levying of an assessment of 25 cents

Judge Clayton's Will.

Chester, Feb. 6.—The will of the late Judge Clayton was admitted to probate today. The estate is valued at \$200,000 and one-half of the income during her life is given to the widow. The other half is divided among Samuel L. Clayton, the son, and the two children of Mrz. Caroline Du Bosque, the deceased daughter of the late indice. The law library is

General Armstrong's Remains.

Washington, Peb. 6.—The remains of faior General Samuel T. Armstrong, United States volunteers, who died in the Philippines, arrived here to-day and were escorted to Arlington cemetery by troops from Fort Meyer. They were placed in a vault pending the funeral ceremonies which will probably take place next Saturday

Honors for the Deweys.

New York, Feb. 6.-The board of alder nen today unanimously passed a resolu ion extending the greetings of the mi nicipality to Admiral and Mrs. Dewey and bestowing upon them the freedom of the city upon the occasion of their visit here this week.

NO TESTIMONY FOR THE NEWS THIS MORNING

MOLINEUX DEFENSE Weather Indications Today:

FAMOUS CASE DRAWS NIGH TO

ITS CONCLUSION.

Attorneys for the Prisoner Waive

New York, Feb. 6 .- Counsel for Ro-

and B. Molineux, charged with mur-

dering Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, by

cember 1898, took a bold and unex-

defense would sbumit no evidence.

Last night Bartow S. Weeks, counsel

for Molineux, stated that the defense

would consume less time than the prosecution, but it had been the gen-

eral expectation that many witnesses

would be called, including Writing Ex-

sons who would attack the character

of Harry Cornish. In a number of

trials in this city those of Carlisle,

Harris, Meyer and Mrs. Fleming, the

defense called no witnesses. Harris

and Meyer were convicted and executed

Mr. Weeks began his summing up

oday, and had not finished when

carnestness and the jury listened to

him intently. He told of his long per-

attacked Harry Cornish bitterly. The

in court, as was also Cornish, who was

Big Rush of People from Skagway

Journey of 2600 Miles Over the

Washington, Feb. 6.-The Cape Nome

excitement continues unabated, ac-

cording to a report to the state depart-

the trip this winter there will be one

short of the estimate of \$25,000,000.

TAND NEAR NEWARK SOLD

It Was Being Sought by a Combins

tion of Coal Operators.

is believed that he purchased the land

Verplan Colvin, of Albany, N. Y., and

The land in question was formely owned

proceedings for a partition of the prop-

FOUR TERRIBLE BOERS.

They Hold Up and Defeat Nearly th

Whole British Army.

Modder Spruit, Feb. 5 .- On Saturday

railroad bridge, protecting a number

was attacked from the trenches, and all

retreated except four, who, hiding, permitted the British to advance to within

killing three men.

This was seen from the British fort.

which fired a shell and sent cavalry to assist the British. The Boers beat them

Fraudulent Naturalization.

New York, Feb. 6.-The federal grand

jury in Brooklyn today handed up to United States Judge Thomas, sitting at

circuit Brooklyn, forty-eight indictments

based on fraudulent naturalization, charges advanced by Superintendent of

Judge Johnson Now.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 6.-Captain Isane

Johnson was sworn in as president judge of the several courts of Delaware coun-

ty today in the presence of the mem-

Movements of Vessels.

Sailed: Saale, for Bremen, Cleared: Westernland, from Antwerp; Germanic, for Liverpool; St. Paul, or Southampton.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR NOTES.

Calcutta. Feb. 6.-The mahrajah of

Juiper has made a conation of 100,000

ity teday for a successor in the house

f commons to Rear Admiral Charles Beresford, recently appointed to the

British Mediterranean fleet, resulted as follows: Faber, Unionist, 1,42 majority.

In the provious election Beresford's ma-

in the previous election berestors in ma-jority was II.

London, Feb. 6.—The house of com-mons tonight rejected Lord Edmurde Mitzmaurico's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne

against the amendment to 129 in

ieresford, recently appointed to ommand of the second division of

ees to the South Africa war fund.

rs of the bar and a number of other

back, killing two men.

Elections McCullough.

spectators.

yards, when they fired a volley,

the Pretoria corps discovered a party of British from Ladysmith entrenched at

of coolies who were cutting grass. A party of Boers dispatched to the scene

the Newark court house today.

for one of the existing coal roads.

the heirs and assignees recently

handle 3.000 passengers.

Ice - Temperature at Dawson.

GOES RIGHT ON

and collected.

QUEST OF GOLD

and Mrs. Fleming went free.

poison, sent to Harry Cornish, in De-

ceed to Address the Jury.

RAIN PROBABLE.

General—South Africa War Situation. Governor Taylor and the Kentucky Muddle. Philippine Commission Appointed. Upon the Plea That the Prosecution Molineux Defense Offers No Testi-Has Not Made Out Any Case, the

New York Bankers

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. Local-Doings of a Day in the Local

the Calling of Witnesses and Pro-Editorial. Senator Beveridge's Speech Before the

Local-Site Secured for the New Ar mory.
Annual Banquet of Keystone Alumui. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban, pected step today, announcing that the

7 Round About the County. 8 Local-Live Industrial News.

ADJOURNED OUT OF RESPECT FOR DEAD

The Republican Branch of the Bifurcated Kentucky Legislature Adopts Resolutions Concerning Senator

Goebel's Death. London, Ky., Feb, 6 .- Seven representatives and three senators arrived here ourt adjourned. He spoke with great today. There are now thirty-four rep- Monday, February 5, from Kopples resentatives and twelve senators in Dam: London, all Republicans except Sena-

sonal friendship with Molineux, and he tor Hayes, who is a Brown Democrat. The house of representatives cortenor of his argument was that the vened at 12:05 p. m. on the ground floor of the Laurel Seminary, Owing to the absence of Speaker Trimble, Representative Bethum was selected as | fontein, speaker pro tem. The following resoluvisibly nervous. Molineux seemed cool tions in respect to Governor Goepel's

death were adopted: Whereas, William Goetel, a member of the senate of the commonwealth of Kentucky, died on the third day of February, his death being caused by a wound inflicted at the hands of an unknown as-

sassin; therefore, be it Resolved, First, that we regard this and Dawson City to Cape Nome, a the fair name of Kentucky; second, that we deeply sympathize with the relatives and friends of the deceased in their time of bereavement. Third, that as a mark of respect to his memory, this house shall now stand adjourned until noon tomorrow.

The house thereupon adjourned.

ment, dated December 8, from Ronald Morrison, vice consul at Dawson City. BONNANI WAS DISCHARGED He writes that many people are making preparations to get to Cape Nome Miner, Shot at Jessup, Yesterday from Skagway, via Dawson, over the Left Lackawanna Hospital. ice, a journey of 2,600 miles. He says

August Bonnani, one of the Italian if all who are contemplating it make miners who was shot at Jessup by Peter Chinriano, Jan. 22 was vestercontinuous line of people from Bennett day discharged from the Lackawanna to St. Michaels. The transportation companies have already arranged to hospital, where he has been receiving treatment ever since the shooting took place, he and Americo Mariangello The weather at Dawson was com-aratively mild, from 15 above zero being brought to the hospital together to 18 below. This mildness has inter-Bonnani, who lives at Nanticok fered with mining by flooding the was shot in the right shoulder, and shortly after his arrival at the instidrifts and the gold output will fall tution the builet was discovered by means of the X-rays and removed. After that he made steady progress and was discharged yesterday. will continue to return every two days. however, and have his shoulder exam-

ined. New York, Feb. 6.-Ten acres of land Mariangello is still at the hospital running from the uplands to tidewater in Newark bay, at Newark, N. J., which and, although he suffers very little pain, it would be impossible to diswere being sought by a combination of coal operators in Pennsylvania as a tercharge him yet, as neither of the cartridges, which lodged in his right minal for a new coal road were sold by Master in Chancery Walter J. Knight at | and left shoulder, have been discovered and removed. The bullet in the leg George W. Tichenor, of Newark, was necessarily interferes with locomotion the purchaser. Mr. Tichenor declines to and at present it is impossible for say who he represented in the deal and

him to move around. As the bullets do not seem to give him any pain they will probably ! allowed to remain as they are, and time will probably be so imbedde that they will interfere in no way will

his movements. STILL AT POLICE STATION. Harry Moran Will Soon Be Sent to a

Reformatory. Harry Moran, of Kelier court, arrested Sunday evening on the complaint of his mother, is still in police custody. The case has, however, been given over to Mrs. Duggan, agent for the Associated Charities, and the latter will see to it that the boy is safely

looged in some reformatory. He is a lad large for his age and apparently intelligent and bright. He denies the story of having thrown flat irons at his mother, and of having acted in an incorrigible manner. He works as a slate picker in the Dodge mine, and it seems that it was in some dispute over the disposition of his wages that he had the quarrel with his widow mother which resulted in

his arrest. When first brought to the police station he wept and cried for a long time, but yesterday remained in a quiet, passive state and appeared perfectly resigned to the idea of going to the

reformatory. VETERAN MASON HONORED.

Scranton's veteran Mason, Enos T. Hall, was pleasantly surprised at his home, 609 Lackawanna avenue, on the occasion of his seventieth blitthday, by Boulogne, Feb. 6.-Sailed: Phoenician, from Hamburg for New York. New York a number of his Masonic friends, and presented with a handsome easy chair

and several boxes of cigars. Mr. Hall is one of the greatest authorities in this part of the state on the unwritten work of the order, and no one in the Masonic fraternity is more enthusiastic than he in its weifare.

State Board of Veternarians. Harrisburg, Feb. 6.-Governor Stone today appointed the following member of the state board of veterinarians: W. Sallade, Pottsville; Jacob Hellmer, Scranton, and William H. Ridge, Tre-

Mr. Hay in Pretoria. Pretoria, Feb. 6 .- Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States consul here, was ceived by the Transvaal government today and presented his credentials. He

Modder Spruit, Feb. 6 .- Messages from Ladysmith, dated yesterday, Feb. 5, say: "Continuous cannonading has been pro-ceeding since 5 o'clock in the morning Executive Council of Mine Workers Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—The executive council of the United Mine Workers adwith the occasional rear of a Long Tom. "The firing," it is added, "continues." ourned today after a three days' session.

created an excellent impression.

HE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME

Gen. MacDonald and His Infantry Made an Important Move.

IS NOW AT KOPPIES DOM

Prevented Two Large Commanaces from Effecting a Junction-He Holds Both Banks of the River. General French's Visit to Cape Town Was to Ask Lord Roberts for 7,000 More Men-Lord Methuen Disbands Remington's Scouts. Members of the Corps Were in Communication with the Boers.

London, Feb. 6.-The Standard has received the following despatch dated

"General MacDonald with a brigade of infantry, a regiment of lancers and one battery has reached here from Motlder River camp in what is regarded as an important movement to the right of the Boer position at Magers-

"The arrival of General MacDonald's column was opportune as it just prevented two large commandoes effecting a junction. He now holds both banks of the river."

It appears that General French's visit to Cape Town was to ask Lord Roberts for 7,000 more mer. Whether he got them is not disclosed. Troops are no longer detained at

Cape Town. They proceed immediately to some point at the front. Three thousand disembarked Monday and were quickly sent elsewhere. No public reception was given to the arriving volunteers at Cape Town, because they had to leave immediately. As Lord Roberts, since the battle of Spion kop, has had 20,000 fresh troops to dispose it is probable that some have gone to

Jeneral Buller. The World says it learns that Lord Methuen has disbanded Remington's scouts, one of the most useful colonial ommands, because he had ascertained that some members of the corps had

been communicating with the Boers. Lord Roberts has caused to be distributed in the towns bordering upon the invaded colonial territory an invitation to Free Staters and Transvaalers to go into the desert, offering them good treatment and a restoration to their farms on the British occupation of republican territory.

The manifesto guarantees that those bringing horses can sell them. Foreigners will have their passage paid to Europe. Colonial rebels are advised to surrender in preference to being imprisoned.

Not a word has been received from the correspondents with General Buller

for three days. It is as though Natal had been wiped off the map, excepting the heliogram from Ladysmith raying that the Boers are cannonading and that "fighting is

going on General MacDonald, with 4,000 infantry, cavalry and artitlery, threatens the Boer right at Magersfontein. This is the first sign of activity on the part of Lord Methuen for some weeks, and doubtless has relation to the movements of the British further cast.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

H. H. Asquith Said Country Was

Unprepared for the War. London, Peb. 6 .- The debate on the amondment to the address in coply to the speech from the throne was resumed in the bouse of commons today by H. H. Asquith, Liberal thome secretary in the Rosebery ministry). He maintained that the war was neither intended nor desired by the government, which naturally explained the country's unpreparedness.

Mr. Asonith added that the war could have been avoided by President Kruger accepting the proposals made in September? which, according to the speaker, were perfectly compatible with the maintenance of the independence of the Transvaul and a proper instalment of long-delayed justice to the British population of the Transvaal.

Balfour Cheered.

A. J. Balfour, the government leader, appealed to the members of the house, irrespective of party, to rise to "the height reached by those we represent." He declared that if they did this then in a short time the empire would issue from the struggle, "stronger, not only in the consciousness of its strength, but in the eyes of the civilized world." He resumed his seat amid prolonged cheering.

members rose in a body and left the house without voting. Several liberals abstained. Some others voted with the government as did also Sir Edward

When the division bell rang the Irish

Clarke, member for Plymouth, Mr. Asquith voted with Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman for the amendment.

State Board of Undertakers.

Harrisburg, Feb. 6 Governor Stone today reappointed E. S. Miller, of Reading, a member of the state board of undertakers and appointed Charles L. Mynes, of Philadelphia, in place of Chas. W. Naulty, of Philadelphia.

************** WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 6.-Forecast for Wednesday: For eastern Penn-sylvania, rain late Wednesday and Wednesday night; Thursday rain or snow and much coider; winds shifting to fresh southeast-