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DELAWARE **VALLEY HEARING**

'he Necessity of a Railroad Shown by Ample Evidence.

JUDGE HAND QUOTES LAW

Mr. E. L. Fuller Presents a Letter Asking to Have It Incorporated in the Record to Show the Opposition of the Lawyers Employed by the Existing Anthracite Coal Carrying Railroads-Senator Thornton's Testimony.

New York, Feb. 15 .- The hearing be fore the state railroad commission or the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway company for permission to construct a railroad along the line of the old Delaward and Hudson canal, from Lackawaxen to Kingston tidewater, was continue i here today, the fifth day of the hearing, and J. W. Donaldson, a wholesale grocer of Ellenville, was the first witness of the day. Mr. Donaldson sat1 that the establishment of a new line would awaken a healthy competition and help to develop the lumber and quarry resources of the valley. witness said that the population of Ellenville, which is estimated at about 3,000, had decreased considerably with

the diminution of canal traffic. To Frank Platt, of opposing counsel, Mr. Donal ison said he understood that the Kingston and Roundout railway (the so-called "paper" company) had acquired land at Ellenville for a railroad station. U. H. Terwilliger, of Ellenville, proprietor of a summer hotel, described the Ellenville section from a hotelkeeper's point of view and asserted that an era of prosperity would which would be crowded with "members of the leisure classes seeking the beauties of nature."

Mr. Platt's objections. The commissioners sustained the oners were not interested in the people.

Mr. Fuller's Letter.

E. L. Fuller, of the association, in general letter which counsel for the incorporated in the record of the prothe opposition of the lawyers employed by the existing anthracite coal carrymembers of the Anthracite Coal Cperators' association have been prevented from petitioning the railroad commission of the state of New York to grant a charter to the Delawars Valley and Kingston railroad, which gun. has offered to carry their coal at a lower price than that demanded by the present railroads"

Ex-Congressman Isaac N. Cox. now dealer in lumber, railroad ties and general merchandise at Ellenville, said the construction of the railroad as proposed by the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railroad company would be of great benefit to Ellenville and vicinand Rondout read could be of no service because of its lack of tidewater facilities at Kingston.

Alfred Hand, of Scranton, an exjustice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, was called to show by the Pennsylvania statutes that it is legal for an existing railroad company to parallel its own lines.

W. C. S. Therne, president of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway company, is also vice president of the Eric and Wyoming Valley railroad, whose line parallels the route of the projected road for ten miles below Lacknwaxen.

Judge Hand Quotes Precedents.

Judge Hand quoted precedents in support of the proposition of the applicant company and said that the Pennsylvania courts have always construed the statutes liberally in railroad matters.

They have never, he insisted, put any

obstacle in the way of the construction of railways likely to cenefit the products of the state. "What is the policy of the law,"

asked Mr. Sherman, "in regard to the parallel and competing lines?" "The policy of the law is to encourage them and prevent consolidation,"

replied the witness. Mr. Platt objected to the question

and answer and the commissioner sustained the objection.

commissioner sustained other objections of Mr. Platt to a like line of

questioning. The commission then considered the

letter presented by Mr. Fuller for the individual anthracite coal operators. Finally Colonel Cole decided that the former rule applying to the residents of Pennsylvania must stand and excluded the letter. State Senator Jacob Rice, of Ulster county, made an appeal the permit asked. He said hundreds of men had bought little homes along the canal and will have to quit unless the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railroad company be permitted to build. He told of small homesteads worth \$., 00 each if the road is built that are dear at \$500 if freight and traffic facilities are denied their local-The projected Kingston Valley and Rondout road, he said, could not fill the bill. No road could be of ser-

facilities at Kingston. Mr. Platt asked the witness if he were a candidate for re-election next fall and Mr. Rice replied: "If this application is denied I should

like to run for governor on the railroad question. I could guarantee to carry

Senator Thornton's Testimony. State Senator William Thornton, of Sullivan county, next testified. He cor-reporated all that the previous witness had said about the need of a railroad connecting with tidewater at Kingston to develop the valley district and generally declared himself and his con-

stituents anxious to see the proposed

Sharet J. Van Inwegen, a merchant and general dealer of Huguenot, de-clared that the Erie railroad had not treated the stone and lumber dealers fairly. He said the salvation of the district lay in building a competing road along the route of the abandoned canal.

James Lounsbery, of Kerhonkson, Ulster county, who represented the district for four terms in the assembly said the unanimous sentiment of the district is for another road.

Thomas Snyder, ex-supervisor of High Falls, and an ex-assemblyman, Dr. W. E. E. Little, of Rosendale, Henry McNamee, of Eddyville, gave

similar testimony. Colonel Cole adjourned the session until March 13 when it will be resumed

CLASH AT FRANKFORT.

The Republican and Democratic Branches of the State Government Are Unable to Harmonize.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 15.-The clash between the Democratic and Republican branches of the state government was emphasized by the prison officials releasing John Seals, a Louisville convict, on a pardon issued by Governor Beckham. Deputy Warden Punch was acting warden tonight, and when the pardon papers were presented to him he ordered Seals released and the latter left the city tonight.

Douglass Hays, a Knott county convict, recently pardoned by Governor Taylor, is still in confinement, the prison officials refusing to recognize Taylor as governor. Attorneys for contestee and contestants today signed the following agreements as to the contests of minor state officers:

"We, the undersigned, attorneys for contestants and contestees, hereby agree that all the testimony taken in the contest for governor and lieutenant governor in the city of Frankfort; as open to Sullivan and Ulster counties | far as the same may be competent and relevant, may be read as evidence in the contest for the minor state offices now pending before the state board of Mr. Terwilliger presented two peti- election commissioners now sitting as tions from the Ellenville section, which a contest board; and it is further the commissioners admitted, despite agreed that the said contests shall be submitted to said board without argument, the counsel for neither side nor jection of Mr. Platt to the admission any other person to be present during petition signed by the Individual, the trial and the contestees expressly Coal Operators' association of Scran- reserving all rights to accept, object or cue the imprisoned live stock and a ton. The grounds for the ruling were demur to the evidence or other proceeds number of horses were taken out, but that the New York state commission- ing which they may have under the law, and further that the said contestees do not by the agreement waive or relinquish any objection to the jurisdietion of the board and this agreement is response to that ruling, presented a to take effect after the board shall have acted on the primary motions and applicant company will ask to have affidavits, heretofore filed before said board by the said contestees and all ceedings. The letter states, "through of them which shall be shown by the records, and in the event said motions, supplemented by the said affidavits, ing railroads, the individual operators, shall be overruled by the board. This agreement is to be in effect and bind-

ing at once, this 15th day of February. The contest board met at 2 o'clock when the reading of testimony was be-

THE MOLINEUX CASE.

Death Sentence Will Be Pronounced Today.

New York, Feb. 15 .- Roland B. Molineux will be arraigned before Recorder Goff in Part IV general sessions at 10.30 o'clock tomorrow morning. He will be sentenced to death, the time The projected Kingston Valley of the execution to be named by the recorder.

cheriff Greil has arranged to have the prisoner removed at once to Sing Sing.

INHERITANCE TAX VOID.

Minnesota Law Declared Unconstitutional by Supreme Court.

St. Paul, Feb. 15 .- The supreme court has declared the Minnesota inheritance tax law to be unconstitutional on the ground that it is contrary to the constitutional provision requiring equal taxation, because it exempts real property and assesses such a tax only on personal property and because of other

Bankruptcy Petitions.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.-The following peti tions in bankruptey were filed today in the United States district court: William Giles, accountant, of Pittston, Lu-zerne, Habilities \$10,208, assets \$200; Alex-Fisher, Shenango township, rence, liabilities \$17.619.10, assets \$50; Harrison A. Kitchen, of Warren, liabilities \$5.058.81, assets \$290; Abraham Brady, Williamsport, and Jacob N. Capian, of Scranton, were discharged from bank-

ruptey. Held for Serious Charge.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 15.-William Garland was arrested at Phoebus, Va., vesterday pending an investigation of the death of his septuagenarian wife. The investigation of the coroner showed that needles had been thrust through the woman's heart. Taey were married six months. The police think Garland drugged her and killed her to gain posession of her estate

Life Sentence Confirmed

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 15.-The state court appeals has affirmed the decision of the lower court, sentencing to life im-prisonment ex-County Judge O. D. Canion, of Robertson county, for the murder of W. T. Gray early in 1899, Gray was shot in front of his home at Frank-lin, where he was superintendent of pun-

.... Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Pensions issued under date of February 2: Increase—Ren-jomin J. Jamison, Leach Haven, Luzerne, 85 to \$10; Noah P. Chaffe, Athens, Brad-ford, \$12 to \$17. Original widows-Lydia fill the bill. No road could be of ser-lucinda Brader, Scranton, \$: Sarah A. vice to the section without tidewater Nicholson, Madisonville, Lackawanna, \$5.

THE CLARK CASE IS WARMING UP

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY IN-

Justice Hunt, of the Montana Supreme Court, Testifies of What He Regards as an Attempt to Consider a \$100,000 Bribe in Favor of Lawyer Wellcome-Judge Piggot's Opinions.

Washington, Feb. 15.-Highly sensational testimony was developed today in the investigation by the senate committee on privileges and elections of the election of W. A. Clarke to the senate from Montana. Justice Hunt. a Republican member of the Montana supreme court, testified that his family physician, Dr. Tracey, had made what ie regarded as an attempt to have him consider a \$100,000 bribe to favor Lawyer Wellcome, one of Mr. Clarke's attorneys in the disbarment proceedings against Wellcome. The witness did not directly at least connect Mr. Clarke with this bribery proposition; the latter's counsel, ex-Senator Faulsner, moved to strike the whole testimony from the record, but did not succeed. The witness testified that the same day other attempts to bribe had been made on Judge Piggott, justice pany. of the supreme court of Montana. Counsel for Mr. Clarke cross-questioned Mr. Hunt quite sharply as to why he had not prosecuted the doctor or made a statement at the time according, the reply in substance being that witness was too much humillated by the proposition and also believed that Dr. Tracey did not realize the enormity of

his offense. The committee held a night session, at which Justice Piggott testified concerning the remarks to him on two days when Dr. Tracey had interviews with Justice Piggott. Traccy testified that the accused had said to him in an excited manner that he had just been accused by Mr. Nell, of Helena, that the supreme court could be unduly influenced in the Wellcome disbarment proceedings, wanted to know if it were true, and spoke of denouncing any such attempt. Witness had informed counsel that he never heard of such an attempt from him (Piggott) for he woul! kill any one coming to him with

FIRE AT LANCASTER.

Almshouse Barn Burned-\$10,000

Worth of Property Destroyed. Lancaster, Feb. 15 .-- About 7 o'clock this evening fire broke out in the large frame barn on the county almahouse property. Fanned by a strong wind be flames spread with amazing quick several mules and four heatls of cattle perished. The building was completely destroyed, together with its contents of valuable farm implements, vehicles and crops, including twenty tons of hay, eight hundred bushels of wheat

and four hundred bushels of oats. The loss amounts to about \$10,500, partially covered by insurance. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. This is the fourth barn that has been burned down on this site in the past twenty years.

GEORGE WEEKS HANGED.

Executed at Moyamensing Prison for Murder of Alice White.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 15.-George Weeks, colored, was hanged in Moyamensing prison today for the murder of Alice White, also colored, on Dec. connected with Weeks for the same murder, was hanged last Thursday. Weeks went to his death bravely and did not show the slightest evidence of fear or nervousness.

The crime was committed during a celebration at Christmas. Alva White and May Johnson, a colored woman. and Charles Moore, a white man, were drinking together when Sr. Clair and Weeks burst into the nouse, revolvers in hand, and opened fire on the little party collected there. The two women and Moore were wounded by the flying bullets and the White woman subsequently died.

ATTACKED BY INSURGENTS.

Five Thousand Men Engage Americans at Manila.

Manila, Feb. 15 .- Insurgent forces estimated to number 5,006 soldiers, mostly bolo men, attacked the American garrison in the convent at Daroga, in the province of Albay, during the night

They were repulsed, however, after they had burned much of the town, lieutenant wounded was the only loss sustained by the Americans.

CONSUMPTIVE CIGARMAKER.

Ordered to Desist from Wetting the Ends of Cigars with His Lips.

Buffalo, Feb. 15.-Inspector Willard of the health department has reported to Dr. Wende that a man in the ad-vanced stages of consumption was making cigars in a factory in this city. The health commissioners instructed the inspector to order the man to desist from wetting the tips of his cigars with his tengue and to direct him to use a damp sponge or some other mechanical contrivance rather than deprive him of his means of livelihood.

Gift to the U. P.

Philadelphia, Fcb. 15.—Provost Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania today announced that a gift of \$75,000 has been made to the university Thomas McKean, of this city. The gift is made in memory of Mrs. McKean's father, the late George M. Wharton, and is a contribution toward the cost of the new law school building, which is to be opened and dedicated on the

Supported by House of Commons. London, Feb. 15 .- The house of commons this evening adopted the government military scheme by a vote of 13 ment military scheme by avote of 130 against 40, the minerity consisting chiefly

CARNEGIE ACCEPTS SERVICE. Reasons Why Other Members of the Firm Favor Mr. Frick.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15 .- The following will clear all doubt as to the Carnegie attorneys having accepted service: TRODUCED YESTERDAY. "There is no mystery in this case,

said George B. Gordon, of the firm of Dalzell, Scott & Gorden, tonight. have accepted service for the Carnegie Steel company, limited, in the suit of H. C. Frick and for such others of the defendants as can be readily reached." The recorder's office of Allegheny county furnishes an lateresting piece of news relative to the present quarrel and the revelations of the powers of attorney filed by Andrew Carnegie relating to H. C. Frick, P. M. Curry, F. T. F. Lovejoy, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Pipps, ir., and which deprived them of thy rights to sign or act for him, which they have had for years, adds another page to the controversy and some of them favor Mr. Frick in the present quarrel. In the records it appears that Mr. Carnogle took all the as December, 1899, or about the time he was conferring with Mr. Schwab in New York. The action was taken in that state and forwarded at once to the recorder's office here, where it was filed and recorded December 21, or four

M'GRAW THREW UP HIS HANDS New Base Ball Association Receives a Setback.

days before Mr. Carnegie came to

managers of the Carnegie Steel com-

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 15.-The new base ball association received a set back today that will probably delay its organization for a year, if it does not entirely blast its hopes. When the meeting of the association at Chicago adjourned it was agreed between Me-Graw and Anson that if Philadelphia did not post its money within a week the two leaders would drop out. Me-Graw was assigned to see Mr. Gilmore, proprietor of the auditorium, in the Quaker City, who was said to be willing to put up the cash. When Mc-Graw called on Mr. Gilmore today he was informed that the city of Philadelphia owned the only available ball grounds in the city, and that they were to be improved. Mr. Gilmore added that in the absence of an option of suitable grounds, he preferred not to deposit the money. Possibly in two weeks he would see his way clear, and would then make good his contribution to the Philadelphia club, I'pon his arrival in Baltimore this evening Me-Graw found a telegram from Mr. Gil. be issued against the gold held in the more awaiting him, asking that the association wait three weeks, McGraw thereupon threw up his hands and tele- nominations of less than \$10, and no graphed Auson that he would with. silver certificates in denominations of draw from the association. He satt tonight that it was useless to do business with a six-club elecuit, and that the bonded debt of the United States the loss of Philadelphia meant the failure of the association. He will probably sign a league contract in a few days. A meeting of the company which was organized to back the Battimore club, will be held tomorrow and these matters be explained to them. Chicago, Feb. 15.-President Anson. of the American Base Ball association which was organized Tuesday, declared

tonight that the new organization was a failure and would be disbanded. MRS. EYLER VINDICATED.

placed. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 15 .- At the annual meeting of the board of managers of the state in ustrial school for girls, Mrs. Eyler, the principal, was continued in her position, which was an implied approval of her course as prin-

Another One of Her Critics Is Dis-

The only important change made in the officers was the substitution of Dr. George Parker for Dr. Laura Satterthwaite as the visiting physician. Satterthwaite was one of those who criticised Mrs, Eyler's methods. declined tonight to discuss her displacement.

UPRISING IN FORMOSA. Rebels Raid Japanese Offices

Obtain 3,000 Yen.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 15,-Advices brought by the steamship St. Irene say that a rebel band last month raided Japanese offices at Mato, and obtained 3.000 yen. That outbreak followed the refusal of the Japanese to lend the rebels forty rifles to go hunting with. In three other localities of southern Formosa bandits were plundering. Considerable success seems to be attending the Japanese government's experiment of enrolling its Formosan sub-

jects for military service. Victim of Foul Play?

Watertown, Feb. 15.—A lengthy statement has been issted, signed by Mrs. Charles A, Chickering, widow of Representative Chickering, who was killed in New York on Tuesday by failing from a fourth story window of the Grand Union hotel, Dr. H. H. Cramer and J. S. Mitchell. Mr. Chickering's private secretary. in which it was stated that they believe that Mr. Chickering was the victim of

foul play.

Bryan in the South. Columbia, S. C., Feb. E.-W. J. Bryan, accompanied by a committee of legisla-tors and citizens that went to Charlotte to meet him last night, arrived here at 11.30 today. At 1 p. m. he addressed the members of the general assembly and a large concourse of people, many having come from all sections of the state. He spoke for two hours from a stand erected at the south entrance to the state house

Testimony Regarding Trusts.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The industrial commission has received from the printer the testimony taken by it in regard to trusts and today took up the question as to whether or not a report shall be made to congress upon the subject on the tes-timony transmitted without comment. A decision upon this point is not expected for several days.

Steamship Arrivals.

Queenstown. Feb. 15 .- Arrived: Gerqueenstown. Feb. la.—Arrived: Ger-manic, New York for Liverpool, Sailed: Teutonic (from Liverpool), New York, Rotterdam.—Sailed: Rotterdam, New York, Arrived: Maasdam, New York, New York.—Sailed: Tauric, Liverpool; La Gascogne, Havre.—Southampton.—Ar-rived: St. Paul, from New York, Havre.—Arrived: Lahn, from Bremen.

CURRENCY BILL PASSES SENATE

DECISIVE MAJORITY OF 46 TO 29 IN ITS FAVOR.

Mr. Kyle, of South Dakota, the Only Senator Who Did Not Vote-The Bill Provides That All Forms of United States Money Shall Be Maintained at a Parity With Gold and Shall Be Redeemable in Gold.

Washington, Feb. 15.-The senate substitute for the house currency bill was passed by the senate today by the decisive majority of 46 to 29. Prior to the final passage of the bill amendfurnishes one reason why Mr. Frick's monts were considered under the tenattorneys state that the gentlemen or minute rule. Only two of these amendments were adopted, viz: one offered by the finance committee keeping the door open to international bimetallism, ceipts of his atterney as far back and one by Mr. Nelson, of Minnesota, providing for national banks with \$25 .-000 capital in towns of not more than 4.000 inhabitants. The votes taken on the various

amendments offered were practically along party lines. Mr. Chandler (Rep., N. H.,) voted for the bimetallic amend-Pittsburg, and demanded Frick's resigbut against the bill. Mr. Cafnation as chairman of the board of ferty (Dem., La.,) and Mr. Lindsay (Dem., Ky..) voted against the com mittee amendment but for the bill. Mr. Kyle (S.D.) was the only senator who did not vote and was not paired. The free silver substitute offered by Mr. Jones, the leader of the Democratic side, was defeated by a majority of 19, the vote being 47 to 28. The bill as passed consists of ten sections. which provide that the dollar of 25 8-13 grains of gold nine tenths fine, shall be the standard unit of value and that all forms of the United States money shall be maintained at a parity with it, and the treasury notes and greenbacks shall be redeemable in gold.

Empowered to Sell Bonds. The secretary of the treasury is to

set apart a fund of \$150,000,000 in gold for the redemption of these notes and to maintain this fund at a figure not below \$100,000,000 he is empowered to sell bonds of the United States bearing interest at not exceeding 3 per cent. It shall also be the duty of the retary of the treasury, as fast as standard dollars are coined, to retire in full the amount of treasury notes

and to issue silver certificates against the silver so coined. Under certain provisions, too, gold certificates shall treasury. No United States notes or treasury notes shall be issued in demore than \$10. The secretary of the treasury is also authorized to refund by the issue of bonds bearing 2 per cent, interest, and interest of bonds to be paid in gold. The 2 per cent, bonds shall be issued at not less than par. Any national bank, by depositing with the United States treasury bonds of this country, shall be permitted to issue circulating notes to the face value of the bends deposited, no bank being allowed to issue circulating notes in excess of the amount of the paid in capital stock of the bank. After the presentation of the financial bill the senate made the Hawaiian bill the unfinished business.

MACRUM CONTRADICTED.

State Department Not Notified That Mail Had Been Opened.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- While state de partment officials were averse today to discussing the published statement of ex-Consul Macrum, it was said authoritatively that a search of the records failed to show that Mr. Macrum had ever reported to the department that his mail was being regularly tampered with by the British authorities.

The department investiga ed the matter and learned that no unnecessary delay existed and does not credit the statement that any correspondence, official or otherwise, was opened, inspected and delayed by British authori-

In the house Mr. Wheeler, of Kentucky, today offered the following re-

solution:

Whereas, Charles E. Macrum, late a consul of the government of the United States at Pretoria, in the Transvaal republic, over his own signature, charges; When this this) mail was finally for-American consul general at Cape Town, had secured its release, I had the miliation, as the representative of American government, of sitting in my office in Pretoria and looking upon velopes bearing the official seal of American government, opened and offi-cially sealed with a sticker, notifying me that the contents had been read by the

censor at Durban;" and consul I knew rothing of any secret al-Hence between America and Great ain;" therefore, be it

Resolved, by the house, That the secretary of state is directed to beform the bouse of representatives whether said Charles E. Macrum, as consul of the American government, informed the state department that his official mail had been opened and read by the British cen-sor at Durban, and, if so, what steps, if any, have been taken to obtain an explanation and apology from the British gov-ernment; and it is further directed to inform the house of representatives what truth there is in the charge that a se of the United States and the empire of

Great Britain The speaker referred the resolution to the foreign affairs committee.

After Fraudulent Voters.

Hazleton, Feb. 15.-Constable Rurren, armed with warrants for the arrest of a number of Kline township Italians of charges of securing and using fraudulent naturalization papers on the strength of which it is alleged they voted at the November elections, went to Bunker Hill last night to serve the warrants, but none of the accused could be found and it is stated that they have fied. Over

Duke De Sidonia Dead. Madrid, Feb. 15.—Duke De Medina Sid-onia, grand chamberlain and chief of the royal household, is dead.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR: COLDER. General-London Pleased with General Roberts' South African Campaign. Evidence Favorable to New Coal

Senate Passes the Currency Bill. Sensational Testimony in the Clark

- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Whitney's Weekly News Budget, Financial and Commercial.
- Local-Trial List for March Term of
- Editorial.
- News and Comment. 5 Geral-Governor Taylor's Views of the Kentucky Political Muddie.
- Local-Men's Union Listens to Strik
- ing Speeches.
 Court Proceedings. Local-Bids for Lighting the City.
- New Trolley Rond Strikes a Snag. Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the County

10 Local-Live Industrial News. NO MORE RACING

National Assembly Decides to Relinguish Control of the Business.

UNDER THE L. A. W.

Officers Elected at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Feb. 15 -The national esembly of the League of American Wheelmen today relinquished control of racing and abolished the amateur clause of membership. All other references to amateur wheelmen were stricken from the constitutions. The amendments bringing about sweeping change on the conduct of the league were offered by I. B. Fotter, and were adopted amid the cheers of

the delegates. The work of the league in the cause of highway improvements, President Keenan said, has not ceased during Chieveley, Natal, dated Tuesday, Feb. the post year. With reference to racing he said:

"By the abandonment of racing by the league the legislative committee has nothing officially to recommend. It does, however, suggest that the deof it be solely upon the grounds of expediency as regards the welfare of the league. Racing owes everything to by an organization with purely morcenary objects in view, no matter display, can hardly be conducive to the purity and elevation of the sport and will not add to its prosperity if the results of the past season are to

be taken as a criterion." The treasurer, James C. Tattersall, reported receipts from January 1 to December 31, 1899, to be \$62,376.84; dis-\$60,461,70; balance on

bursements. hand, \$1,915,14. Sam. Maryland: first vice presiden .. Robert T. Kingsbury, New Hampshire, second vice president, A. B. Choute, Minnesota; treasurer, James C. Tattersall, New Jersey; auditing commit-Wolfson, Massachusetts, and T. M.

Skiles, Maryland. A resolution was adopted tional congress of a request for making the prisoners was sent to tell the Brits larger appropriations and creating an ish to fetch their wounded. office of road inquiry, and recommending Otto Dorner, of Milwaukee, for the lous other resolutions of a minor character were adopted. The racing and amateur questions were then taken tion unassailable on the upper Tugela. up and the amendments relinquishing control of meets and abregating the amateur clause were adopted without

difficulty. A number of amendments relating evacuated Rensburg and retired to Arto the constitution and the bylaws were referred to committees, which the assembly adjourned until

Tonight the visiting delegates are being entertained by the local bleyele

SWINDLED THE HARRISONS. Ex-President and Wife Were Systematically Robbed.

Indianapolis, Feb. 15 .-- It is being related here tonight that both ex-President Harrison and his wife were systematically robbed and otherwis. swindled during their visit to Paris last summer when the general was engaged in the Venezuelan claims af-The ex-president was asked about the matter tonight and he confirmed the story, although he said he did not know that it was abroad and did not authorize it. He now thinks Whereas, He further states in the same that a young Frenchman who acted as rilele: "When I accented my post as his valet was the swamler, or if not, that a young Frenchman who acted as

that he knows all about the larceny. Aside from sums of money that the ex-president missed, the best and most, accomplished operation of all was several forgeries perpetrated on Mrs. Havrison. During the summer she looked for some drafts due on some private investments of her own. They never came. Quite recently the drafts came to her with her name fairly well endorsed on them. The amount of the various drafts in the named forgery could not be learned. General Harrison would give no details beyond saying that the story was substantially

Opposition to Eight-Hour Bill.

Washington, Feb. 15.-Representatives f the ship building, armor plate manufacturing and steel concerns which furnished supplies to the government were heard today by the house committee on labor in opposition to the bill fixing an eight-hour day on government work, including that done under contract. F. K. McCammen and ex-Representative Pay son argued that this was a form of pa-ternalism and would operate toward a confiscation of the plants. The hearing

Five Per Cent. Increase.

Hazleton, Feb. 15.—The 1.800 employes of G. B. Markle & Co., anthracite coal mine operators, were notified of a 5 per cent, increase in their wages, the second

THE CAMPAIGN OF ROBERTS

London Is Apparently Pleased with the Outlinc.

INDICATIONS ARE HOPEFUL

Belief That the Much-Needed Decisive Victory Is at Hand. Changes in Commands in Buller's Forces-Boer Invasion of Zululand-Boers Are Damming the Klip River Near Ladysmith.

London, Feb. 15 .- Field Marshal Lord Roberts' plans of operations in South Africa, as revealed by the despatches published this morning, give some satsfaction here. No further news of the British advance into the Orange Free State, or of activity at the Modder River has been received, but confidence prevails owing to the belief that the strong hands of Roberts and Kitchener are shaping matters toward a much needed decisive victory. As the

St. James Gazette says: "Lord Roberts, with his own line well guarded and having little reason to fear a counter-stroke attacking his long line as it swings round, will be able to force the Boers to fight under unfavorable conditions or abandon their neavy guns and stores." A special despatch to the Times from

13. savs: "General Lyttleton has succeeded to the command of the second division during the illness of General Clery, who is suffering from blood poisoning. Colonel Northcott, of the Rifle brigade, cision of the society against control temporarily commands the fourth division.

The fears regarding a Boer attack on Zululand are somewhat allayed by a the league and the league owes noth- | special despatch from Durban, which ing to racing. The control of racing says that a column of colonial scouts, after a forced march, has arrived at Eshowe. It is reported that they are what the legislative ability that it may in splendid fighting form. They were pursued several times during the march by the Boers, but succeeded in

repulsing them. Boers Damming the Klip. London, Feb. 16 .- The Dally Mall has

the following dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated "A prominent Pretoria citizen, just from Ladysmith, informs me that the After the reports had been read and Beers are rapidly damming Klip river. acted upon the delegates took a recess. Two thousand Kaffirs are employed in of two hours and reconvened at 3 the work and they have deposited o'clock, when the following officers 10,000 sand bags already. They are were elected: Fresident Conway W. only able to work at night, as they would be under British fire. This cit-

izen, however, believes that the operetion will be futile. Boer Langer, Near Ladysmith, Tuesday, Feb. 13.-Yesterday General tee, Clarence W. Small, Maine; Aaron | Botha, with a small force, crossed the Tugela to a deserted British campwhere he encountered fifty lancers, of whom thirteen were killed, five woundmending the presentation to the nated and nine taken prisoners. One of

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Monday, Feb. 12 .- Since Friday everything position of director of the office, Var- has been quiet. The English, with their cannon, have moved towards Chieveley. They found the Beer post-London, Feb. 16.-The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphing Wednesday, says: "It is reported here that the British have

Wires Closed to Correspondents. London, Feb. 16, 4.30 a, m .- The wires are closed to correspondents with Lord Roberts. General Cronje's communications with Blomfontein have already been cut. The pest news would be that the Boers have decided to give battle among the low hills and ridges west of Kimberley. Should they determine not to do this they must raise the seige of Kimberley and retreat to a point where they would prefer to

This retirement could be a long detour around the head of the British advance to Blomfontein, or, as seems to military students more practicable, they could withdraw to the north, using the railroad for guns and heavy baggage, moving to Fourteen Streams station and thence into Transvaal ter-

ritory. The Boers have made no preparations to defend Bloemfontein. Operations elsewhere are rapidly suspended. A correspondent writing from Chieve-

ley, Feb. 13, says: We are still hopeful of relieving

Ladysmith." Colonel Baden-Powell, in a despatch from Mafeking, dated Jan. ... after mentioning matters already sent out by correspondents, gives his total casualties up to Jan. 25 as follows: Killed, 5 officers and 60 men; wounded, 8 officers and 123 men; missing, 34 men. No word has been received regarding

forces are on the way to Lord Roberts. Charged with Killing.

General Gatacre's 12,000 men at Storms-

berg. The impression is that these

Bryan, Tex., Feb. 15.—Falla, an Italian, is in jail charged with killing his wife, her 4-year-old niece, and wounding the latter's grandmother. Falla himself is wounded. The tracedy occurred year-terday, in Mudville, in the Brazos bottom. The cause of the shooting is unstrowed.

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

Washington, Feb. 15 - Forecast for Friday and Saturday: For eastern Pennsylvania. fair and colder Friday; diminishing north-westerly winds; Saturday fair and continued cold.