GENERAL CRONJE HAS ESCAPED

Mathematical Precision has now captured more than one hundred wagons. The Highland brigade reinforced him after a forced march. of the Kimberley Campaign.

THE BOERS DISHEARTENED

Rapid Movements of Troops Under General Roberts Have Been a Surprise to Them-In Consequence of Lord Kitchener's Transport Arrangements the Four Divisions Moving Over the Sandy Veldt Are Well Fed and Watered-A Mobile Force Created-The Troops Endure Frightful Fatigue Without Complaint-General Kelly-Kenny in Hot Pursuit.

London, Feb. 19.-4.50 a, m.-It is now amply confirmed that General Cronjoescaped. Every detail received, however, proves how admirably Lord Roberis' plans were conserved and were succeeding. But for the unexpected delay at Dickel's drift, which was almost impassable for wagons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day there gave them their chance for a hasty retreat. All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed exactly to the time. Apparently, General Cronje is retreating with the main army, and if even he escapes altogether he will probably lose his

There is seeming doubtfulness about the capture of the British convoy. According to a Duily Mail correspondent with the convoy, which consisted of 200 wagons, each loaded with six thousand pounds of rations and of forage, and each drawn by sixteen oxen, it was quite unexpectedly attacked by a command supposed to come from Colesburg. The escort, consisting of eighty of the Gordon Highlanders, forty men of the army service corps and a few of Kitchener horse, maintained a defense until the arrival of reinforcements, sustaining insignificant casual-

London, Feb. 19.-The Standard's correspondent at Jacobsdal, telegraphing Thursday, February 15, says:

"An attack was made vesterday upon the rear guard of our main body by a force of 1,400 Boers, who were burried up from Colesburg. They succeeded in capturing some of our wagons, but Lord Roberts did not delay his march to retake these. There were few casualties on our side."

Specials from Ladysmith report an apparent movement by the Boers toward the Free State, presumably with the object of assisting General Cronje, Precision of French's Movement.

Jacobsdal, Orange Free State, Friday, Feb. 16.-Lord Roberts' combinations for the movement of the corps were dovetailed with precision, although obstacles that had not been forseen had to be overcome.

The execution of his designation began at 3 a. m. Sunday. General French rode into Kimberley Thursday afternoon, just when he was due, according to the field marshal's time-table, having in four and a half days marched ninety miles with artillery and infantry and having fought two small engage-

The relief of Kimberley was accourplished with the loss of only fifty men. Twenty thousand infantry made splendid marches under a sub-tropical sun and through a dust storm to hold the positions which General French took. Lord Kitchener was with General Tucker's division. In consequence of his transport arrangements the four divisions moving over-the sandy velds were fed and watered. It is hardly possible to appreciate adequately the mathematical precision with which part of the department has worked, marching through the day, victualling the army and evolving every hour something definite from seeming chaos. Everybody did what was expected from him cheerfully, though enduring frightful fatigues. Few slept more than three hours. The battalions, hour after hour, toiled through the heavy sand uncomplainingly, and when now and then a man fell out of the ranks exhausted, he would rejoin his company later after ne had rested. Some fifty or sixty were overcome by the heat and had to be tent to the rear in the backward defit

of empty wagons. The rapidity of Lord Roberts' movenents away from his base has solved one of the problems, perhaps the chief problem of the war. He and Lord Kitchener have created a mobile force, able to move in exterior lines and to outflank the Boers, themselves so won-

The position of the Boer army at Spytfontontein being untenable, General Cronje ordered a retreat. At the moment this dispatch is written it is uncertain whether his whole force or only a portion has gone toward Bloemfontein. It is possible that a part is going north of Kimberley.

It is supposed that a twenty-nine ton gun is still in the neighborhood of Kimberley. The road from Jacobsdal to Modder river station is now open.

General Kenny on the Trail. Kenny is still pursuing the Boers. He sutton's home and come until an officer arrived.

to join in the pursuit of the Boer The guards have occupied the Boer position in Magersfontein. Further de tails of the Boer retreat show that the enemy has been fighting a good rear guard action and occupying successive copies in order to allow the moving convoys, which are going at a slow pace, to keep ahead, the animals ap-

General French has left Kimberley

parently being dead beat. The latest reports show that the Boers in the neighborhood of Klipp Kraals, on the right, are undoubtedly disheartened.

General French's magnificent march is still the subject of admiration, espefally in view of the dust storms and hunder storms that all experienced. The work of shelling the Boers proeeds vigorously. Owing to the style of action the Boers are bound to show in the open whenever they are obliged to leave the kopjes.

Laagers Abandoned

Frere Camp, Feb. 16.-The Boers have bandoned several laagers. General Buller renewed bombardment of the Boer position without eliciting a reply. Another forward move is regarded as eminent.

London, Feb. 18 .- Rumors have been n el culation at the clubs and elsewhere that General Cronic, with an amy of 7,000 has been captured. Apparently they emanated from the continent. No confirmation of them can be obtained here

Ladysmith, Feb. 16.-By beliograph and native runner, via Chieveley,-Dr. Jameson has the fever. The heat is tremendous but the morale of the camp is excellent.

Major Doveton's wife, who was given safe conduct through the Boer lines, arrived here on the 13th to nurse her husband. Major Doveton died Feb-

London, Feb. 18.-A dispatch from the Swaziland border, dated Friday, February 16, says:

"The Boer agent at Bremersdorf has been maintaining regular communication with Delagon Bay, via Swaarzland. Coolie carriers have been bearing sacks, supposed to contain salt, i through Tongaland. On examination gunpowder."

Chieveley, Wednesday, Feb. 14.-(Delayed by censor.)-The movement northeast began this morning. Lord Dundonald, with cavalry and artillery, occupied Huzzar Hills, five miles north of Chieveley. The infantry en-trenched the hill.

the right and Sir Charles Warren in front and to the left. The Boers were heavily entrenched on Hlangwange and Montipristo Hills. A steady, independent fire, with oc-

some hours and the enemies' trenches were vigorously shelled. during the early part of the day, but | without, when we began shelling they moved

Nordenfeldt. Our casualties were few.

PRISONERS WELL TREATED.

Captain Longhurst Impressed Kindness of Boers.

Arundel. Saturday, Feb. 17 .- (Received by dispatch rider.)-Captain Longhurst, of the British medical orps, spent a night at Hobkitk's farm. attending the wounded Australians. He says that the enemy were remarkably kind to the wounded, providing them mattresses and giving them all the eggs they had. The Borr commander and Captain Longhurst found that they had mutual friends in London and were soon on the best terms. The Boer and British wounded fraternized. Noting that the Bandollers of the enemy were filled with soft-nosed bullets one of our men said: "You ought not to bring such things to five at us." The Boers replied: "We must use whatever we can get."

This particular Boer contingent had ome from the northern district of the Transvaal, where the Boers are used to hunting big game along the Limpope. The men had obtained their arcmunition for that purpose. One Briton, whose thigh had been shattered, replied to this explanation: "Well, I wish you had been kind enough to shoot me lower down." After the retirement of the British force the Boers held a potyer meeting and thanked Heaven for their successes. Then they separated into small parties and moved to their various outposts, chanting hymns as they went. Captain Longhumt says that he was

much impressed by their considerate treatment of the British.

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED. The Sabine Has Been Captured By

the Gunboat Thrush. Port Elizabeth, Feb. 18,-The British steamer Sabine, Captain Taylor, from New York, Jan. 4. with a miscellane ous cargo, has been seized by the British gunboat Thrush and brought to Delagoa bay on suspicion of having on board articles contraband of war.

Before the Sabine sailed from New board a large quantity of previsions. arms and ammunition, army blankets and general supplies, but no confirma-The vessel was cleared for Delagon bay.

Shot Sweetheart's Father.

Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 18.-Leslie Eastburn, aged 2l. shot and killed Jacob Sutton, an aged citizen of Bloomheld, teday. East-burn called at Sutton's home to take Sutton's 18-year-old daughter to church. In-

SENSATIONAL TALE FROM GAY PARIS

OFFICIAL INVOLVED OFFERED TO FURNISH INFORMATION.

His Letter Seized Through Aid of Dr. Leyds-The Official a Sub-Chief of One of the Bureaus of the Ministry, Has Absconded-British Embassy Issues Formal Repudiation of Relations with the Man.

Paris, Feb. 18,-The sensational newspapers of Paris publish a story with regard to a sub-chief of one of the bureaus of ministry of marine, named Philipp, who was said to have been implicated in an offer to furnish Great Britain information relating to the freighting of vessels for the Transvaal in French ports. It is alleged that in a letter containing his proposal he

ter was seized on the strength of information given through Dr. Leyds, whereupon M. Philipp absconded, The Nationalist journals instnuate that he received timely warning from the French government and was thus

asked 25,000 francs in return for the

enabled to escape to England. Dr. Leyds, however, denies the part attributed to him in the affair, and the British embassy has issued a formal repudiation of any relations direct or

indirect with Philipp. According to the Journal Des Debats, Philipp has gone to the United States, he formerly lived, and where, it where is said, he became a bankrupt as the result of his unfortunate management of his business as a picture dealer.

The methods by which he was trapped recalls the Dreyfus affair. He received a letter inviting him to meet a veiled lady, as in the notorious case of Lieutenant Colonel Du Paty De Clam, at a well-known cafe here. Acimmediately informed the departmental to investigate. Before action could be taken, however, the bird had flown.

PROCLAMATION OF ROBERTS.

Burghers of the Free State Warned to Discontinue Further Hostilities.

Cape Town, Feb. 18 .- Lord Roberts has · issued a proclamation to the burghers of the Orange Free State, saying that he feels it his duty to make it known to all the burghers that the cause of the coming of British, as well as to do all in his power to terminate it was found that the sacks contained the devastation caused by the war, and that he issues the proclamation in orr der that if the burghers should stop fighting they may not do ignorantly, but with a full knowledge of their responsibility before God for the lives lost in the campaign.

The proclamation goes on to say: "The British government believes the the British territory was not committed with the general approval of the people for many years. It believes the recasional volleys, was maintained for sponsibility rests wholly with the government of the Free State, acting not in the interests of the country, but The Boers had one gun in action under mischievoust influences from

"Great Britain, therefore, wishes the across the river. They used one people of the Free State to understand that it bears them no ill-will, and that so far as is compatible with the successful conduct of the war and the reestablishment of peace, it is anxious to preserve them from the evils brought on the wrongful actions of their govrnment.

In conclusion, Lord Roberts warns at burghers to desist from further acts of hostility toward her majesty's government and troops, and he gives directions regarding requisitions and com-

M'CRUM IS PLEASED.

Ex-Consul Highly Gratified That His Talk Attracted Attention.

Pittsburg, Feb. 38,-Charles E. Me-'rum, United States consul at Protoria, South Africa, left for Washingten tenight at 10 o'clock on the Baltimore and Ohio read. Hefere leaving

"I do not withdraw a word of my charges against the British officials in South Africa. If I am called upon I am prepared at any time to testify to them and furnish evidence of their truthfulness."

Mr. McCrum is evidently delighted over the effect of his statement, made public last week, and says that although he is not acquainted with Congressman Wheeler, of Kentucky, who introduced a resolution in the house Soldiers Taking Part in Disturbance asking for an investigation of his case he will call upon him tomorrow or next day The ex-consul says he is no going to Washington on any special mission, but wants to be on the ground to give his testimony should li needed

TROUBLE THREATENED.

Kentucky Legislature Will Meet Today.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 18.-Many of the Democratic legislators returned here tonight and numerous conferences were in progress during the evening relating to the political arrangement tomorrow, when the Democratic and Republican branches of the legislature will meet together for the first time since the murder of Goebel. The question whether Lieutenant Governor York it was rumored that she had on Marshall, as president pro tem, will preside in the senate is as wide open onight as ever.

Governor Taylor went to church to tion of the rumor could be obtained. day without a military escort, and spent the remainder of the day at the mansion with his family. Beckham returned to the city tonight with the Democratic baders and will have his headquarters at the Capitol hotel.

Increase in Wages. Hazleton, Feb. 18.—The men employed by the A. S. Van Wickle company, anfather ordered him away and an altercation ensued. Firally weapons were
drawn by both men and the older was
shet before he could raise his weapon.
Eastburn gave himself up, going into
Sutton's home and censeling the daughter
within the last two months. Fifteen
by the A. S. Van Wickle company, and
the A. S. Va

IS THE MISSOURI WORTHLESS?

Master of the Hospital Ship Declares Vessel Unsafe and a Mere Shell.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Captain Dil-ion, master of the hospital ship Missouri, has asked for a survey on his vessel, and Major W. H. Arthur, the urgeon who has commanded her since the entered the service, has been released from duty on her. Captain Dillon considers that he was fortunate in getting the Missouri to this port, al-thought \$450,000 had been expended in making her ready for service. He charges that Major Arthur has cothe government a large sum because he persisted in commanding the Missouri, although he was densely ignorant of nautical affairs.

Dillon declares that the ship was no sea-worthy when she left New York. A board of survey ordered on her thea, he says, was a mere farce. In reconstructing the ship Major Arthur had electric dynamos placed under and within twelve feet of the main compass and chronometer. The electric current affected the compass and the bridge was constantly shaken by the machinery. The fire apparatus was information. It is alleged that the let- | worthless. The chief engineer reported directly to Arthur. Captain Dillon says that a boiler which had been condemned for a lighter in New York was put in the vessel and the Missouri tover made more than ten knots in service, though she made twelve and

a half on her trial trip. Dillon also says that the superstructure of the Missouri is so poor that if there had been a heavy sea the two forward houses would have been carried away. Under Major Arthur \$170. 000 has been spent to make the vessel into a model hospital ship, but Dillon says today she is a mere shell and cannot be kept in sailing condition.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S CAR. Negroes of Omaha Propose to Have

It Restored.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 18.-The Lincoln car, built at the opening of the war, is to be placed by the city of Omaha in a later Platt, of Connecticut, are making cording to this story, he indiscreetly to be placed by the city of Omaha in a revealed his designs to the lady, who public building, if plans of Omaha colored people do not miscarry. For many commission, which promptly proceeded years this curious place of railroad equipment has been occupying a vacant lot at the Union Pacific yards with other cast-off rolling stock.

The company bought the car shortly after the Lincoln funeral and used it in the far west as a pay car, it being especially desirable for this purpose, as it had within its sides, concealed by upholstering and mahogany, half-inch boiler plates. They were placed there as a protection to prevent President Lincoln being shot while at the front, where he frequently went in this armored car. The glass was long since The steps have decayed and fallen

rotted away. The negroes of Omaha propose to have the city council appropriate bill may be considered this week. money to secure the car, have it restored as nearly as possible to its appearance when President Lincoln used behind the plan. A monster petition Mayor Moores is a Civil war veteran and looks upon the plan with favor, The Union Pacific has not indicated what it will accept for the car, but the ionated to the city. The old car has a number of bullet holes and shell marks on it.

STATE SCHOOL FUND.

Treasurer Beacom Completes Distribution for Current Fiscal Year. Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 18 .- State Treas-

irer Beacom has completed the distribution of the school appropriation for the current fiscal year ending May 31 next. This is the first time the school districts have been paid before March 1 since the appropriation was increased to \$5,500,000. The state fiscal officers estimate the state revenues for 1900 at \$12.121,448.50, or about \$600,000 less than the receipts for 1899.

Mr. Beacom says if business conditions continue as good for five years as they have the past eighteen months the state will be able under the present revenue law to meet its obligations, but that even the present conditions will not justify any increase of appropriations. He believes it would be a mistake to change the present system of state taxation in Pennsylvania. The large increase in the state revenues the past year over the previous twelve months have enabled the state treasurer to settle promptly Basket Factory Obliged to Suspend all the claims against the commonwealth

WILL INVESTIGATE RAID.

at Fort Bliss to Be Punished.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 18.-The commanding general of the department of orders to Captain Loughborough, commanding at Fort Bliss, to not permit any soldiers to leave the garrison until further orders, and to make provisions for the detention of all connected without and imprison every soldier believed to have taken part in the raid on the police station and the murder of Policeman Stewart. It is thought that not less than ten negro soldiers were visited the factory that work was party, which was under the leadership of Corporal Hull, who was

Captain Loughborough refused give any information as to what is being done at the ga-rison, further than that rigid investigation is in prog-There is no unusual excitement

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Young Woman Who Died in Pittsburg Was Minnie Hornikle.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 18,-The young woman whose mysterious death octurred in a Penn avenue restaurant yesterday was today identified as Mil-Hornikle, the daughter of Contractor August Hornikle, of Millvale, a suo urb of this city. The father this afternoon took the remains to his home. It is said in police circles tonight that several arrests will be made tomorrow of persons who are supposed to have caused the death directly or indirectly to what is conceded by all to

PROGRAMME OF THE **WEEK IN CONGRESS**

ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

Probabilities Are That the Hawalian Bill Will Be Debated at Considerable Length, and the Puerto Rican Bill May Also Receive Attention in Senate and House-The Question of a Tariff Will Be Difficult to Decide.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- The attention of the senate this week will be given largely to the relations of the United States to its insular possessions. The bill providing a form of government for the Hawaiian islands has right of way and if it should be so fortunate as to be finally acted upon before the close of the week the Puerto Rican bill under the agreement made by the Republican caucus last week will be immediately taken up. The probabili-ties are that the Hawaiian bill will be debated at considerable length that many amendments will be offered to it. On this account, and because it may be made the basis of more or less general talk on the policy to be pursued towards the new possessions. considerable debate will be necessary to the final disposal of the bill.

All admit the urgency of legislation giving the Hawaiians a government but there are some points in which there are radical differences of openion, and these will have to be fought out. The most important of these is as to whether the commercial intercourse between the United States and the islands shall be under a tariff or under the free trade system allowed between the states of the union. The bill provides for free trade, but several senators under the leadership of Senan effort to secure radical amendments in this respect. Senator Cultom, in charge of the

bill, will be resisted, and he will be supported by some Republicans and nearly all the Democratic members. Practically the same fight will be made on the Puerto Rican bill. On Wednesday Senator Ledge will deliver a prepared speech on the Philippine situation, dealing with the whole insular question to an extent.

Senator Kenny also will deliver a set speech on the Philippine question on Tuesday. It is quite possible that the con ference report on the currency will be removed and the windows are boarded brought in during the week and if so off and all the fine trimmings have its consideration. A very short debate and held a secret conference to admade. The diplomatic appropriation

In the House.

wanton and unjustifiable invasion of the city as a curiosity. Dr. M. O. Rick- tariff bill and the debate upon it etts the well-known colored doctor, is promises to be memorable in the history of this congress. The vital quesof the Free State, with whom the Brit- has been prepared, but the negroes tion at issue in the bill is whether the work and that the men who run them ish government has lived in harmony want the sole honor of the movement. clause of legislation providing for should have more pay. want the sole honor of the movement, clause of legislation providing for should have more pay. equality of import and excise taxes throughout United States territory ex- about the conference and would give tends over the island of Puerte Rico. nothing out for publication. The neand in this is involved, perhaps, the opinion is expressed that it will be determination of the future status and government of our new possessions. The Republicans in framing the bill have proceeded upon the theory that the constitution and its immunities do not extend over Puerro Rico. Democrats are solidly arrayed upon the other side and in committee they were joined by one Republican. Mr. McCall. Among the other Republicans who take the same view is Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, who succeeded the late Mr. Dingley. He won his spurs in the debate on the Roberts case and is already considered one of the most powerful debaters in the house. support of these two prominent men has raised some hopes in the opposition that they may be able to defeat the bill, although this hardly seems probable at this writing. Both sides are preparing for a royal struggle, Mr. the floor leader of the majority, will open in support of the bill. He will be followed by Mr. Richardson, minority lender

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, will close for the minority. The debate will continue throughout the week and the vote will be taken on the following Monday.

EFFORTS OF REVIVAL.

Sharpstown, M., Feb. 18 .- Owing to the results of a revival which is being held here at the Methodist church large basket factory had to close down Friday. Soon after 8 o'clock in the morning about thirty young men em-

Operations.

ployed in the factory became enthused with religious fervor and began to sing, Texas, at San Antonio, has telegraphed | pray and shout. The men at work in another department were attracced to The owner of the factory, who is a

prominent Methodist, was called. He made no effort to control the girls, but told them to shout and rejoice and he would pay them as much for this as working. News of the unexpected demonstration spread, and so many persons brought completely to a standstill. Probably 500 persons visited the scene. Without stopping for food or rest th services were continued until late in the afternoon, when the people went to their homes completely exhausted A number of conversions were made.

Wisconsin Boomers.

Milwaukee, Feb. 18.—A delegation of about 100 boomers, including prominent politicians from Racine, Waukeshaw, Fon Du Lac and other Wisconsin cities left Milwaukee for Washington on a spe-cial train over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road today. The train was transferred to the Pennsylvania system at Chicago. The delegation will work and to secure the Democratic national convention for Milwaukee.

Fighting the Mayas.

Caxaca, Mexico, Feb. 18. - General brayos' forces of government troops ha iriyen back the Maya Indians and taker possession of several important towns that were occupied by the rebels during the week. The country occupied by the Mayas is little known of in outside world, Its natural riches are great.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR; WARMER.

- General-South African War News. General Wood's New Order in Cuba, Programme of Week in Congress, France Has Another Scandal,
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania,
- Local-Interesting Sermon by Rev. Dr Opponents of the Viaduet Did Not At-tend Public Meeting.
- Editorial. News and Comment.
- Local The Lackawanna's Annual
- Election.
 Mention of Some Men of the Hour. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban
- 7 Round About the County. Local-Live Industrial News. Saturday's Court News.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE. Highest Rate of Wages Ever Paid

in Valley. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 18.-The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will

The anthracite coal trade presents practically nothing that is new. The companies are marketing their output, but it is not as large as formerly, no is there the demand that they would like to see. The weather not having stimulated consumption, the trade is going along about as heretofore, and the smaller coals are being better takpretty well maintained, and these conditions are expected to exist until spring opens, when, lake navigation being resumed, there will come naturally a better movement westward, as the upper lake ports will then be rather bare of coal. The continuing scarcity of bituminous is promoting the use of anthracite in various localities for steam producing. Through the ad-vanced basis of wages the anthracite miners in the Pennsylvania mines are now receiving the highest rate of wages for years, with Schuylkill being considerably above the \$2.50 basis, an I the Lehigh Valley coal company last week announced a further advance in the wages of its miners of 2 per cent, making the highest rate it has ever pail.

CONFERENCE AT ALTOONA.

Chief Arthur Meets the Pennsylvania Engineers.

Altoona, Feb. 18.-Today 200 delegates representing the engineers employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad everything else will be taid aside for company in its entire system met here is expected over this report when just grievances over wages. A session was held in Odd Fellows' hall this afternoon and another tonight. Both were attended by Grand Chief P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomo-The house tomorrow will enter upon tive Engineers. The grissinges conit, and place it in a public building in the consideration of the Puerto Rican sist principally over the big engines | Cuban politicians confidently expect

recently introduced on the Pennsylvania railroad. Engineers claim they require

The delegates were close-mouthed tion of the conference will be submitted to the national leage for ratifica-

tion. Grand Chief Arthur will leave for

the west tomorrow. \$450,000 FOR AFFECTIONS.

Two Young Women Sue Millionaire Strong for Breach of Promise.

Colorado Springs, Cole., Feb. 15 .--Samuel Strong, the millionaire president of the Free Coinage Gold Mining company, of Cripple Creek has been sued for breach of promise by two young women, whose affections, they say, have been damaged in the aggregate \$450,000 vieth. Strong was married on February 6 to Miss Regina Neville, the belle of Aitman, the capital of the Bull Hill tegion of Cripple Creek. An uninvited guest was an officer who, immediately after the ceremony, served papers in a suit for \$250,000 damages brought by Miss Vance, of the city of Goldfield, near by. Yesterday Miss Neille Lewis, late of Cripple Creek, brought suit for \$200 000 damages. She alleged that in August, 18:8, she accompanied defendant to New York city on a contract to marry him on arrival. The marriage did not occur. Later he sent her and her sisters to Pasadena. Cal., where she was awaiting his arrival when she learned of his marriage.

ARRESTED AS POISONER.

Dan Smith, a Farmer, Is Accused

of Serious Crime. Frederick, Md., Feb. 18.-Dan Smith, farmer of Wolvesville, Frederick county, was arrested today, charged with causing the death of his wife, Mary Smith, by administering poison to her. The woman, who was sixtyfive years of age, died Wednesday night. Smith, who is three years her senior, it is said, had frequent quarrels with his wife. It is stated that on Wednesday Mrs. Smith ate heartily of a pudding for dinner. She then went to visit her daughter, a Mrs. Case, who lives nearby. Soon after arriving there she was taken sick. She told Mrs. Case about the pudding and remembered that her husband had not eaten of it.

The authorities began an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of Smith today. When brought to fail today, Smith, who is stooped with age, wept bitterly, but claimed to be innocent of the crime. He will have a hearing Tuesday. The body of Mrs. Smith will be exhumed.

Steel Plant for Mexico.

Monterey, Mex., Feb. 18.-An American syndicate with a capital of \$10,000,000 wil immediately begin the construction of a great steel plant in this city. An abund of high grade iron ore and coal arwithin easy shipping distance. It will give employment to about 4,000 men. Several American capitalists in Monterey are heavy stockholders in the enterprise

Sarah Porter Dead.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 18.—Miss Sarah Porter, head of a famous school in Farm-ington, and sister of the late Noah Por-ter, died today, aged 55. She established her school about lifty years ago.

SENSATION CREATED BY WOOD'S ORDER

Many Cubans Have No Faith in Our Promises.

POLITICIANS IMPATIENT

The Cuba Libra Claims That It Is Meely a Trick in the Interest of Prolonging American Occupation of the Island-The Spaniards Are Anxious and Have Little Faith in the New Government.

Santiago De Cuba, Feb. 18 .- Governor General Wood's general orders. specifying the prerogative of military commanders and civil governors, are creating a sensation here. The en than the larger sizes. Prices are press, with the exception of the violently partisan local Cuban organizations, comments favorably upon the measure, saying that they indicate an honest effort in the intervening government to fulfill its promises. The Cuban Libre, which is antagonistic to the governor general, says the general's orders are "merely a trick to prolong the American occupation."

The provision transferring public works to the civil department on April 1 causes alarm among many American employes, as they expect dismissal when the transfer is made.

The managers of American and foreign business enterprises are also somewhat concerned, as they have no confidence in the coming Cuban administration of public affairs. The Spaniards, who control the principal business undertakings here, are particularly anxious.

As public improvements will for some time be the principal source of business, the Spaniards expect but little patronage under a Cuban administration. The civil governor, Castillo, says he will co-operate with the military of Writies, but thousands of recognition when the transfer is made

MAY BE THOMAS ROGAN.

Man Killed at Pittston Last Saturday Afternoon.

A man believed to have been Thomas Rogan, of Olyphant, while walking along the Lehigh Valley tracks near Pittston on Saturday afternoon about 1.30 o'clock was struck by a gravel train and instantly killed, the body being frightfully mangled.

Rogan left his home in Olyphant on Saturday morning under very peculiar circumstances. He was suffering from what was supposed to be typhoid fever and broke away from his attendants. They endeavored to stop him, but he managed to elude them and nothing had been heard of him up to last night when his brother heard of the accident at Pittston. The description tallying. even to the color of the clothes, almost exactly, it is very probable that the

man killed at Pittston was Rogan. The latter was powerfully built, weighing 190 pounds; was 25 years old and unmarried. He had been a soldier in the regular army for several years, and, his term of service expiring just at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he re-enlisted and served with the Thirteenth regulars in Cuba under Coionel and afterwards General Kent. He was seriously wounded in the

fighting around Santiago, being shot in the back of the neck, the ball just grazing the spinal cord. From this wound brain fever is thought to have developed from the fever. The man who was killed at Pittston was noticed acting strangely a few miles further down the track. This bears out the theory that it was Ro-

gan. His brother John will go to Pittston this morning for the purpose of identifying the remains.

Barber Shop Rifled. Between 10 and 11 o'clock yesterday morning the barber shop of E. J. Mahon, at 115 Penn avenue, was broken into and robbed of \$9 or \$10 in casa and several razors. The thieves were not apprehended.

Early Morning Fire.

Fire broke out in Martin Hogan's fewelry store, on West Market street. near Wayne avenue, at 2.30 o'clock this morning and considerable damage was done before it was got under control.

Killed by the Cars. Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 18.-Walter Guisho,

of Nanticoke, was run down by a Pennsylvania passenger train while crossing a bridge Saturday evening. He thought he could get over the bridge before the train reached it. The man's body was found imbedded in the machinery of the locomotive and it took some time to ex-tricate it. He died a short time after

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Feb. 18 .- Arrived: La Tau-

rine, Havre; Astoria, Glasgow; Phoenica, Hamburg; St. Louis, Southampton, Queenstown—Sailed; Cevic, from Liverpool, New York.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- Forecast for Monday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair and warmer Monday: increasing cloudiness and parmer Tuesday; light westerly winds.
