

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

GENERAL CROUJE HAS ESCAPED

Mathematical Precision 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. 18.—A dispatch from Cape Town, Feb. 18.—It is now amply confirmed that General Crouje escaped. Every detail received, however, proves how admirably Lord Roberts' plans were conceived and were successful. But for the unexpected delay at Delek's drift, which was almost impassable for wagons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day gave them their chance for a hasty retreat. All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed exactly to the time. Apparently, General Crouje is retreating with the main army, and it even he escapes together he will probably lose his baggage.

There is seeming doubtfulness about the capture of the British convoy. According to a Daily 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 Colerberg. The escort, consisting of eighty of the Gordon Highlanders, forty men of the army service corps and a few of Kitchener's horse, maintained a defense until the arrival of reinforcements, sustaining insignificant casualties.

London, Feb. 18.—The Standard's correspondent at Jacobsdal, telegraphing Thursday, February 15, says: "An attack was made yesterday upon the rear guard of our main body by a force of 1,400 Boers, who were hurled up from Colerberg. 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 Crouje's escape. The British medical corps, spent a night at Hobkirk's farm, located a Boer camp, and the Boers were seen to be moving in the direction of the Free State. The Boers had one man in action during the early part of the day, but when he was shot, they moved it across the river. They used one Nordenfild. Our casualties were few.

PRISONERS WELL TREATED. Captain Longhurst Impressed by Kindness of Boers. Arrived Saturday, Feb. 17.—(Received by dispatch rider.)—Captain Longhurst, of the British medical corps, spent a night at Hobkirk's farm, located a Boer camp, and the Boers were seen to be moving in the direction of the Free State. The Boers had one man in action during the early part of the day, but when he was shot, they moved it across the river. They used one Nordenfild. Our casualties were few.

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED. The Sabine Has Been Captured by the Gunboat Thrusch. Port Elizabeth, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Sabine, Captain Taylor, from New York, Jan. 4, with a miscellaneous cargo, has been seized by the British gunboat Thrusch and brought to Delagoa bay on suspicion of having on board a private trading party. Before the Sabine sailed from New York it was rumored that she had on board a large quantity of provisions, arms and ammunition, army blankets and general supplies, but no confirmation of the rumor could be obtained. The vessel was cleared for Delagoa bay.

Shot Sweetheart's Father. Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 18.—Leslie Eastburn, aged 21, shot and killed Jacob Sutton, aged 21, son of Sutton's home, today. Eastburn called at Sutton's home to take Sutton's 18-year-old daughter to church. The father ordered him away and an altercation ensued. Finally weapons were drawn by both men and the other was shot before he could raise his weapon. Eastburn gave himself up, going into Sutton's home and comforting the daughter until an officer arrived.

SENSATIONAL TALE FROM GAY PARIS

OFFICIAL INVOLVED OFFERED TO FURNISH INFORMATION.

His Staff 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 the ministry of marine, named Philipp, who was said to have been implicated in an offer to furnish Great Britain information relating to the freightage of vessels for the Transvaal in French ports. It is alleged that in a letter containing his proposal he asked 25,000 francs in return for the information. It is alleged that the letter was seized on the strength of information given through Dr. Leyds, who is now in New York. The Nationalist journals indicate that he received timely warning from the French government and was thus enabled to escape to England.

Laagers Abandoned. Free Camp, Feb. 18.—The Boers have abandoned 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 in circulation at the clubs and elsewhere that General Crouje, with an army of 7,000 has been captured. Apparently they emanated from the continent. No confirmation of them can be obtained. The Boers reported that they had abandoned the laagers. 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.

PROCLAMATION OF ROBERTS. Burgers of the Free State Warned to Discontinue Further Hostilities. Cape Town, Feb. 18.—Lord Roberts has issued a proclamation to the Burgers of the Orange Free State, saying that he feels it his duty to make it known to all the Burgers that the cause of the coming of British, as well as to do all in his power to terminate the devastation caused by the war, and that he issues the proclamation in order that the Burgers 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.

STATE SCHOOL FUND. Treasurer Beacom Completes Distribution for Current Fiscal Year. Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—State Treasurer 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 \$10,000,000 less than the receipts for 1899.

WILL INVESTIGATE RAID. Soldiers Taking Part in Disturbance at Fort Bliss to Be Punished. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 18.—The commanding general of the department of Texas, at San Antonio, has telegraphed orders to Captain Loughborough, commanding at Fort Bliss, to not permit any soldiers to leave the garrison until further orders, and to make provision for the detention of all connected with the raid on the police station and the murder of Policeman Stewart. It is thought that not less than ten negro soldiers were in the party, which was under the leadership of Corporal Hull, who was killed.

TRouble THREATENED. Kentucky Legislature Will Meet Today. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 18.—Many of the Democratic legislators returned here tonight and tomorrow morning 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 year of 1862. The question whether Lieutenant Governor Marshall, as president pro tem, will preside in the senate is as wide open tonight as ever.

INCREASE IN WAGES. Hamilton, Feb. 18.—The men employed by the A. S. Van Winkle company, anthracite coal mine operators at Millersville and Cretaine, have been granted another 2 per cent. increase in their wages, making a 4 per cent. advance within the last two months. Fifteen hundred hands are affected.

IS THE MISSOURI WORTHLESS?

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

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

NEGROES OF OMAHA PROPOSE TO HAVE IT RESTORED. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 18.—The Lincoln club, built at the opening of the war, is to be placed by the city of Omaha in a public building, if plans of Omaha colored people do not miscarry. For many years this curious relic 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 Lincoln car, being especially desirable for this purpose, as it had within its sides, concealed by upholstery 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 removed and the windows are boarded up and all the fine trimmings have rotted away.

CONFERENCE AT ALTOONA. Chief Arthur Meets the Pennsylvania Engineers. Altoona, Feb. 18.—Today 200 delegates representing the engineers employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in its entire system, met here and held a secret conference to adjust 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 Locomotive Engineers. The resolutions adopted principally were that the big engines recently introduced on the Pennsylvania railroad.

ARRESTED AS POISONER. Dan Smith, a Farmer, Is Accused of Serious Crime. Frederick, Md., Feb. 18.—Dan Smith, a farmer of Wolfesville, Frederick county, was arrested today, charged with causing the death of his wife, Mary Smith, by administering poison to her. The woman, who was sixty-five 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.

STEEL PLANT FOR MEXICO. Monterey, Mex., Feb. 18.—An American syndicate with a capital of \$10,000,000 will immediately begin the construction of a great steel plant in this city. An abundance of high grade iron ore and coal are within easy shipping distance. It will give employment to about 400 men. Several American capitalists in Monterey are heavy stockholders in the enterprise.

SAVING THE MAYAS. Fighting the Mayas. Cuxcutan, Mexico, Feb. 18.—General Buxar's forces of government troops has driven back the Maya Indians and taken 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.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH. Young Woman Who Died in Pittsburgh Was Minnie Hornikole. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 18.—The young woman whose mysterious death occurred in a Penn avenue restaurant yesterday was today identified as Minnie Hornikole, the daughter of Contractor August Hornikole, of Millvale, a suburb of this city. The other 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 of what is conceded by all to be a murder.

WEATHER FORECAST. New York, Feb. 18.—Arrived: La Taurina, Havre; Astoria, Glasgow; Phoenix, Hamburg; St. Louis, Southampton, Queenstown-Sailed: Celtic, from Liverpool, New York.

PROGRAMME OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

Probabilities Are That the Hawaiian 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 probabilities are that the Hawaiian bill will be debated at considerable length and 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.

CONFERENCE AT ALTOONA. Chief Arthur Meets the Pennsylvania Engineers. Altoona, Feb. 18.—Today 200 delegates representing the engineers employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in its entire system, met here and held a secret conference to adjust 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 Locomotive Engineers. The resolutions adopted principally were that the big engines recently introduced on the Pennsylvania railroad.

ARRESTED AS POISONER. Dan Smith, a Farmer, Is Accused of Serious Crime. Frederick, Md., Feb. 18.—Dan Smith, a farmer of Wolfesville, Frederick county, was arrested today, charged with causing the death of his wife, Mary Smith, by administering poison to her. The woman, who was sixty-five 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.

STEEL PLANT FOR MEXICO. Monterey, Mex., Feb. 18.—An American syndicate with a capital of \$10,000,000 will immediately begin the construction of a great steel plant in this city. An abundance of high grade iron ore and coal are within easy shipping distance. It will give employment to about 400 men. Several American capitalists in Monterey are heavy stockholders in the enterprise.

SAVING THE MAYAS. Fighting the Mayas. Cuxcutan, Mexico, Feb. 18.—General Buxar's forces of government troops has driven back the Maya Indians and taken 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.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH. Young Woman Who Died in Pittsburgh Was Minnie Hornikole. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 18.—The young woman whose mysterious death occurred in a Penn avenue restaurant yesterday was today identified as Minnie Hornikole, the daughter of Contractor August Hornikole, of Millvale, a suburb of this city. The other 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 of what is conceded by all to be a murder.

WEATHER FORECAST. New York, Feb. 18.—Arrived: La Taurina, Havre; Astoria, Glasgow; Phoenix, Hamburg; St. Louis, Southampton, Queenstown-Sailed: Celtic, from Liverpool, New York.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR, WARMER.

- 1 General-South African War News. General Wood's New Order in Cuba. Programme of Week in Congress. France Has Another Scandal.
2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
3 Local-Interesting Sermon by Rev. Dr. McLeod. Opponents of the Vindict Did Not Attend Public Meeting.
4 Editorial. News and Comment.
5 Local-The Lackawanna's Annual Election. Mention of Some Men of the Hour.
6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
7 Round About the County.
8 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 say: The anthracite coal trade presents practically nothing that is new. The companies are marketing their output, but it is not as large as formerly, nor 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 taken than the larger sizes. Prices are pretty well maintained, and these conditions are expected to exist until spring opens when later navigation for the smaller coals 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 advanced 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, and 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 paid.

CONFERENCE AT ALTOONA.

Chief Arthur Meets the Pennsylvania Engineers.

Altoona, Feb. 18.—Today 200 delegates representing the engineers employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in its entire system, met here and held a secret conference to adjust 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 Locomotive Engineers. The resolutions adopted principally were that the big engines recently introduced on the Pennsylvania railroad. Engineers claim they require more work and that the men who run them should have more pay. The delegates were close-mouthed about the conference and would say nothing out for publication. The action of the conference will be submitted to the national lodge for ratification. Grand Chief Arthur will leave for the west tomorrow.

845,000 FOR AFFECTIONS.

Two Young Women Sue Millionaire Strong for Breach of Promise.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 18.—Samuel Strong, the millionaire president of the Free Company Gold Mining company, of Cripple Creek has been sued for breach of promise by two young women, who are affected. They say, having been damaged in the aggregate \$450,000 worth. Strong was married on February 6 to Miss Regina Neville, the belle of Aitman, the capital of the Bull Hill region of Cripple Creek. An uninvited guest was an officer who, in the afternoon, they say, had been damaged in the aggregate \$450,000 worth. Strong was married on February 6 to Miss Regina Neville, the belle of Aitman, the capital of the Bull Hill region of Cripple Creek. An uninvited guest was an officer who, in the afternoon, they say, had been damaged in the aggregate \$450,000 worth.

ARRESTED AS POISONER.

Dan Smith, a Farmer, Is Accused of Serious Crime.

Frederick, Md., Feb. 18.—Dan Smith, a farmer of Wolfesville, Frederick county, was arrested today, charged with causing the death of his wife, Mary Smith, by administering poison to her. The woman, who was sixty-five 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.

STEEL PLANT FOR MEXICO.

Monterey, Mex., Feb. 18.—An American syndicate with a capital of \$10,000,000 will immediately begin the construction of a great steel plant in this city. An abundance of high grade iron ore and coal are within easy shipping distance. It will give employment to about 400 men. Several American capitalists in Monterey are heavy stockholders in the enterprise.

SAVING THE MAYAS.

Fighting the Mayas. Cuxcutan, Mexico, Feb. 18.—General Buxar's forces of government troops has driven back the Maya Indians and taken 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.

SENSATION CREATED BY WOOD'S ORDER

Many Cubans Have No Faith in Our Promises.

POLITICIANS IMPATIENT

The Cuba Libre 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 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.

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 tallied, 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 Thirtieth regulars in Cuba under Colonel and afterwards General Kent.

BARBER SHOP BILED. Between 10 and 11 o'clock yesterday morning the barber shop of E. J. Mahon, at 115 Penn street, was broken into and robbed of \$9 or \$10 in cash and several razors. The thieves were not apprehended.

KILLED BY THE CARS. Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 18.—Walter Guisno, 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 extricate it. He died a short time after being taken out.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. New York, Feb. 18.—Arrived: La Taurina, Havre; Astoria, Glasgow; Phoenix, Hamburg; St. Louis, Southampton, Queenstown-Sailed: Celtic, from Liverpool, New York.

WEATHER FORECAST. New York, Feb. 18.—Forecast for Monday: For eastern Pennsylvania, a fair and warmer day; increasing cloudiness and warmer Tuesday; light westerly winds.