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# BRITISH CLOSING ON GEN. CRONJE

A Belief Prevails in London That the Boer Leader Has Been Hopelessly Surrounded.

#### NEWS AWAITS CONFIRMATION

the War Office Has Received a Telegram of Satisfactory Nature, but Prefers Not to Make It Public Until Confirmed by Later Reports-Much Anxiety Has Been Aroused by the Report. General Buller May Again Attempt to Relieve Ladysmith-Queen Congratulates General Roberts and His Troops.

ly few casualties.

A Roer Account.

Lorenzo Marques, Monday, Feb. 19 .-

A correspondent who was with the Book

forces in the attack upon Rensourg

gives further particulars regarding the

capture of the Wiitshires. He says:

first, found two companies of the Wilt-

drove the British back from the neigh-

boring kopies, capturing all but three,

It appears from advices received here

vesterday near Kofyfontein included

of wagons, eighteen of which were

loaded with provisions intended for the

Heavy fighting is reported today

round Kimberley, where General Cron-

Methuen at Kimberley.

orrespondent of the Daily News, tele-

arrived at Kimberley, having got

through from Magersfontein without

BOER PRISONERS RETURNED.

Commandant Pretorious and Three

Others Sent Back by British.

Arundel, Sunday, Feb. 18,-Comman

fant Pretorious, who was captured by

the British at Elandslaagte, and three

other Boer prisoners were handed over

to the Boers from Arundel today. A

The prisohers had a cordial interview

with General Clements and were then

taken in an ambulance half-way to the

QUEENSBURY WILL

Desired to Have His Remains Cre-

mated.

London. Feb. 19.-A codicil to the

"At my death I wish to be cremated,

and direct that my ashes be placed in

the earth unenclosed, 'earth to earth,

ashes to ashes,' in any spot convenient

"I particularly request that no Chris-

tian marmurings or tomfooleries be

performed at the grave, but that I be

buried as an agnostic. If it should

be a comfort to any one there is plenty

of friends who would come to say a

"No monument will be required nor

any procession, as the ashes can be

carried in a man's hand. If the places

I mention to my sen should be incon-

venient for my burial, then any place

would suffice where the stars shall

ever shed their light and the sun shall

Mr. Reed in the House.

Washington, Peb. 19.-Ex-Speaker

Reed was about the house today for the

first time since his retirement from con-

of the ways and means committee. Mr. Reed is in the city to attend to busi-

Dan Hanna Married

Cleveland, O., Feb. 13.—Dan R. Hanna, on of Senator M. A. Hanna, was mar-

ried this afternoon to Mrs. Daisy Gor-don Maud, at the residence of the bride's

father, in Glenville, a suburb of this

Sharkey Knocks Out Jeffords.

ed out Jim Jeffords, of California

second round, tonight.

Detroit, Feb. 19.-Tom Sharkey knock-

gress, and his appearance was the sig-

few words of common sease.

guild each rising morning."

ness before the departments.

previously arranged the programme.

Boer camp.

lowing provisions:

that I have loved.

Lord Methuen's force, I learn, has

je is said to be holding his own.

oners were also taken.

graphing Sunday, says:

London, Feb. 20.-3.45 a. m.-A mem-1-The Boers' line of fortresses is ber of the cabinet told H. W. Lucy tonight that the war office had received a telegram announcing that General Cronje was hopelessly surrounded,

Mr. Wyndham was beset by anxious members of the house, but would only reply that the government's news was extremely satisfactory. The sole explanation of the government withholding good news is that confirmation and more details are awaited.

The situation as disclosed by correspondents over the Free State border is tantalizing to the public expectations. The elementary facts are that the Boers are trekking eastward toward Blocamontein, with slow moving baggage trains, and that they are pursued by Lord Kitchener, with General Kelly-Kenny's division. General Macdonald. with the Highlanders, made a ferced parch to Koodoos Rand ford and on unday pushed twenty miles eastward. leneral French left Kimberley Satur-Lord Kitchener is trying to outmarch and to outflank the Boers, thus checking their retreat, if possible, and driving them back into the hands of Macdonald and French.

The war office message communicated to Mr. Lucy seems to indicate that Lord Kitchener has either got ahead of the Boers or is about to realize his clan, and that the war office awaits to announce a decisive result.

Meanwhile, Commandant Delarcy, with the Boers from Colesburg, is hanging on to the right flank of the British pursuing columns, seeking to delay their movements and so to assist the Boer wagon trains to escape.

Students of topography think the Boers will hardly risk a fight until they get into the rough country north of Bloemfontein.

The Daily Mail correspondent, who was with the British when they were attacked by the Boers at Riet river ford, wires:

"Ultimately the British abandoned the convoy, in order not to check the advance. Thus 200 wagons and 600 tons of stores fall into the hands of the Boers, though it is doubtful if they will be able to carry them away."

## Buller's Real Success

General Buller has achieved a real success seemingly in capturing the range of hills south of the Tugela. It makes more feasible another attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

The Queen has sent a direct message to Lord Roberts congratulating him and his troops. General French and Colonel Kekewich have been acquainted with their promotions.

Dr. Leyds, at Brussels, says the Free State troops who were besieging Ladysmith have withdrawn in order to defend their homes. In this way he accounts for General Buller's success against the weakened forces. He will forego his projected trip to Rome, he says, because of "decisive events now

taking place in the theater of war." Lord Roberts' generalship was conducted with such secrecy, says a telegram from Modder river, that even the senior officers who took the Sixtin division through the preliminaries of operation did not know what they would finally have to do.

## At the War Office.

London, Feb. 20.-12.30 a. m.-The war office at midnight announced that it had nothing further for publication

In the lobbies of the house of commons last evening, however, it was rumored that General Cronje's army was surrounded, that General French had got between the Boer forces and Bloemfontein, and that he was only awaiting reinforcements to close in on

city. The bride is 26 and the groom 33 No confirmation of this rumor is ob tainable, although the general idea is that the government has received important dispatches.

Chieveley, Monday morning, Feb. 19

wagons. The British had comparative- largely into the material side of the

portant measure which will come before this congress. In the bill before the house there is urgent demand for time. The Democrats are solidly arraigned against the measure and they will have powerful support from the Republican side in Mr. Call, of Massahusetts, and Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, both able and forceful debaters. How far the Republican disa Tection will extend or whether it will endager this bill it is impossible to say at this time. Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, refused to agree that a vote should be taken on a substitute to be offered by the minority. This substitute, which has not been framed, will be in substance the bill originally introduced by Mr. Payne, providing for free trade with Puerto Rico by the extension of the customs and revenue laws of the United States over the islands. The debate today lacked exciting features. It was in the nature of broken. The British have achieved a decided success in capturing the en- a long range bombardment before the emy's position on Monte Cristo. The clash of the contending forces in but-Boers, however, effectively executed a tle. Mr. Payne opened with a genera retreat, moving their guns and convoy argument in support of the bill, going

PAYNE TALKS UPON

OPENS THE DEBATE.

Duty of the United States Toward

the Island-Absolute Free Trade

Would Be Injurious to the Na-

tives-Proposed Remission of 75

Per Cent. of Present, Duty on

Sugar and Tobacco an Advantage.

Washington, Feb. 19.-The debate up-

on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, which

and possibly longer, opened in the

house today. On all hands it is agreed

that this bill, although it applies only

to Puerto Rico, involving, as it does,

of the constitution, is the most im-

## Mr. Payne's Speech.

He said, in part: An incident to the late war with Spain was the invasion of Puerto Rico. From the moment that the American army set its foot on Puerto Rican soil the people "Commandant Peller, who arrived seemed to receive them in demonstra-tions of joy, and the flag of the United shires, and began attacking in the open. Soon after he was joined by a States was received with any have been ever differences there may have been as to the policy of annexing the Philippas to the policy of annexing the Philippas to the policy of annexing the Philippas to the policy of annexing the proposition body of Free Staters, and together they pine islands, I know of no opposition anywhere to the annexation of this gem

situation, which the bill is designed to

of the Antilles.

This bill by its terms relates only to many of the British were killed and wounded, but of the 200 Wiltshires 142 were captured, and of these forty-four were wounded. The Boers lost two killed and four wounded. They now killed and four wounded. They now occupy all the Rensburg positions formerly occupied by the British, whose merly occupied by the British, whose "It is impossible to say exactly how All agree that the first and most im-portant duty we twe to the people of Puerto Rico is to open up markets for rear guard is at Rietfontein, with the them. In no other way can we allay the feeling of discontent likely to arise that the loot captured by the burghers among a people who have realized so over 3,000 head of cattle and a number little in the change from Spanish oppression of 400 years to the prosperity and liberty which follows the American

relief of Kimberley. A number of pris-The original bill introduced on the 19th day of January last provided that the customs laws of the United States and the internal revenue laws be extended to Puerto Rico. The idea was to give the producer of sugar the free entrance of that staple into the United States, saving a duty of over \$30 a ton. Under that bill the duty saved upon tobacco would be 25 cents per pound for the main portion of the crop and for the wrappers

Mr. Flavin's motion was London, Feb. 20.-The Cape Town

\$1.85 per pound.

After consultation with General Davis, the present military governor, who has made a careful study of the conditions in Puerto Rico, it was found that this action would not produce sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the govern-He estimated that not more than \$1,000,000 could be collected from both customs duties and internal revenue tax. This sum would not pay the bare ex-penses of the government without ap-propriating a dollar for public schools or roads. The substitute was then brought forward, which imposes equal to our own tariff upon all articles messenger under a flag of truce had imported from abroad, other than tho. and a duty equal to 25 per centum of the rates of our cwn tariff laws on all articles imported into Puerto Rico from the United States or from Puerto Rice into the United States. The best esti-mates that can be obtained show this will produce a revenue of \$1.75,000 from customs duties, which added to the in-ternal revenues of the island will pro-duce \$2,500,000, a sum sufficient to pay all the expenses of the government, includwill of the Marquis of Queensbury, who died on February I. made the foi-mate of General Davis for the expenditures is \$1,950,800. The original bill, therefore, it would seem means a bankrupt treasury; the substitute a surplus of \$500,000 which will meet some of the pressing needs for the establishment of common schools. The remission of 75 per centum of the duties on sugar and tobacco, which are now paid, means an annual increase of income to these peo-ple of \$2.39,000. That means the lifting of a mortgage from many a small plantation, better wages for the laborers, more money in circulation, and greater general prosperity. It means hope inment to the other agriculturists who will be stimulated by the prosperity of their

Will Restore Property. That the income under this bill will no doubt; that it will restore prosperity and give new life and enterprise to the people of the island is equally true. This will open up new channels for direct taxation without proving a burden to the people and the time will not be far distant when public improvements all over the island will be complete and a schoolnal for quite a levee in the ways and means committee room. He conferred with most of the Republican members house established in every community beneath the folds of the American flag. in the United States. With sugar at 25 per cent, of the present duties, the bee sugar industry will still grow and pros per: 40.000 tons a year ago and 100.000 tons this year it is destined in the near future to supply the place of all we im-port. As I had occasion to say in closthe debate on the conference report the Dingley bill, with a beet sugar factory in every congressional district i will solve the question of the rugar trust. Nor does the American tobacco grower fear the importation of this 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco. It will furnish a new market for the wrapper which he pro-

duces and will bring him gain instead or loss. We believe that the best interests of the people of Puerto Fico and the

best interests of the people of the United Mr. Richardson, the Democratic PORTO RICAN TARIFF leader, joined issues upon the powe of congress to enact the proposed legislation and Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsyl-NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE vania, backed up Mr. Payne with a constitutional and legal argument. All three were listened to with close at-

## MARRIED IN BALTIMORE. William Morris, of This City, Weds

a Daughter of Dixie. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 19,-With on of the prettiest home weddings of the winter, William Morris, of Scranton, Pa., and Miss Mirlam H. Pretzfelder were united in marriage this evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, No. 2228 Eutaw place. Rev. is to continue throughout the week Dr. Rosenaur, rabbi of the Eutaw Place temple, performing the cere-

mony The house was lavishly decorated with tropical plants and American Beauty roses and the celebrated Baltithe question of how to govern our new possessions outside the limitations more orchestra discoursed music during the ceremony and reception and while the guests were enjoying one of Dealham's most elaborate suppers. The wedding was a family affair, only the most intimate friends of the cording to its contract. contracting parties outside of the relatives being present. Scranton were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morris, parents of the groom; Simon Morris and Miss Eva Morris, brother and sister of the proom: Colonel Arthur Long and Isadore Krotosky.

The newly married couple left at 10 o'clock on a trip which will include Old Point Comfert, Washington, Atlantic City, Lakewood and New York. Their tour being over they will reside temporarily at the Jermyn hotel, Scranton and in the course of a month will return to Baltimore to make their permanent home, the groom having retired from his business in Scranton to become associated with the wholesale shoe firm of H. Pretzfelder & Co., of this city.

### WAR ARGUMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Discussion of the Report of the Committee of Supply on the Vote for ation has used its franchise the Addition of 120,000 Men to the Army.

London, Feb. 19 .- During the discussion in the house of commons today of the report of the committee on supply on the vote for the addition of 120,000 men to the army, William Redmond opposed the measure. He denounced the scheme as a "miserable makeshift." Other Irish members opposed the

measure. The report was finally adopted by 164 votes against 32. Michael Joseph Flavin, Nationalist member from North Kerry, moved to reduce the vote of \$13,000,000 by \$12,000,-000. Various other Irish members raised protests from different points of view against the war. John protesting against the threatened em-

ployment of natives in the hostilities. Mr. Wyndham, replying, said: "The government is doing its best in circumstances of great difficulty to prevent any such horrible occurrence, but if the Boers attack any other nation tion from defending itself."

John Redmond the Nationalist leader, declared that the principal European nations were against Great Britain in this war and the great mass of public opinion in the United States was in the same direction. (Ministe-

Mr. Flavin's motion was rejected by 235 votes against 31. After further discussion the debate was closured on the motion of Mr. Balfour, and the vote was carried by 207 against 31.

## ARRESTS IN KENTUCKY.

#### Parties Suspected of Complicity in Goebel Assassination Captured.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 19 .- J. L. Sutton, the sheriff of Whitley county, who was arrested recently on a charge of complicity in the Goebel assassination. was brought here from Louisville tonight and waived examination before County Judge Moran, and was admitted to bail. This was the result of an agreement between the attorneys for the prosecution and the defense.

Sutton left for home tonight in company with his uncle. State Inspector C. N. Lister. Harland Whittaker, who is also charged with complicity in the assassination, was also returned from Louisville and turned over to the local authorities, but no steps were taken in his case and he is still in jail. Lee Jones, another suspect, is also in jail here.

#### RUSSIA NEEDS COAL. Tariff Rates Will Be Reduced in

the Mear Future. Washington, Feb. 19.-Russia, alsoaccording to a report to the state department from Vice Consul General Hannuer, at Frankfort, is suffering severely from the dearth of coal and many workmen have been thrown out of employment by the closing of fac-

It is said that the government will soon reduce the present tariff rates on iron and cast iron destined for factories in the Baltic and St. Petersburg districts within sixty miles of

## Football Game Arranged.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.-John Bell, chairman of the University of Pennsylvania football team, today announced that a football game had been arranged between Pennsylvania and Columbia uni-versity, to be played on Oct. 13th or 20th. This is the first football game that has been arranged between universities and will probably lead to a

## Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Pension certifi-cates issued under date Feb. 5: In-crease, Jonathan Huriburt, Canton Bradford, \$14 to \$16. Original widows, Harrie with Spain (widows and orphans), Lucy Langley, mother, Scranton, \$12.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Feb. 19 .- Arrived: Rotterdam, from Rotterdam, Cleared: Lahn, Bremen, via Southamp

## **DECISION AGAINST** ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS REVERSES DECREE.

Victory for the Inter-Ocean Publishing Company of Chicago-Opinion of Justice Philipps Is to the Effect That News Should Be Sold to All Newspaper Rublishers Desiring to Purchase.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10.-In the appeal of the Inter-Ocean Publishing company against the Associated Press the supreme court today rendered as opinion reversing the decree entered by the Cook county circuit court and the appellate court for the first district and remanding the case to the circuit court with directions to enter a decree as prayed for in the original bill filed by the Inter-Ocean Publishing company to restrain the Associated Press from suspending or expelling the petitioner from its membership and from refusing to furnish it news ac

This bill attempted to set up the fact that the Associated Press had been able to control the business of buying and accumulating news in Chicago and selling the same and had thus created for itself an exclusive monop oly, and to preserve such monopoly had declared the Sun Printing and Publishing association a rival or competitor and antagonistic to it and sought to prohibit its members from buying news therefrom under pain of suspension or expulsion. It was also alleged that the appellee had compelled some of its members, by threats. to cease buying the special news of the Sun Printing and Publishing association under its contract with its members, including the appellant. The appellee filed an answer to the bill and a hearing was had, the circuit court dismissing the bill for want of equity and on appeal to the appellate court this decree was affirmed. The supreme court now reverses this deeree and remands the case. The opin-ion, written by Justice Philipps, holds that the manner in which the corporcharged its business with public interest. It has devoted its property to public use and has in effect granted to the public such an interest in it that it must submit to be controlled by the public for the common good to the extent of interest thus created in

siring to purchase such news for publication are entitled to purchase the same without discrimination against Unlawful Competition.

gathered was that the same should be

The clause in the contract which sought to restrict the appellant from obtaining news from other sources than from the appellee is an attempt striction upon the trade and business among the citizens of a common coun-Competition can never be held hostile to public interest and efforts to prevent competition by contract or otherwise can never be looked upon with favor by the courts.

The court finds that the by-laws of the appellee corporation, which seeks to prevent its members from publishing its special or other news or receiving such from any person declared by it hostile, is not required for corporate purposes, nor included within the purpose of the creation of the corporation. To enforce the by-law and contracts made under it would enable the appellee to designate the character news to be published; and whether true or false, there could be no check on it by publishing news from other sources, Appellee would be powerful in the creation of a monopoly in its favor and could dictate the character of news it would furnish and could prejudice the interest of the public. Such a power was never contemplated in its creation and is hostile to public interest. The clear effect of this by-law is to create a monopoly which renders it void."

## SENATOR CLARK'S MISSION.

#### Simply Wished to Overthrow Daly's Rule in Montana. Washington, Feb. 19.-Senator Clark,

of Montana, was again today the star witness before the senate committee on privileges and elections, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. Justice Hunt's "family physician" also was heard. Dr. Tracy's statement concerning his interviews with Justice Hunt corroborated the testimony of the justice in all the essential detail except that his recollection was that \$50,000. and not \$100,000, was the amount mentioned by him as the price the justice could get for having the Wellcome disbarment case thrown out of the Supreme court of Montana. He said that Justice Hunt was an intimate friend. and asserted that his motive was to test Justice Hunt's ability to withstand the corrupting influence of money. He had received no funds from any source been promised none for that purpose.

to pay the bribe suggested, and had Mr. Clark necessarily went over much of the ground covered by him in his testimony Saturday. He was cross-examined by Mr. Campbell, and insisted that he had spent no money for corrupt purposes during the Montana sen atorial campaign. He gave a detailed statement of expenditures for political purposes and senatorial contest which footed up.as Senator Turley announced \$139,000. He declared that his only purpose in entering upon the campaign was to overthrow Mr. Daly's rule in the state, which, he said, was so tyrannical that he would not desire to continue his residence in the state if it was to continue.

Mr. Campbell said today that Mr Daly would go on the stand in rebuttal. He is expected every day.

#### DEATHS OF A DAY. Harrisburg, Feb. 19 .- Dr. I. F. Schmin

key, one of the oldest practicing physi-cians of central Pennsylvania, died to day at his home in Gratz, this county aged 67. He was a member of the legis lature in 1871 and 1872. Roston, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Annie E. Lodge, mother of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, died at her home in this city today. She was 79 years of age.

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING

#### Weather Indications Today: PARTLY CLOUDY; WARMER.

1 General-Lord Roberts' Army After General Cronje. Attack on the Sugar Trust. Supreme Court Ruling Against the Associated Press, Congress Discusses Proposed Puerto

Rican Tariff.

- 2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Financial and Commercial
- 8 Local-Day's Doings in the Courts. News of Dunmore Borough.

4 Editorial.

- News and Comment. 5 General-The Dying Century Passed in Review. Growth of Uncle Sam's Steel Indus-
- 6 Local-Meeting of the Board of Trade. Annual Report of the Second Anthracite District.
- Local-Auditing Committee Consider Deficiency Bills.
- Death of Thomas Richards. 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban
- 9 Round About the County. 10 Local-Live Industrial News

#### ROMANCE OF PHILIPPINES. Lieutenant Fiscus Will Marry the

Daughter of General Wheeler. Philadelphia, Feb. 19,-The announcement is made of the engagement of Lieutenant W. W. Fiscus, Nineteenth United States infantry, now stationed in the Philippines, to Miss Annie Wheeler, the youngest daughter of General "Joe" Wheeler, has just been received by the lieutenant's sister, Dr. Blanche F. Greaves, of this Lieutenant Fiscus' acquaintance with Miss Wheeler dates from the time he was a cadet at West Point, where General Wheeler's two sons were his classmates. Miss Wheeler frequently visited her brothers at the

made the acquaintance of Cadet Fis-Fiscus served through the Santiago campaign and shortly after the surrender of Santiago was stricken with typhoid fever and was brought with other sufferers to New York. was despaired of, but he pulled through and accompanied his regiment to the Philippines. The same transport which carried Lieutenant Fiscus to the Philippines also had as passengers General Wheeler and his daughter, Miss Annie Wheeler, who was going out as an army nurse. Miss Wheeler and her the public in its private property. The father are now on their way to sole purpose for which news was United States on the transport Warren. The marriage will take place as sold and all newspaper publishers desoon as Lieutenant Fiscus can obtain leave of absence from duty in the Philippines. Lieutenant Fiscus is a son of W. W. Fiscus, who is well-known in

#### urer of Armstrong coulty. SCARCITY OF COAL.

the western part of Pennsylvania, hav-

ing been twice sheriff and once treas-

## May Make Demand for More Sailing

Ships. New York, Feb. 19 .- The increasing scarcity of coal abroad generally, and particularly at all coaling stations for ocean-going vessels, a coal operator said today, "will possibly revive the usefulness of the deep water sailing vessel. There are indications that such ships as are now built at Bath. Mc. steel craft of excellent construction. will be more and more in demand. I have heard it said for instance that the Standard Oil company has been contracting for or purchasing as much of the sail tonnage as possible.

"It is said to be impossible to run ; freight steamship from Philadelphia or New York to the Orient profitably in these days. I have heard of one vessel that will leave this city with 2,000 tons of coal for her own consumption, solely because of the difficulty of getting fuel at the coaling stations along the route.

"The increased expenses effects the tramp steamers seriously, and it is believed that they will ultimately be driven out of business if the present conditions continue. There is no doubt that sailing ships will be in greater demand than ever the value of them has risen, enormously in the past few years.

## VICTORY FOR THE VALLEY.

#### May Now Cross an Old Lane in Jersey City.

New York, Feb. 19.-The Lehigh Valley Railroad company gained a decisive victory today in Jersey City, when it left free to cross the old lane in the Greenville section of Jersey City at grade and run its tracks across that point. The tracks were laid a year age. The railroad company found a crossing at Old lane necessary to enable it to connect its main line with its independent freight terminus and prospective independent passenger terminus which are planned in lower Jersey City.

When the Lehigh Valley arranged t cross the old lane the Jersey City crossing, the prevented the claim being made that the lane public street. Corporation Counsel Mc. Dermott investigated and now decides that the lane was never dedicated as a street, and that there is nothing to prevent crossing.

## Confessed Murder.

Reading.Feb. 19 .- Leopold Rowe, a pris oner in Berks county juil, in great dis-tress of mind today sent for officials and confessed he had murdered a man nea Campbellstown. Lebanon county, six years ago. The officials telegraphed there and received a reply that a mur-dered stranger's body was found under a straw stack in 1896, and was buried as an "unknown." Officials are investigat

## Thinks the Dog Is Mad.

Lancaster, Pr., Feb. 19.-Dr. T. C. Det willer, one of the leading physicians of this city, has gone to New York with his daughter and a pet dog, for the pur-pose of ascertaining at the Pasteur in-stitute whether the animal has the rables. It has bit a number of personsince Friday, including the doctor's

## Bounty for Volunteers. London, Feb. 19.—An army order issued tonight invites the reservists to rejoin the colors for a year, for home defense, and offers \$22 bounty to those who do so.

## ATTACK ON SUGAR TRUST

## Resolutions Introduced by. Representative Richardson.

#### SCHEME TO FIX PROFITS

And Also Bring the Inter-State Commerce Commission to Bear Upon the Sugar Manufacturers. Saccharine Products of Puerto Rico, Cuba and Hawaii to Be Admitted Free Under Provisions of the Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 19 .-- Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, the minority leader of the house, after consultation with some of his Democratic colleagues, today introduced in the house two resolutions aimed at the sugar

trust. The first is as follows:

Whereas, The prices of sugars have recently several times been advanced, manufacturers in each instance having agreed upon the same price per pound, which is prima facia evidence that a trust or combination exists for the purpose of destroying competition in order that enormous profits may be realized. the American Sugar Refining company of New Jersey having for many years paid 12 per cent, annually in dividends upon \$55,968,000 of common stock, there-

military academy, and in this way Resolved, That sugars manufactured Resolved, that sugar Refining by the said American Sugar Refining company of New Jersey and all other manufacturers in this country, shall after six months from the passage of this net be prohibited by the interstate commerce commission from being transported, in any manner whatsoever from one state to another until the said mmission are satisfied that sugars offered for interstate transportation have not yielded to the manufacturer thereof a profit of more than 4 per cent. in ex-cess of the cost of the same, which shall be ascertained in such manner as the said commission in its discretion may determine.

The second is that: Whereas. As a monopoly among sugar

manufacturers exists and in consequence enormous profits are being realized, therefore

therefore.
Resolved, That from this date, and after the passage of the resolution, all kinds of sugars, molasses and everything ntering into the making of sugars shall be admitted free of duty from Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Hawalian Islands. Islands Mr. Richardson, speaking of these resolutions, said: "The

commerce commission, under the constitution as interpreted by the supreme court, has the power to refuse interstate transportation to sugars and other manufactured articles which produce enormous profits through monopolistic control, until the profits on such goods have been brought within fair and reasonable limits, and when the necessities of life are involved as in sugars, if not ir all other manufactured articles controlled by monopolles, public sentiment will sustain the commission in the exercise of such

"In order, however, through a specific governmental enactment to make it mandatory for the gaid commission to exercise that power. I have offered this non-partisan resolution."

## IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

## The Routine Work of Congress Yesterday.

Washington Feb. 13.-The greater part of the time of the senate in the morning hour was taken up with a discussion of matters pertaining to the District of Columbia and relating to telephone charges in the district. The debate developed into one of

constitutional legislation and the right

of congress to legislate for the territories. The discussion finally turned on the authority of congress at its pleasure to extend or withhold the constitution to territory acquired by the United States. After protracted discussion the resolution offered by Mr. Payne was adopt-

ed calling upon the commissioner of the District of Columbia for information as to why the law of congress relating to telephone charges had not been enforced and why it was inoperative.

The bill providing for a government for the Hawaiian Islands was debated upon most of the afternoon, Mr. Cullum, in charge of the measure, explaining in detail its provisions.

In the house as a matter of privilege Mr. Hitt (Illinois) reported back from the committee on foreign affairs the Wheeler resolution calling upon the state department for information as to the truth of the charges of Mr. Macrum, ex-consul at Pretoria, con-cerning the epening of his mail by the British authorities, and was adopted without debate.

## Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, Feb. 19 .- These corporations were chartered today by the state department: Fayette Publishing Co., Uniontown, capital \$20,000; The Amerian Bro-chemic Co., Philadelphia, can Bro-chemic Co., Philadelphia, capital \$5,000; McKean Apartment Co., Pittsburg, capital \$45,000; the United States Knitting Mill Co., Hawley, capital \$40,000; The Monroe Land Co., Stroudsburg, capital \$25,000; Norway Iron and Steel Co., of York, Spring Garden township, York county, capital \$200,000: The Manu-facturers Water Co., Johnstown, capital \$1,000; Carmichaels Light, Heat and

#### ...... WEATHER FORECAST.

Power Co., Carmichaels, capital \$1,000.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Eastern Pennsylvania — Partly cloudy and not so cold Tuesday; warmer and probably rain Wed-nesday; variable winds shifting to easterly.