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# GENERAL CRONJE'S **DESPERATE STAND**

The Boer Commander Refuses to Yield in the Face of Certain Defeat.

### WANTON SACRIFICE

With Characteristic Stubbornness the Boer Leader Holds His Men Together Under Withering Fire from English Troops—Although Given Every Opportunity to Surrender the Troops Under Cronje Make No Effort to Escape Annihilation. Details of the Three Days' Slaughter.

but he was met by a messenger who

est intention of surrendering, but would

General Kitchener returned and or-

dered a bombardment of the Boer posi-

tion. Three field batteries and a how-

front of the laager and began an ac-

shells freely. The Boers were seen re-

tiring from the trenches to the river

bed in order to seek cover, but no cov-

er could protect them from such a

deadly fire. The howitzers dropped lyd-

dite shells with precision into the very

bed of the river, and the trenches were

soon filled with horrible fumes and

grimly on. Again during the night de-

experience. They reported that they

had water in abundance, but were able

to draw only scanty supplies com their

Third Day of the Fight.

Today (Tuesday) was the third day

The morning sun disclosed the Roers

around their laager. A few shells were

fired to prevent them from continuing

the work, but most of the day was

General French's artillery was heard

Every opportunity was given the

Boers to surrender, but when towards

afternoon there was no sign of any

mined to crush once and for all Gen-

eral Cronje's resistance. On the south

teries and two naval twelve-pounders,

and on the north bank, enfilading the

scene it was ever this correspondent's

guns in action, but never such a num-

Desperate Valor of the Boers.

The exploding lyddite shells raised

great clouds of green smoke, complete-ly filling the bed of the river. The

shrapnel burst on the edge of each

bank except for a short space, where

the proximity of the British infantry

made it dangerous. Our shells searched

every bush and every ravine of the

river bed. The entitading guns must

was deafening, yet with a spirit of

desperate madness, the Boers would

now and again attempt to snipe the

naval guns, which were firing at a

sounded petty beside the roaring of the

Both Camps Sleep.

This dispatch is being written in the

middle of a sleeping camp. Not a sound

disturbs the heavy slumber of the tired

Down the river bed not a fire is seen,

There is something tragic in the stern

resistance which General Cronje is

hopelessly offering. It is impossible not

to admire his pluck, but all condemn

SORTIE AT LADYSMITH.

Heavy Firing Either on Part of Sir

George White or the Boers.

graph has the following dispatch from

sortied from Ladysmith yesterday and

captured a number of Boer wogons.

There is heavy firing in the direction

London, Feb. 23.-The Daily Tele-

"It is reported that General White

the lives of his brave followers.

Chieveley, dated Wednesday;

have done terrible execution. The

batteries and three naval 4.7 guns.

bank of the river, at a range of about

of General Cronje's imprisonment and

the infantry engaged the enemy in th

langer during the night.

the Boers' reinforcements.

a short distance.

quiet.

Equare

yet known.

soldiers.

not a cry heard.

fight until he died.

London, Feb. 24.-4.15 a. m.-Mr. Bal- | messenger with word to the effect that four announced in the house of com- if the British were inhuman enough mens at 12.30 this morning that no further news regarding General Cronje had been received by the government. He had sent to the war office during the hour, and he asserted that nothing had come to hand there.

General Cronje, therefore, is presumably still unbeaten. No other construction is placed upon the three days' silence of Lord Roberts. No one sees how it has been possible, judging from the description of his situation Wednesday morning, for him to resist so long. Great Britain does not withhold admiration for the valor of a losing fight against such odds.

General Cronje is described by the prisoners as urging him to surender in order to save the lives of his men, but he would not.

The British cavalry patrol, sent by Lord Methuen north of Kimberley, discovered the Boers concentrating, whether for offense or defense is simply

The Boers seem to be retiring from in order to reinforce the Free Staters.

## At Ladysmith.

Ladysmith had not been relieved when the latest news two days ago grim resistance. Early this morning was received. The Boers then retired half-way between Ladysmith and Colenso. If only 60,000 went to the Free State, as both the Boer and the British accounts assert, the 12,000 who are left may purpose to maintain the siege and to resist General Buller within contracted lines, although the impression at General Buller's headquarters is that the Boers are merely covering a

The editorials in the morning papers complain more or less vigorously of the such intention, Lord Roberts deterinsufficiency of the government's naval proposals, especially in view of the immense naval effort of Germany and other powers. The Conservative Stand-

"Perhaps this is because the British navy is considered strong enough for its work; but the nation will ask for full assurances on that point."

The Daily Mail says: "The proposals are so inadequate that we cannot but express the deepest surprise that the admiralty board can be persuaded to accept them."

## STORY OF THE BATTLE.

#### Desperate Resistance of the Boers. Scenes of Awful Slaughter.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 21.-As night fell after ter terrific fighting which lasted all day Sunday, there was a sudden cessation of firing. Both sides were thoroughly tired and glad to rest. The work of collecting the dead and wound-

ed proceeded and the men slept where they had fought the whole day. Monday morning found the Boers in the same place. During the night they and constructed entrenchments around he laager, which was still threatened by General Smith-Dorrien. The infantry rested after the terribly hard day's

fighting on Sunday. Pushing on, the detachment found that the kopje extended a considerable distance west, sloping gradually to the plain. They seized a good defentive position, which was garrisoned. They continued the movement and completely turned the Boers, whose left was held by a farm house. This was rigorously shelled. The detachment returned to the camp at night fall, leaving a garrison on the ridge. Meana desultory bombardment of the Boer position was kept up and a good deal of rifle fire concentrated where the Essex were attempting to rush up the river. About mid-day the cry that General French had arrived was passed

ated out of sight of our force. When Lord Roberts arrived he addressed several regiments and was vigorously cheered.

down the ranks, but his division oper-

## Kitchener Refuses Armistice.

Early in the day General Cronje asked for a twenty-four hours' armistice to bury his dead. Lord Kitchen-or refused and a little later came a Sir George White or of the Boors."

**ANTI-IMPERIALISTS** AIR THEIR OPINIONS

THEY SEVERELY CRITICIZE PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

Resolutions Adopted Condemning the Policy of the Administration. Delegates Object to Use of the Name of the President-Senator Hoar Comes in for Some Criticism. Policy of Treating Filipinos as Bandits Also Censured.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.-The second day's session of the "eastern conference" of the anti-imperialists was characterized by the adoption of a strong resolution condemning the expansion policy of the administration. During the discussion President McKinley was severely criticized and held personally responsible for the "criminal aggres-sion" of the country.

Today's proceedings began with a legislative meeting of the committee on resolutions, of which Herbert Walsh, of this city, is chairman. The resolu-tion drafted by this committee was unanimously adopted with slight amendments.

Whereas, The present administration, under the lead of President Mckinley, has undertaken to extend the sovereignty of the United States over various trop-ical islands, in no case with the consent of their people, and in the Philippines by force of arms, and denies that the in-habitants of these islands, have any con-

It is as follows:

stitutional rights.
Resolved, That this policy violates the principles upon which our government rests, and not only subverts the liberty of these islanders, but also endangers the permanence of free institutions in

to refuse an armistice for the purpose Resolved. That we will support no man of burying the dead, General Cronje for the presidency who is not known to be absolutely opposed to this policy, and that we will do our best to defeat all saw no other course best to surrender. Upon receipt of this message Lord candidates for either office who favor it. Resolved, That we request the legisla-Kitchener proceeded to the Boer laager in order to arrange the capitulation, tive committee to call a national con-vention at such time as they think wise announced that General Cronje said that the whole thing was a mistake; for the purpose of securing united action by all who hold these views. that General Cronje had not the slight-

Several of the delegates objected to the use of President McKinley's name on the ground that it was unwise to insert personalities into a resolution of that nature. The resolution, when itzer battery took position directly in presented, placed the responsibility for the war in the Philippines on the "Republican party under the lead of the president." But on motion of curate fire, the howltzers using lyddite Morfield Story, of Massachusetts, the wording "the present administration" was substituted.

In offering the amendment Mr. Story said that the members of President McKinley's cabinet, who at heart are opposed to the policy of imperialism, green smoke. But the enemy held but who by their silence supported it. should be made to bear their share in serters arrived. They were much frightened and shaken by their awful the responsibility.

Answering the objections of those

who favored striking out the name of Mr. McKinley, Frank Stephens, of this city, said: That murderer is the man who is chiefly to blame for the shame that rests upon this country, and his name

### should not be removed.' Criticism of Hoar.

Senator Hoar came in for some critibed of the river and drove them back cism. Several of the delegates declared that little could be expected from him, owing to his staunch suptoiling like ants on the entrenchments

port of the president. Mr. Story, of Massachusetts, said that Senator Hoar could make an excellent anti-imperialistic speech. done so and would do so again, but off to the east, presumably engaging when the time came for voting he voted with the president. "We want it to go out to the world," said Mr. Story, "that our anti-imperialism is not of that kind."

Herbert Welsh, in discussing the resolution, said he regarded the administration's l'imperialistic policy as the breaking down of the American 2.000 yards, were placed three field bat-Union."

The following resolution was adopted

unanimously: whole river, one howitzer, three field Whereas, It has been repeatedly stated that the president proposes shortly to deal with the Philippine insurgents as bandits, and is reported in the despatches Then followed the most wonderful lot to witness. Once before, in Thes- from Manila that a native member of a guerrilla band which attacked a squad of Americans, killing a corporal, is to saly, he had seen one hundred and ten be tried by a military commission a charge of murder, which gives ber of powerful guns concentrating their fire upon a spot about a mile reason to fear that such a policy has

drendy been inaugurated. Resolved, That we cannot too strongly condemn any policy which will tre prisoners of war as criminals, which, sursued by England during the revolution, might have hanged Marion and Sumpter as murderers; which, when adopted by General Weyler, we excreated as butchery, and which, if now pursued by us, would add a last touch of infamy to our dealings with the Filipines.

tee of the national league be requested to forward immediately to the admiris-tration and to every member of congress copy of this resolution, and that congress be requested to inquire whether any such polley is being pursued, and, if so, to demand its immediate cessation.

range of 1,000 yards. The long line of The afternoon session was devoted three batteries belched their death missiles, while on each side lay two to addresses by Rev. Henry T. Phillips, of Philadelphia; Gamaliet Bradbattalions of infantry, whose Maxims ford, of Boston; Morfield Story, of Boston, and Patrick Duffield, of this city. What loss the Boers suffered is not Each of the speakers opposed the acquisition of the Philippines and the continuance of the war in these is-

## O'Farrell's Fusilade.

Mr. O'Farrell aroused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm by his unqualified denunciation of President

McKinley's policy.
"The president," said Mr. O'Farrell, has declared that there shall be no more uscless parleying. By that he meant that General Otis and his battalions, with their gatling guns and their gunboats, should be let loose on the Filipinos to shoot them down; to kill their wives and children. This was not altogether the expression of William McKinley; it was the expression of the president of the United States. In the history of this country I know of no expression so filled with base

butchery as this." The speaker then approved America's system of home government but said would be found most ineffectual

"licago, Rev. Robert Ellis Thompson,

of Philadelphia; Henry Budd, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Edwin C. Sweetzer. adelphia, and Rev. Edwin C. Sweetzer, of Philadelphia.

Rev. Mr. Thompson argued that Imperialism and slavery were identical, and Rev. Mr. Sweetzer based his acgument on "genuine vs. spurious pat-

### DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.

Will Meet at Indianapolis on September 5.

Washington, Feb. 23.-The legislative committee of Democratic National clubs met here today, Chairman Mc-Millan presiding, and decided to hold the next meeting at Indianapolis, Sept. 5. A delegation from that city stated that the meeting would have an excellent impression on the Democrats of that city.

Governor Black tendered his resignation as president and it was accepted with reluctance. Chairman McMilian will act in that capacity until a president is selected. Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, tendered his resignation as a member of the legislative committee and it was accepted. A committee composed of Governor Stone, Missouri; Senator Money, Mississippi; Representative Livingstone, Georgia; ex-Representative Hamilton Lewis Washington, and ex-Lieutenant Governor Black, Pennsylvania, was appointed to confer with the National Democratic committee in regard to the assertion by which means the two organizations can best co-operate for the good of the party. This committee will also have charge of the selection of a president. The meeting was largely attended and the speakers all said that the outlook for Democratic success this year was good.

### AT TURNING POINT.

Important Features in the Clark Case.

Washington, Feb. 23.-The Clark case before the senate committee on elections reached an important turning point today. The defense announced the conclusion of the presentation of its case, and the first witness put on by the prosecution for the purpose of rebuttal was heard. The witness was Attorney General Nolan, of Montana, and it is understood that he is the first of eight or ten who will be called in rebuttal. The attorneys for the prosecution say they expect to conclude their

presentation carly next week.
Attorney General Nolan's statement bore especially upon the interviews between himself and witness Lyons, and he asserted that Mr. Lyon told him that he knew that the votes of various members of the legislature had been unduly influenced in Mr. Clark's behalf. Much of the day was spent in debating the admissibility in this connection of General Nolan's reports of the proceedings of the grand jury of Lewis and Clark counties of Montana. It was decided to limit the questions upon it to the portions which had been brought into the question by witnesses

## WRECK ON PANHANDLE.

One Man Fatally Burned-Traffic Blocked for Hours. Steubenville, Ohio, Feb. 23,-A wreck

on the Panhandle road tonight, near Dinsmore, just east of this place, resuited in the probable fatal burning of one man, the burning of one coach and one baggage car and the complete demolition of several cars.

A west bound freight struck a land slide in a deep cut, throwing the engine and several cars over on to the east bound track just as the "Greaser," a passenger train from Dennison. which left here at 6.59, came around the curve.

The "greaser" dashed into the wrecked freight with the result given above. The baggage car and forward coach of the passenger caught fire, but it is believed all of the passengers escaped except one man unknown, who was badly burned and may die. Traffic was blocked for several hours.

Later news from the wreck shows that none of the passengers were severely burt. The man who was resported badly burned is James Newell. of Carnegie, Pa., baggage master. He was caught in the wreck of a car and before he could be gotten out was badly burned but will recover.

## WRECK ON READING.

#### An Engineer Killed-The Fireman Jumps.

Shippensburg, Pa., Feb. 23.-Running at high speed to make up lost time, the Philadelphia and Reading fast freight. due here from Harrisburg at 4.35 a. m., crashed into the side of a Westerr Maryland extra freight train in the Reading yards at this place about 5 o'clock this morning. Engineer Cassidy, of the Reading train, was crushed so badly that he died soon after. The fireman saved his life by jumping. Harry Banks, engineer of the West-

ern Maryland extra, was hurt about right side, but not seriously. The dead engineer was a native of Mifflintown and was about thirty-four years

## Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, Feb. 23.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following corporations: Weatherly Foundry and Machine Co., Weatherly, capital \$10,000; the Empire Manufacturing Co., Scranton, capital \$26,000; The Manufacturers' Gas Co., Jones township, Elk county, capital \$50,000; Retall Merchants' Publishing Co., Pittsburg, capital \$10,000; Phoenix Chemical Co., Philadelcapital \$25,000; Monongahela Val ley bank, Duquesne, capital \$50,000.

## Mine Inspector's Report.

Shamokin, Feb. 23.—Mine Inspector Ed-ward Breanan, of the Seventh anthracite district, today gave out his annual re-port for the past year. There were 6.38s.-334.03 tons of coal mined; 20,317 persons employed; 52 fatal, and 142 non-fatal accidents. The Summit Branch and Lykens Valleys collieries lead the list for number of days worked, with 266. For every 121,315 tons of coal mined in the district a life was lost.

# Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Feb. 23.-Arrived: Aller Bremen and Southampton. Cleared Campania, for Liverpool: Spaarndam when tried on other nations.

The conference closed tonight with speeches by Edwin Burritt Smith. of Harre-Arrived: La Gascogne, from New York. Hamburg-Arrived: Patricia, from New York.

# IN PHILADELPHIA

ONE WOMAN KILLED AND SEV-ERAL INJURED.

The Millinery Districts Visited by a Half Million Dollar Blaze-That the Flames Did Not Do Much Damage Is Due to the Fire Department-Girls Escape by Sliding Down a Rope-Eleven Firemen In-

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—One woman was killed, several other persons were everely injured and property valued at half a million dollars was destroyed by a fire which broke out tonight in the heart of the wholesale millinery district. The burned area covered nearly two acres, and that the flames did not do more damage was due to the magnificent work of the fire department which was greatly handicapped by the character of the goods which the burning stores contained. The woman killed was Clara Cohen, 23 years of age, a seamstress in the employe of Harris and Bernard Cohen. She met her death by jumping from the fifth floor of the building in which the fire started. Among the most seriously injured were Clara Udor, who fell from the third floor of the same building leorge Sweeney, a fireman, who was badly hurt about the hip by flying debris. Several other girls had hands burned and a colored man received severe strains by attempting to catch the young women as they dropped from the end of a rope which was suspended from a window.

The fire started on the third floor of Nos. 721 and 723 Arch street, occupied by Simon May, manufacturer of straw goods. The flames spread to the fourth floor, also occupied by May, and to the fifth and sixth floors, which were used by Harris and Bernard Cohen, manufacturers of cloaks and suits. On the fifth floor there were a half dozen young women at work. Their escape was cut off and the only exit left open to them was to slid down a rope, which did not come within twentyfive feet of reaching the sidewalk. The first girl slid to the end of the rope and dropped into the arms of a colored man. She had her hands burned. The next one, Clara Udor, let go of the rope at about the third floor and dashed to the sidewalk, receiving among other injuries a broken leg. The third young woman, Clara Cohen, leaped from the fifth floor and lived only a few minutes. The others came safely down the rope, but sustained badly burned hands.

### The Fire Spreads.

The building was a mass of flames in a very short time, and the fire then spread to the big six-story building adjoining on the east, Nos. 715, 717, 719 Arch street, occupied by Bowen, Dun-gan & Co., dealers in wholesale millinery goods. This structure also was soon entirely consumed. By this time the building on the west of the May building, Nos. 725, 727 and 729 Arch street, occupied by John W. Calver & Co., manufacturers of millinery goods; Philip Quellwasser, importer of furs, and a manufacturer of pneumatic carriages were also in flames and could be saved. To the west of these structures is the eight-story building of S. Abels, wholesale dealer in millinery goods, which narrowly escaped destruction, but not until the contents were soaked with water. The flames swept clean through the Arch street properties to Appletree street and attacked the eight-story Jones building, occupied by nearly a dozen firms. The structure, however, was only slightly burned, but the various firms lost heavily by water. Several firms on the south side of Arch street also suffered considerable loss by water being played on the buildings to prevent them from

igniting. The losses are estimated at \$500,000. The greatest losers are Bowen, Dungan & Co., whose loss is estimated at \$250,-Other losses are: Simon May, \$40,000; Harris & Bernard Cohen, \$25,-000; John W. Calver & Co., \$60,000; Philip Quellwasser, \$75,000; Finley Acker, grocer, \$20,000, and other firms sustained a total loss of about \$29,600. The losses are partially covered by in-

While the Arch street fire was in progress, fire broke out in the retail clothing store of Sulzbach & Co., at Broad street and Fairmount avenue, at which eleven firemen and one police-man were injured. None, however, were seriously hurt. The loss was estimated at about \$10,000; covered by insurance.

# NIAGARA SUICIDE.

Relatives of Lascarus Go to Identify the Body.

Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 23.-Relatives of John Lascarus left for Niagara Falls today to identify the body of the man who leaped into the falls yesterday and is supposed to be John Lascarus. of Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Mr. Lascarus left home last Wednesday for Elmira, N. Y. Before depart-ing he turned his bank books over to George Schell, his book-keeper. One month ago while driving Mr. Lascarus was hurled from a carriage and badly. injured on the head. That, combined financial reverses of thought to have led to his suicide. He was 67 years of age, a widower, and owned over seventy residences and business houses in Mt. Carmel.

## As to Township Classification.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 23.—Hon. Stanley Woodward, president judge of Luzerne county, in an opinion handed down today, declares the act classifying town-ships into two classes, passed by the last legislature, unconstitutional. There are 1.522 townships in the state and only about 22 are affected by the act. Woodward says this method of classifica-tion excludes 1,500 tcwnships from the provisions of the act, and it is therefore special legislation and clearly unconsti-

# Fashionable Society Dangerous.

Reading, Feb. 21.—At today's session of the Evangelical conference, Bishop Bowman, in dwelling on the discipline of the church, referred to the glaring evils that ministers must speak against-licentiousness, the theater, etc. Fashionable so-ciety, he considered the most dangerous foe to the church.

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

### RAIN: SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS.

General—General Cronje's Gallant Stand in Face of Certain Defeat. Quay Case in the Senate. Anti-Imperialists Criticize McKinley, Bourke Cockran Discusses Silver. General-Northeastern Fennsylvania.

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BOURKE COCKRAN

### Thinks Democracy Will Do Well to Postpone Consideration of Free

ON SILVER ISSUE

Coinage Until Some Other Year. Boston, Feb. 23.-Hon. W. Bourke ochran, of New York, eloquently championed the cause of the anti-im-perialists at a mass meeting held in Fancuit hall tonight, under the auspices of the Anti-Imperialist league. Former Governor George S. Boutwell, of this state, president of the Anti-Imperialistic league, was the presiding officer, and upon the platform were many gentlemen whose anti-imperialistic views have gained for them national distinction, together with others

whose public expressions upon this subject have not been so pronounced. Mr. Boutwell, in calling the meeting to order, delivered an address of some ength. At the conclusion of his address, Chairman Boutwell introduced Mr. Cochran, who said:

It is self-evident that opposition to imperialism must be made through the organization of the Democratic party We are told that with the issue of imperialism will be linked the issue which divided the party four years ago which divided the party four years ago and on the prospect of this complica-tion rests the hope of every imperial-ist. I do not believe the fears of the patriots or the hopes of the imperial-ists are well founded. I do not believe the silver issue will enter into this canvass, and in saying this I expless no opinion as to what any individual Democratic leader may do or what all the Democratic leaders combined may wish to do. Platforms are not made wish to do. Platforms are not made in committees or even in convention eitles; they are made in the different localities were people are now discuss-ing the questions that pre-occupy their

The silver question cannot enter into this canvass because it cannot be decided by this election. There is just one question which can be decided by it, and that is the question of imperial ism. Without regard to individual ambitions or preferences this campaign will be waged on the issue 1900, and not upon the issue of 1896, or what may be the issues of 1904.

While it is obvious that the silve question cannot enter into the canvas of 1900, I think that the heart of party is wedded to it. If in 1904 political conditions be so changed that success in the presidential election would carry the control of congress. then I think the Democratic party will again declare for free coinage and then I shall be as ready to oppose them as I was in '96. Had the Chicago plat-I was in '96. Had the Chicago plat-form declared in favor of silver at sixteen to one, the coins minted unde it to be legal tender only for debt aris ing under future contracts, the ma jority of us would have regarded it as an unwise proposal, but it would not have involved consequences so serious as to have driven us out of the party. When, however, it was proposed through a change in the contage of the country to effect a change in existing contracts, then most of us be lieved that such an attempt would be a fatal blow at orderly gov ernment. The sucredness of con-tracts is the vital principle of industrial co-operation. Industrial co-operation is commerce, and commerce civilization. If government can used to destroy or modify contracts once it can be used again for that purpose. Government is founded mainly to protect contracts. If it can be used to destroy them, it is perverted to the very purpose which it is organized to prevent, and that would be amarchy. Now, whether we were right or wrong in this belief, holding it as we did, the issue presented to us was not whether one financial system was better than another, but whether the foundations of social order should be preserved or

of social order should be preserved or sacrificed and on that issue no honest man could hesitate. While we believed that the platform was revolutionary, no one ever doubted for a moment that the candidate who stood upon it was animated by the loftiest principles of patriotism. Indeed, his virtues made his candidacy double dangerous. Vic-ious principles are never formidable when supported by vicious men. It is only when they are championed by misguided virtue that they become formidable. If we were confronted new with the choice between imperialism and the principles involved in the Chicago platform I do not hesitate to say that I should pursue the same course that I did in '96, because, while I regard imperialism as fatal to this form of government, I regard the Chicago platform as destructive of all govern ment, and I should prefer some gov ernment to no government. I admit, of course, that Mr. Bryan honestly believes the free coinage of silver would be as beneficial as I believe it would be dangerous. But surely ! would be useless to discuss that ques tion before the people when they can't decide it. The adoption of the Chicago platform this year would be merely profession of belief in certain financial doctrines, not a serious proposal to enforce them. What effect such a declaration might have upon those who op-posed the party four years ago, but who are now anxious to support it in its opposition to imperialism, it will be time enough to decide when the

# Choynski Defeated.

emergency arises.

New York, Feb. 23.-Wolcott won from Choynski in the seventh round.

# QUAY CASE NOW BEFORE THE SENATE

# Senator 'Penrose Forces the Hand of the Opposition.

### WINS BY SIX MAJORITY

After a Sharp Parliamentary Encounter He Succeeds in Having the Matter Taken Up for Consideration-The Quay Men Expect to Seat the Senator by a Substantial Majority at an Early Date. Speeches Delivered in Support of the Right of Mr. Quay to His Seat. Mr. Vest and Mr. Foraker Speak Upon the Hawaiian Bill.

Washington, Feb. 23.-Today's session of the senate was unusually interesting from the very beginning. In spite of vigorous and influential opposition Mr. Penrose, of Pennsylvania, succeeded in getting the Quay case before the senate and during the afternoon three notable speeches were de-

After a sharp parliamentary squabble Mr. Penrose moved that the resolution involving the sitting of Mr. Quay be taken up for consideration. On an

aye and no vote the motion prevailed. The majority was so decisive as to cause some surprise. It is known that some senators who will vote, if the opportunity is offered, to seat Mr. Quay, today voted against consideration of the case. Among these were Senators Cullom, Foraker and Hanna. The Quay men expect to hold the vote received by them today on the motion to take up the case, and expect to seat the senator by a substantial majority at no distant date. Following the taking up of the resolution Mr. Daniels (Dem.) delivered a speech in which he vigorously supported Mr. Quay's right

The vote on taking up the Quay case

was as follows: Yeas-Aliison, Bate, Carter, Chandler, Depew, Pairbanks, Foster, Gear, Hansrough, Hawley, Hoar, Jones (Nevada), Kenny, McComas, McEnery, McLaurin, Martin, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pritchard, Shoup, Stew-

art, Tallaferro, Vest, Warren and Wol-Navs-Aldrich, Burrows, Butler, Caffery, Chilton, Clark (Wyo.), Cockreit, Cullom, Foraker, Gallinger, Hale, Hanna, Harris, Jones (Ark.), Kean, Linsay, Mc-Cumber, McMillan, Pettus, Platt (Conn.), Proctor, Quarles, Rawlins, Ross, Simon

Teller, Tillman and Turner-28. Ten Democrats voted for the motion: also Pettigrew, Stewart and Jones, of

### Nevada, Silver Republicans, Mr. Daniel's Speech.

Mr. Daniel in his address in support of Mr. Quay's right to a seat said he had always maintained that a senator appointed by a governor was entitled his seat, as clearly as himself was entitled to one. The more he studied the question the more thoroughly had he become convinced that he was absolutely correct in his interpretation of the constitution on that point.

Mr. Daniel reviewed the Quay case and many similar cases which had come before the senate, holding that the weight of precedent was largely in

## In concluding Mr. Daniel said:

The senate is at once a legislative body, an executive body and a judicial body. Every federal office may be impeached that we should by aside this matter so that a Hawaiian bill or a Puerto Rican bill or any other bill shall be considered. it seems to me that the senator has not risen to his proper signity and that he is not treating his brother senator as he ought to be treated, when he is knocking at the rates of the body with as perfect credentials as his own. I shall never vote-unless indeed in some great public exigency when everything else must give way-to postpone the credentials of a senator to any other consideration of public matters. The first step in the organization in a body is to ascertain who are its members. According to the constitution it has been ascertained that we one who has as much right in this senate, according to my judgment, as any one who has placidly voted to postpone his case and let him cool his heels, waiting to be heard. I shall vote in this case as I have voted in all other sim-

Mr. Vest (Dem., Mo..) and Mr. Foraker (Rep., Ohio.) delivered notable speeches anent the Hawaiian government bill. Both were constitutional arguments, Mr. Foraker's being a reply to that of Mr. Vest.

## Sewall Talks with Bryan.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22.-Hon. Arthur sewall, of Eath, Me., candidate for vice president on the Democratic ticket four years ago, had a conference this morning with Mr. Bryan on the train which brought the Nebraskan to Atlanta, and left for New York at noon. Mr. refused to give the nature of his talk

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 23.-Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: East-Pernsylvania - Increasing cloudiness and rain Saturday; southwesterly, shifting to westerly winds.

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