Paris, Feb. 25 .- As the result of a

TWO CENTS.

BOERS' POSITION NOW HOPELESS

British Guns Dominate | ter of the kopje today has given the Sloping Ascents from All Sides.

CRONJE WOULD SURRENDER

But Is Overborne by the Young Boers from the Transvaal-General Roberts Offers to Allow Women and Children to Pass Out from Boer Lines to Places of Safety, but the Offer Is Rejected-Every Shrapnel Shell Finds a Victim and the Boer Force Must Surrender or Be Annihilated.

Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Feb. 23.-General Cronje's position is more hopeless than ever. Our guns dominate the sloping ascents from the river on all sides and by the rush of the Shropshires on Wednesday night up the river bed the Boers lost 200 yards space in their cover.

Deserters say the British fire has been very deadly and affire that General Cronje himself is willing to surrender, but is overborne by the young Boers from the Transvaal.

There are women and children with the Boer force. General Roberts proposed to let them pass out of danger. but this suggestion, as well as the proffer of mediation, has been rejected.

The kopje carried by the British last Wednesday, when fifty prisoners were taken, is a most important strategical position. Its possession enables us to repuise any Boer reinforcements from the eastward.

London, Feb. 25 .- The war office published the following despatch from Lord Roberts:

tacked our outposts in force again yesterday. They lost a good many killed and wounded and nearly 100 prisoners, including a commandant and three field cornets. Our casualties were four officers wounded, nine men killed, twenty-three men wounded, two men missing. On Feb. 21 and 22 one officer and thirteen men were wounded. Six men were wounded yesterday by hollow-nosed Mauser bullets. The nickel case is slit with four slits, making the projectile of the most expansive and destructive nature possible. A wounded Boer brought to our hospital had sixty of these bullets in his pockets. During the advance to and at Kimberley the casualtles were: Officers two killed, thirteen wounded; men four killed, sexenty-six wounded. (The officers' casualties had previously been reported).

Fourth Day of the Fight.

Paardeburg, Orange Free State, Wednesday, Feb. 21.- The fourth day of General Crorje's fine defense opened in startling fashion. Soon after dawn a most regrific rattle of rifle fire broke waking the sleeping camp. It was the heaviest fire during the war and all awaited with foreboding the news of its effect.

It soon developed that the Gloucesters and Essexs had lost their way and had bivouced in error, close to the Boer laager on the north side of the river. As soon as they were perceived by the enemy the latter fusliaded. Wonderful to tell the British casualties were practically none There was desultory firing all day

long on both the north and south banks. General Knox's brigade, holding and pushing forward the line south the river, while General Smith-Dorrien on the north side, worked toward the laager. Meanwhile General French advanced, in a far easterly direction, near a kopje held by a strong force of Cronje's men, reinforced by a Ladysmith centingent. At the same time General Broadwood's brigade. with a battalion of horse artillery, took up positions to the left and rear of the same kopie.

The front of the hill was thoroughly searched by a raking fire. Suddenly the Boers bolted from every side towards General French, who headed toward the drift, shelling vigorously. A great number escaped, but many were killed by shrapnel, and about forty were captured.

As soon as the kopje was evacuated this correspondent visited it. The position was found to be wonderfully strong and to form the real key to the position in the case of defense against Boer reinforcements advancing from the east.

Our first contact with the Ladysmith Boers was singularly unfortunate for them. A great deal of forage, provisions and equipment was captured and dated Wednesday: "General Cronje's the kopje was frequently dotted with blood, showing that many wounded had been removed.

The Boer method of removing the dead is to tie a couple of lines to the hodies, which are thus dragged off by two horsemen at full gallop.

Foolhardy Transvaalers.

There were several pourpariers today on the subject of a short armistice. It seems that General Cronje is willing to surrender, but that the young Transcaalers refuse. The other beleaguered Boers are anxious to give up.

A British doctor, who visited the Boer lines to see the wounded, found the trenches along the river full of vounded and saw many dead.

A deserter who came into camp last night says 'that yesterday's bombardment was appalling in its effects, especially in the case of the howitzers

pattery enfilading the river. The position today is practically the The Boers are strengthening their entrenchments around the laager. but the case is hopeless. The charac-

vent a Boer relieving force reaching Cronje, Everybody admires the splendid stand of the burghers, but from a humani-tarian point of view it is considered that further resistance on the part of General Cronic will be criminal.

Every shrapnel shell finds a victim, and unless a miracle occurs his force must be wheel out or captured. The former result is terrible to contemplate. but, although it would require a few days. It would be easy to accomplish.

Today Lord Roberts sent General Cronje an offer of a safe conduct for the women and children, together with free pass to any point for them, and also an offer of doctors and medicine. Cronje's reply was a curt refusal, and desultory shelling was resumed.

Advance of Shropshires.

Shelling continued during the early part of last night. As soon as the last gun was fired the Shropsbires, who had been occupying the river bed since Sunday, rushed forward, seized an additional 200 yards of nearer ground daybreak. At dawn General Cronje B. C. found himself docked that amount of space. The Shropshires had done excellent work under a galling fire since Gordons today.

The exchange of positions had its amusing features in spite of the danger. The Gordons crawled on their stomachs to the trenches, and Shropshires crept out of there by actually reaching over the Gordons.

The scene of the last five days' fightwhere General Cronje is entrenched meats and a general cargo. and fighting for life, resembles some parts of the Hudson river, the ground all around sloping towards the stream All the highlands are covered by British artillery. Cronje is faced in the front and rear from both banks by the British, while General French's horse, far away on the flanks, prevents a

sudden inrush of Boers. During the artillery firing last evening the mules of the Eighty-secon1 Battery, which had remained hitched Paardeberg, Feb. 24.—Parties of to the carriages, suddenly stampeded not recently arrived from Natal atthe wagons with one exception were

recovered. Prisoners Taken.

General French has sent in seventy five prisoners. A British patrol, eight miles to the west, discovered thirty Boers wandering away and corraled them. Already this force has captured 460 of the energy, while many dead Boers have been seen.

The Boer prisoners are all depressed at the present course of the war and mment bittorly upon the 'ronje's persistence, which they call Today a German ambulance at

tached to the Roer forces was allowed to traverse the British lines in front of Jacobsdal. Quantities of cattle, sheep and trek

even have been captured while wandering from the Heer langer, Paardeberg Friday, Feb. 23.-The British are gradually closing in on General Cronje from all sides and mak-

ing his position more impossible than During the course of last night the British artillery poured in several rounds. There was a terrible rain and thunder storm early in the evening. The Canadians were heavily engage !

n Sunday's fight, behaving most gal-

lantly. Prisoners at Cape Town.

Cape Town, Saturday, Feb. 24.-Within the last few days two hundred prisoners have arrived here and preparations are being made to receive large numbers. Fifty officers and men have been dispatched to Walfisch Bay, where it is reported that the Boer munitions are being landed. It is stated that about fifty per cent, of the first five squadrons of Brabants have taken their discharges, having completed although domestic conditions justify their engagement for three months, the greatest confidence. The furnaces Various reasons are given.

Scouts Compelled to Retire.

Sterkstroom, Sunday, Feb. 25.-A reconnaissance yesterday in force under General Gatacre, with eight guns, found the Beers occupying a ridge three miles beyond Moltno, in the Stormberg

Montmorency scouts charged the Boers, who crept round the scouts' flank, pouring in a deadly fire. The scouts were finally compelled to retire. having lost heavily. Fourteen are missing. Captain Montmorency was killed.

Balloon Discoveries.

Paardeburg, Saturday, Feb. 24.-The British took eighty prisoners as the result of yesterday's engagement. A balloon ascended at discovered several works, which one British guns shelled today.

London, Feb. 26.-The Times publishes the following from Paardeberg.

Cronje Has Good Cover.

force have good cover from the British artillery fire and have considerable stores of provisions." Kruger Urged to Sue for Peace. London, Feb. 25.—The Lourenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times says:

The feeling in official circles at Preis all consternation. General Louis Botha and President Steyn are both urging President Kruger to suc for peace. At Bloemfontein, General Cronje's position is regarded as hope-

ishes the following dispatch from Colenso, dated Saturday: "The British

Very Severe Fighting Expected. London, Feb. 26.—The Times pubare now within two miles of being in touch with Ladysmith; but the ground still to be covered is the hardest part and very severe fighting must be ex-

Captain Montmorency Killed. Sterkstroom, Feb. 25.-General Gat-

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BIG STEAMSHIP GOES ASHORE

THE CALIFORNIAN WRECKED NEAR PORTLAND.

All Passengers Are Safe, Though Still on Board the Vessel-It Is flagration. Valued at \$3,000,000, and Cargo at 8300,000-The Passengers to Be Removed Today.

Portland, Me., Feb. 25,-The big Allan line steamship Californian, which left her dock at midnight, went ashore | 2,000,000 francs. on Ram island ledge, just outside of pilot left her this morning. All the passengers are safe, although still men are of the opinion that the rocks sel in several places, and they doubt at \$300,000. There are six cabins, five intermediate and ten steerage passengers, besides a crew of seventy-five men. The cabin passengers at Mr. and the immense receivers of pretroleum. Mrs. Hatton, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Toronto; Mrs. Bailey, Otand entrenched a fresh position before tawa, and Mr. Browell, Esquimalt,

The passengers will probably be taken off tomorrow morning without danger, Sunday, and they were relieved by the and if the sea is smooth the work of removing the cargo will be commenced.

The Californian was bound for Glasgow by way of Halifax, Captain Leroud says the cabin is full of water, the fires are extinguished, there is a heavy sea and the passengers are perfectly ing is one of the prettiest spots in sea and the passengers are perfectly South Africa. The river, at the point safe. Her cargo consists of grain,

COAL SHIPMENTS.

Heaviest Tonage in the History of Trade Expected at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 25.-It is learned from an official of the Pittsburg Coal company, the local combination, that lake shipments will commence much earlier this season than last; in fact, arrangements have been perfected to begin shipments soon. Last year the season was not opened until May 4 and as a result coal men could not fill orders for about 500,000 tons because of the short season. Ore shippers, it is learned, also have arranged for an early opening and expect to start shipments

by April 15. Both coal and ore men expect the heaviest tonnage in their history this year, with top-notch prices. The coul tonnage last year of the Pittsburg district was 16,000,000 tons. This year it will be increased to 20,000,000 tons, 7,-000,000 of which will go to the lakes, the coal combinations, it is stated have three-year contracts for almost its entire tonhage at prices which will nubbe the operators to pay wages that cill prevent strikes by the miners.

BARGES RUN ASHORE.

Keystone and Otto on the Breaker Rock at Boston Light.

Boston, Feb. 25.-The barges Keystone and Otto, of the Philadelphia and Reading company, while inward bound from Philadel, his for Boston with cost, in tow of the tug Giennsburg, ran ashere on Breaker rock. Boston light, this morning, and the Keystone will probably be a total loss with her cargo f 1,500 tons of coal. The crews of both barges, consisting of four men each,

were saved. The Keysione, it is believed, will go to pieces. The Otto can probably be Prices Are Well Maintained, with saved.

THE COAL FAMINE.

Artificial Coal From Peat is Being Made in Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 25,-Reports of the weakening in iron prices in the United States check speculation in iron shares.

immediately covered themselves for 900 at the increased price. These facts ire interpreted by the trade as guaranteeing the longevity of the boom. The coal famine continuues, and artificial coal from peat is being made at Kiel and Mannheim. The Westphalian coal syndicate acknowledged its inability to meet the demands made upon it, but refuses to raise prices of CONDITION OF MRS. SARTORIS. the coal and warns middlemen against

DEATES OF A DAY.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Dr. A. R. Wright, of Buffalo, N. Y., is dead at St. Joseph's hospital in Chicago. He arrived here Thursday to consult Dr. Nicholas Semi about his illness. After entering the hos-pital Dr. Wright failed to rally because of his age, 74 years. Dr. Wright was one of the foremost homeomethic physichans of America. He was born at Craw-ford, N. Y., in October, 1825, and entered the Buffalo Medical college in 1852. After graduation be went to India and China and served as a surgeon on a steamer for

two years. Newport News, Va., Feb. 25.-Lycurgue Laffin, of Chicago, the wealthy gun-powder manufacturer, died today unexpertedly at the Chambertain hotel, Old Point Comfort. He arrived from Chicago several days ago. Mr. Laffin was one of the principal stockholders in the Hampton Roads' hotel, owners of the Mr. Lattin was

hamberlain hotel. Dayton, O., Feb. 25.-Rev. Edward Lorenz. editor of the German periodicals of the United Brethren church, and for more than forty years a prominent min-ister in the denomination, is dend, as the result of a rupture of a blood vessel in his brain, occasioned by a paroxysm of coughing. He had charge of the missionary work in Germany for a number of years and occupied pulpits in Cleveland. Toledo, Cincinnati and other cities.

New York, Feb. 25.-George Work, th Dooves Platts, Switzerland, of consump booves Platts, Switzerland, of consumption, aged 42 years. He had the amatur pigeon shooting record, having killed large increase necessary in the German 98 out of 109 birds in a match against Brewer, a professional. His reputation as a wing shot was international, he having taken part in contests in Engiand. France and Monte Carlo

FIRE NEAR PARIS. FORECAST OF THE Two Millian Francs Destroyed by the Flames.

fire that broke out this morning at St. Ou n. a suburb of Paris, in a col-WIL BE DISCUSSED.

lection of alcohol and oil stores, a series of explosions occurred, spreading the flames until a block of immense warehouses was involved in a huge con-A great concourse of spectators had assembled and had approached too near, when suddenly and unexpectedly

the explosion occurred. A large number of people, including some firemen, were more or less injured. The official computation shows that 150 were hurt, quite a number of them seriously. The loss is estimated at

The block of warchouses was almost the harbor, a few minutes after her surrounded by unoccupied ground, over which the burning alcohol spread when the building collapsed, resulting, also, in flames and considerable consterioaboard. Most of the local scafaring tion throughout the districts. Peotle in the dwellings began removing their have penetrated the bottom of the ves. furniture. The sufficiating fumes hampered the work of the fire brigade. number of engin's were sent from Paris very much if she can be saved. The to assist, A detachment of soldiers vessel is valued at \$3,000,000; the cargo aided the firemen in emptying the ad-Jacent houses of furniture and the ambulances were busy in earrying victims

to the neighboring hospital. Fortunately, the flames did not reach

Crews of Rival River Packets on the Ohio Engage in a Lively Row.

FOUGHT AS THEY RACED

Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb. 25,-The Ohio river packets Valley Belle and William Duffy rounded Neal's island, four miles above here, at noon yesterday almost together. As soon as they reached clear water they began a vigyous race for the Perkersburg what bont, each exerting every energy to reach her first. For about two hours can side by side, about twenty mil's apart. This so excited the crews that they left their duties and crowd-t to the guard-ralls. Threats were followed by the drawing of revolvers and one Valley Belle man became so enraged that he fired at the stokers on the Duffy, missing one of them but a few inches. A deck hand on the Dun's attempted to throw an axe at the boll-

er of the Belle for the purpose of disabling her. The fight kept up until the boats reached the Baltimore and Ohio railroad bridge, when the Duffy drew away from her opponent. Though she reached the wharf boat first, she struck with such force that she was disabled Legal action will be taken in the matter in the United States court on Monday. The lives of the passengers on poard were imperilled. .

MENELIK IN PACIFIC MOOD.

No Intention of a Hostile Move Toward the Nile.

Marseilles, Feb. 25.-Herr lig. King Menelik's chief counsellor, arrived from Abyssinia today. He will pass a year Visit Premier Waldock-Roussonu and Deleasse, minister of foreign affairs.

In an interview Herr lig said King Menelik's intentions were most pacific, and he desired to live at peace with all neighboring powers. Every frontier inident touching Italy or Egypt, he declared, had either been settled or was on the way to a friendly arrangement. King Menelik hoped to visit the expo-

sition The foregoing statement disposes of the sensational stories published in certain newspapers to the effect that Menelik was inclined to take advantage of Great Britain's difficulties in South Africa to make a move toward the Nile.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

Better Business.

Ledger in its coal article tomorrow

will say: The anthracite coal trade is practically without feature. The season goes along with about the usual demand, which the companies are abundantly able to fill, and while there are brief stocks on hand. Prices are well main-

cold spells, the comparative mildness prevents any serious inroads upon the teined, and this, with the better business and generally good outlook, encourages the anthracite companies in the security market. Having little to report on these unchanging conditions substantially without news.

Physicians State That No Cancer Has Existed.

New York, Feb. 25.-The following statement relative to the condition of day by the attending physicians:

"Mrs. Grant Sartorfs is now convalabout in a few days. On account of public statements that her matter was upon their five representatives. cancer, we state that after the operation there is no evidence that cancer has ever existed.

Sporting Editor Ill.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 5.-Harry Welidon, for twenty years the sporting editor of the Chiefman Enquirer, was stricken with paralysis today. The stroke does not affect the brain. He is perfectly conbut is unable to speak. weight, 500 pounds, is somewhat against him, yet his physician says his chance for recovery are good.

Memorial Sermon.

Washington, Feb. 25 .- At the Mctropolian Methodist Enizopal church today fishing John J. Hurst preached a memor-ial sermon at a special service field in henor and remembrance of Bishon John P. Newman. Notwithstanding the cold the auditorium was filled to the doors. President McKinley was an interested Hatener

An Increase in German Cavalry. Berlin, Feb. 25,-In German military circles it is believed that the lessons

WEEK IN CONGRESS

SEATING OF SENATOR QUAY

Hawaiian Bill Remains the Unfinished Business, Subject to Removal at Any Time by the Quay Matter. Senator Chandler Will Speak for Mr. Quay Today and Senator Turley in Opposition.

Washington, Feb. 25 .- The time of he senate during the present week will be divided between the questions of the finances, the government policy to wards the insular possessions and the scating of Senator Quay upon the nomination of Governor Stone of Pennsyl-

The Hawaiian bill remains the unfinished business, subject to removal at any time by the Quay matter. Senator Aldrich has given notice

that he will make a speech in explana-

tion of the currency bill agreement on

Wednesday and that he will call it up

the next day and then ask final action upon it. The request of course will lead to a spirited debate, to many sharp speeches and to the final adoption of the report by practically the same vote by which the bill originally passed the senate. The matter may be before the senate on several days. There will be several speeches durthe week on the Quay resolution and there is a probability of reaching a vote on it the latter part of the week. Senator Chandler probably will speak week Senators Hoar and Penrose will rows in opposition. After this only short speeches will be heard. Senator to have the discussion contined to the

larger vote than was cast in Mr. Quay's favor in taking the resolution When the Hawaiian bill is voted upon the Puerto Rican bill will be 12, 1896." In this letter he was known taken. Senator Depew on Tuesday as Henry Herbert Greyson, and it will speak on the problems connected

apparent he will then press the Quay

with the Philippine islands.

In the House. Washington, Feb. 25 .- The event of the week in the house of representatives will be the taking of a vote on the Puerto Rican bill. This has been set for 2 p. m. on Tuesday, although the differences which have arisen on the bill may compel a rearrangement of the programme. The general debate on the measure will close on Monday, and on Tuesday up to the hour of voting the debate will proceed under the five-minute rule. Extraordinary interest attaches to the outcome of this struggle, owing to the differences which have arisen on the Republican side of the chamber. It has been arranged that the debate shall proceed Monday night, but this must give way to the Republican conference, when a final effort will be made to reconcile the differences and agree upon a compro

mise bill. For the rest of the week no waet procedure has been arranged, except that the Alabama contested election case of Aldrich vs. Rossins will be considered as soon as the Puerto Rican portunity for that extended range of debate usually excited by questions of bill is on the calendar and doubtless part of the week.

Owing to the extent of the army in the Philippines, the appropriations this year are very heavy and this may bring on a general discussion of army affairs and the Philippines. The Ha-Philadelphia. Pa., Feb. 25.-The walian bill and the Nicaragua bill are also waiting a hearing, although it is not likely either of them will be taken

up this week.

Puerto Rican Bill. Washington, Feb. 25.-The efforts to unite the Republicans in the Puerto Rican bill have failed and at midnight, after prolonged session, it was stated that matters were substantially where they were yesterday. Other efforts at

harmony may be made tomorrow. A long conference was held tonight at the residence of Representative Mc-Call, of Massachusetts, between the The Italian Murderer Will Make No the anthracite tende is cheerful, but committee appointed at the Republican conference ast night, representing tae Republicans in favor of the pending Puerto Rico tariff bill, and a committee agreed upon today by those opposing the measure. The latter committee was made up of Messrs. Powers, o Vermont: Crumper, of Indiana; Lumper, of Illinois; McCall, of Massa-

chusetts, and Littlefield, of Maine, Pre-Mrs. Grant Sartoris was given out to- liminary to this meeting the opponents of the bin to the number of about ten . had assembled at Mr. McCall's house escing from an operation and will be during the afternoon and determined upon the stand they would take and Weeks, of Michigan, was among those at the afternoon session, and he remained with the committee of five to participate in tonight's meeting. Propositions pro and con were made by oth sides, but none of those made on behalf of the advocates of the pending bill amounting to an abandonment of the principle of the measure, viz: the right of the United States to levy a tariff on goods or imports from Puerto Rico, no agreement would be reached. It was suggested by opponents of the pending bill that the whole matter be oft in the hands of the president, with the understanding that Puerto Rico should have free trade with the United States, but this was objected to and nothing came of it. The opponents of the committee bill also suggested that tne original bill introduced by Mr. Payne, and providing for free trade, be substituted on the floor of the house for the committee bill, but this likewise failed to receive favorable consideration by the advocates of the pending measure. Considerable talk was indulged in over the proposition made by the committee bill advocates to fix a time limit, during which time the tariff of 25 per cent, against the imports of Puerto Rico shall remain effective, this varying from two years

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR; NOT SO COLD.

General-General Cronje Still Holds Five Persons Meet Death on the Lehigh Valley.
Forecast of Week in Congress.
Ocean Steamship Ashore Off the Maine

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.

3 Local-Patriotic Sermon by Rev. E. A

Boyl. Saturday's Court Proceedings. Editorial.

Local-Forecast of School Board Re organization. Narrow Escape of Engineer Shafer. Local-West Scranton and Suburban.

7 Round About the County. 8 Local-Live Industrial News.

to an indefinite period, but the opposition indicated their unalterable opposition to any tariff, no matter how short the time of its effect may be. The advocates of the measure after the conference expressed the opinion that the bill finally will become a law. with a provision limiting the time during which it shall remain in force.

STRANGE CAREER.

Hamilton H. Greyson Had a Check-

ered Career. Philadelphia, Feb. 25.-A man regisered at the Pennsylvania hospital as Hamilton H. Greyson died in that infor Mr. Quay Monday and Senator stitution today from hiccoughs, and Turley in opposition. Later in the from letters found among his effects is supposed to have a remarkable talk for Mr. Quay and Senator Eur- career and a wide experience in varlous parts of the world. Letters to him from Cecil Rhodes, General Baden-Penrose says he will make an effort Powell, General Miles, General Wheeler, the late General Lawton and Assismorning hours, so as not to interfere tant Postmaster General Allen were with other questions. but if a dispesifound. The Allen letter was dated at tion to delay the vote should become Washington April, 1899, and showed that Greyson had been appointed postmatter. He counts upon a vote late master at Manila. Another letter in the week and says he expects a shows that he resigned that office in September, 1898, on account of

"In the field, Mombara, Africa, July recommended him for the Victoria Cross for good work done as a hos-

pital surgeon At his boarding house very little was known of him. He never speke of his just crossed the track in safety when family, but is believed to have a son, the engine of the express crashed in the railroad business in Washing- down upon the carriage and its occuton, D. C. Greyson could speak five languages, was engaged in mining in Brazil for an English corporation, and aided in building a railroad to the top of the Andes mountains in the same country, he baying been a civil and mechanical engineer. He was also engaged in mining in the western part of this country and from another letter found on him must have lived in San Francisco in 1891.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

Last Meeting Is Held at Williamsport.

Williamsport Pa. Feb. 25.-The last meeting of the Young Men's Christian association state convention took place here tonight. The meetings of today began this morning at 9 o'clock, when Dr. Pierson delivered his last address. bill is out of the way. This case in-volves race questions and gives the op-vice." The meeting was a big one. The meeting was a big one. The biggest meeting of the day octhat nature. The army appropriation in the afternoon. A long list of speakers took place. At the same hour a will receive consideration the latter women's meeting was held in the First male chorus sang and services cal-

> conducted. In the association hall the boys' instructed in the principles of the as-

At the farewell service, which was joined hands while they all sang the through the convention, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

FERRARO RESIGNED.

Trouble, It Is Thought. New York, Feb. 25.-Everything is in eadiness for the execution of Antonio

Ferraro in the electric chair at Sing Sing tomorrow morning. The executon is set for the coming week and it is almost certain that it will take place before noon Monday. The last details have been attended to and the usual tests have been made.

Ferraro, contrary to expectations, has resigned himself to his fate. He is now calm, and says he will go to the chair without trouble. This is more than was expected. The loss of all hope has worked a wonderful change in the man. He has lost the sullen and vicious manner which marked his conduct all through his long imprison-

On April 4, 1898, in a fight with a fellow-countryman, Luciano Muchineo, in Brooklyn, Ferrare cut his throat with a razor, killing him instantly.

Puerto Rico Bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.-The Republican committee appeinted as a result of last night's house conference on the Puerto Rican bill, has been in session a large part of the day, and at 10.30 o'clock tonight was still in session without having reached an acceptable compromise on which all Republicans could unite.

Mules for South Africa.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 25.—Four hun-dred mules were shipped today for New Orieans for use by the British in South Africa. They were bought by Captain Smith, of the British army, and were aspected by him last wock.

Canal Commission Well.

San Juan, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Feb. 25.—The United States canal com-mission, after having conferred for sev-eral days with President Scelaya, left today for Panama, via Corinto.

DISASTER ON THE VALLEY

Train Strikes a Carriage Killing Five Occupants.

MEMBERS OF ONE EAMILY

A Vehicle Containing Seven Members of the Smith Family in a Wagen Attempted to Cross the Lehigh Valley Tracks at Tuttles Crossing and Were Struck by a Locomotive-All Are Killed or In-

Buffalo, Feb. 25 .- A special to the Courier from Geneva, N. Y., says: Shortly after midnight Saturday night the midnight express on the Lehigh Valley railroad struck a carriage containing seven persons at the Tuttles crossing, about twenty-five miles east from Rochester, instantly killing five of the occupants, fatally injuring another and badly bruising the other, All were members of a family. The dead: Mrs. Amy Smith. 48 years of age; Bert Smith, 25; Miss Miranda Smith, 24; Glee Smith, 14: Catherine Smith, 8, The injured: Porter Smith, husband of Mrs. Smith, and father of the other victims; Gardner Smith, 21 years of

The family had spent the evening at a friend's house near the Tuttles crossing and started home a little before midnight. The carriage in which they rode was a three seated affair. Porter The Baden-Powell letter was dated Smith and his son Gardner occupied

> riage was stopped and Mr. Smith listened for the train, but did not hear it in the howling gale. The horses had

Before reaching the crossing the car-

pants. Gardner Smith, who was the least injured, crawled to a station near by and secured assistance.

The bodies of Mrs. Smith and her daughter Miranda were carried for a mile on the cowcatcher of the engine. The body of the little girl and her two brothers were found near the

scene of the accident. MAY STUDY FISH.

Pennsylvania Commission Will Forward Eggs to Schools.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25 .- The Pennsylvania fish commission has prepared a series of trout eggs in various stages of development, for distribution among the public schools of the state. The object in preparing this series is primarily to give assistance to the teachers' in nature study and object lesson curred in the opera house at 3.30 o'clock teaching among the pupils, and secondary, to invite the question of fish culture and protection. The embryos in the eggs prepared are plainly visible Presbyterian church. The Bloomsburg to the naked eye, and will be sent free, except express charges, to cities of the culated to interest and aid wemen were | first, second and third class on the application of the superintendent of education thereof. Smaller cities or towns meeting was held. The meeting was may be supplied through the state of such a nature that the youth was superintendent of education at Harrisburg. Applications from the larger sociation and its work without finding cities should be sent to the assistant it tiresome or disagreeable in any way. secretary of the board of fish commission, W. E. Mechan, 600 Chestnut street, held in the association hall, the dele- Philadelphia, or to any commissioner gates circled about the room and giving at the same time the number of schools desired to supply. The comhymn which has been so popular all mission also announces the syllabus for the guidance of teachers will be furnished by the assistant secretary before the beginning of the autumn session. All applications must be made

immediately to insure their being filled. STREET CAR JUMPED.

Went Ten Feet in the Air and Rolled Down the Bank.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25 .- A street car Jumped the track at Oakland cemetery today by striking an obstruction which had evidently been placed across the track. The car jumped fully ten feet into the air and rolled fifteen feet down an embankment. The twelve passengers on the car were more or less injured. Those sustaining serious in-juries are: Motorman George Maddox; Herschell Delaperry, policeman; Eugena Coker, policeman; D. Coogler and E. W. Wallace.

It is thought Delaperry and Coker were fatally injured.

PEACE DEMONSTRATION.

But It Came Very Near Resulting in War in Vienna. Vienna, Feb. 25.-A peace demonstra-

ion, organized by the Peace Associa-

ion of the World, was held here to-

day, and was largely attended. Mean-

while a rather disorderly Socialist de-

nonstration was in progress against the reactionary measure recently passed by one of the provincial dis-Crowds of workmen raised insulting shouts against Dr. Lueger, the burgo-

WEATHER FORECAST.

forty arrests.

master of Vienna. The police made

Washington, Feb. 25.-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: East-ern Pennsylvania-Fair and not so cold Monday. Tuesday, warmer, with probably rain or snow; dim-inishing westerly winds Monday.