#### LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE HARD COAL TRADE.

Make-up of the D., L. & W. Board for Today-Richard Kellow Is Acting as Trainmaster of the Delaware and Hudson and S. A. Mc-Mullen as Roadmaster - Little Change in the Iron Market-Prices Show No Sign of Weakening-An Automobile Company Formed.

The following is from the Mining and Engineering Journal of Saturday: "A short-lived cold wave accompanied the first real snow storm that

New York city has seen this winter. The cold wave seems to have been of generous dimensions and doubtless burnt up a lot of coal. It did not last long enough to affect prices, however, and unless March is a pretty raw and blustering month, the market is not going to show much activity for some time. Just at present things in the east are very quiet indeed.

The movement of coal to ports beyond Cape Cod is light, there being a sudden glut of soft ceal to eastward. while yards are well supplied with anthracite. In the west there is much the same condition of things as along the seaboard. Cold weather started up retail buying, but all yards were so well stocked up that the temporary activity did not affect wholesale trade perceptibly. The market for the small steam sizes continues excellent and prices show no falling off. At eastern points, broken and egg sizes are in best demand, egg in particular being somewhat of a drug in the market.

"Everything now indicates that there will be nothing like such a demand for coal at western points when navigation opens as prevailed last year, conse-quently production will have to be restricted to keep up prices. We quote for free burning anthracite f. c. b. New York, broken, \$2.25; egg, \$3.65; stove, \$4; nut, \$4."

D., L. & W. Board. Following is the make-up of the D., L. & W. board for today:

Monday, Feb. 26, 1900. SUMMITS

9 a. m., north-G. Frounfelker, 2 p. m., south-H. Bush. PULLER.

10 a. m.-Peckins. PUSHERS.

S a. m., south—Houser. 11.30 a. m., south—M. Moran. 7 p. m., south—M. Murphy. 10 p. m., south—C. Cawley.

PASSENGER ENGINE. m.-M. Magovern. WILD CATS, NORTH,

1 p. m., 2 engines—J. O'Hara. 3 p. m., 2 engines—T. Fitzpatrick. 5 a. m., 2 engines—R. Castner.

#### An Automobile Company.

A genuine automobile company has been formed in this city and only Wilkes-Barre capitalists are inter-The name has not yet been decided upon, but it is probable that it will be known as the Wilkes-Barre Automobile company.

Among those who are known to be interested are Edward Gunster and more than a friendly dispute, and not Harry M. Posten, with a number of a national uprising at all. other business men. It is the intention to run automobiles west of street as far down as Riverside park. and farther perhaps, taking in Frank-In river and other prominent streets, including Carey avenue.--Wilkes-Barre Record.

#### This and That.

William McClave, of the firm of Mc-Clave & Brooks, was last week granted a patent upon a former patent of a device for the automatic feeding and cleaning of boilers. A. R. Bonn and H. Heidenreich have

purchased the Yates foundry at South Wilkes-Barre and will remodel and en-large the plant. A large force of employes will be added and the concern will engage extensively in the manufacture of iron store fronts, grates. columns and a general molding busi-

The Scranton Pump company are moving from their present quarters on Washington avenue to the building just erected by them on Meylert avenue. near the lace factory. It is expected that the work of transferring their goods and machinery will have been completed by March 1 and that the new plant will then be put in full operation with a large force of men.

William J. McMullen, and trainmaster on the Pennsylvania division of the Delaware and Hudson, is acting in this capacity on the Honesdale branch and Richard Kellow, roadmaster of the same division, is now acting in the capacity made vacant by the death of its former official. It is thought that these temporary appointments may be

made permanent. The condition of the iron market shows little change. Prices show the signs of weakening, and there is little disposition to make concessions. sellers are becoming firmer in the belief that they are sure of a good year's business and there is no necessity for them to give way in order to secure work. This disposition is strengthened by the increasing number of inquiries from abroad, both for raw iron and steel, and for finished material.



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#### GREAT RIOTS OF FRANCE

The Ancient Franks One of the Most Peaceful People in the World's History-Then France Was a Happy Country-Changes Wrought by

Almost on the anniversary of the day when Napoleon I. created the consulate consisting of himself as first consul, Cambaceres as second consul and Lebron as third consul. France is again on the verge of an uprising, which, unhappily, began in 1789, has out with more or less force, broken and with brief periods of quiet in between, during the last 110 years.

The Franks who ran over Gaul in 420 were a peace, ul people, who desired to own a country of their own. Their highest ambition was a home where their children could be born, grow up and marry, drink of the fruit of the vine, and rear other children, who would sit under the same vineyards and grow old, happy in the thought that the next generation would reap the fruit ... the toll which had been

Phyramond, the chief of the Franks. in 420, is considered the founder of the French monarchy. He created himself the first Frankian king, and was folowed successively by many others. In 751 the Carlovingian dynasty was inaugurated by Pepin le Bref, and the glories of Charlemagne in 814 are still ung. Then came Louis V., followed by many of the Capet race. As many as fifteen kings lived directly in the line of the Capetian succession; but they ended in 1328 with the reign of Charles V., after which the succession reverted to the house of Valois.

All this time there was no serious trouble. Kings lived and ruled and died and were buried, and the people cried: "Long live the King!" Such a peaceful, happy and consequently successful country was never known, and when Philip VI. took the throne in the fourteenth century he found the country immensely wealthy and the army second to none in the world. Philip VI. was the first of thirteen kings of the house of Valois, which ended with Henry III. in 1588. And peace still hovered over France! Of course in those days there were constant conflicts between the church and British Struggle to Dislodge the state, and blood was shed every day. but this was a part of the regular lifof that period, and when prince warred against prince and family against family, the matter was considered no

During all this time the centinent of America had been discovered and The Boers fired a Crososute and Long Spain had risen until she was very France, for Spain's might was on the sea, but France's worth lay at home, France, with her wonderful machinery, marvelous even in those crude days, and with her products of field and vine, easily led the world in riches; and when Henry IV inaugurated the house of Bourbon he found himself at the head of a kingdom which was the envy of every other country in Europe.

The more passing of the succession of the royal house from the Capets to the Bourbons meant no revolution. merely can e about through the lack of a direct successor, and the royal line was compelled to turn aside instead of descending from father to son. Then came the Louis period. Louis XIII, took the throne in 1619, and

for thirty-three years. ruled Louis XIV., who left us such a rich legacy in house decoration, reigned from 1643 to 1715, a stretch of seventy-two years, longer than Queen Victoria has reigned -longer, indeed, than any living sovereign. Louis XIV. became a bad old S. A. McMullen, brother of the late man in his age and lived as immorally as he ruled wisely.

Louis XV., his successor, put 59 years upon the throne, and Louis XVI.. who was crowned in 1774, ruled until 1789, when broke out that awfu! revolution, which cost Louis his head and

One hundred years ago France was treated to a new government very frequently. In 1792 it was ruled by the convention; the directory governed France in 1795, Then came Napoleon and the consulate

Napoleon was backward at first and hesitated to proclaim himself emperor. but he found it easy to call hithself the first consul, and as such he gradeally slipped into the emperor's chair and got for himself the emperor's

After Napoleon met his Waterloo in 1815, Louis XVIII., of the House of Bourbon was placed upon the throne, and France was a monarchy, turbulent, and ruled by successive kings until 1830, when the second republic was inaugurated.

Twenty-one years later Napoleon III. was elected emperor and again a mon-archy ruled France.

The Franco-Prussian war of 1870 was the death blow to the emperor's power. France, which had been in the most prosperous condition up to the time of Napoleon III.. now saw itsel-involved in war and its treasury de-pleted. Eugenic who was then the pleted. Eugenic who was then the empress of France, was unpopular, and was called on the streets, "The Spaniard," and France had no love for Spain. At this time the emperor declared war on Germany, having been provoked to this step by the warlike attitude of Bismarck, and the two armies met in one of the most fearfut conflicts ever known in history. Again and again France was defeated; finally before Sedan. And then the French before Sedan. And then the French people decided that Napoleon should be taken off the throne and the rulership should be invested in a republican

Bender-I havsh a ticklin' in m-my hroash. Treate-Maybe it's a feather off

#### MUNYUN'S INHALER BOERS' POSITION **NOW HOPELESS**

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acre has issued a divisional order an-nouncing the killing at Schoemen's January 11-Scurvy attacks the nafarm yesterday of Captain Montmorency. commanding Montmorency's scouts, and Lieutenant Colonel Hossi-

#### ker, of the Third volunteer artillery. CROWDS AT WAR OFFICE.

Greatest Excitement During Campaign in London.

London, Feb 26-4.35 a. m.-Perhaps never before in the course of the present campaign have such crowds visited the war office as went there yesterday. As the Times remarks, "the dearth of news is somewhat trying at times when a considerable success was generally regarded as imminent."

No diminution of confidence in Lord Roberts is felt, however, and the publie is ready to believe that he has good reasons for not mentioning General Cronje in the official dispatches. Probably he is in no hurry to end the situation which is daily bringing in small parties of Boers in a vain en-deavor to reinforce General Cronje.

These he can deal with in detail. Lord Roberts has already captured over 500 Boers and at this rate he will soon have quite a respectable array of prisoners to hold as hostages for the 3,000 British already in Pretoria.

General Cronje's refusal to accept the offer of Lord Robertz regarding the women and children indicates either that the position is less desperate than has been supposed or that he has been able to dig an absolutely safe place for them.

erai Buller's advance is most stubbornly contested and most cautiously It is hoped that he will soon be in a position where General White will be

Everything goes to show that Gen-

able to assist him materially, -The campaign is now approaching a most interesting part. In about a fortnight the congress of the Afrikanders Bund will meet and it is rumored that Mr. Hoffmyer will then propose peace terms on the basis of the republics retaining absolute independence, but offering to disarm. If these terms are rejected, it is understood that a manifesto will be shortly issued to the Dutch throughout South Africa calling upon them to throw off their alleglance to Great Britain. Probably these rumors are exaggerated, but there is no doubt that the greatest anxiety prevails in Cape Town regarding coming events.

Germany, through the semi-official Berliner Post, reiterates that all reports of German intervention are quite without foundation. Captain Raymond Harvey DeMontmorency, who was killed in General Gatacre's reconnaissance Saturday, was the helr higher of . iscount Frankfort De Montmorency and was the fourth heir to a peerage who has fallen in the course of the campaign.

### STAND AT GROBLER'S KLOOF.

Boers. Colenso. Natal, Saturday, Feb. 24 .-

The Boers, who had been reinforced, made a stand on Thursday at Grobler's kloof and on a range of hills running east. They had been forced from all their positions on the right. on's divis day advanced under cover of the kopje

Tom. The British artillery was well powerful: yet she in no way obscure! sheltered in the action at daybreak and until late in the afternoon, when heavy fire on both sides developed. The British infantry had advanced a mile and a half and continuous fire was kept up until after dark. . The

Boers stuck to their positions. British artillery firing was irregular. The Boers sent shells into the headquarters baggage close to the hospital but no material damage was done. General Wynne was slightly wounded. The Boer position are not considered strong, with the exception of Grob-

ler's kloof. The hills eastward are not so high and cannot be entrenched so well as the mountains which the British have taken.

The Somersets were the first across on Tuesday. They were subjected to a heavy fire for five hours in an isolated position. It was the first time they had been under fire and they behaved excellently. Early on Friday a severe rifle fire was resumed on the right and front from the positions held over night, by both sides. The British naval guns, howitzers, mountain and field batteries shelled the Boer trenches incessantly. The Boers replied with two heavy guns, some of their shells bursting over the hospital. As a result the British wounded were re-

During the afternoon the Fifth brigade, the Inniskillings and Dublins leading, began to advance up the hills. In spite of the constant shelling the Boers stood up in their trenches, aiming deliberately down the hills.

The infantry advance was further covered by parties on the right and left, firing volleys. It was slow, the British taking adventage of every bit of natural cover. The Boers on the crests of the hills, as well as the trenches part of the way down, poured lead along the advancing line,

At dark the British infantry had reached to within a few hundred yards of the first lines of Boer trenches.

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LIFE IN BESIEGED KIMBERLEY.

Extracts From the Diary of a Correspondent.

Cape Town, Feb. 25 .- Extracts from the diary of the Reuter correspondent at Kimberley give an insight into the trials of the garrison. They are as fol-

tives alarmingly. They are dying fast. The anti-scorbutics are exhausted. Vine cuttings are being tried in lieu January 12-Typhold is very preval-

probable cause. January 13--Fifty typhoids in the January 16-The military authorities

have commandeered all the foodstuffs and other stores. Leave has been granted to the inhabitants to snoot small birds for food.

January 17—The mules slaughtered

are pronounced superior to horseflesh.

January 24—Fives hundred shells
poured into the town at haphazard; the hospital, scurvy compound, and residences receiving the attention properly due the defenders of the

January 25-A small family shell-proof shelter has been dug in nearly every garden.

February 11—Twenty-five hundred women and children were lowered into the mines throughout the night. The men are also selecting places of safety. February 15-All the morning there was a heavy crossfire on the British occupying Alexandersfontein. The 100-pounder and shrapnel are bursting over Kimberley. Every one is lying low. The shops and banks were closed at 2 o'clock this afternoon. There was kaleidoscopic change. Helio signals were observed announcing General French's approach. Cleuds of dust from the rapid advance of the cavalry were then seen, and almost simultaneously the enemy was observed limber ing up and ficeing eastward. The glad tidings spread with marvellous rapidity. From all directions mounted and unmounted men bastened to welcome the relief column. Those remaining hoisted flags, and there was a univer-sal feeling of joy and thankfulness.

#### Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Feb. 25.—Arrived: Munchen, Bremen: Pennsylvania, Hamburg Sailed: American, Amsterdam, Queenstown-Sailed: Waisland, from Liverpool: Philadelphia, Lucania (from Liverpool) New York, Lizard-Passed: H. H. Meir, New York, New Yor New York for Bremen. Dover-Passed: Rhein, Bremen for New York. Brow-head-Passed: Taarle, New York for Liv-erpool. Gibraltar - Passed: Victoria, Naples, etc., for New York.

#### Fire at Troy.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Fire destroyed three buildings of the Troy Maileable Iron works today; loss, \$150,000. The plant is located in the town of Colonie, just north of the Watervillet city boundary line and east of the Erie canal. Fully 1.000 employes will be thrown out of wor and will suffer from enforced idlenes probably for three months.

They Declare for Silver. Blackfoot, Idaho, Feb. 25 .- The Demo

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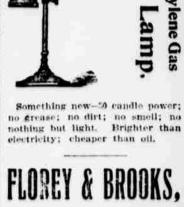
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