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BOERS STILL RETREATING

Hastily Leaving Their Positions in Front of Gen. Roberts.

STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY

Correspondents Differ as to the Number of Boers in the Field-The Force of Lord Roberts Is Much Superior However-The Boers Do Not Seem to Realize the Mobility of General Roberts' Army, Which Enables Him to Strike Swiftly. Standard's Words of Caution.

London March 8.—1 a. m.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Osfontein and in the evening from Poplar Grove, fourteen miles castward, By an application of the elementary principle of strategy the Boer positions miles long across his path have been emptled and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion consc-

quent upon hasty withdrawal. Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry of the deadly ingenuity of the Boer trenches in front of him. He marched out infantry, it is stated, from the commands named 30,000 men and sent 1,000 horsemen last visit was in 1861. and horse artillery in a bold sweep around the Boer left, whereupon the Boer center and right became untenable. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

The correspondents differ as to the enemy's strength. The Daily Mail's reporter thinks they number something more than 40,000. The Daily News man estimates them at 10,000. As these figures come from observers at head quarters it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 immediately available, as the guards brigade reached him from Lord Methuen Tuesday.

Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local forces at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to ap preciate the mobility of Lord Roberts' corps, which was able to strike so swiftly in this affair that the enemy had to abandon a gun, much forage and a large quantity of camp equip-

Standard's Caution

The Standard cautions Englishmen against "rising to a height of serene contentment which the actual position does not justify." and thus measures the southern campaign as a large num ber of Boers still in the field. They have a wide range of country over which they can operate. Although their morale is somewhat damaged, it would be too much to say that they will not stand again. Indeed, what we want them to do is to stand again, for is only in a real stand up fight that we can inflict those losses which would eventually lead the defeated to sue for Lord Roberts has gained a success, but must it not be regarded as a signal victory until we know what damage has been inflicted and what prisoners have been taken.

The Dutch risings in the northeastern districts of Cape Colony are the only cloud visible in the success of British prospects. The military authorities have decided that General Cronje and the Boer prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the

Lord Roberts has selected Lord Bathurst, colonel of a regiment at the front, to command the escort to St. Helena, which was last month placed in cable communication with Caps Town and London. It is also asserted that the cabinet has resolved neither to propose nor to entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an exchange

From London Office.

London, March 7, midnight.-The war office has just posted the follow-ing advices from Lord Roberts: "Poplar Grove, Wednesday, March 7, evening.-We had a very successful by counterfeit tickets and the audiday and have completely routed the

enemy, who are in full retreat. "The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged, especially their second line of entrenchments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a direct attack been made. The turning movement necessarily was wide, and owing to the nature of ground, was diffi-

"The fighting was confined to the cavalry division, which as usual, did excellently, and General French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the

"Our casualties were about fifty. I regret to say that Lieutenant Kessvick was killed and Lieutenant Balley was severely wounded, both of the

Twelfth Lancers. Lieutenant De-Creshigny, of the Second Life Guards, was severely wounded.

Generals Dewet and Delarry commanded the Boer forces." Osfontein, March 7.-Lord Roberts force advanced early this morning. General French turned the southern part of the position of the Boers, who

fled incontinently leaving a gun, immense quantities of forage and their tents. He is now in pursuit. also evacuating the position.

Cronje's Losses.

London, March 7 .- A despatch to the Times from Osfontein, dated Tuesday. "A command of 3,000 Boers has offered to surrender, but on impossible

MANIFESTATIONS OF LOYALTY. The Queen Has Not Been So Conspic

uous Since the Diamond Jubilee. London, March 7 .- At no other time since the diamond jubilee has the queen been so conspicuous an object in the public mind as she is tonight. This promises to be even more strikingly the case tomorrow. Her majesty's visit to London for a drive in semi-state from Paddington Station to Bucking-ham palace would be sufficient in itself to create great public manifestations of loyalty, but the announcement that she will go from Buckingham to St. Pauls and will drive thence from Holborn and Piccadilly to St. James, synchronizing with the new success of Lord Roberts, is bound to make tomorrow a gala day in the annals of Lon-

Beyond all this is the announcement of the queen's intention to visit Ireland -for the first time, it is said, since the death of the prince consort. This is regarded as the most remarkable act of the queen's life. No minister of the crown has ever dared to suggest such a remarkable undertaking.

'The trip," said a well informed official this evening, "is the spontaneous suggestion of the queen alone, and the enthusiasm it is expected to create can scarcely be estimated. It is a wonderful proof of her majesty's intens: devotion to her people, and her sacrifice in making the trip at such a season of the year is renewed evidence of the keenness of her mind in selecting the proper act at the proper time." Dublin, March 7 .- Earl Cadogan announced the queen's intended visit this evening at the drawing rooms. The

much good feeling. Her majesty's visit will be of a private character, such as she is in the habit of making periodically to the south of France. It will probably extend for more than a fortnight. Her

news has been telegraphed by the var-

ious news agencies and was already

known throughout the court, causing

PURE FOOD AND DRUG CONGRESS

Third Annual Session Held at Washngten-Secretary of Agriculture Delivers the Main Address.

Washington, March 7 .- The third annual session of the Pure Food and Drug congress began here today, Joseph E. Blackburn, food and dairy commissioner of Cleveland, Ohio, calling the meeting to order.

The secretary of agriculture delivered the main address of the day, saying the question to be taken by the food congress is one of common honesty and that the man who sells an article different from what it purports to be is common thief. As a result of an investigation by an agent of his department, he added, he was informed that the line beef sold in the English markets as English beef was killed in the western part of the United States and shipped in cold storage across the con-

tinent and then across the Atlantic.
"This," he added, "is the rine beef of which England boasts. Uncle Sam now feeds his soldiers in the Philippines in the same manner and on the same fine beef, while Tommy Atkins in the Transvaal must be content with the canned beef from Chicago."

After speaking of the detriment to export trade through unscrupulous adulteration, Secretary Wilson declared his belief that the people are growing better and that the law makers are cleaner than they used to be The senators and representatives, he added, are nowadays careful of their habits because the people at home are more careful with their votes. The homes must be protected, the honest dealers must be protected and the rascals must be punished.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brigham told of the efforts of the department to have food law violators punished. The advocates of pure food, he declared, should get together and agree upon the general terms of some measure to be passed by the national congress.

Representatives Brosius, Lattime. and Clark spoke in favor of the pure food reforms.

COULD NOT MAKE PEACE. A Stop-the-War Meeting in Edin-

burgh Proved a Starter.

Edinburgh, March 7 .- A "stop-the war" meeting, admission to which was regulated by ticket, was held in this city this evening. Long before the hour fixed, university students secured possession of the hall. It is alleged that several hundred gained entrance ence was so unruly that the doors were barricaded inside and outside.

James Koir Hardie, chairman of th Independent Labor party and editor of the Labor Leader, endeavored to speak, but all to no purpose. Finally he announced that the principal speaker. Mr. Cronweygh-Schreiner, was

outside. The meeting was thereupon abandoned by the promoters and a rush was made for the platform. The police used their batons and a free fight ensued. Numerous arrests were made.

A gentleman, whose identity has no been established, was severely handled outside the hall by the crowd, under the impression that he was Mr. Cron weygh-Schreiner. He fainted, fell, and was trampled upon. Ultimately e was rescued insensible by

The students finished the anti-peace demonstration by parading through the principal streets.

More Tax on Bogus Butter.

police.

Washington, March 7.-The dairy inter-ests of the country had a hearing today before the Louse committee on agricul-ture on the bill of Representative Grout of Vermont, for a 10-cent tax per pound on imitation butter and giving states au thority over this butter even when brought from other states. Ex-Governo Hoard, of Wisconsin, president of the Na ional Dairy Association and Farmers National congress, and H. C. Adams dairy and feed commissioner of Wisconsin, were neard in favor of the bill

Plague in South America.

Buenos Ayres, March 7.-A number of cases of what is supposed to be the bu-

ON PHILIPPINES

MARKED COMPLIMENT PAID MASSACHUSETTS ORATOR.

SENATOR LODGE

Thoughtful Utterances Upon the Important Question Are Listened to with Close Attention by Every Member Present and by Large Numbers in the Galleries-The Speaker Overwhelmed with Congratulations.

Washington, March 7.-The senate seldom accords to any of its members a greater compliment than it gave today to Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts. The announcement that he would doliver a speech on the Philippine queztion drew to the senate every senator now in the city, and to the galleries an unusually large number of auditors. Throughout the delivery of the speech, despite the fact that It consumed three hours, the Massachusetts senator was given close attention. Keen interest was aroused by the utterances, not only because of the oratorical ability of Mr. Lodge, but also because, as chairman of the Phillopine committee and a prominent member on the committee on foreign relations who had studied the foreign matters, he was prepared to present a notable addition to the literature of the great problem which now confronts congress and the administration. Mr. Lodge's speech was based upon the bill introduced by Mr. Spooner (Wis.), vesting in the president authority to govern the Philippines until congress should otherwise

provide by legislation. Neither his colleagues in the senate nor his other auditors were disappointed in his address.

When he had concluded, he was overwhelmed with congratulations from both sides of the chamber. Soon after Mr. Lodge had concluded the senate adjourned in respect to the memory of the late Representative

TROUBLE AT WACO.

Harmer, of Pennsylvania.

Expected Split in the Republican Ticket Occurs.

Waco, Tex., March 7 .- The long expected split in the Republican state convention developed at the opening of the second day's session of that body today. The warring factions had chosen rival temporary chairmen. At the opening of the convention one temporary chairman, McDonald, ascended the platform to call the body to order and was confronted by Ferguson, who also claimed to be temporary chairman.

At this juncture one of the wildest scenes over witnessed in a Texas convention occurred and fist fights were numerous. McDonald refused to yield the gavel to his opponent and tried for some time to call the body to order, but without avail. The expected bolt then came. Ferguson and his followers refused to accept McDonald as chairman, and after the two bodies had tried for a long time to go ahead with business quiet was restored by the action of McDonald in adjourning the convention to meet at 1 o'clock. Fergusen and his followers remained

in session at the auditorium. Immediately after the McDonald convention adjourned the Ferguson faction, the anti-Greenites, were called to order by Henry Ferguson amid tumultuous applause.

The convention then effected tem porary organization and agreed not to adjourn until their work was finished. Walter Burns, of Houston, was chosen temporary chairman.

After the election of officers and the appointment of committees the following were elected delegates at large to the Republican national convention: R. B. Hawley, Galveston: H. H. Green, Henry Ferguson (colored). mouston: and George B. Jackson (col-

red), San Angeleo. The platform was unanimusly adopted and endorses the St. Louis platform and the McKinley administration. The convention then ad-

journed sine die. Thirty minutes after the Ferguson convention adjourned the McDenald was called to order. A platform was adopted reasirming the St. Louis platform and endorsing President McKinley and the present administration.

The following were chosen delegates. at-large to the national convention: E. H. R. Green, R. B. Hawley, William McDonald and M. M. Rodgers. The convention adjourned.

MONEY FOR PUERTO RICO.

Senate Committee Authorizes Favor able Report on House Bill. Washington, March 7.-The senate

committee on appropriations today authorized a favorable report on the house bill providing that the revenues collected from Puerto Rico be expended in that island. The bill was amended so as to in-

clude only the money collected to Janunry 1, 1900. The clause of the house bill authorizing the refunding of future revenue collections was stricken out.

PENSION FOR EX-QUEEN "LIL." Senate Committee Proposes to Pay Her \$10,000 a Year.

Washington, March 7 .- The senate committee on foreign relations authorized the reporting of an amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill, appropriating \$20,000 to be gaid to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, and providing for an annual donation of \$19,000 to her as long as she may live.

Miners Get an Increase.

Sharon, Pa., March 7 .- The coal miners mployed at the Hickory Coal company mines in this county have been granted an increase in wages of 5 cents per ton after a three days' strike. The coal dig-gers in the adjoining mines are still out for an increase of 8 cents per ton.

Mrs. Lawton Visits Mrs. McKinley. Washington, March 7 .- Mrs. Lawton. er than he admitted. Sixty bodies of Boers have been found in one grave.

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DAMAGE FROM FLOODS.

Hundreds of Acres Submerged in Ohio.

Cleveland, March 7.-Telegrams from various points in Northern Ohio today indicate that great damage is being

done by floods. At Fremont the Sandusky river has overflowed its banks and submerged the lower part of the town. Cellars of business houses are filling with water, and many factories have been compelled to shut down. At Warren the Mahoning river has reached the danger point and the lower part of the town is flooded. Much damage has resulted at Massalion, owing to the Tuscarowas river overflowing its banks.

The Grand river at Painesville is out of its banks and a serious flood is

feared. The bridge of the Sandusky, Milar and Norwalk Electric road at Milan has been washed away and much other damage done. Rockey river is on a rampage at

Bera, where 200 acres are submerged

and the water is still rising. The stone quarries of the Cleveland Stone company and the pumping station are covered with water, entalling heavy losses,

MAINE HOSPITAL FUND.

Mr. White Calls Attention to the Fact That a Hospital Ship Cannot be of Service to the Boers.

Washington, March 7 .- Mr. Montagu White, representative of the Transvaal in the United States, today author

ized the following interview: "My attention has been drawn to the appeal for funds issued by the committee of the American hospital ship Maine. I have not the slightest wish to check the generosity of those who are desirous of relieving the British ick and wounded in South Africa, but though it may seem somewhat superfluous, I feel it my duty to point out that as the Boer lines are some three to five hundred miles inland, the suf-fering Boers are not in the least likely to profit by the charity of the Maine, even supposing that those responsible for the undertaking really desire to extend their care to the Republican belligerents. I therefore feel compelled to require all those who are anxious to assist the Boers' sick and wounded, their widows and orphans, to send their subscriptions to me or of the properly constituted orany ganizations which are collecting money for that purpose."

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

A Few Things That Are Wanted by Debs and His Party.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 7 .-- The social Democratic national convention tonight adopted the fellowing platform on motion of Eugene V. Debs:

eral constitution in order to remove the obstacles to full and complete control of government by all the people, irrespective Second-The public ownership of all in-

dustries controlled by monopolies, trusts

nd combines.
Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraph, telephone and all means of transportation, communication, water works, gas and electric plants and other public utilifies.

Fourth-The public ownership of all gold, sliver, copper, lead, iron, coal and other mines, also oil and gas wells Fifth-Reduction of the hours in proportion to the increasing facilities

sixth-The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of a large number of unem-Seventh-All useful inventions to be

free to all, the inventor to be remuner-Eighth-Labor legislation to be made national instead of local, and interna-Ninth-National insurance of working

people against accidents, lack of em-ployment and want in old age. Tenth—Equal civil and political rights for men and women and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women.
Eleventh—The adoption of the initiative nd referendum and the right to the reail of representative by the voters.
Twelfth-Abolition of war as far as the United States are concerned and the inreduction of international arbitration instead.

The committee on resolutions reported approval of a resolution condemning the establishment of militarism in Puerto Rico and the commission of capitalists to deprive Puerto Ricans of the franchise.

Killed by Iron Pipe.

New York. March 7.-A bundle of iron pipe which fell from the window of the sixth floor of the rear of H. C. F. Kock & Co.'s department stere on West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, today struck two men who were unloading a truck at the curbstone below. They received injuries from which they died within a short time. The dead men were Walter Walsh, a drivet, and his helper, George Connors, both living in Mott Haven.

Gift from Miss Gould.

New York, March 7.- The Evening World today asserts that it has informaion that Miss Helen Gould is the donor \$100,000 for the crection of a of Fame" in connection with the university of New York. An attempt to ob-tain a confirmation of the report elicited from Miss Gould and Chancellor Mc-Cracken, of the university, only non-committal responses. The conditions of committal responses. The conditions of the gift were that the identity shall not

Soldiers Buried at Arlington.

Washington, March 7 .- The remains of dxty-six soldiers who died in Cuba were ouried at Arlington cemetery today with military honors. The bedies of 500 solliers who died in Cuba now rest in this nistorical spot. The officers at Fort Meyer had charge of the services which were very simple. A Protestant and Catholic clergyman read the burial sersounded and a volley fired over the graves.

In Honor of Irish Soldiers.

London. March 7 .- An army order is sued today, announces that the queen has ordered that 'n future, on St. Pat-rick's day, all rarks, in her Irish regi-ments shall wear as adistinction a spring of shamrock in their head dress, to commemorate the gallactry of her Irish sol-diers in the recent battles in South Africa.

HONORING MEMORY OF MR. HARMER

DEATH OF FATHER OF THE HOUSE CAUSES DEEP GLOOM.

Remarks Made in the House on the Announcement of His Death. Sketch of a Continuous Service of Many Years-Recognized as "Father of the House" for Many Admirable Qualities as Well as for Long Term of Service.

Washington, March 7.- The death of Representative Harmer, of Pennsylvania, the "father of the house," cast a deep gloom over the house today. Although he was known to have been in feeble health, his death came as a shock to his colleagues, by whom he was universally beloved. Mr. Harmer was the oldest member of the house both in length of service and in continuous service, and was therefore entitled to the distinction of the "father of the house."

His death makes General Henry Bingham, of Pennsylvania, the "father of the house." He began his service in the Forty-sixth congress and has served continuously for twenty years. Both in length and priority of service Mr. Bingham is exceeded by Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the appropriation committee, who was elected to the Forty-third congress and who is serving his thirteenth term, but his term was not continuous, he having failed of re-election in the Fifty-second congress.

In point of priority of service Mr Grow, of Pennsylvania, the venerable ex-speaker, is the oldest member. He first came to congress in 1851, but there was a long hiatus in his service from 1863 to 1895. The distinction of "father of the house" belongs to him who has served longest in continuous service. Mr. Harmer's desk was draped in black and covered with flowers.

The blind chaplain in his invocation referred feelingly to the death of Mr. Harmer and the loss the house and the country had sustained. Mr. Bingham, in announcing the

death of Mr. Harmer, said he was of

right recognized as the "father of the

house," but he was more than that, he

was the father of the house in the affection and high regard in which he was held by the members of this body. Mr. Harmer was born in 1825 in Germantown, now a part of Philadelphia. He died in the same community in which he was born, and among the people who, for more than half a century, loved and honored him personally, and held him in such high esteem and confidence that only death could sever

their close relations One of a Marked Group.

He was one of a marked group of will suffer by reason of this country with almost the cheapest labor known in phia sent to the American congressmen most exceptional in their usefulness and years of service to the people of their own home constituencies, as well as to their state and nation. I desire, before offering the resolutions, which I shall send to the clerk's desk to group together the names of those four members whose record today belongs to the whole country, and for whose memory the people of Philadelphia have especial affection. Judge W. D. Kelley, who was elected to fifteen congresses and who served twenty-nine years: Charles O'Neil, who was elected to fifteen congresses and who served twenty-nine years; Samuel J. Randall, who was elected to fourteen congresses and who served twenty-seven years. and our colleague, just deceased, Mrt. Harmer, who likewise was elected to fourteen congresses and served twentyseven years. In all 113 years of service has been given by these four distinguished dead, a record unparallelled in

the history of the country. At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Bingham offered the customary resolutions of regreat and for the appointment of a committee of fifteen to attend the funeral. The speaker appointed the following committee: Messrs. Bingham, Adams, Young, McAlery, Dalzell, Brosius, Wanger and Butler, of Pennsylvania; Ketcham, of New York: McCleary, of Minnesota; Babcock, of Wisconsin; Richardson, Tennessee Catchings, of Mississippi; Terry, of Arkansas, and Fitzgerald, of As a further mark of respect the

house then adjourned.

TUBE COMPANY RAISES WAGES. Four Thousand Men Receive Increase of Ten Per Cent.

Pittsburg, March 7 .- Four thousand employes of the National Tube company at McKeesport, Pa., were today wages. The increase affects all day laborers in the tube mills.

The tonnage men will get their advance next week, when the rate is fixed the day men of the National Tube company have received within six months. and makes the wages of common labor higher than at any time in the history of the works. The advance will date from April 1.

Coal Rates Advanced.

Pittsburg, March 7.—The Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio Traffic association met here today and advanced coal rates, effective March 21, 19 cents per ton, making the rate from Pittsburg to the lakes, 1712 cents; and from Virginia, 88% cents. These rates maintain last senson's differentials. Buffalo, Ro-chester and Pittsburg Railroad company was represented at this meeting, being its first time in the association.

Samoan Arbitration.

Washington, March 7.-The ratification of the Samoan arbitration treaty were exchanged at the state department o'clock this afternoon by Secretary Hay for the United States, Lord Pauncefote for Great Britain, and Dr. Hollenben for Germany. The treaty submits the claim to arbitration of King Oscar of Sweden,

Plague Increases.

Calcutta, March 7 .- The bubonic plague increases, there having been 411 deaths from the disease here last week. This is causing a great exodus of merchants.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

General-Boers Suffer Another Defeat. Three-Score Lives Lost in West Vir-ginia Mine Disaster. Day's Work of the National Law Makers. Berator Lodge on the Philippines.

2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.

3 Local-Theatrical Gossip. 4 Editorial. News and Comment.

6 General-Andrew Carnegle and Henry

Local-W. V. S. Thorne on the Pro-posed New Railroad. One Day's Work of the Courts.

Local - Explosion in Mt. Pleasant Mine Seriously Injures Three Men. Board of Health Lacked a Quorum.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban, 9 Round About the City. 10 Local-Live Industrial News.

MR. PAYNE DISCUSSES PUERTO RICO TARIFF

A Calamity to Have the Status of Puerto Rico, Cuba or the Philippines Made Such as Would Entitle

Them to Admission as States. Milwaukee, March 7.-Henry C. Payne, member of the Republican national committee from Wisconsin, said today in regard to his views for a tariff for Puerto Rico:

Looking to the future welfare of the republic, I consider it would be a calamity to have the status of Puerto Rico, Cuba or the Philippine islands made such as would give them later on rights which would entitle them to admission as states

into this Union.
This question should have the most careful, thoughtful and statesmanlike consideration. The bill pending gives time for ample study of the question. Let us not make haste to settle irrevocably a question which may be of most vital import to our people in the future. There is no class of people so much interested as the working classes. If free trade is established with the islands, they will at once become competitors with almost the cheapest labor known in the world. Is that condition desirable? Do our working people desire full and unlimited

competition with the masses of Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines? Colm. dispassionate discussion of the whole subject is in order. A mistake made now may cost us dear later. The provisions of the bill are operative but for two years and in that time we may realize better the problems before us. The people who are to pay this slight tax levied for the benefit of the masses of people of Puerto Rico, are particularly sugar and tobacco trusts. If no tax at all is levied they would be able to buy these materials free of any tax and the sugar and tobacco raiser in this country

In what more easy or equitable manner

can relief be given to the people of Puerto THE SIMPSON CASE.

Rico?

Mr. DeHuff Decides to Leave His Sister in the Hospital. Pittsburg, Pa., March 7.-Hiram De-Huff, brother of Mrs. Simpson, returned to his home at Huntingdon today to consult his relatives about what further course should be pursued in the matter of Mrs. Simpson's alleged insanity and incarceration in the hospital at Dixmont. DeHuff said today that the hospital authorities told him that Mrs. Simpson was in such bad physical and mental condition that it would not be possible to remove her at present. He called on several attorneys, who advised him to bring habeas corpus proceedings if he thought his sister is not insane, but he dropped this plan, for

the present at least. Annie Simpson, of Philadelphia, sister-in-law of Mrs. Simpson, who came here to make inquiry about the latter's condition, is still in Pittsburg. DeHuff was told at the Dixmont hospital that Mrs. Simpson is now being properly cared for as a paid patient. She was taken to the hospital on the

certificate of two physicians. HIGHEST RATE EVER PAID.

Fairmont Miners Receive an Increase in Their Wages. Fairmont, W. Va., March 7 .- The

operators of this region are going to make another advance of five cents in the mining rate, to take effect April 1. This will make the third increase granted within the past six months. The three advances aggregate ten cents, all of which have been voluntary on the part of the operators. The advance to be granted will make the notified of a ten per cent, advance in rate in this region forty-five cents for run-of-mine coal, which is the highest

rate ever paid here. The aggregate advance is far better for the miners here than the advance by the Amalgamated association. This of fourteen cents for screened coal, is the second increase of ten per cent, which will be in effect April 1 in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and

Steamship Arrivals.

Illinois.

New York, March 7.—Arrived: Kalser Wilhelm Der Grosse, from Bremen; Bordeaux, from Havre; Bremen, from Bre men. Salled: New York, for Southampton; Southwark, for Antwerp; Germania, for Liverpool. Cleared: La Champagne, for Havre: Cevic, for Liverpool. Southamp-ton—Sailed: Lahn, from Bremen for New York. Queenstown-Arrived: tonic, from New York for Liverpool and

New Brick Combination.

Pittsburg, March 7.-A new brick com-dination was formed here today with State Senator William Flyrn as the prime mover. It is said that eighteen out of the twenty-four brick making concerns in western Pennsylvania have joined in the movement. A charter has been ap-plied for the company, which will be capitalized at \$3,000,000 and have a capacity of 90,000,000 of brick a year.

"Gray Invincibles" Not Invincible. Harrisburg, March 7.-An order was is-seed from National Guard headquarters today ordering the muster out of the Gray Invincibles, of Philadelphia, the only organization of colored troops in the guard because it is inefficient and in an unsat-isfactory condition and had been recom-mended for disbandment by the inspector.

THE MINE DISASTER

From Fifty to Sixty Lives Lost at Fire Creek.

THE VARIOUS ESTIMATES

Most Conservative Calculation Puts the Number of Fatalities at Fiftytwo-Others Insist That Sixty to Seventy Have Perished-The Work of Resous Continues Night and Day, Though It Is Certain That All in the Mine Are Dead-The Story of the Only Known Survivor.

Fire Creek, W. Va., March 7 .- The escuing parties continued working hard at the Red Ash mine today in removing the debris and securing the bodies of the victims of the explosion

of yesterday. The scenes of distress among those hunting friends are still as appalling as yesterday. The work at the mine continues night and day, and it is still impossible to give the exact number of victims or to identify all of the bodies that have been recovered. The most conservative estimate of some of those connected with the mine places the number of killed at fifty-two and there are others who insist that the number of victims will reach sixty. Six more bodies were recovered this morning. A report was made at the mine during the afternoon that the total number recovered was twenty-one, of whom

lifteen are dead, one fatally injured and five others seriously hurt.
A report from the rescuers at the mine after 9 o'clock tonight was that thirty-four had been taken out, twentynine being dead and five seriously injured. Those rescued alive are known as Carl Daly, Joseph Elliot, James Kane and Harry Dawson. While the surviving miners and others estimate that there are at least thirty-nine miners still entombed, General Manager Howell says there are still in the mine only thirty. The estimate of the latter would indicate that there were seventy killed and five injured, and it is conceded that all of those still in the

mine are dead. None of the mines in this district are yet working and thousands of people visited the scene of the Red Ash disaster today. Some of the dead bodies ave been shipped to the former

of the victims. Many funerals were held today and many will be held tomorrow. No deilnite cause for the explosion has yet been learned by Governor Atkinson or the state and district mine inspectors and others who are investigating the case. In addition to the theories of dust, fire damp, etc., it was claimed tonight that natural gas had escaped into the mine and that it ignited when the miners entered yesterday morning with their lighted lamps. The work of rescuing parties is retarded by hot air, and it is thought the mine is on fire. Air is being pumped into the mine by compression. It will probably be several days before all the bodies can be recovered, as they are scattered along for almost a mile under the ground, and it will require much time to clear the debris from this long sub-

terranean course. The Only Survivor.

The only person who entered tha mine and who is known to have escaped alive is Electrician Evans, who was near the entrance. In relating his experience Mr. Evans said:

"I heard a low rumbling sound, sime

ilar to an earthquake. I realized in

an instant that fire damp had ex-

ploded, and before the force of the

concussion reached me, I threw myself down on my face. A sheet of flame, rock and debris shot over my head. "I managed to creep to the mouth and into the fresh air. My God, it was awful. I saw that I was the only one left. Every one of the other fel-

lows was lost, I knew." A pathetic feature of the disaster is the annihilation of the family of B. B. Long, fire boss. His wife died some time ago, leaving to his sole care two little boys. Having no one to stay within their desolate home, the boys begged to go with their father into the mine to spend the day with him. consented, and when the search is finished their blackened little bodies will

be found beside that of the father. The unexplained cause of the accident has terrified miners in adjoining localities. Very many are afraid to the most searching inspection by competent men to remove their fears and induce them to return to their places.

Loan Bill Passed.

London, March 7.-In the house of com-mons today, on the the passing the first rending of the loan bill of £35,000,000 limothy Healy, Nationalist member from North Louth, gave notice that he would move an amendment at the second read-ing of the bill extending the measure so that all self-governing colonies so keen in contributing men would also bear the burden of the war loan

The Coal Fleet Sails. Pittsburg, March 7.—About 1,200,000 bushels of coal started for southern ports today. All of this coal is billed for Louis-

ville and New Orleans. Cincinnati and

points above are well stocked at present An 18-foot stage of water is looked for tomorrow when all the coal now loaded in the harbor will be shipped south

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, March 7.-Porecast

for Thursday and Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair Thursday and Friday; warmer Friday; light to fresh north to east winds.