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MAFEKING'S SAD PLIGHT.



TWO CENTS.

An Extended Conference Upon the Puerto Rican Tariff.

HERE IS MUCH OPPOSITION

Many Senators Will Support the Scheme to Place Duty Upon Products of Puerto Rico, Simply Because It Is a Party Measure-All Agree That Almost Any Bill Would Be Better Than None.

Washington, March 13 .- The Republican senators were in conference for two and one-half hours on the Puerto Rican bill this afternoon, and at i o'clock adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow, when the discussion will be besumed. No action was taken on any of the various propositions before the conference, but, as a result of the conference talk, the impression prevailed that there was a great deal of opposition to the bill, which opposition, I not placated, might endanger its pas-It was also apparent that a sage. number of senators thought the legislation was ill-advised, but, while op posed to the bill, nevertheless they would vote for it as a party measure Deep feeling was displayed over the question by a number of senators and especially by those of the middle west some of whom did not hesitate to affirm that any effort to place a tariff upon the exchange of business between the United States and Puerto Rico probably would have an injurious effect upon the Republican party in those states. There were some sharp passages at arms. It was generally adopted by a vote of 166 yeas, 120 nays; agreed, however, that, from a party standpoint, almost any bill would be better than none, and this feeling gave the friends of the measure hope, despite the apparently unyielding attittude of the opposing factions. They are still holding to the bill as originally introduced and express the belief that it will form the basis of whateve settlement is agreed upon. This opin ion is based upon what was said in a general way and not upon any poll

proaching a vote during the meeting. One indication that an agreement is expected tomorrow is the continued de

HEARING IN THE if they were to be retained as a pos-session of the United States. He said that the trouble was not with Puerto Rico, but with the Philippines. This could be easily averted by answering our determination not to hold the Philippines, but to grant them the freedom which many of them sought, and to assist them to form a stable govern-ment. It would not be difficult then to enter into satisfactory trade relations with hem and our laboring men would not then be threatened with cheap Malay labor, which, he said, seemed to be troubling a great many advocates of the present tariff.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Session Will Begin Today.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 13.-The one hundred and thirteenth session New York, March 13 .- The hearing on the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railroad company of the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will befor permission to construct a railroad sin tomorrow in the Arch Street Methalong the route of the old Delaware dist Episcopal church. This is the and Hudson canal from Lackawaxen mother conference of the seventeen to Kingston tidewater was resumed branches of Methodism in this country today before the state railroad comand contains three hundred and ninemission. The railroads represented in ty-five churches in the fourteen counopposition were: The Ontario and Western, the Eric, the New York Cenies of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Bishop Charles H. Fowler, of Buffalo, tral, the Port Jervis and Monticello N. Y., will preside. The churches of the conference have and the Kingston and Rondout Valley.

Mr. Garver for the applicant, ana membership of 68,096; probationers, 4,569; local preachers, 343; Sunday schools, 402, with 10.177 officers and nounced that the case would be closed upon the presentation of some maps showing the lines of the opposing teachers, and 89.459 scholars. The 395 roads. Mr. Platt for the opposition churches are valued at \$6,546.352, and said that he feared it would take three the 189 parsonages at \$778,740. The weeks to close his case. present indebtedness on church prop-Mr. Thorne, manager of the Pennerty is \$1.182.634.

sylvania Coal company, capitalized at The Historical society of the confer-\$1,000,000, of which his father is presience held its anniversary tonight. The dent, answered most of Mr. Platt's principal feature of the meeting was questions relating to the methods. an address by the Rev. Frank M. Bris-tol, D. D., of Washington, D. C. earnings and profits of that company. A series of questions brought out the fact that the Erle and Wyoming Val-

ENACTMENT OF THE FINANCIAL BILL is leased to the Erie Railroad company.

Last Legislative Step Taken-Conference Report Adopted by House. Nine Democrats Vote with Republicans.

and Hudson company, has assured him Washington, March 13 .- The las that the property was free and clear. legislative step in the enactment of Mr. Platt declared that there is a the financial bill was taken by the \$5,000,000 mortgage on the company's house of representatives today, when property in Pennsylvania and Samuel the conference report on the bill was Coykendall, president of the Connell Steamboat company, interrupted to say present and not voting, 10. The senthat the mortgage had been disate had already adopted the conference report, so it remains only for President McKinley to affix his sigcharged. Mr. Platt contradicted the statement and offered in evidence a copy of the nature to the measure to make it a mortgage as recorded. The commis-

Representative Overstreet, the author of the bill, will take it to the Pennsylvania end of the property and White House tomorrow and the sig-nature is likely to be affixed soon thereafter. Already arrangements have been made for securing the pe with which the president will sign the bill. The debate on the report continued

company. Mr. Williams

Several Strange Messages Received RAILROAD CASE in London Today. DELAWARE VALLEY AND EINGSTON STRUGGLE. Hearing on the Application Before

the State Bailroad Commission of New York-Mr. Thorne, of Pennsylvania Coal Company, Gives Testimony-Mr. Platt, of the Opposition, States That His Case Will Consume About Three Weeks.

xpelled.

expelled. A number of other persons have re-ceived cable messages from the besieged town today. One dispatch was sent to a Birmingham firm esking it to ship goods immediately. That indicates a belief in the town that reliof is at hand. Lady Georgiana Curson received the following dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson: "Delighted to receive your cable of February 20. All well March 1." "The latter message was dispatched from peace in South Africa fact it was decided upon an explanation Secretary Hay, that proper at present to ment relative to the United States govern

the effort to termina The latter message was dispatched from Mafeking, Morch 4, by way of Colonel held that whatever made public touching Plumer's camp. The indications are that Colonel Plumtiations must emanat

principals, Great Bri African republics, States, being nothin er was at Lobats! March 9, and as that is only fiftyseven miles from Mafeking definite news ought to be forthcoming Intermediary, is not j speedil".

PROGRESS OF ROBERTS.

Nothing Can Be Said of His Advance on Bloemfontein-Kruger-Steyn Appeal Will Have No Weight.

London, March 14 .- 4.30 a. m .- Nothing can be said of the advance on Bloemfontein beyond Lord Roberts' own dispatch. Nothing more has been permitted to come through. Doubtless Lord Roberts himself is fully occupied with important military operations. The dispatch from Cape Town, saying that General French has "arrived at Bloemfontein," probably does not mean that he has entered the city. from which his company purchased

Lord Roberts' messages may mean either that the Boers have cut the rallway to the northeast or that the British cavalry have done so. If the former, then it may be assumed that no rolling stock has been seized, but by general assumption the latter interpretation is regarded as correct.

This would greatly facilitate obtaining supplies from Orange river, an important matter, as Lord Roberts' line of communication with Modder bridge is now one hundred and ten miles jong. The Boers may make another fight, but there is little doubt that Lord Roberts will occupy Bloemfontein today Wednesday). The Boers retiring from Orange river will find themselves between two British armies, and their terms cannot be made. While it is guns are almost bound to fall into the felt that it is doubtful whether or not hands of the British, while occupation

of the capital of the Free State will

, MARCH 14, 1900.	TEN PAGES	. TWO CENTS.
UNITED STATES	THE NEWS THIS MORNING	BOERS' OFFER
OFFER DECLINED CABINET RECEIVES NO FORMAL' ANSWER. The Government Therefore Will Be- fuse to Make Public Any State-	Weather Indications Today: OENERALLY FAIR.	IS SPURNED
	1. General-England Rejects the Boers' Overture for Peace. Benators' Views as to Puerto Rico Tariff. Hearing in the D. V. & K. Railroad Case.	BY ENGLAND
ment Belative to the Part the	No Official Answer to Uncle Sam's Tender of Mediation.	Great Britain Rejects the
United States Is Taking in the	2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.	Overtures for
Effort to Terminate the War. Washington, March 13Up to the time the cabinet meeting adjourned today no answer had been received from the British government to the representations made through Mr. Choate, touching the restoration of peace in South Africa. In view of this fact it was decided by the cabinet, upon an explanation of the case by Secretary Hay, that it would not be proper at present to make any state- ment relative to the part which the United States government is taking in the effort to terminate the war. It is held that whatever matter is to be made public touching the peace nego- tiations must emanate from one of the principals, Great Britain or the South African republics, and the United States, being nothing more than an intermediary, is not justified in betray- ing the secrets of the principals. It is stated again, on the highest au- thority, that in its present capacity the United States government is not a mediator, but is simply a go-between. Not a single proposition to serve as a basis of a peace agreement between Great Britain and the Boer republics	 Local-One Day's Record of the Local Courts. Editorial. News and Comment. 	Peace.
	 5 General-William J. Boyce's Enter- taining Letter from the Philippines. 6 Local-Proceedings of United States Court. Conference of School Controllers and County Commissioners. 	SALISBURY READS REPLY
	 Local-Dr. Britsson Flays Osteopathy. A Warm Controversy at Special Meeting of Common Council. Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County. Local-Live Industrial News. 	lords today the premier, Lord Salis- bury, read the British government's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn. The concluding sentence is as follows: "Her majesty's government can only answer your honors' telegram by say-
	WAR IN KENTUCKY. Mr. Taylor Will Continue to Act as Governor-Democrats Prepared to Fight at the Proper Time. Frankfort, Ky., March 13The leg- islature of Kentucky adjourned sine die today. A conference between Ad- jutant Generals Collier and Casil man resulted in a perfect understanding	

Tribune.

resulted in a perfect understanding ing it is not prepared to assent to the Governor Taylor will continue to act

as to what Great Britain was likely to make no move toward securing pos- State." demand as the price of stopping the session of the state buildings until afwar. To have gone further and have ter the court of appeal has decided proposed terms on our own account might have placed the United States the disputed governorship. The legis-lature appropriated \$100,000 for the in the position of an uninvited mediause of Governor Beckham in re-organizing the state militia. This in brief Secretary Hay was almost speechis the situation in Kentucky politics less from a severe cold and when the

tonight. cabinet meeting actourned he was Among the more conservative eleobliged to go home and go to bed. If ment in each party the opinion preany answer should be received during vails th. the worst is over and that the next few hours it will therefore when the court of appeals renders its probably be dealt with directly by the There is a belief in some quarters here, founded on our own history, that the British reply to the overture will ers, with a full understanding of the be a polite reference of Presidents situation, only one cloud appears, that Kruger and Steyn to Lord Roberts is Governor Taylor's future course. as a person fully authorized to make Governor Taylor himself will not outknown to them the terms upon which line his plans of action, beyond the the British government is willing to statement which he made to the Asso-. cease hostilities. In such case the ciated Press correspondent today that first answer of Lord Roberts is exhe would continue to act as governor. pected to be "unconditional surrender." Republicans in Governor Taylor's That, however, does not signify, in the onfidence, however, say that he will

opinion of the officials here, that other remain at Frankfort in the discharge view of bringing outside influence to of his duty until the court of last rebear on Lord Salisbury's reply to the sort passes upon the question at issue. peace will follow this movement in Boer overtures. The efforts of all the Then, if the decision be against him, European powers'representatives in the which the United States has taken s will step out at once, and turn over Transvaal capital appear to have been prominent a part, it at least marks the the state buildings to Covernor Beckfruitless, but the report of the United initiation of the effort to attain peace. ham. The Republicans will make every States consul was forwarded, March effort to carry the dispute into the 12, from Washington to the United federal courts in case the decision of States embassy in London, with the the court of appeals, the Supreme court proffer as before outlined. Mr. White, of Kentucky, is against them; but, failthe charge d'affaires, presented them ing in this, they will consider the quespersonally to Lord Salisbury, who retion settled, though still believing a ceived them cordially, but did not comgreat wrong has been done them. mit himself to any definite expression The Democratic leaders assert that of opinion. This evening Mr. White they will cheerfully abide by the dewaited on Lord Salisbury and received cision of the court of appeals. But the formal reply declining the offer. should the decision be in their favor As the Boer overtures had been anthey will insist on the occupation of swered to the effect that no proposithe state building, "peaceable if postions including the retention of the resible, but forcibly if necessary." as it publics' independence could be considwas expressed today. Not until that decision is rendered will further action ered, the presentation of the American offer was too late, but the premier, be taken. The final adjournment of apparently, deemed it a matter of suffiboth houses was taken shortly after 5 cient importance to put himself on reco'clock and the evening trains from ord with a formal answer. Frankfort were crowded with legislators returning to their homes. By to-TEXT OF BOERS' APPEAL. morrow afternoon the city will practically be deserted by politicians, and Message Sent to Lord Salisbury and beyond a few soldiers in the capital the Latter's Reply. square, little will remain to show how near Kentucky has been to civil war. London. March 13 .- A parliamentary paper containing the cable messages NEWARK FIRE VICTIMS. sent to the British government by the presidents of the South African re-Two More Bodies Recovered from public and the Orange Free State and Great Britain's reply thereto was is-Ruins Yesterday. sued this afternoon. The text of the and New York, March 13.- Two more bodies were recovered today from the ruins of the Italian tenement which was burned yesterday morning in Newark, N. J. The message sent by the two presidents to the Marquis of Salisbury follows: Bloemfontein, March 5.-The blood ist of dead now numbers is and five other and the tears of thousands who have suffered by this war and the prospect supposed victims have not yet been accounted for. The bodies discovered today were those of all moral and economic ruin wherewith South Africa is now threatened make it necessary for both belligerof Lucila Casillo, two years old, and one unidentified child about the same age. ents to ask themselves dispassionately and as in the sight of the triune God Two men, two women and one girl are till unaccounted for. for what are they fighting and whether The finding of the bodies today was a the aim of each justifies all this ap-palling misery and devastation. With surprise, as the firemen had boarded up he ruins, believing they had out all the this object and in view of the assertions of various British statesmen to the effect that this war was begun and odies, and only went back for another search upon the persistent pleas of the Italians in the neighborhood. is being carried on with the set pur-pose of undermining her majesty's authority in South Africa and of set-Vito Cretonzo, the Italian, who was arrested on suspicion of having set fire was to the house, was arraigned in court to-day on suspicion of arson and remandting up an administration over all of South Africa independent of her maj-esty's government, we consider it our ed until tomorrow for a further nearing. duty to solemnity declare that this war was undertaken solely as a defensive measure to maintain the threatened in-dependence of the South African re-public and is only continued in order ROOT AT HAVANA. The Secretary Visits the Cruiser New York. secure and maintain the incontestto secure and maintain the incontest-ible independence of both republics as sovereign international states and to Havana, March 13.-Secretary Root visited the armored cruiser New York obtain the assurance that those of her majesty's subjects who have taken his morning and was received with a salute of seventeen guns. The greater part of the day he spent in receiving orpart with us in this war shall suffer no harm whatever in person or propganizations representing the different in-iustries of the island, among them the erty On these conditions, but on these con-Sugar Planters' association. He received also a deputation from the municipality ditions alone, we are now, as in the past, desirous of seeing peace re-esof Havana. tablished in South Africa, while if her majesty's government is determined to He held a loag interview with Collector Bliss and attended to numerous matters destroy the independence of the re-publics there is nothing left to us and to our people but to persevere to the end in the course already begun. In spite of the overwhelming pre-eminence of the British empire we are eminence of the British empire we are of minor importance. Tomorrow he will visit Marianao chiefly with the devoting the day to the examination of many papers, owing to the great number of callers he has found it impossible to read here. confident that that God who lighted the unextinguishable fire of love and freedom in the hearts of ourselves and DEATHS OF A DAY. our fathers wil not forsake us and will Toulouse, France, March 13. - Pere Henri Didon, the celebrated dominican pleacher and author, died suddenly to-[Continued on Page 5.]

nt can only answer your honors' telegram by say-Independence of either the South Afrias gevernor. Governor Beckham will can republic or the Orange Free

The United States government, at the request of President Kruger and President Steyn, offered to the British government its services as mediator, with the view of bringing about peace in South Africa, but the offer was declined.

No desire to interfere was shown in the representations made by the United States government. The communications from Adelbert S. Hay, the United decision the danger of civil war in the States consul at Pretoria, were transcommonwealth, which has been terri- mitted and assurances were given that bly imminent, will have entirely anything which the state department passed away. To the Democratic lead- at Washington could do in the interests of peace would be undertaken gladly.

The suggestion of mediation sprung from Pretoria, where Mr. Hay, with the other consuls, subsequent to the dispatch by Presidents Kruger and Steyn of their peace cable to Lord Salisbury, were asked to endeavor to enlist the good offices of their respective governments, apparently with the

in London Today. London. March 13.—A dispatch received by a South African in London, dated Marching, Tuesday, March 6, via Lo-batsi, March 5, says: "All well, but town still besieged." A dispatch to the Times from Mafe-king dated Monday, March 6, says tho garrison at that place is feeling acutely the stress of the slege. It has been re-duced to the use of horseflesh and bread made from horse forage, while the water is parasitically contaminated. Typhoid, dysentery and diphtheris are epidemic, but it is impossible to isolate the victims. The sufferings of the women and chil-dron are terrible, and there are deaths in the women's lasger daily. The native population is starying. The military operations progress favor-ably. They have been extended to tho brick fields, whence the snemy has been explued. CABINET RECEIVE ANSW The Government Th fuse to Make Pu ment Belative to United States Is Effort to Terminat

tor.

president.

was set out in the communication to Lord Salisbury. All that was ventured

in this first overture was an inquiry

termination of the Cuban sub-committee to leave here tomorrow night for a tour of Cuba.

The Course Would Be Humane.

of the case, as there was nothing ap-

Those senators who favored the proposition for a tariff on Puerto Rican goods coming into this country and free trade for goods going to Puerto Rico said that this course would be humane in principle, since it would afford free entry of food and supplies needed by the Puerto Ricans, while the tariff on goods coming into this country would supply revenue for the island and also retain the people of the procection. Several times during the debate the course of the administration was mentioned, and the statement was made that the country was aroused because it had seemed that congress was acting contrary to the wishes of the president. Several senators asserted that the president was now anxious for the proposed tariff of fifteen per

Senator Foraker talked at considerable length and vigorously supported bill and was especially determined that the governmental features should not be abandoned. He also defended the tariff provisions as being of advantage, instead of a hardship upon the people of Puerto Rico. He declared that the bill as amended by the committee levying a fifteen per cent. duty on products both ways was the best measure that could be passed, but said he was willing to accept the compromise levying a duty only on Puerto Rican products coming to this coun-

Senator Hanna made a speech that was listened to with great interest. He favored the house bill and especially the tariff provisions. He said that from a party view the tariff ought to remain. This was a Republican congress and there should be Republican legislation. If the bill was defeated, he casserted, it would hand the admin istration over to the Democrats. He also spoke of the effect a free trade measure would have. He urged the Republicans to stand firmly together for the bill.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, said that he believed in free trade with Puerto Rico and thought the matter could be adjusted by having a territorial government and not attempting either a civil government or tariff legislation at the present time.

Senator Fairbanks deplored the situation and expressed the hope that there might be some adjustment. He said there was no question as to the feeling of the people in his state, who were for free trade with Puerto Rico.

Senator Davis, who recently introed an amendment extending that portion of the constitution relative to taxation over the island, made quite an, extended speech, taking strong rounds in favor of free trade with Puerto Rico.

Senator Perkins, as well as other members of the Puerto Rican committee, wanted the bill agreed upon with out compromise or amendment. Quite a number of senators in this connection expressed the opinion that the majority would vote for the bill as reported and took occasion to criticise the unstable policy which was being pursued, saying that the constant changing had done more to shake the faith of the country than anything

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Senator Mason took strong ground in favor of free trade with the islands

said he spoke gener Indiana, opening, and Mr. Broslus, of in making the statement. He had no Pennsylvania, closing in support of the measure, while Mr. Little, of Arkansas, closed in opposition with a severe arraignment of the bill.

The vote was on party lines, except that nine Democrats joined with the Republicans in supporting the conferce report.

Nine Democrats voted with the Republicans to agree to the conference eport on the financial bill: Clayton Driggs, Underhill, Levy, Souddar, all of New York; Denny, Maryand; Mc-Aleer, Pennsylvania: Thayer, Massachusetts, and Fitzgerald, Massachasetts. In other respects the vote was

n party lines. number of resorts in the Tenderloin Personal explanations were made to-

day in the senate by Mr. Allen' Nebraska) and Mr. Butler (Populist) of their position on the financial quertion. Both announced their belief in the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. 'The statements were called out by reports to ment. As fast as the detectives went the contrary which had gained some circulation. Mr. Turner (Washington) began an extended speech on the Puerto Rico bill, maintaining that the pending measure clearly was unconnot disturbed. stitutional. He expressed the belief

that it would be so held if it were passed upon by the supreme court.

BARBER MURDERED.

Frank Knobl Killed While on His

Way Home. Harrisburg, March 13.-Frank Knobl barber, aged 22 years, was murdered last night on his way home in the Southern section of the city. Knobl met a man while crossing a bridge and what passed between them is not known. Four pistol shots were heard and two men who were ahead of Knobl, on hurrying to his assistance. found him lying on the bridge with four bullets in his body.

He was taken to the Pittsburg hospital, where he died today. Knobl's sweetheart says a certain man was continually trying to provoke a quarel with him, and it is suspected that he is the murderer.

PITTSBURG LEPER DEAD.

Arthur D. Wilson Suffered from the Disease Ten Years.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 13 .- Arthur D Wilson, a leper, who has been confined in the Pittsburg pest house for two when the police broke in. ears, died today. He was a civil engineer and contracted the disease in Brazil fifteen years ago. Two years ago he was discovered living in this

city and was sent to the pest house, where he has been isolated and closely

guarded ever since. It was found that he had been living in Pittsburg and mingling among the people while suffering from leprosy for more than ten years. It was nee essary to keep two nurses for the afflicted man and it is estimated that he cost the city \$5.000.

Funds for Beckham's Army. Frankfort, Ky., March 13 .- The hou:

this afternoon passed the senate or trip. let resolution, appropriating \$100,000 fo the use of Governor Beckham in "equi ping and reorganising the state militia.

British War Loan.

London, March 18 .- The war loan bill passed its second reading in the house of commons today by a vote of 358 to 21. made public.

definite knowledge and meant only that the road would benefit the company. Adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

out.

the ultimatum.

able to check it.

March 5.

RAIDS IN NEW YORK.

ley railroad, which is to be paralleled

for some miles by the proposed road,

but is owned by interests friendly to

the Pennsylvania Coal company. The

railroad has never paid any dividends.

continued after recess. Mr. Thorne said the Connell Steamboat company.

all the rights, etc., of the Delaware

sioners held that it referred to the

President George Williams, of the

Chemical National bank, identified a

newspaper interview in which he said

he proposed road was to be built in

the interests of the Pennsylvania Coat

was of no concern to them.

The explanation of Mr. Thorne was

Women Are Driven from Tenderloin Resorts Into the Streets-Proprietors Arrested-Gambling Dens

Visited. New York, March 13 .- By decision of Chief of Police Devery tonight a

districts were raided and the proprietors placed under arrest. The arrests were made under the law forbidding the keeping of a disorderly house or a refuge for dissolute women. The proprietors were subsequently released on ball. The arrests caused much excita-

to one of the places they searched the men out they wanted and drove every woman found in the resorts into the streets. The men in the resorts were There were hundreds of women in these concert halls and they made a considerable commotion after they had

all appeared on Sixth avenue and Broadway, Big crowds gathered when it became known that the police were raiding the Tenderloin, and Upper Broadway was in a state of excitement until long after midnight.

are lamenting over the heavy Boer loss Captain Thomas, of the Tenderloin round Ladysmith. precincts, although called upon a few days ago to make a report of the dis-

reputable places in his precinct, failed to report many scores of these, notwithstanding the order of the chief of police, until he received direct orders from the chief himself, who specified the places that should be raided. It is stated that District Attorney

Gardiner will tomorrow appear before the grand jury and ask that body to find an indictment against Captain Thomas on account of neglect of duty. At midnight the police, under the direction of Superintendent Burr, of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, raided a gambling place at 1487 Broadway. They arrested sixteen men

and marched them prisoners down Broadway, followed by hundreds of people from the theaters. Several games of faro, red and black, Klondyke and poker were in progress at the place

"SAPHO" NOT IMMORAL.

Philadelphia Grand Jury Ignores the the Bill in Case of Kline.

Philadelphia, March 15.—The Philadel-phia grand jury today decided that "Sapho" is not an immoral or obscene book. This decision came as a result of their examination of the book while inquiring into the case of Bernard Kline, who was arrested on the 4th instant while selling copies of the book and com-mitted on the charge of "selling and ex-

posing for sale an indecent book." After perusing the book the grand jury ignored the bill of indictment and placed the costs upoh the county.

Looking for Lost Votes. Philadelphia, March 13 .- The Deme

Prinkdepnia, March 14.—The Demo-cratic investigating committee which was appointed to find the cause of the failing off of the Democratic vote in certain counties of the state held another ses-sion here today. The conference was held behind closed doors and nothing was made multic

strain the alliance of the two republies to the utmost. The government will not allow the

tives, and it is the universal opinior

claims and canting tone, meant to in-

fluence foreign powers, have again

Joubert at Pretoria.

Zulus Are Restless.

Plumer Occupies Lubatsi.

REV. SHELDON'S PAPER.

An Anti-War Cartoon.

bogasein in British Zululand. The

and in a measurable degree makes Kruger-Steyn appeal to influence in easier the way for a further and maybe any way their determination not to more successful attempt. spare any effort to prosecute the war. The cabinet also discussed the reso There will be no diminution of measlution of Senator Allen calling for inures calculated to maintain the full formation as to what steps had been

officiency of the field force, and whattaken to bring about peace in South ever reinforcements were previously Africa. It was decided that no stateconsidered advisably will still be sent ment on the subject could be given at present cwing to the fact that the Lord Salisbury's reply meets with orrespondence involved other nations. unanimous approval among conserva-

that the Boers, by their extravagant BETTER PAY FOR MINERS.

overreached themselves, as they did by President Wilson's Statement to Mine Workers at Altoona-Address

of Mrs. Jones. Pretoria, Saturday, March 10, via Lo-

enzo Marques. March 12.-General Jou-Altoona, Pa., March 13 .- Representatives of all the miners in district No. 2, of the United Mine Workers, asgovernment. Rumors of peace overtures embled in annual convention here to-All attention is directed toward the day. Over one hundred delegates were British advance upon Bloemfontein, but the federals are still confident of being present. President W. B. Wilson, of Blossburg, presided. This morning's session was taken up with organization, the appointment of committees on credentials and order of business. Lebambo, March 5, via Lorenzo Mar-ques, March 12.-Trouble is expected be-Upon re-convening after dinner the tween Chief Ogelequana and Chief Um

order of business was adopted. pending the report of the credential are anxious that the chiefs should quar rel and they are prepared to support the former, as is also the Swazi queen. The committee, Mrs. Mary Jones, of Chicago, a labor leader, who spent some Zululand king, however, upholds Umbo time in Tioga county, where an eight gasein. The women at Piet Rief langer months' strike was recently settled. spoke on the labor question. The great hope of the future in labor movement was in the young men, she said. She Cape Town, March 14.-General Plumer blamed the miners for their conduct, ecupied Lubatsi without opposition on because they failed to insist on their

rights. She was loudly applauded. A prolonged discussion was provoked by the credential committee seating John Harvey, of Baker's Mines, and Contents of the Publication Today. Joe Boggin, of Jefferson county, who were sent to the convention by un-Topeka, Kan., March 15.-The leading story on the first page of Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's Christian daily tomorrow organized miners, but the question finally settled by allowing them in the joint conventions, but giving them no voice in this convention.

morning will be a brief statement by As-sociate Editor Chase, telling of the In President Wilson's report he disprompt response to the appeal made in this morning's paper in behalf of the cussed the affairs of the district, setting forth that as strikes took up a famine stricken in India. The Christian Endeavor World of Boston, telegraphed Mr. Sheldon urging him to open a fund, considerable portion of his time, they prevented organization, but there had he says he is too busy to attend to en a healthy growth, nevertheless. the work and suggests that contributions He regretted that the district was not be sent through regular channels. Governor Stanley writes a column at self-sustaining. He was pleased to announce that miners were getting from ticle on the most gratifying feature of five to twenty cents better wages pe his administration, which he says is the prison reform that has been made in the ton than last year, and this means \$1. 250,000 to the miners, when it is known state. Another feature of the page will be an anti-war cartoon by Beard, and in this connection General Otis' latest list of that 25,000,000 tons of coal were in this district last year.

Fought with Convicts.

casualties in the Philippines will be run as comment. The leading article on the local page will be a statement from the Kansas Millers' association, protesting Columbia, S. C., March 13 .-- This morning five convicts or a penitentiary farm near this city attacked Abe Harling, a gainst alleged unjust treatment which they receive at the hands of the rail-roads. On the telegraph page much wil guard. They got his Winchester, but did not know how to operate it and fought him with hers. He succeeded in drawing his pistol after a desperate fight and killed Tom Houghton, a negro desperado, and wounded another. Two surrendered

his reasons therefor. The editorial leader will be headed "What Can We Do to Make This a Bet-

ter City?" polities. It advocates non-partisat

Philadelphia Buys Slange.

Philadelphia. March 12.-The Philadel-phia base ball club has purchased from the Washington club the release of Out-fielder Blange. It is probable that he will take Delehanty's place in left field. "Del" going to first base.

will comment freely on the news,

lay of apoplexy. He was 60 years of age. Towanda. March 13.-Edward VanDyke. for forty years a resident and business man of Troy, and a pioneer among the operators of large tannerics in this secernland, for Antwerp; 8t. Paul, for Bouthamnton, Salled: Georgia, for Liv-erpool; Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, for tion, died today, aged 73 years. Forty years ago he operated the Innes tannery at Granville, then the largest in this Bremen via Cherbourg and Southampton. Antwerp-Arrived: Friesland, from New York via Southampton. Plymouth-Salled: Grant Waldersee, from Hamburg for New York. state. He was a man of great wealth and is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

****************** WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 12 -- Rovesat for Wednesday and Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair Wednesday and Thursday; fresh north-

orly winds. ***********

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e made of the war and Editor Sheldo There will be a long special from Grinel. Is., telling of the resignation of Pres-dent Gates, of Iowa college, and giving d the fifth escaped. Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 13 .-- Cleared: West-