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### ADVANCE ON **PRETORIA**

### The Plans of Lord Roberts Are Nearly Completed.

#### PROPOSED PROCLAMATION

The Former State of Government in the Orange Free State to Be Abolished-Consideration Promised to Free Staters Who Surrender-The Powers Refuse to Intervene-Latest Advices Respecting Bloem-

London, March 17 .- 4.20 a. m .- With the railway communication to the Cape intact Lord Roberts will in a very few days be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria. His deep political intuition, combined with his bold strategy, is having the result desired in the southern section of the Orange Free State, which is rapidly calming

Mafeking is now the only point of anxiety, and it is known that a force has left Kimberley. Its relief may be announced before many days pass. The efficiency of the relieving column is heightened by the fact that it is partly

composed of regulars. In the lobbies of parliament last evening it was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free State is abolished and promising Free Staters who immediately surrender due consideration.

It is understood that all the continental powers with one exception, un-compromisingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose reply was couched in less firm language, al-though, like the others, she declined to interfere. It is said that the pope was also appealed to, but that he declined to do anything beyond writing a letter to the queen, appealing to her to stop the further effusion of blood, Dr. Leyds' efforts with King Leopold were quite futile.

The possibility of the destruction of Johannesburg is still discussed here, but it is believed that the French and German shareholders would offer a strong protest.

The latest advices respecting the surrender of Bloeinfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stainpede. Thirteen trains, each composed of forty cars, and all crammed with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. President Steyn would have been compelled to surren der, but he pretended that he was going to visit one of the outposts and a midnight took a carriage which was waiting for him outside the town and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

#### Dutch Anxious to Surrender. London, March 16 .- Lord Roberts has

sent the following dispatch to the war

"Bloemfontein, Friday, March 16,-General Clements crossed the Orange river yesterday. Repairs to the rail-way bridge at Norval's point have commenced, and it will shortly be ready for traffic. General Pole-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein now is practically in rail communication with Cane Town My proclamation is already having an ellent effect. Several burghers have expressed their intention to surrender their arms and return to their occupations.

"The resident commissioner of Basutoland reports that 800 Boers lately arrived from Bloemfontein, and that a further contingent from Aliwal North was only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender, They had refused to attend a council at Kroonstadt, to which President Steyn had summoned them."

### Bethulie Deserted.

Bethulie, Orange Free State, Thursday, March 15 .- General Gatacre, on arriving here, found that all the Boers The town was nearly deserted, the Dutch having trekked on hearing of the occupation of Bloem-It is believed that the Boers retired

in the direction of Dewet's Dorn. The telegraph is open to Springfontein. It is understood here that President Kruger two days ago, annexed the Orange Free State to the South African

### Four Hundred Boers Surrender.

Bloemfontein, March 16 .- It is safe to say that the Boers have completely collapsed in the Free State, south of

The British cavalry patrols going as far as the Modder river have found no sign of the enemy. The bridge is un-

Altogether, 400 Boers have come in here to surrender.

#### Bridge Over Orange River. Vanzyl, Thursday, March 15 .- The bridge over the Orange river here has been completed. The British forces

have crossed and tonight they are blvouacking on Free State soil. Germany's Attitude.

Pretoria, Wednesday, March 14, via Lorenzo Marques, Thuraday, March 15. The German consul has handed the following dispatch to President Kru-

"The government of Germany and the emperor will be gladly ready to assist in friendly mediations as so as the fundamental condition to such are apparent, as soon as it is demonstrated that both opponents desire mediation. Whether the desire already exists on the British side can he found by the republics on direct inquiry at London or through the good ces of a third government, which has no important interests of its own ter assumption is qualified with a num-

ber of nations in and outside Europe. SENATE PASSES THE but not with Germany. Any such step on the part of the German government would awake suspicions and have other than a humanitarian view. The in-creased mistrust thereby engendered would not promote a penceable settle-ment. The request of the republics to transmit their appeal for mediation to the Austro-Hungarian and Swiss governments, whose interests are watched by the German consulate, has been im-mediately fulfilled."

#### The Outlook is Agitated. London, March 16.-The Outlook,commenting on Lord Salisbury's reply to the United States' offer of mediation.

says:
"Like M. Delcasse, President Mc-Kinley must himself see that this puts in end to all talk of 'friendly good offices' on the part of any outside power, But President McKinley, unlike the French premier, is face to face with that most awkward factor, his November presidential election, and we know

can be led to at such times. "Let us be thankful we have Pauncefote, not a Sackville-West, at Washington, for we shall need all our tact and firmness there these next few

what even the best of presidents

#### Boers Admit Cause Is Hopeless. London, March 17 .- The Daily Mail

has the following despatch from Lor-enzo, Marques, dated March 16: "Entrenching is proceeding on the Vaal river at Vereeynig. Late arrivals rom Pretoria say that the Boers themselves now admit that their cause is hopeless. General Lucas Meyer rcfuses to fight again and has returned to his farm. General Schalkenburger has also returned and the burghers are going home by hundreds."

### TAYLOR WANTS TROOPS.

#### He Calls Upon President McKinley, Asking Him to Intervene and Take a Hand in the Affair.

Frankfort, Ky., March 16 .- Governor Taylor spent the entire day at the executive mansion today in conference with Republican leaders, chief among whom were John W. Yerkes, of Danville, and D. W. Lindsay, of this city. It is understood that a memorial to President McKinley asking him to intervene and take a hand in the present contests was the subject of this conference, but, as several of those called to the conference did not arrive, a decision was not reached as to the exact terms of the message that will be sent to the president.

Governor Taylor refused tonight, to state the contents or the import of the appeal to President McKinley, but it is said that the governor has expressed a desire for the assistance of a small body of troops, and also for support in the way of recognition of him as governor.

### DEADLY GASOLINE.

#### One Man Killed-Five Are Injured by an Explosion.

Columbus, Ohio, March 16 .- A gasoline explosion tonight at the residence of James Weaver resulted in one death, five fatally injured and one seriously injured.

The dead: Philip Weaver, son of James Weaver. Fatally injured: Joseph White, Roy Weaver, son; Alice Weaver, wife, and Loray and Tully Weaver, daughters

of James Weaver. James Weaver was severely burned but he may recover. Joseph White used gasoline in starting a fire when the can of liquid exploded, wrecking the room and wrapping the victims in They were all frightfully flames. burned.

### OUR ALASKAN ARMY.

#### Five Companies to Join the Troops Now in the Northwest.

Seattle, Wash., March 16 .- General George M. Randall, commander of the Department of Alaska, and staff, arrived here last night. Temporary headquarters will be established here until June 1. Five companies will be sent north, and, with the three now there, will form the command. In an interview General Randall said:

"It is too early to say what will be our policy in Alaska. We will protect life and property, assist in the development of the country and work in harmony with every citizen that goes there. With the completion of the telegraph line from St. Michaels to Valdes via Eagle City, the next move will be a cable from Valdes to Scattle."

### MISSIONARIES IN DANGER.

### Admiral Watson Directed to Send a

Warship to Taku. Washington, March 16 .- Secretary Long has cabled instructions to Admiral Watson, at Cavite, to send a warship to Taku, China, at the mouth of the Tieho river, to look after American missionary interests that are threatened.

He has left the selection of the ship to Admiral Watson.

### Storm at Pittston.

Special to the Scratton Tribune. Pittston, March 16 .- Ten inches of snow fell here yesterday and last even-ing. The electric railway lines suffered asiderable inconvenience. On the West clock this morning, but it was late this afternoon before these on the East Side line could get through. The three cars on the Scranton railway line running be-tween Moosic and Pittston, were stalled all night at the upper end of William street, and up to 6 o'clok this evening had not yet been able to run anywhere near schedule time. Freight business at the Coxton yard of the Valley road was at a standstill all night, and it was not till 8 o'clock this morning that any train attempted to go over the cut-off. By this evening, however, traffic seems to be re-suming its usual shape. While a track sweeper was passing up Main street last on the Scranton railway line running be suming its usual shape. While street last sweeper was passing up Main street last sweeper was passing up Main street last night, what might have resulted in a senight. night, what might have rious wreck almost eper jumped the track and ran partly a fifteen-foot retaining wall.

# PUERTO RICAN BILL

#### RELIEF APPROPRIATION MEAS-URE CARRIES \$2,095,000.

The President Authorized to Use That Sum for Public Education, Public Works and Other Governmental and Public Purposes in Puerto Rico-Mr. Allen Offers an Amendment-The Quay Case Will Be Taken Up in Two Weeks.

Washington, March 16 .- After a deonte, at times spirited, extending over parts of two days, the senate today passed the Puerto Rican relief appropriation bill. As passed the measure carries \$2,095,000, the president being authorized to use that sum "for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes" in Puerto Rico. Mr. Allen (Neb.) offered an amendment to the bill, declaring that the constitution extends over Puerto Rico by its own force, but it was lost by the decisive vote of 36 to 17. Mr. Jones (Ark.) withdrew a free trade amendment offered by him and that proposition, therefore, did not reach a vote. Other efforts to amend the bill were fruitless. An order was made by the senate as to consideration of the case of Senator Quay, it being unanimously agreed that it should be taken up two weeks from next Tuesday and discussed until disposed of the discussion not to interfere with the unfinished business, Mr. Spooner's bill authorizing the president to govern the Philippines until otherwise directed, the appropriation bills or conference

The text of the Puerto Rican bill passed by the senate today is as fol-

Be it enacted, etc., that the sum of \$2,095,455, being the amount of customs revenue received on importations by the United States from Puerto Rico since the evacuation of Puerto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 18th of October, 1898, to the 1st of January, 1900, shall be placed at the disposal of the president, to be used for the government now existing and which may hereafter be established in Puerto Rico and for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes therein, and the said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropri-

#### GOEBEL'S ASSASSINATION. Alleged Accessories Arraigned Frankfort.

Frankfort, Ky., March 16.-Caleb Powers, John Davis, W. H. Culton and Harland Whittaker, charged with being accessories to the murder of William Goebel, were brought here from Louisville today in charge of Sheriff Suter and deputy sheriffs met them at the an deputy sheriffs met them at the trains, and they were marched to the jail through the streets, which were lined with people. There was no disorder and the prisoners greeted their friends pleasantly as they went to

The prisoners were arraigned before County Judge Moore at 11 o'clock and after some arguments betweens the attorneys Hazlip was released on \$10,000

Judge Moore set the examining trials for Monday. County Attorney Pols-grove said he did not think the state could be ready for trial by that time and in case it was not he would ask for a continuance of two days. Louisville, Ky., March 16.-Sheriff Suter, of Frankfort, accompanied by two deputies, arrived in Louisville pursuant to an order issued by County Judge Moore, in that city, for the transfer to Franklin county of Secretary of State Powers, Harland Whittaker, W. H. Culton and Captain Davis, the four alleged accessories to the

The prisoners were delivered to Sheriff Suter and their departure for rankfort, where a preliminary hearing will be held, was without incident As a result of meetings held by prominent citizens of Louisville it is announced that ex-Governor John Young Brown has accepted employ ment as chief counsel for the arrested men. With him will be associated George Denny, W. C. P. Breckinridge and others.

assassination of Governor Goebel.

### STEAMER ICE BOUND.

#### The Louisville Five Miles Out in Lake Michigan.

St. Joseph. Mich., March 16 .- The steamer Louisville lies ice-bound five miles out in Lake Michigan, on the Chicago course, tonight, and nothing can be done to relieved her until day-

At daybreak an attempt will be made to bring in the steamer. Provisions for the twenty passengers on board will also be taken out. It is believed the vessel will weather the storm where she is. The wind is now blowing only sixty miles an hour and it is bitter cold. Much anxiety is felt here over the safety of the vessel's crew

#### and passengers. Cleveland Gets Big Fish.

Miami, Fla., March 16.—Ex-Presiden leveland, Dr. Bryant and ex-Secre-Cleveland, Dr. Bryant and ex-Secre-tary Isimont came down from Paim Beach last night. This morning they started for a day's fishing in Bay Bis-cayne, accompanied by ex-Senator Camden, of West Virginia. They re-turned this evening with a large catch, including some tremendous king fish, Mr. Cleveland and party returned to Paim Beach tonight.

### Truth Under Bail.

Boston. March 16.-Francis Truth thown as the "divine healer." who was rrested here yesterday, was arraigned before the United States court today to answer to the charge of fraudulently using the mails. The hearing was coninued until next Friday, bail being 1xed at \$5,000

### One Year Since Our War. Washington, March 16.—One year ago tomorrow the queen regent of Spain signed the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States.

### DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE. New Monetary Act Has Not Affected

#### Business Perceptibly. New York, March 16 .-- R. G. Dun &

Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say tomorrow: The new monetary act which was signed and took effect on Wednesday has not affected business perceptibly

Designed as a barrier against future harm, it was by some expected to have immediate influence through provisions regarding bank circulation. While \$2,-100,000 will be added to New York circulation, the increase thus far indicated will be mainly in the interior, affecting the chief monetary centers only by lessening reliance upon them

when more currency is wanted.

The grain movement is fading in importance. Corn exports have been in two weeks only 5,497,102 bushels against 7,126,553 last year, though prior to March 132,292,623 bushels were ex-ported; 199,954,984 last year.

Zealous efforts to excite new confidence in higher prices for iron have not had the desired effect. While varlous markets are called stronger, not a quotation has advanced but tank plates at Pittsburg are a shade lower at 2 cents.

Copper is strong and a shade higher, but large arrivals have caused some decline in tin. It is not strange that higher prices have been asked for most cotton goods, with the market for raw cotton higher than it has been since January 10, 1838, and the break in its price did not go far enough to change the situation.

Sales of wool have been only 7,323,-500 pounds in two weeks. Manufac-turers have such supplies that they buy only to plece out for special wants. The mills are still producing great quantities of goods without buying

Failures for the week have been 198 in the United States against 189 last year, and 23 in Canada against 30 last

### AIMED AT STANDARD.

#### Representative Fitzgerald Thinks the Oil Company Violates the Anti-Trust Law.

Washington, March 16.—Representa-tive Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, today introduced the following resolu-

Whereas, it appears as a matter of public record that the Standard Oil company paid in the city of New York on March 15, 1900, the sum of \$17,000,000, this amount being an extra dividend, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$3,000,000, and,

Whereas, it is a matter of record that this last dividend is \$5,000,000 in excess of the last quarterly dividend, paid by this corporation, and.

Whereas, it is also a matter of public record that the price of kerosene oil, the sole means of lighting used by the middle and poorer classes of people, during the period of time between the declaration of these dividends was increased 3 cents per offen, constituting tax on every home in the land: there fore, be it

Resolved, that in the opinion of congress this action of the Standard Oil company is in direct violation of the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, and therefore punishable by fine and imprisonment, and the attorney general is hereby directed in accordance with the provisions of that act to direct the several district attorneys the United States in their respective districts to institute proper proceedings to bring the said named violators of law to justice.

### GOVERNOR STONE'S DENIAL

### Has Made No Remarks Concerning Hon. G. A. Grow.

Harrisburg, March 16.-Governor Stone said today that he did not talk about the nomination of Congressman Galusha A. Grow to any one while in Philadelphia this week nor was the subject of congressman-at-large from Philadelphia or any other place mentioned to him by any one, nor by him to any one.

He denied the statements attributed to him on this question and said that there has always been a strong sentiment for Mr. Grow in the Republican conventions and that he should not be surprised to find it at the next con-

### FIRE AT ALLENTOWN.

#### A Dry Goods Store Destroyed-Loss \$50,000.

Allentown, March 16 .- Fire tonigh completely ruined the stock of M. F. Morrissey's dry goods store, causing a loss of \$50,000. Elias Bittner, owner of the building, loses \$5,000, which is conered by insurance. Mr. Morrissey out of the city, and the amount of his insurance is not obtainable.

The cause of the fire is unknown The rooms and furniture of several society clubs in the upper floors were

Anniversary Windsor Hotel Fire. New York, March 16.—One year ago tomorrow, the Windsor hotel was hurned while the St. Patrick's day parade was passing. Nearly one hundred lives were lost, including members of Proprietor Leland's family. Since the fire, Warren Leland, the proprietor, has died, and it is said, with a broken heart. roken heart.

### Big Hotel Burned.

Philadelphia, March 16.—The Hellevue hotel, at Wayne, a suburb of this city, was destroyed by fire today, the result of defective heating apparatus. The lonly occupants were the watchman and three other employes. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, partially insured. The building was a four-story frame structure. tory frame structure.

To Increase National Guard Funds. Washington, March 16.—The house committee on militia today directed a favorable report on the bill of Representative Marsh, of Illinois, increasing the appropriation for the national guard and militia of the country from \$400,000 to \$2,000,000 annually.

## Wages Will Be Advanced. Greensburg, March 16.—The miners employed at the various works of Coulter & Huff. in this locality, will be given an advance of ten per cent. on

### M. E. CONFERENCE AT PHILADELPHIA

#### BISHOP FOWLER PRESIDES AT YESTERDAY'S SESSIONS.

Report on the Contingent Fund Shows an Increase of \$3,277.29. General Missionary Secretary of New York Makes an Address-Ex-Governor Pattison Presides at Electoral Conference-The Officers Elected.

Philadelphia, March 16 .- Today's sestion of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference opened with the usual devotional exercises, which were led by the Rev. James T. Satchell, Bishop Fowler presided at the business session, at which reports were received of the class standing of the various probationers. The report of the com-mittee on Preachers Aid society showed total receipts, less expenditures, of 353,952,

The report on the contingent fund shows that the capital this year is \$41,095.36, against \$37,818.07 for last year, a net increase of \$3,277.29.

The following members of the fourth year class were then admitted into full membership: Robert Crawford, William R. Ridington, Herbert W. Westwood, William G. Jones, Benjamin La. Pish, Ernest Bowden, William P. Brines, John F. Hartman, William H. Stewart, H. H. Kinney, Benjamin Barnes, Clifford P. Fritcher, George L. Schaffer, jr., Samuel Johnson, Thomas T. Martin and John E. McVeigh. Rev. Dr. J. G. Bickerton, on behalf of the trustees of the Philadelphia Collegiate Institute for Girls, presented a report showing work done by the institute

during the past year. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss made an appeal in behalf of the institute and urged its claims upon remembrance in connection with the twentieth century

hank offering. Rev. A. J. Falmer, D. D., general missionary secretary of New York, in an address said there are now 40,000 Methodists in Japan, and 22,000 in China. Rev. Dr. B. M. Chapman spoke in behalf of the Boston school of thelogy. Rev. Dr. George E. Reed, president of Dickinson college, announced that this institution was enjoying great prosperity. Rev. J. T. Satchell, D. D., chairman of the twentieth century thank offering fund committee, presented a report which was adopted, naming the following as special bene-The Methodist Episcopal home, the Methodist Episcopal hospital, Preachers' Aid society, Philadelphia Collegiate institute. Dickinson college, Dickinson seminary, Drew The-ological seminary, debts on churches and parsonages and such other educational and philanthropic institutions

under the care of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies, to be designated by these organizations. Rev. J. S. J. McConnell announced

On the first ballot four of the seven delegates to the general conference were elected as follows: Rev. T. B. Neely, D. D., Rev. J. B. Hughes D D., Rev. W. L. MacDowell, D. D. and Rev. J. R. T. Gray, D. D. The second ballot resulted in the election of the Rev. Dr. Charles Elliott, of Pottsville. The wo remaining delegates to the general conference will be balloted for tomorrow.

#### Lay Electoral Conference. The eighth lay electoral conference

of the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was held oday for the purpose of electing delegates to the general conference. Ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison presided. There were 215 delegates present. The following were elected delegates: General, ex-Governor Pattison and ex-Postmaster John Field: provisional, M. S. Simpson, John E. James, William H. Maxwell, Samuel Shaw, Charles Scott; alternates, Samuel W. Meyers, F. W. Tunnell, Charles W. Higgins. An address was delivered by Dr. George Reed, president of Dickinson college dwelling on the growth and advantages of that institution, and Rev. A. J. Palmer, general missionary secretary, of New York, gave a stirring address upon the management of the nissionary funds. During the past ighty-two years in which the missionary society, has been organized ver \$36,000,000 has been collected. For the handling of all this, including the expense of exchange in foreign counries, clerk hire, office expenses and all else, the total expense upon the collection each year will amount to ess than two cents on the dollar.

The eighth annual meeting of the Laymen's association was held tonight. Brief addresses were made by Bishop Fowler and Dr. James M. King, of the board of church extension. following officers were elected for the

President, H. L. Bruner: vice-presidents, W. H. Server, North district; W. Beecher, Northwest district; W G. McGarry, West district, and W. V. Wallace, South district: secretary, Dr. l. G. James; treasurer, F. W. Tun-

nell. In the Twentieth Street church tonight the Tract society held its anniversary exercises under the direction of Rev. C. M. Boswell and Rev. C. C.

A delegation has arrived here from Stroudsburg to urge the conference to old its next meeting in the Monroe county town.

### First Private Bill.

Washington, March 16.—This was the first private bill day in the house under the new rule. About two hours were spent in the discussion of a bill to pay Representative Swanson, of Virginia, \$1,769 for extra expenses incurred by him in his contest in the last congress, but the bill was ultimately abandoned. Six bills of minor importance were Six bills of minor importance were

### Oprporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, Murch 16.—A charter was ssued by the state department today to the Crescent Water company, of An-Allegheny county; capital,

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, March 16.—Restoration and increase, Archibald B. Ayers, Peckville, Lackawanns county, \$6.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

### Weather Indications Tolay:

General—South African War Situation, Puerto Rican Bill Passed by the Sen-

ste.
General Joe Wheeler Says Philippine
War Is Ended.
M. E. Conference at Philadelphia.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. General-Pennsy's Washington Letter. The World of Sport.

Editorial. News and Comment.

Local-Social and Personal. One Woman's Views.

Local-The Day in United States Court. Work of the Grand Jury.

Local-Grand Jury Will Lexow City Choked to Death on a Ham Sandwich,

Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the County. 0 Story-"Once Too Often."

Missionary Work in the Philippines. Sunday-School Lesson for Tomorrow, Religious News of the Week.

Local-Y. M. C. A. Plans Ready for

## CONFERENCE AT HAZLETON

the Builders. Live Industrial News.

#### Business of the Central M. E. Society-Delegates Elected to the General Conference.

Hazelton, March 16 .- At today's session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference a resolution praying congress to act favorably or the anti-canteen bill now before the house was adopted by an unanimous

On request of Treasurer Horning an auditing committee consisting of Samuel Creighton and E. M. Stevens, was appointed to audit his accounts. The following having passed the second years' studies were admitted to full membership in the conference and elected to deacon's orders: Manual Aduljor, Samuel Raunsley, John C. Collins, Edgar Heckman, Simpson Standard, Richard Oyler, Abraham Frank Joseph V. Adams, Charles F., Youse, Frank Brunstetter and Lewis Dyer. Bishop Goodsell called them to the bar of the conference and addressed them on the serious nature of the work they have taken up. The election of seven delegates to the general conference consumed some time; when the morning session adjourned the vote had not yet been counted. The annual reports of Presiding Elders J. H. Paulsgrove, of the Juniata district, and J. H. Black, of the Williamsport district, were read and the amount of the

showed large gains during the year. W. W. Evans, of Sunbury and C. B. that the Philadelphia conference fund Conner, of Domsterg, were elected ter to the house. General Wheeler amounted to \$300,000. Chicago on the first ballot. As four other delegates are to be chosen, another ballot was taken, the result of which will be announced tomorrow

missionary collections by the effective

morning. Miss Mary McCord presided at the anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary society this afternoon. Mrs. S. Baldwin was the speaker. Rev Dr. Parks Cadman, of New York, lectured tonight on "The Puritans of Two

Continents. The lay electoral conference met this afternoon and elected the following

to the general conference: Regular delegates, Thomas Murray of Altoona: Herbert Ames, of Williamsport. Provisional delegates, W. L. Woodcock, of Altoona; C. P. Speer, of Chambersburg; John R. Rote, of Danville, and J. R. Black, of Williamsport. Regular alternates. Llewellyn, of Shamokin; T. H. Man ninger, of Port Royal. Provisional al-W. H. Schwartz, of Altoona; J. P. Mellick, of Harrisburg: J. D. First, of

#### Williamsport. CONFESSES MURDER.

### Harvey Barrett Admits That He

Killed Knobl. Harrisburg. March 16.-Harvey Bar rett, who was arrested last Tuesday night, charged with the murder of Frank J. Knobl, on the Paxton street bridge on Monday night, this evening confessed that he fired the shot that killed Knobl. He says that he had been drinking on Monday night and when crossing the bridge he met two men, with whom he had some words He drew a revolver and fired in the air and ran away. He discovered that he was followed by Knobl and two other men. He stopped and fired at Knobl, who fell. Knobl's companions gave up the chase and Barrett ascaped, but was arrested on suspicion

#### the following day. TOBACCO HOUSE CLOSED. Five Hundred Men and Women Out

of Employment. New York, March 16 .- The American Fobacco company discharged its entire list of 500 employes, men and women. today from the cigar factory at Fifty-I street and the East river, and it will move its plant to its factories in Richmond, Va.; Baltimore, Cincinnati and Lancaster, Pa. This is the only factory the company had in this city.

Manager Gordon said the shutting down was on account. of expenses "Labor is too expensive here," said, "and we can get it cheaper in the

#### other places." Boom for Tom Johnson.

Louis, March 16 .- Ex-Governo William J. Stone, Democratic national committeeman from Missouri, said to-day he believed there was some truth in the statement that there is a move-ment among eastern Democrats to elect Tom L. Johnson, of Ohio, chairof the national committee and

### Imported Lacemakers.

Wilkes-Barre, March 16.—Twenty-one men, all members of Lacemakers union, No. 8,013, of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here this evening from Brooklyn, to take the places of the striking lace weavers at the Wyoming valley lace mills.

## WHEELER SAYS WAR IS OVER

### Filipino Army Consists of a Few Guerillas and Irregulars.

### MUST BE RUN TO EARTH

Fighting Joe" Insists That the War in the Philippines Has Been Ended Some Time-The American Troops Doing Splendid Work at Manila-General Wheeler Will Apply for Admission Into the House of Representatives.

Washington, March 16 .- General Jos Wheeler arrived in this city today from Atlanta, Ga. In the absence of Secretary Root, General Wheeler reported formally to Adjutant General Corbin, thus complying with the order from the department which brought him from Manila to Washington. The general was in the uniform of a brigadier general of the volunteer army. He looked the picture of health, better than when he left Washington for Manila. He gave General Corbin a brief description of the conditions in Luzon when he left. He insisted that the war was over and that nothing more was to be done except to run down a few guerillas and irregulars. There was difficulty in this work, he said, and there was danger, too, but its prosecution was not "war. Ambuscades were frequent and annoying and it was not easy to tell whether the hidden force was strong or weak; three men had been mistaken for a company in some cases.

The general said that the American troops are doing splendid work there. They are sound and healthy, and in quite as good shape as they would be at home engaged in similar service. This was owing, in a measure, to the excellent care for their men exhibite 1 by officers and to the watchful precautions of the staff of the army.

General Wheeler said that as soon as his resignation had been accepted by the president he intended to make the issue as to his right to a seat in the house of representatives as a representative from Alabama. He says the issue will not be one for the decision of Speaker Henderson. He will present himself at the bar of the house elders recorded. All these reports and ask to be sworn in, as he understood the rules, the speaker will have no option, but must submit the matbe in his favor, though he realized that there might be some delay, owing to a reference of his case to the committee on elections.

> purpose being to secure speedy action upon his resignation. It was learned that such action has been withheld by the president only to legalize General Wheeler's traveling expenses and per diem up to the moment of his arrival in Washington. General Wheeler was with the presi-

At the conclusion of his interview

with General Corbin, General Wheeler

went over to the White House,

dent some time. On leaving the White House he said his resignation had not yet been accepted, but he expected a decision would be reached within few days.

BUNDY IN TROUBLE.

He Confessed to a Shortage of 830,000. Elmira, N. Y., March 16 .- Frank E. Bundy, who for the past six years has occupied the office of chamberlain of this city, and for three years previous was clerk in the chamberlain's office, has voluntarily confessed a shortage of over \$30,000 in his accounts. Bundy was the Democratic candidate for mayor and was defeated at the charter election on March 6. At the first meeting of the Republican council following the election a committee was appointed to investigate the cham-

is the outcome of this action. It is supposed that the shortage will be found in the account of unpaid taxes and that much of the taxes reported as unpaid was really paid. Several instances have already been discovered where attempts have been made to compel taxpayers to pay their taxes a second time. It is understood tonight that Bundy will not be prosecuted. His bondsmen

berlain's books and Bundy's confession

#### have taken charge of the matter. Steamship Arrivals.

Liverpool, March 16.—Arrived; Germanie from New York, Hamburg—Arrived; Pennsylvania, from New York, Rotterdam—Sailed; Spaarndam for New York, Havre—Arrived; La Champagne from New York, Queenstown—Arrived; Lucania from New York and proceeded for Liverpool, New York—Arrived; Patricia from Hamburg, Sailed; Bremen for Bremen via Southampton, Cleared; Etruria for Liverpool; Statendam for Rotterdam via Bologne; Palatia for Rotterdam via Bologne: Palatia

Dublin Will Receive the Queen Dublin, March 16.—At a meeting in the Mansion house today, the lord mayor presiding, a committee was ap-pointed to fittingly receive the queen, and £1,600 was subscribed for decora-

#### British War Loan. New York, March 16 .- J. Pierpont

of the British war loan. The ar of applications received here was \$50,000,000.

Morgan today announced the closing

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Washington, March 16 .- Forecast Penesylvania, fair and colder Saturday: fresh westerly winds; Sunday, fair and warmer.