MAFEKING IS STILL WAITING

The Promised Relief Is Not Yet Announced.

London Believes Hostilities Will Cease by the Middle of May-Boers Reported to Have Destroyed a Railroad in the Neighborhood of Kroonstadt - General Kitchener Quietly Organizing.

London, March 19.-4.30 a. m,-The news from South Africa today is entirely satisfactory to the British public. The relief of Mafeking is not yet announced, but it is extremely probable that this is already accomplished by Colonel Plumer's advance. Lady Charles Bentnick, at Cape Town, has received a telegram from her husband in Mafeking, dated March 12, saying that he expected to join her shortly.

The actual relief movements have not been publicly developed in detail, but it seems that Lord Methuen only started very recently and is rather engaged in dispersing the Boers of the district than aiming at actual relief. Colonel Peakman has dispersed 500 Boers at Fourteen Streams.

Lord Roberts probably ascertained from Mr. Frazer, the new mayor of Bloemfontein, before dispatching General Pole-Carew southward, that, in all likelihood, the railway was clear. The next move will be to collect at Bloemfontein by railway sufficient stores for the immense army Lord Roberts will have when the Orange river forces

have joined him. This will probably occupy from two to three weeks. Therefore the next important operations may be expected in

The cavairy brigade which Lord Roberts has sent to Thaba Nchu, thirtymiles cast of Bloemfontein, is des tined to cut off some 2,000 Boers who are escaping from the southward.

The Boers are reported to have destroyed the railway in the neighbor-hood of Kroonstadt. Lord Kitchener is still quietly organizing in the northeast of Cano Predictions and betting are

beginning here that the war will be ended by the middle of May. Dispatches from Durban, Pietermaritzburg and other South African towns describe most enthusiastic celebra tions on St. Patrick's Day.

A London newspaper credits to Lord Roberts the suggestion to the queen that the wearing of the shamrock be permitted. Whether this be so or not, it has been a most advantageous polititeal move.

Rifles Accumulating.

London, March 19 .- A dispatch to the Paily Mail from Bloemfontein, dated Friday, March 16, says, are getting rifles surrendered faster than a factory could turn them out. It is quite certain that if a British official can reach the northern laagers with Lord Roberts' proclamation, the whole Boer population will declare for peace.

SITUATION AT MAFEKING.

The Garrison Holding Its Own on Quarter Rations. Lorenzo, Marques, Sunday, March 18 -A despatch from Mafeking, dated

baturday, March 10, says: "The garrison is holding its own have heard numerous rumors that the siege will be raised, but so far that is not the ease. We are pegging along patiently on quarter rations, supplemented by the occasional capture of cattle.

"Our home-made guns erratically bombard the Boer trenches. Horrible stories are current that the Boers are inflicting nameless tortures on captured native runners. This may not be true, but they are tending to inflame native passions to such an extent that it may soon be impossible to hold the natives in check.

"Owing to the Boers having deliber bombarded the native stadt, which is full of women and children. Colonel Baden-Powell has armed the natives, but he has only allowed them to act on the defensive, although they have clamored to be allowed to go ou and attack at the point of the assegal. "They will be prevented as long as possible from inflicting reprisals on the

Pretoria, Friday, March 16 .- It is off cially denied that the siege of Mafe-king has been raised or the town re-

The British officers here have been removed from the model school to new quarters on the outskirts of the town. Cape Town, Sunday, March 18 .- The Mafeking relief column. Colonels Drummond and Peakman commanding, had a sharp engagement at Fourteen Streams. The British succeeded in driving the Boers off. They had

only a few casualties. Dispatch from Roberts.

London, March 18.-The war office has received the following dispatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Sunday, March 18: The Guards brigade returned yes terday from Norvals Pont. Several burghers have laid down their arms to General Pole-Carew at Edenburg

"The officer commanding at flelmont reports that some descriers have come in with a Maxim, a nine-pounder and another gun. Another nine-pounder has been brought into Colesberg. The cavalry brigade has gone to Thaba. Nchu, in order to reassure the inhabi-tants of that district and to dis tribute copies of the proclamation to the people of the Free State. These proclamations are being eagerly sought

"Lord Methuen reached Warrenton on March 16. He was in time to pre-vent the deviation bridge from being completely destroyed and to secure

the pont on the Vaal.
"The En lish mail will be despatched from here by tomorrow and the regular railway service with Cape Town will be reopened. Mafeking reports toat all was well on March 6." Cape Town, Sunday March 18.--The monuted force from Kimberley proceeding to the relief of Mafeking has arrived at Warrenton, the Boers eva-cuating the town, blowing up the bridge. It is reported that the rebels who refused to accompany the Trans-vaalers when the latter vacated Taungs and Vryburg are preparing to BETS ON END OF THE WAR of the British, but that the Hottentot chiefs are getting ready to bar their

The Casualties.

escape.

Pretoria, Friday, March 16 .- The hief of the intelligence department, Molengraaf, announces that the federal losses prior to the relief of Kingberley and Ladysmith were! Killed, 877: wounded, 2.129, accidents, sickness and other disabling causes, he asserts, bring the total to 4,251.

Lobatsi, Saturday, March 16,-It is reported that Commandent Eloff with a commando, has left Zecerust for Mafeking.

Commandant Schwartz, with 150 men, is threatening the railway near Acvogel kop, north of Lobats!. A British patrol, which reconnoiter-ed within fourteen miles of Mafeking. found the railway uninjured and the telegraph wire untouched north of

BOERS DESIRE PEACE.

Webster Davis Thinks They Will Not Hold Out Much Longer.

London, March 19 .- The Naples cor respondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs an interview he had with Webster Davis, United States assistant secretary of the interior. According to this Mr. Davis said:

"When I left Pretoria the Boers were becoming desirous of peace. President Kruger and General Joubert were the strongest opponents of the peace party, but they were becoming exceedingly unpopular. I do not believe the Boers

will resist much longer. The correspondent says Mr. Davis declined to speak regarding his mission, but that the general belief in Naples is that he is bearing peace terms and a request for American

ALLEGIANCE OF THE IRISH.

Among the Queen's Most Devoted Troops-Kipling's Tribute. Cape Town, March 18 .- St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with extraordi-

nary enthusiasm throughout South Africa. In reply to a message from the hishmen of Cape Town, the queen sent the following:
"I have always felt confident that

soldiers in the face of the enemy would be shared by the brethren in of my government." On the initiative of Lord Roberts, a

newspaper has been started at Bloemfontein for the edification of the troops. Rudyard Kipling contributed to the inaugural edition yesterday the following lines:). Terence, dear, and did you hear,

The news that's going round? The shamrock's Erin's badge by law, Where'er her sons are found.
From Bloemfontein to Ballybank
'Tis ordered by the queen.
We've won our right in open fight—

The wearing of the green. TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Congressional Organization Celebrates Dow's Birthday.

Washington, March 18 .- The sixtyeighth annual meeting of the Congressional Temperance society, held also as a memorial in honor of the ninetysixth birthday anniversary of Hon. Neal Dow, took place in the Memorial Lutheran church tonight. Representative Grout, of Vermont, presided, and addresses were made by Representatives Littlefield, of Maine: Lloyd, of Missouri: Talbert, of South Carolina; Greene, of Massachusetts, and Dahle, of Wisconsin. The secretary, Rev. Fred D. Powers, made his report, which was mainly a tribute to Neal Dow and a review of the results of his work in

At a business meeting of the society the following officers were elected: President, W. W. Grout, of Vermont; vice-presidents Senator Frye, of Maine, and Kyle, of South Dakota, and Representatives Pugh,of Kentucky; Littlefield, of Maine; McCleary, of Minnesota; Lamb, of Virginia; Snodgrass, of Tennessee, and Lloyd, of Misouri; secretary, Rev. Fred D. Powers.

BISHOP HURST ON EXPANSION. The War Will Spread the Gospel to

the Unenlightened. Millville, N. J., March 18 .-- Fully 500 persons attended the services of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal conference today, Bishop Hurst delivered the sermon, taking for his sub-

ject "The Unknown God." In his sermon he spoke on the expansion question, upholding the policy of the government in their efforts to bring the Philippine islands from their stupor of three and a half centuries. The war will spread the word of God throughout these unenlightened He said there were now fifteen churches in the islands and more being erected. He said statesmen talk of the tariff, but ministers should talk of the gospel to these countries.

Deweys Will Visit Europe. Washington, March 18.-Admiral and Mrs. Dewey left here tonight for a trip South. They expect to visit Savanneh. Macon, St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Palm Beach. The admiral and Mrs. Dewey probably will not return to the city until the latter part of next month, at which time it is said they will sail for Europe visiting the Paris expositon for Europe, visiting the Paris exposition some time during the summer.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 18.—Arrived: La Gascogne, Havre, Cherbourg—Sailed: New York, from Bouthampton, New York, Queenstown—Sailed: Bovic, from Liverpool, New York.

PUERTO RICO BILL LAGS IN SENATE

REPUBLICAN SENATORS OF-POSED TO PRESENT ACTION.

Appropriation Bills on the Calendar Will Receive Attention-A Difference of Opinion Regarding the Quay Resolution-District of Columbia Day in the House-General During the Week.

Washington, March 19 .- It now looks as though the week in the senate would be spent largely in waiting upon the special Republican caucus commitappointed to harmonize the party on the proposed Puerto Rican legisla-tion. The Puerto Rican governmental bill will continue to hold its place on ments by sea. the senate calendar, as the unfinished business and some desultory speeches doubtless will be made upon it, but it will not be pressed, as it would if there was hope of passing it soon. The Republican senators are opposed to present action on the bill and no effort will be made to arrive at final results until the caucus committee makes

its report. In the meantime the appropriation bills on the calendar will receive attention. These are the legislative and Indian bills. There is one amendment suggested to the legislative bill by the committee on appropriations which may arouse considerable debate and open up the Philippine question. This s the item providing for the establishment of a hydographic office at Manila. Opposition senators recognize the possibilities of this amendment as a basis for discussion, but they are not fully decided to avail themselves of it. In connection with the Indian bill the expenditures authorized to be made by the Dawes commission prob ably will be discussed.

Senator Mason has given notice of renewed effort to get up his resolution of sympathy with the Boers on Monday, but says he does not desire to speak on it. The senate leaders con-sider the resolution unwise at this

The Quay Resolution.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether under the agreement to take up the Quay resolution for consideration on the third of April it can be called up even for speeches in the interim. It is probable, however, that some addresses may be presented on the subject during the present week if no other matter presses for considera-tion. An effort will be made by Senator Davis to get up the Spanish claim

In executive session there will be an the spirit, courage and allegiance attempt made to secure the confirma-which have distinguished the Irish tion of Hon. W. E. Bynum as appraisattempt made to secure the confirmaer at New York, which attempt does not promise to be immediately successthe colony in support of the authority ful. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty will be considered if opportunity presents, but the present indications are against an early move in that direction.

The caucus Puerto Rican committee will begin its sessions in earnest Monday and a strenuoous endeavor will be made to get the bill in such shape as to make it acceptable to practically all the Republican senators at as early a date as possible. Senator Foraker is now engaged in preparing himself to the utmost to perfect the bill during the present If he succeeds in getting a bill which the Republicans will accept, the measure will then be pressed with all the speed and energy possi-

In the House.

Tomorrow is District of Columbia day in the house. The Loud bill relating to second class mail matter will ecme up Tuesday under a special or-der setting aside Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday for its consideration. Friday under the rules will be given to private pension legislation list convention tomorrow, as is mos the army appropriation bill which is on the calendar. Tomorrow, before the District business is taken up, the Puerto Rican relief bill, with senate amendments, will be called up and passed. The senate amendments probably will be agreed to without much or position.

General Joseph Wheeler may present himself at the bar of the house to be sworn in some time during the week. So far as can be learned, there is no objection on either side to his admission, if his resignation as a brigadier general in the army shall have been accepted before he presents himself. The case, however, may be re-ferred to a committee. The St. Louis members are laboring to secure consideration for a bill appropriating \$5. 000,000 for the World's Exposition, to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Louisianna purchase, in 1903. but thus far they have failed to secure the consent of the powers that be in the house.

PITTSTON CHURCH BURNED. Edifice of the Welsh Congregational

Society Is Destroyed.

Special to the Scrantor Tribune. Pittston, March 18 .-- The Welsh Congregational church, on La Grange street, the oldest church in the city. was totally destroyed by fire tonight at 10.39 o'clock. The blaze started in the basement, probably from a defective flue, and spread so rapidly os to

get beyond control. The two organs and the pulpit furniture was saved, but otherwise the church is a total loss. The estimated loss is \$7,000, covered by \$3,000 lesurance. The church was built some fifty years ago. It's present pastor is Rev. David M. George.

Chinese Report Denied.

Washington, March 18 .- In official and diplomatic circles here a denial is au-thorized of published reports that there have been conferences with a view to the dispatch of additional warships and United dispatch of additional warships and United States soldiers to China and that news of the gravest character had been re-ceived from the United States minister to China. There is said to be no fear entertained that any serious danger to American interests is impending.

THE COAL TRADE.

Situation as Presented in the Philadelphia Ledger's Article.

Philadelphia, March 18 .- The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say:
"The anthracite coal trade is dull. The market is not taking enough of the domestic sizes to keep the stocks on hand from accumulating and hence the managers are curtailing output and are trying to keep within 3,000,000 tons mined per month. The small sizes for steam vsers are in demand and the whole product of the pex, buckwheat and rice coal is readily absorbed, and in various localities they Wheeler May Present Himself at | are scarce. They have been largely the Bar to Be Sworn in Some Time steam making. The market, as spring closely approaches, is not expected to get any better for the domestic sizes, and the dealers, anticipating lower prices, are ordering as little as possible. The trade is consequently in rather unsatisfactory condition, Coastwise coal freights are being lowered from the high quotations that were prevailing, and this may have a tendency to stimulate enthracite ship-

CONVENTION AT LINCOLN.

Democrats and Populists Are Liable to Have a Lively Session-Middle-

of-the-Road Men Aggressive. Lincoln, Neb., March 18 .- While there may be a few family fights in the Democratic and Populist conventions called for tomorrow to elect delegates to the Democratic national convention at Kansas City, they are not expected to have any influence upon the final action of both gatherings, which will be to select Bryan delegates and instruct them to vote for him first, last and all the time.

It is expected that there will be sharp struggles in the afternoon caucuses for the positions of delegates-atlarge in the Democratic convention but whoever wins the result will be the same. Whoever gets a place on the Nebraska delegation will be a shouter for William Jennings Bryan. The Populists have a squabble of their own to settle over the delegation from Omaha, Douglass county. Two sets of delegates are coming to town tomorrow from Omaha. One is the "middle-ofthe-road" faction, led by National Committeeman D. Cleam Deaver, and the other the Fusionists, headed by E. E. Thomas. The Deaver men withdrew from the county convention yesterday and formed a delegation of their

"We won't try the case until we hear it," said Governor Poynter today, "but, if the facts are as has reported, I guess there is no doubt that Mr. Deaver and his delegation will go over the transom.'

Governor Poynter declares that there is no doubt whatever that the Populist convention would send a delega-tion to Sioux Falls instructed for Mr.

Much interest is manifested regarding the platform to be adopted by Democratic convention. It will be drawn up under the personal supervision of Mr. Bryan and is understood to be his declaration of the platform which, in his opinion, the national convention at Kansas City should place beneath the feet of its presidential nominee. The platform of tomorrow will be an affirmation of the Chicago platform, will contain certain planks antagonistic to trusts, declaring against the formation of a large standing army and against the foreign policy of the present administration. At present it is not the intention of the free silver Republicans to hold a convention tomorrow, although it may be so determined later. The probabil-ity is, however, that simply a meeting will be held and the candidacy of Mr. Bryan endorsed.

After the adjournment of the con vention, Mr. Bryan will deliver an address in the Auditorium. Preparanotable event in view of the fortleth

anniversary of Mr. Bryan's birthday.
If the middle of the road Populists are refused admission to the the Popuunless that order is superseded by probable, they will hold a convention their own and choose a delegate to be sent from Nebraska to the mid dle of the road convention, which is to be held in Cincinnati. Secretary Parker, of the middle of the road Populist national committee, said to-

"We are going to have a Nebraska delegation at Cincinnati, and if the convention tomorrow refuses to recognize the Cincinnati convention, we will choose our own delegation."

CIGARMAKER'S CRIME.

M. Goldflas Kills Jennie Liss, with Whom He Was Infatuated.

Chicago, March 18,-The Vendomotel suicide and the woman he killed have been identified as M. Goldflas, proprietor of a cigar and confectionery store on West Fourteenth street. and Jennie Liss, 14 years old, an employe of a cigar factory. Although of tender age, she had

been keeping company with Goldflas for some time. It is asserted that the man was infatuated with her and that he probably killed her in a fit of jealousy. Goldflas was 30 years old and married.

ANTI-QUAYITES DEFEATED.

Entirely Vanquished at the Huntingdon Primaries.

Huntingdon, March 18 .- All but five of the 62 districts in Huntingdon county have reported on the results of last night's Republican primariaes and definitely show that the regular Republican or Quay ticket has been elected from Congressman Mahon to the county committeeemen. Dissatisfaction over camapign management among the leaders of the anti-Quay forces is given as the principal cause of their

defeat. Two Governors of Kentucky.

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MACHINISTS MAY GO ON A STRIKE

CHICAGO LABOR TROUBLES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOVE.

At the Close of the Conference at Chicago Yesterday President James O'Connell, of Machinists' Union, Declared That Strikes Will Be Called Immediately in All Parts of the United States and Canada.

Chicago, March 18 .- After the conference between representatives of the International Association of Machinists and the administrative council of the National Metal Trades' association ended at 12.30 a. m. today President James O'Connell, of the union, declared that strikes would be called immediately in all parts of the United States and Canada. Such strikes would involve 100,000 men and cause to be shut down for an indefinite period plants having an aggregate capacity of millions of dollars.

Chicago labor troubles are responsible for the disagreement which is expected to precipitate the general machinists' strike. Were it not for the fact that leaders of the Machinists' union refused to call off the strikes that now exist in Chicago, Columbus, Ohio, and Paterson, N. J., the manufacturers and the leaders, it is believed would have come to an amicable agreement and arbitration would have

been permanently adopted. members of the executive board of the Machinists' union, however, re-fused to call off the Chicago strike, as they declared that if they did the Chicago local would secede from the in-ternational association. When the refusal of the machinists to end the strike was presented to the manufacturers the latter issued an ultimatum to the labor leaders and on their refusal to agree to its provisions, all negotia-

tions were broken off. Before leaving the rooms in which the joint conference was held President James O'Connell, of the International union, declared that the union would begin immediately to call strikes in all parts of the country. The first of these strikes will be called in Cleveland, Ohio. After all the large cities have been tied up strikes will be called in the machine shops of all the railroads in the country

The Joint Conference.

The joint conference, which commenced at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and did not end until 12.30 Sunday morning was held at the Grand Pacific hotel.

After meeting in separate conference all the afternoon, the manufacturers and labor leaders began a joint meeting at 8 p. m. At this meeting the manufacturers submitted to the machinists a proposition for arbitration. substantially as follows:

All strikes and lockouts to be called off. An arbitration committee, consisting of the presidents of the two or ganizations and two members from each association, who shall arbitrate all present and future difficulties and whose decision shall be accepted as final by both parties to the agreement. On the second proposition the two associations were united.

The labor leaders, after holding a meeting, refused to agree to the first proposition and submitted a demand or immediate and separate arbitration of the Chicago difficulties. This the manufacturers refused to

ratify and the conference broke up. both sides making what amounted to formal declaration of war. The decaration of the machinists took the form of threats of an international strike made by President O'Connell and Organizer Reed.

Manufacturers' Resolutions.

The manufacturers presented their side of the question in resolutions, the substance of which follows: Whereas, The administrative council of the National Metal Trades' association has met in Chicago for the express purese of considering the question of adoptng a joint agreement with the executive fficers of the International Association

of Machinists to arbitrate disagre Whereas, The call for this meeting was issued upon the express understanding that thep resident of the International tation of Machinists in consultation with Mr. Hoyt, a member of this asociation, had not only approved of the general form of the agreement indorsed by the National Metal Trades' associaon this day, but had signified his intention to call his executive council together to ratify the said form of agreement, and Whereas, The executive committee of the International Association of Machinists now refuse to sign said agreement giving as a reason therefor that they cannot control the local unions and will bitration taking place and being con-

Whereas, It is the fundamental principle of the National Metal Trades' as seciation to arbitrate labor disputes only in the absence of strikes and lockouts;

now, therefore, be it Resolved. That the form of joint agrecment this day unanimously adopted by the administrative council of the National Metal Trades and presented to the executive officers of the International Asso ciation of Machinists is the best and only proposition which the National Metal Trades association has to make And that the committee again presents the agreement to the executive commit-Machinists and requires them to accept same by affixing their official signature and notify them that this association is ready to sign the agreement with them.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Chicago, March 18.-Andrew Bolter, one of the most noted entomologists in Amera and for forty-five years a resident of 'hicago, died today.

Abbeviile, S. C., March 18.-Hon, Walter L. Miller, the distinguished jurist, died here today. Many of Mr. Miller's papers have been copied in leading law journals of Europe and the United States.

Louisville, Ky., March 18.—The two governors of Kentucky were entertained in this city today. Messrs. Taylor and Beckham both insisted that they had come to Louisville on purely business and their visits had no political significance. They spent the day quietly though both received numerous calls from their political and personal friends. They will return to Frankfort tomogrow.

Detroit. March 18.—Captain Joseph Nicholson, for twenty-one years warden of the Detroit house of correction, died to-the Captain March 18.—Captain Joseph Nicholson, for twenty-one years warden of the Detroit house of correction. died to-the Captain March 18.—Captain Joseph Nicholson, for twenty-one years warden of the Detroit house of correction. died to-the Captain March 18.—Captain Joseph Nicholson, for twenty-one years warden of the Detroit house of correction. died to-the Captain Wars will be day. The captain was widely known as an organizer and manager of prison industries. Under his superintendence the big prison with its six hundred inmates, including many federal prisoners, paid 18.—Captain Joseph Nicholson, for twenty-one years warden of the Detroit house of correction, died to-the Detroit house of correction. day. The captain was widely known as an organizer and manager of prison industries. Under his superintendence the big prison with its six hundred inmates, including many federal prisoners, paid 18.—Captain Joseph Nicholson, for twenty-one years warden of the Detroit house of correction, died to-the Detroit house of correction. day. The captain was widely known as an organizer and manager of prison industries. Under his superintendence the big prison with its six hundred inmates, including many federal prisoners, paid 28.000 annually to the cty. Deceased was 14 years of age. His early life was spent as a sailor on the lakes. Detroit, March 18-Captain Joseph Nich

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Waather Instications Tolay:

General—Philippine Junta at Manila Becomes Troublesome. South African War News. Probability of a General Machinists Strike. Programme of the Week in Congress.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. Local-Rev. Dr. Robinson Endorses Mr. Sheldon's Newspaper Project. Mention of Some Men of the Hour.

Editorial. News and Comment.

Local-Result of Saturday's Primaries Martin Case Before the United States Circuit Court.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County.

Local-Live Industrial News.

.... THE DOLLAR DINNER TOASTMASTER DESERTS

Eugene V. Brewster Will Forsake the Banner of Bryan for That of Mr. Debs-Advice to the Boy Orator.

New York, March 13.-Eugene V. Brewster, of Brooklyn, who was toastmaster and chairman of the Bryan dollar dinner and who has been probably the most conspicuous member of the so-called "Chicago Platform Democracy," has written a letter to William J. Bryan in which he says that he cannot support Mr. Bryan for presidency and that he now abandons all effort to "effect a union of reform forces" under Bryan's leadership. Mr Brewster in a discussion of the general question of trusts and machinery.

"The trust question, to which you are devoting most of your attention. involves the very greatest and really the only problem that the American people have to solve. I regret you seem to see only one side of the case and seeing only evil on that side, you would unhesitatingly destroy the trust. You do not seem to realize, dear Mr. Eryah, that the same arguments that you apply to the trust also apply equally well to improved machinery, and yet you could not destroy that, "I have carefully studied the conditions and the many remedies offered by various parties and factions. and it seems to me that co-operat-tion-socialism-is the only practical

and the only possible remedy." Mr. Brewster expresses his discontent with each of the principal existing political parties and announces his adherence to Eugene V. Debs. He tells Bryan that with his brilliancy and oratorical powers he soon could "bring the world to his feet" if only would believe and speak as does

METHODIST CONFERENCE. Visiting Preachers Fill All of the

Philadelphia Pulpits. Philadelphia, March 18,-Nearly all the Methodist Episcopal pulpits were filled today and tonight by visiting preachers to the 113th conference, which is now being held in this city. At the Arch street church, where the conference is holding its session. Bishop Charles H. Fowler, of Buffaio, preached to an overflowing congrega tion. He took for his text, Philippians, "Wherefore God also is above

every rame," and preached a masterly conference sermon. A love feast, conducted by Rev. C. M. Boswell, preceded the sermon, and following twelve deacons were ordained. They were: Linn Bowman. Francis Hawke, Rodger S. Harkinson, Edward F. Randelph, Lincoln Shallcop, Oscar J. Randall, Harry S. Noon, Hope W. Carson, John S. Tonlinson, Scott L. Hausman, Harry C. Pear-

son. Charles Eislein. In the afternson at the Arch street church, there was the ordination of elders and a sermon by Rev. J. Richards Boyle, D. D.

Tonight at the same church the Rev. W. F. MacDowell, S. T. D., corresponding secretary of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, preached the sermon.

SCHLEY HOME FUND.

Refusals to Contribute Are Reported at a Meeting of Committee.

Washington, March 18 .- At a meeting of the executive committee engaged in raising funds for a home for Rear Admiral Schley last night, Secretary Evans reported many favorable responses to the circulars soliciting con-

tributions. He also reported that absolute refusals to contribute to the fund had been received from the naval contingent on duty in Washington, with one single exception, that of Rear Admiral Hichborn, and in some instances the refusals were accompanied by adverse comments on the committee's project

Killed While Boxing. Santa Cruz, Cal., March 18 .- Frank Cass, 18 years old, was killed at Levin Lake today in a friendly boxing bout Lake today in a friendly boxing bout with Bert Whidden. In the eighth round Whidden streek Cass with a six-ounce glove on the left side of the neck. Death resulted in half an hour. Cass weighed nds. being 2) pounds heavier than

Fifty Thousand Dollar Blaze.

Chleago, March 18 .- A fire last night caused \$50,000 damage to a block of bullo ings at North avenue and Larabee street. The greatest loss was on the store of the Stern Clothing company, which was com pletely destroyed with its contents.

Mr. Grow Improving.

Washington, March 15.—The condition of Representative Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, is improved. He had a restful night and has continued comfort-

able today.

Death of General Lockhart. Calcutta, March 18 .- General Sir William Stephen Alexander Lockhari, com-mander-in-chief of the British forces in India, died today.

DISCONTENT AT MANILA

The Insurgent Junta Continues to Breed Trouble.

WHY THE REBELS RESIST

They Are Buoyed by the Hope That Congress May Be Forced to Accord Them the Best Possible Peace Terms-Influenced by Loud Talkers in Congress to Hold Out Against the American Army, Arms Landed in Luzon.

Manila, March 18.—8.30 p. m.—General Otis considers Manila the most troublesome center in the situation today. The insurgent junta here, in con-junction with that in Hong Kong, is growing active. The military authorities have been forced to put a stop to Mabini's intercourse with the public. The local and foreign press considers his recent utterances calculated to incite the Filipinos to a continued revolt

and prejudicial to American control.
Flores, who has just arrived here,
says he comes trusting to American leniency and that he would not have dared to come to Manila if Spain were yet in control. He cherishes the hopes and aspirations which actuated him when in the field and desires to watch congressional action upon the question of the Philippines.

pect to vanquish the Americans, but are maintaining a resistance with the idea of forcing congress to accord them the best possible terms. A number of representative insurgent leaders from different parts of Luzon have recently been in confer-

The insurgents, he says, do not ex-

ence in Manila. Some have been placed under arrest, but the others thus far have not been interfered with. Louis Spitzel, head of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Co., contractors to the Chinese government and himself a suspected fillbusterer, came from Hong Kong to Manila last week and was temporarily detained in custody on suspicion. It is asserted upon good authority that three loads of arms and ammunition have recently been landed on the east coast of Luzon. Captain Taylor, of the Thirty-ninth regiment, recently captured twelve new Mausers

Rebel Reorganization

Reports are current here of active ebel organization in the province of Morong, where the insurgent leaders are said to be assisted by prominent Spanish residents. Inhabitants of this province who are now in Manila have been advised not to return to their homes, but to remain under the pro-

tection of the Americans. It is also reported that the rebels are reorganizing in the province of Zabals, under Mascardo. Brigands are committing atrocities ir the province of Neuva Eciga, where they have murdered twenty natives and Chinamen. Eight other murders have been committed near Tarlac. The Neuva Eciga insurgents are heavily taxing local traders and farmers, with the result that business is paralyzed and there is

a general scarcity of food. The funds for maintaining this guerilla warfare are collected from the various towns of the islands, whether occupied by the Americans or not, even

including Manila. In the province of Albay the insurgents have ceased harassing the Americans, owing, it is said to a lack of ammunition, but they continue ravaging the country-side, burning and looting. The natives are tiring of this sort of thing and threaten to turn against the marauders. Already the towns-people of Legaspi. Albay and Donzol are slowly returning to their

Major Allen, of the Forty-third regiment, has been appointed military governor of the island of Samar, where Lukban, the former leader of the rebels in that locality, is still in the moun-

Kobbe Opens Twenty Ports. General Kobbe has opened twenty ports in the southern part of Luzon and in the islands of Samar and Leyte, the result of which is to stimulate trade there, although only temporarily, as the country opened is non-productive and apparently non-consuming. Owing to the political conditions of the last twelve months products accumulated during the blockade will be shipped to Manila and then the ports will be empty. Evidence accumulates of the treason and perfly of the municipal presidents in the provinces of General MacArthur's district. The presidents of several towns in Lepanto and Union provinces have declined to continue in their positions, saying that they do not desire any further identification with the Americans. Travel between the towns garrisoned by the Americans is becoming more dangerous. All wagon trains must be escort-

their safety. Spaniards and Filipinos who are conversant with the Tagalo character unite in asserting that Aguinaldo's capture would terminate the revolution. Three months have passed since he

ed by heavy guards in order to insure

was actively pursued. Filipinos to Hang.

sentenced to be hanged, on March 30, two natives who have been found guilty of murdering their countrymen ******

Manila, March 19 .- 9.40 a. m .- A mili-

tary commission at Bayambang has

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 18.-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: East-Monday: Tuesday fair: colder in afternoon or night: fresh to brisk winds becoming westerly Tuesday.