SCRANTON, PA., SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, 1900.

TWELVE PAGES TWO CENTS.

MERRIMENT

Funniest Speech in Years.

HUMOR ENJOYED BY ALL

The Fun Provoked by an Address on Puerto Rico-Remarks Bubbling with Wit and Sarcasm Keep the Senate in Almost Constant Laughter-A Portion of the Address Teems with Scriptural Quotations and Hot Shot for the Orators. Ridicule for the Men from Maine

the crowded galleries joined in the his age being only a few months short of four score years, delivered the funniest speech heard within the senate chamber in many years. It sparkled with wit and bubbled over with humor. Its sarcasm was keen but not bitter; and even those who were the victims of it could not but enjoy its perfect good humor and its unalloyed fun. Throughout it all Mr. Pettus was as solemn as if he were delivering a funeral oration. Not a smile softened the deep lines of his strong and rugged countenance, and, as he stopped occasionally to mop the perspiration from his face and head with a big silk bandana, he glanced about the senate as if in surprise at the laughter of his colleagues. Indeed, he apologized once for the lightness of the vein in which he was addressing the senate on so important a question as the Puerto Rican bill. Mr. Proctor (Rep., Vt.) had delivered a forceful address in support of free trade with the Island of Puerto Rico. His speech was listened to attentively by senators on both sides of the chamber, and at its conclusion he was congratulated even by some senators who did not agree

He was followed by Mr. Pettus who devoted the first part of his remarks or Maine, and his name was Moses. to the constitutional phases of the And he was a stubborn man too. subject. Then quite unexpectedly

came the .un. "It was a gem." said one senator, commenting upon Mr. Pettus speech, "and will long stand as one of the examples of senatorial funmak-

Senator Depew, of New York, was the first to congratulate Mr. Pettus, and the New Yorker's hearty hand clasp was followed by such an ovation as a man seldom receives in the sen-Former Senator Pugh, Mr. Pettus' immediate predecessor, from Alabama, was one of those who enjoyed the speech. During the entire session Mr. Pettus received the congratulations of his colleagues.

Considerable progress was made with the Puerto Rico measure during day, most of the committee amendments, and several offered by senators, being disposed of.

Remarks of Mr. Pettus.

Mr. Pettus (Dem., Ala.,) addressed the senate on some of the constitutional phases presented by the Puerto said Mr. Pettus, "how a majority of this senate has quit the public road-- speech consideration of the amendthe road pointed out by the law of the land: and also show what the result

"In discussing this question we will get back to the very foundations. The An Increase of from 10 to 15 Per great error of those in the majority here is that they are in violation of all our potions of justice and common sense. They take their departure in the sense that the United States is a sovereign in the sense that some European r. ons are sovereigns. It is not so and can never be.

We are governed in our relations with the theories by the laws of laws so far as they are applicable. The idea is that when the territory is conceded to a nation that nation cannot necessarily exercise the powers of its former owners. It must exercise sway in accordance with the limitations. When we took these islands we took them with the limitations of exercising only such power over them as was possible in the conditions of the United States." From this time forward Mr. Pettus'

speech was personal in its application, He first took Mr. Gallinger to task. "I was very much entertained by the senator from New Hampshire yesterday," he said, "when he informed us that he was a lawyer and he proved it to us, not only by asserting it, but by his argument.

"Lawyers know that when you come to read a decision of a judge you must take all he says on a subject; that you can not take a sentence here and another there, but that is exactly what the senator did in quoting Justice Bradley in the Mormon church case."

An Old Time Anecdote.

He then went on to relate an anecdote illustrative of his point, in which a preacher of the old time,-when the senator was a boy-had figured in Ala-

"The minister." he said. "was o learned in the Bible as my friend from New Hampshire is in the law (laughter) . He said: 'Brethren, my text today will be the following: "Seven sons did Mileah bear unto Enon." Now, I expect, brethren, the preacher went on, "if you would look at the commenyou would find various meanings to this text; but taking a common sense view of it I will say this: I

doctor told his seven sons, great, strong fellows, that it was absolutely neces-sary that he should have milk for his IN SENATE nutriment; and thereupon the sons went out to look up the cows. The cows had not come up the night before and so the sons could not find before and so the sons could not find Mr. Pettus Makes the them; but they came across a bear and they milked her and carried the milk to Enon; and so brethren it is writ' seven sons did milk a bear unto

Enon.'
"That preacher," concluded Mr. Pettus, amid an outburst of hearty laughter, "had as accurate a conception of the scriptures as some of our senators have of the law of the land."

Shot at Beveridge.

"We had a wonderful declamation

Mr. Pettus then turned his attention to the speech of Senator Beverldge and

yesterday from our great orator-wonderful. It was marvelous in all its parts. It was so marvelous that I dare say that such a thing has never before en heard in the senate. When you get a genuine orator he is absolutely absolved from all rules of of logic or common sense (laughter). When it is necessary in the fervor of oratorical flourishes to prove any proposition true or false, rules of common sense and the decent observance of what is due to others must not stand in the way of maintaining 'my reputation' as an orator. It will not do. If it is necessary I must break down the ideas of an observance of what the senator from Washington, March 30 .- Merriment | Vermont has characterized as the 'best swept away the traditional dignity of policy.' If it is necessary I must draw the senate today. Stald sticklers for on my imagination for facts and on senatorial decorum, literally held their my memory for flights of fancy, as sides and shouted with laughter, while Ovid Bolus did. When an orator speaks he has a right in the fervor of laughing tumult, which not the faint- his oratory here in the United States est effort was made to restrain. Had senute in reference to the Republicans the effort been made it would have and Democrats and Populists and any been futile. Senator Pettus, of Ala- other men who may choose to take a bama, the oldest member of the body, seat here to speak of them as enemies to the government. He has a right to speak of them as opponents of the government. The government in his mind is "me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more.'

(Laughter). "Mr. President, I was amazed at that speech. I once before heard one that went off in that direction. I tell you, the senior or junior senator from lows, I do not know which, and the senior or junior senator from Maine, I do not know which, will have to take some action in reference to that orator. There is no doubt about it in the world. (Laughter). There will have to be some caucus on the matter. (Laughter). I tell you, Mr. President, these four wise men from Maine and Iowa, could not devote their time. if they want to serve their party well, better than to take some consideration of the orators in this chamber. (Laughter).

Did Not Select an Orator. "Mr. President, the Master once had

select a man to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, and through the wilderness to Canaan. He did not select an orator. (Laughter). No, he selected one who was not from Iowa (Laughter). But Moses told his Master to His face that he could not do it, because he could not speak to the people. And what was the reply? 'There is Aaron; he speaks well;' and they took Aaron along not in command-that was not allowed-but they took him along as a kind of deputy. And when Moses on his Master's or der, went up into the mount for the tables, the orator left in charge had a golden calf framed (laughter) and he put all the people down to worshipping the golden calf. (Laughter). More people worship the golden calf now than did in those days. But while Aaron and his people were all down worshipping the golden calf the man of God appeared and he pulled out his sword and demanded to know who was on the Lord's side, and the orator jumped up from his knees, drew his sword and got on Moses' side and went to killing the Israelites along with Moses.

"All these orators will do the same thing (laughter)-the last one of them. We saw an instance of it yesterday afternoon.

At the conclusion of Mr. Pettus' ments was resumed.

ANTHRACITE PRICES.

Cent Over Last Year.

Philadelphia, March 30.-The spring prices of the anthracite coal companfor coal to tidewater will go into effect on Monday. The prices will show an increase of from 10 to 15 cents a ton over the spring rates of last year. The new rates of the anthracite coal carrying railroads for line and city trade will also go into effect on Mon-

These rates are an increase of about 10 cents a ton on chestnut, stove and buckwheat coal and a slight increase on all other sizes.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 30.—Cleared: Spaarndam, for Rotterdam via Bou-logne; Graf Waldersee for Hamburg via Cherbourg and Plymouth. Havre-Arrived: La Gascogne, from New York Cherbourg-Salled: Kaiser Friederich from Hamburg and Southampton for New York, Lizard—Passed: Kensing-ton, from New York for Southampton and Antwerp. New York-Arrived: Germanic, from Liverpool: Phoenica. from Hamburg. Browhead—Passed: Campania, New York for Liverpool. Lizard—Passed: La Gascogne, New York for Havre. Scilly—Passed: Ken-sington, New York for Southampton and Antwerp.

Cleveland Non-Committal.

Princeton, N. J., March 30.-Exday to an Associated Press correspond ent, relative to reports that have been circulated that he had announced his intention of supporting William J. Bryan for the presidency in the coming campaign: "I do not think that these reports are worthy of denial, but I will simply say I have not in any way sig-nified to any one what course I shall take in the next campaign.

Will Appeal from Weiss Decision.

went Harrisburg, March 30.—An appeal was taken this afternoon from the recent decision of Judge Weiss in the contest between Derry council, No. 40, of Hummelstown, and the national body of the Junior Order United

REGULAR FOREIGN

NEWS BUDGET

M. PAVLOFF, OF RUSSIA, HAULS IN HIS HORNS.

The Demand on Korea Is Modified: Italian Deputies in a Tumult-The Disturbances in China - Course Bound to Provoke Japanese Opposition.

London, March 31.-The Times has the following from Korea:
"M. Pavloff, the Russian minister, recently demanded from Korea the oncession of a coaling station to a Russian steamship company at Atkinson Point, commanding Masampo harpor and to prevent a counter claim by Japan of the neighboring island, be demanded that Korea should not alien-

ate in any form any portion of Kojedo

island to any other power. "Yesterday, at an imperial audience, for reasons not given but surmised, M. Pavloff modified his original demand, asking instead of Atkinson Point another site within the treaty limits of Masumpo. This demand is unobjectionable. At the same time however, he insisted on the nonalienation of Kojedo. His action indicates that Russia claims the reversion of this island, which is of high strategical value, as commanding the Korean straits, and it is bound to provoke Japanese objection."

DEPUTIES IN TUMULT.

President of the Chamber Pelted. Adjourns the Sitting.

Rome, March 30 .- On the president of the chamber of deputies taking his seat for today's session of the house, the Extreme Leftists raised a tumult. shouting "Go out!" and pelting him with balls of paper.

As the intervention of the ushers was fruitless the president was com-

pelled to adjourn the sitting. The scene was very dramatic. After the threats of the Socialists it was believed that Signor Colombo would not preside, but, at the appointed hour he entered the house and calmly took his chair. A howl of rage went up at once from the Extreme Left. Signor Colombo sat impassive in the presidential seat, with his hand resting on his hip and looking fixedly at the Leftists, some of whom began to throw paper pellets at him. Severa! of these fell short and struck the occupants of the ministerial benches. .The ushers induced the paper throwers to stop, but it was impossible to calm the uproar.

The Rightists then rose and cried "Viva Colombo!" The majority, composed of the Rightists and Centrists, rose in a body and joined in the cheers, to which the Leftists responded with shouts of "Go out!" "Go out!"

After ten minutes' deafening din Signor Colombo put on his hat and adjourned the session. The Leftists, in the lobbies, said they will never allow Signor Colombo to

preside at another sitting. THE DISTURBANCES IN CHINA.

Parliament Told That Governor of Tien-Tsin Has Been Recalled.

London, March 30 .- The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, William St. John Brodrick, replying in the house of commons today to a question on the subject, confirmed the reports that disturbances had occurred in the neighborhood of Tien-Tsin, saying they were apparently caused the secret societies. He added that the foreign representatives had called on China to remedy the matters, the governor of the province in which the disturbances had occurred had been recalled and a new governor had been appointed.

The under-secretary also said that two British warships had gone to Taku to protect British lives and property.

CORAY NOMINATED.

Pittston Statesman Honored by Prohibition "Snap" Convention. Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, March 30 .- It is now practically a known fact that Hon. E. A. Coray, of West Pittston, who has al-

ready served four terms as representative from the Fifth Luzerne legislative district, will again be a candidate for the office, notwithstanding the fact that he had publicly and privately declared for some time that he would not be a candidate again.

The Prohibitionists of the county held a real "snap" convention in West Pittston yesterday and Mr. Coray was nominated for the legislature. The convention was a very quiet affair, no previous announcement having been made through the press, although, it is said, Prohibitionists throughout the county had been notified. The meeting was held at the home of J. L. Hunter, and only eight or ten delegates were present from the seventy pre-

Looking for the Vote.

Philadelphia, March 30.-The Democratic committee of three, which was appointed to investigate the falling off the Democratic vote in various counties of the state and which was have met today to further inquire into the political condition of this city, did not hold a session today. The com-mittee, however, will meet in Harris-burg next Wednesday.

Wanamaker Gets the Bail.

Washington, March 30 .- The senate iam II. Wanamaker, of Philadelphia \$20,000 which he forfeited as surety of Gideon W. Marsh. Marsh was the de-faulting president of the Keystone bank, of Philadelphia, who disap-peared to avoid trial several years ago. He recently returned and is now serv ing sentence in the penitentiary.

Music Dealer Arrested.

Rutiand, Vt., March 30.—Marvin A. McClure, the music dealer of this city, whose notes for \$145,000. discounted by Charles W. Mussey, cashier of the Merchants' National bank, caused the Merchants National bank, caused the failure of that institution and the ar-rest of Mussey, on Monday last, was himself arrested at his home here to-day on charges of embezzlement and

NEW YORK'S GRAND JURY.

Scores the Police Department and Third Avenue Wreckers.

New York, March 30 .- The March grand jury concluded its labors this afternoon by handing up to Recorder Goff a presentment, some seventy typewritten pages long, which arraigns in severest terms the police department and the city government; the Third avenue wreckers and the district atforney and the newspapers, and among the papers handed to the recorder were all the letters which have been ex-changed by the district attorney's office and the grand jury room.

George Haven Putnam, the foreman of the jury, in making the report, explained that the grand jury had not dropped the Third avenue investigation. The announdement by the idstrict attorney's office to that effect was unauthorized and untrue, he said. Neither had Assistant District Attorney Unger appeared upon the grand jury to advise the abandonment of the inquiry. The inquiry into the wrecking of that road should go on, and Mr. Putnam said he was handing over to the court for the use of the April grand fury all the papers in that case. The recorder took the papers and

BIG FIRE IN CHICAGO.

thanking the jury he discharged it.

The Columbia Theater Destroyed. Loss \$190,000-Prominent Theatrical Men Suffer.

Chicago, March 30 .-- The Columbia theater, one of the oldest and most popular play houses in the city, was destroyed by fire this evening, entailing a total loss of \$190,000.

The fire was discovered in apartments on the sixth floor of the building. The flames spread with great rapidity, and within ten minutes after the discovery of the fire the theater was beyond saving.

Occupants of the building and em-ployes of the theater and the clubs were driven to the street in such haste that several sustained injuries. The principal losses are:

Columbia Theater Amusement company, of Chicago, owner of the build-Klaw & Erlanger, proprietors of the Rogers Brothers company, playing an

engagement at the theater, \$35,000. Iroquois club, \$10,000. The Iroquois club, whose home was destroyed, is the leading Democratic club in Illinois and has among its members many of the prominent Democrats of Chicago.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Progress Toward Better Things Has Been Unmistakable. New York, March 30. -R. G. Dun &

Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Progress toward better things has been unmistakable. It was a year ago trial stocks reached its culmination with prices averaging higher than at any time since, while railroad stocks after some decline rose \$1.18 per share higher in September, and after the fall in both which ended in December, have now risen \$8.35 per share to the highest point of this year. The advance during the pest week has been remarkably vigorous, and with more

public support than before. Wheat exports fall far below last year's, amounting in four weeks to 9,766,891 bushels, against 14,105,886 last year. The price has advanced 214 cents, with statements that the crop of France is greatly reduced, though it is rather early to make any such estimate. The exports of corn again prove the magnitude of foreign demand for cereals, as the extraordinary movement of last year is closely approached, 11,794,875 bushels having gone abroad in four weeks, against 13.102.811 last year. The western recelpts are nearly three times as large as in the same week last year, indicat- Frank G. Sweeney, inspector general ing an abundant supply on hand, but

the price has risen 11/2 cents. Cotton has declined 14 cent this week. but supplies are so small and easily controlled that the future cannot well be predicted. The demand for cotton goods is fair for immediate needs, but the tone is weaker for future deliveries. Wool has declined fully one cent on the average. The goods market is

Iron is growing weaker except in bessemer pig, which is held at \$24.90 at | done before the guard can ever reach Pittsburg in spite of small sales of eastern at lower figures. Anthracite No. 1 has sold little above \$23, and basic at \$22.50, with eastern forge of- dered before a board of examination. fered at \$20.50 at Pittsburg. In finished products no further change appears except in refined bars, which sell in large orders close to two cents at Philadelphia, and in plates, which | Four Thousand Miners May Go Out are selling at two cents or less at both markets. Better prices are expected from the consolidation in sheets. But it will not be easy nor in the end profitable to hold prices after supplies so far exceed demand that material can be brought at lower cost.

Failures for the week have been 203 in the United States against 194 last year, and 33 in Canada against 26 last

Interest in Macrum Case.

London, March 31 .- A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Ladysmith, dated March 30, says: "Much interest is felt in the civil case of former United States Consul Macrum against the postmaster at Pietermaritzburg for an alleged breach of contract in handing over his private letters to the military authorities to open. Judgment is expected tomorrow.

Buhlin Defeats Kenny.

Hartford, Conn., March 30 .- Gus Ruh lin defeated "Yank" Kenny in the sixth und of their fight at the Collseum night. The contest was a slugging tonight. The contest was a slugging match. In the third round Kenny went down from a punch on the jaw and in the sixth he dropped from a

Decision Not Satisfactory.

Utica, N. Y., March 30.—Jack McClelland, of Pittsburg, defeated Jack Hamilton, of Troy, in the twenty-fifth round before the Genesee Athletic association here tonight. Hamilton was the aggressor up to the seventeenth round, and the decision was not satisfactory to all.

STRIKING MINERS FIGHT AT DUBOIS

RIOT AT THE BERWIND-WHITE COAL MINING PLANT.

Strikers and Workmen Engaged at the Mine Meet in Desperate Battle. Revolvers Are Drawn and Many Shots Fired-Three Persons Are Seriously Wounded - Sheriff on Guard at the Colliery.

Dubois, Pa., March 30 .- The striking niners at the Horatio mines of the Berwind-White Coal Mining company attacked the few men who have remained at work when they came out of the mines tonight. A miner by the name of Dibblebis and his two sons, were attacked by a crowd of men women and children, armed with clubs and stones, and were forced to battle for their lives. Dibblebis and his sons were reinforced by the other men who have been working and both sides drew revolvers and began shooting promiscuously. Over one hundred shots were fired resulting in the seri-ous wounding of three persons. Dibblebis received a severe flesh wound in the arm and a cut on the head, and a boy named McClure and a Hungarian lad were both shot in the body. The two latter belonged to the strik

The mine officials immediately called on Sheriff Chestbutt, of Jefferson county, for assistance, and that officer, with a force of deputies, went to the scene at once and arrested forty men and women, who participated in the fight, taking them to Punxsutawney. where they will be given a hearing tomorrow morning. The strikers are in an ugly mood and further trouble is expected at any moment. The sheriff is now guarding the property of the the men, who are now at work. It is not thought that any of the wounded will die.

CLEVELAND AND THE TREATY.

Ex-President Believes That the Nicaragua Canal Should Be Built. Princeton, N. J., March 30 .- Exresident Grover Cleveland today relaxed his customary reserve as to the discussion of public and political affairs, and in the course of an interview expressed himself in approval of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the neutralization of the Nicaragu canal, Mr. Cleveland added that he hoped the

treaty would be ratified. Mr. Cleveland added: "With reference to the canal across Nicaragua, I have always thought that whatever was done in its promotion by the government of the United States should be done as a contribution by it to the cause of progress and advanc-

ing civilization. It has seemed to me that we had gained that position among the nations of the world that would make it appropriate for us, in accordance with the spirit of our institutions, to make such a contribution. This, of course, means the absolute neutralization of the Nicaragua construction, and since the Hay-Paucefote treaty is directly in line with this sentiment I am of course strongly in favor of its ratification."

NATIONAL GUARD ORDERS.

The Date of Division Encampment Fixed for August 4 to 11.

Harrisburg, March 30.-Adjutant General Steward issued an order today fixing the date of the division encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania from August 4 to 11. The place of encampment and detail information will be announced in future orders. General orders were also issued today containing the report of Colonel on the regular fall inspections, Colonel Sweeney says an analysis of the reports of the brigade inspectors show that the guard, as to knowledge of duties, to be only in fair condition. If equipment and clothing, which are now used, were eliminated, the general average would be exceedingly low. The fault lies in the fact that too many officers are not capable and qualified. Colonel Sweeney adds that there is considerable hard work to be the standard of 1897. General Stewart says that where officers are either incompetent or careless they will be or-

STRIKE THREATENED.

at Grove City.

Grove City, Pa., March 30 .- One of the most extensive coal miners strikes which has affected the Mercer district for several years, is threatened for next Wednesday, when the men demand that their wages be increased 31/2 cents per ton for run of mine, basing their demand upon the rate paid in the Pittsburg district.

They have been receiving 40 cents per ton. The operators refuse to grant the demand offering the men 45 cents per ton, and claiming there is a difference of 41/2 cents between this and the Pittsburg district. tween 3,000 and 4,000 men will be affected by the result.

Filipinos Sentenced to Death. Manila, March 30.-The military comappointed to try the Ladrone accused of murdering Filipinos, has found the prisoners guilty and sentenced them to be hanged near Bayambang today. This is the first time the sentence of the Americans. The action of the milltary tribunal is calculated to outrages by bands of outlaws, but it is criticised in some quarters as being premature, owing to the fact that the insurgents have some sixty American prisoners in their hands, and they may

American Fleet to Visit Europe. Portsmouth, March 30.—The mayor of this city has received a letter from Sec-retary Long at Washington saying that an American fleet will soon visit Europe, through arrangement for the cruise have

retaliate by excuting some of these

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Tolay:

PARTLY CLOUBY.

- 1 General—Senator Pettus Entertains the Senate with a Witty Speech. British Lose Seven Officers and 100 Men in a Skirmish with Boers. Trouble Among Dubois Miners. Russian Demands in Korea Modified.
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
- \$ Local-In the World of Sports.
- Editorial. Pennsy's Washington Letter.
- Local-Social and Personal. One Woman's Views.
- Local-Ex-County Commissioners Vit dicated.

 Democrats Select Delegates to the National Convention.
- Local-Grand Jury Makes Its Pre
- sentments.

 No Prospect of Tax Levy Being Reduced.
- 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban Round About the County.
- Story-"In Love with a Painter." Whitney's Budget of Verities. Local-Sunday School Lesson for To-
- morrow. Religious News of the Week.

12 Local-Live Industrial News.

Schools Are Closed in Pittston Township-The Instructors Desire Salary Up to Date.

TEACHERS ON STRIKE.

Wilkes-Barre, March 30 .- The teachers in the public schools of Pittston township went on strike today and the schools were closed. Six months' salary is due some of

them. A committee of the strikers waited on the treasurer of the board tonight. He offered to pay something company and affording protection to on the back salaries if the teachers would resume their duties on Monday. Some of the pedagogues agreed to accept the offer, but others refused to will probably consist of a series of go back unless they were paid in full. such forward movements, in which The school district has been in finan-Beer positions will be attacked by a cial straits for some time. The members of the school board say they cannot collect sufficient taxes to keep the school going. Some of the teachers, however, claim that the board has been extravagant and instead of paying salaries has spent the money in buying fine furniture, globes, libraries, etc.

UNKNOWN MAN SLASHED.

Was Badly Cut Up at an Early Hour This Morning.

A man who refused to give his name pecame engaged in an altercation shortly after 2 o'clock this morning at the corner of West Lackawanna avenue and Sixth street. Patrolman Dominick Boland heard the quarrel, and rushing to the place arrested him. The second man got lost in the shuffle, He took him to the Centre street station, where it was found that he had been badly slashed. His head was gashed, as was also his left shoulder and his right knee. He was taken to

to give the name of his assailant or tell how the trouble originated.

FIRE AT LANCASTER. Plant of the Mountville Manufactur-

ing Co. Completely Destroyed. Lancaster, Pa., March 30.-The plant of the Mountville Manufacturing company, with the exception of the stock house, was completely destroyed fire this morning. The plant is situated at Mountville and agricultural implements were manufactured on an

extensive scale. The burned buildings were of brick, five in number, and occupied a floor

insurance of \$32,000; origin unknown. DEATH OF ARCHIBALD FORBES. The Well-Known War Correspond-

ent Expires in London. London, March 30 .- Archibald Forbes. the well-known war correspondent, died in this city during the night. He had been in bad health for some years, and during the last six months had been unable to write or do anything, owing tain Going, Scottish Borderers; woundto complications arising from rheumatism and paralysis. He spent most of his time at his home in London. His wife was a Miss Meigs, daughter

of the late quartermaster general of the United States, General M. C. Meign,

Pennsylvania Postmasters. Washington, March 30 .- The following fourth-class Pennsylvania masters were appointed today: nerville, Lancaster county, John M. Ogdensburg, Tioga county,

Jeremiah Austin. DEATHS OF A DAY.

Philadelphia, March 30,-Benjamin B. Comegys, president of the Philadelphia National bank, a director of the Pennsylvania Railros i company and a mem-ber of the city t, ists, died early today of pneumonia, after a two days' illness. He was in his eighty-first years. Mr. Com-egys was born in Dover, Del., and came to this city at the age of 17 years. Towarda, Pa., March 30.-James Otis Frost, a resident of this place since 1865. and founder of the Frost Furniture Man-ufacturing company, died at his home to-day. He was born in Massachusetts in Mr. Frost built and owned the first grist mills in this county. A widow and seven children survive him. Pottsville, Pg., March 39.—Hon. John Boland died suddenly last night at his home at Mt. Carbon. He was a Democratic representative to the legislature from this district in the years 1881-82. He was a printer and latterly was on

Newark, O., March 30.-Ex*Congress-man James W. Owens died early today aged 62. He served in the Fifty-first and lifty-second congresses.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Norman B. Young, assistant sporting editor of the Inquirer, died today of typhoid fever, "Brig." Young, as he was familiarly known, has for the past dozen years been a noted writer on college sports, more particularly foot ball and aquatics and was well known among the athletes of all the big castern colleges. He was 35 years of age and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

THE ADVANCE OF BRITISH

Roberts' Army Now 21 Miles North of Blocmfontcin.

SEVERE LOSSES SUFFERED

During a Stiff Fight the English Lose Seven Officers and 100 Men. Lord Roberts' Progress in Direction of Pretoria Will Probably Consist in Dashes as Above-Care Is Taken Not to Wear Out the Cavalry-Officers See Increased Difficulties in Open Country Beyond Bioemfontein.

London, March 31.-4.15 a. m.-The head of the army of Lord Roberts is now about twenty-one miles north of Bloemfontein. It occupies a cluster of hills won from the Boers after a stift fight, in which the British lost seven

officers and 100 men. The Boers had been using these kopjes as a base for marauding bands that have been beating up the country adjacent to Bloemfontein for supplies, driving off cattle and forcing nonresistance Free Staters into their ranks again. The enemy must have been in considerable force, as Lord Roberts sent 8,000 infantry and 3,000 cavalry

against them. Lord Roberts' progress to Pretoria portion of the army advancing rapidly with wheel transport, the main army

coming up as the railway is repaired. Lord Roberts is stripping the forces in the minor spheres of operations of their wagons and transport animals in order to hasten the advance. This is understood to be the reason why he recalled Lord Methuen from Barkley West to Kimberley. Lord Roberts had

to have Methuen's transport. The reason why a hot chase was not made after Commandant Olivier is that Lord Roberts did not wish to wear out the cavalry transport. General French lost 3,000 horses in the relief of Kimberley and the pursuit of General Cronje. Lord Roberts lost 3.000 transport cattle at Watervaal drift, and it is estimated that he has lost 4,000 other animals since the forward movement began on February 13.

The advance beyond Bloemfontein is through a bare country, and the supply officers foresee an increasing difficulty in providing for a great army moving along a single line of railway. even when the latter is working the Lackawanna hospital, but refused smoothly and with ample rolling stock.

The Canadian mounted rifles were part of the force that occupied Kenhardt vesterday. The rebellion throughout the northwest district of Cape Colony is almost

suppressed. The Goth will sail today with 600 men for St. Helena to guard General

Cronje and 4,000 prisoners. British Casualties. London, March 30 .- 9.20 p. m .- The war office has issued the following

from Lord Roberts to the secretary of war: "Bloemfontein, March 30, 2.25 p. m .-Owing to the activity of the enemy on our immediate front and their bostile space of about 15,600 feet. The loss is action towards the burgars who sur-between \$50,000 and \$100,000, with an rendered under the terms of my proclamation, I found it negastary to drive them from some kopjes they had occupied near the Karee aid ag station, a few m'les south of Bran lfort. The operation was successfully carried out by the Seventh infantry division, assisted by the First and Third cavaby brigades, under French, and Le Callais' regiment of mounted infantry. The enemy retreated to Brandfort, and

our troops now hold the heales. "Our casualties were: Kitled, Caped, Captains Seliar, Lua 1, Peebles, Curgenvet and Edwards: Lieutenants Coulson and French, and about 100

rank and file."

PITTSTON SENSATION. A Resolution Introduced in Council to Oust Mr. Donnelly.

Special to The Sevanton Tribune. Pittston, March 30 .- Another sensation was sprung at last night's special session of the common council, when a resolution was introduced declaring the seat of Councilman M. N. Donnelly vacant until he proved to the satisfaction of the council the charges he made against several members at the last meeting of the commoners, or If unable to furnish proof, until he apologizes to the council. Mr. Donnelly offered to prove his assertion before a committee, appointed by the council, but no committee was pointed. Another special meeting is called for this evening and Mr. Donnelly says he will serve an injunction on the council this evening to prevent them from ousting him.

If the discussion continues, Pittston' will undoubtedly fall in line with Wilkes-Barre and Scranton for a Lexowing.

Burlington Into Ogden. Omaha, Neb., March 30 .- It is now set-

tled that Burlington is pushing into Og-Surveyors have completed the line through Ogden Canon. The line is now ready for graders from Evanston to Og-

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Washington, March 30 .- Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy Saturday; Sunday fair; fresh north to west winds.