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# **BIG BATTLE** IS STILL ON

# British Reported to Have Driven Back the Boers.

### RECOVERY FROM REPULSE

Guns Lost by Colonel Broadwood Said to Have Been Recaptured. Fate of the Men Taken Unknown. Burghers Had Cut Off Bloemfontein's Water Supply - Kruger's Promise to Retake Free State Capital This Week.

atest news from the front adds little to the public knowledge of the convoy disaster. No credence is given to reports that the Boers numbered between 8,000 and 19,000 men. The general belief is that we could not have been more than half that number, but the mere fact that even so many as half battery to save a portion of the guns, could have been collected so near headquarters without the knowledge of the British commanders provokes much

The disaster is regarded as a direct result of the inability of General French to cut off the commando of General Olivier and the other commandoes when escaping from the Or-

Little news has arrived from other points. Kenhardt was formally re-occupled Saturday. The report that the Hoers are massing in the vicinity of Taunga and Klipdam is confirmed.

Lord Methuen's difficulties are apparently increasing. He has Boer langers or guerrilla bands on three sides of into the whole subject of the proper him and he will be obliged to watch construction of tenement houses in the carefully his communications with Orange river.

### Big Battle On.

From the despatch received today British and the Boers to the east of Mealie spruit, where the Bloemfontein prey upon them." der river. The battle was begun by the Boers, who attacked Colonel Broadwood's force yesterday and drove him to ambush, wherein he lost 350 men all his baggage and seven guns. Lord Roberts, immediately after he had received news o. the attack on Colonel Broadwood, rushed strong reinforcements, under General French, to him. A desputch to the Dally Chronicle this morning reported that those troops had recaptured the British guns, but nothing regarding the men was mentioned. In the meantime the Boers had succeeded in seizing the Bloemfontein water works and cutting off the water supply of that city. Later, however, they appear to have been driven back, and in a despatch dated 8.15 o'clock last night Lord Roberts reported that they had retired toward Ladybrand. The British commander, nowever, ... not corroborate the Chronicle's despatch respecting the recapture of the guns. After referring to his first cable report on Colonoel Broadwood's loss (printed elsewhere) he gives a partial list of the missing British officers.

## BRITISH LOST 350 MEN.

### Lord Roberts Sends Details of Disaster to Broadwood's Force.

London, April 2.-The war office re ports that Colonel Broadwood lost gelical Christianity throughout seven guns and all his baggage in the ambush laid for him by the Boers on Saturday, The casualties numbered 250. The following is Lord Roberts' report, which is dated Bloemfontein

"I received news late yesterday afternoon from Colonel Broadwood, who was at Thaba N'chu, thirty-eight miles east of here, that information had reached him that the enemy was intention to approaching in two forces, from the ministry of the Pretestant Episcopal north and east. He said that if the report proved true he would retire toward the waterworks, seventeen miles nearer Bloemfontein, where we have had a detachment of mounted infantry for the protection of the works.

Broadwood was told in reply that Ninth division with Martyr's mounted infantry would march at daylight today to support him, and that if considered it necessary he should retire from the waterworks. He moved there during the night and bivouacked. At dawn today he was shelled by the enemy, who attacked on three sides. He immediately dispatched two horse artillery batteries and his baggage to- \$12; ward Bloemfontein, covering some of them with his cavalry.

"Some two miles from the water works the road crosses a deep nullah, or spruit, in which during the night a force of Boers had concealed themselves. So well were they hidden that our leading scouts' passed over the drifts without discovering them, and It was not until the wagons and guns were entering the drift that the Boers showed themselves and opened fire.

"Meanwhile Lieutenant Chestermas-

ters of Remington's scouts, found a passage across the spruit unoccupied y the enemy, by which the remain-der of Broadwood's force crossed. Thy reformed with great steadiness, notwithstanding all that had previously occurred.

"Broadwood's report, which has just reached me, and which contains no details, says that he had lost seven guns and all his baggage. He estimates all his casualties at about 350, including 200 missing.

"On hearing this morning that Broadwood was hard pressed, I im-mediately ordered General French, with two remaining cavalry brigades, to follow in support of the Ninth division. The latter, after a magnificent march, arrived on the scene of action shortly after 2 p. m. "Broadwood's rorce consisted of the

Royal Household cavalry, the Tenth Hussars, 'Q' and 'U' batteries of the Royal House artillery and Pilcher's battalion of mounted infantry.

"The strength of the enemy is esti-mated at from \$,000 to 10,000, with guns, the number of which is not yet re-A special dispatch from Bloomfon-

tein, dated April 2, says: "The loss of the guns was attended by incidents of splendid heroism. The London. April 2.-4.50 a. m .- The leading battery was so near the Boers ambuscaded in the river bed that the latter said:

'It is useless your attempting to advance. Throw down your arms,' The sergeant of the battery, fearing that the other battery would misunderstand the hindrance, rushed through the convoy and warned his comrades, thus enabling the rearmost

which came into action later. "Some Life Guardsmen and a gunne got a gun out under a tremendous fire and four others were saved by the man dragging them off after their horses had been shot."

### ROOSEVELT LOOKS AFTER THE POOR

### Calls Attention to a Bill to Regulate Actans of Unscrupulous Builders of Tenement Houses.

Albany, April 2.-Governor Roosevelt | ful inspection. tonight sent to the legislature an urgency message in which he called attention to the bill for the establishment of a tenement commission to look congested districts of the cities of the first-class and earnestly hoped that the

bill may be enacted into law.
"It is probable," he said, "there is not, or has not been before your body a measure of more real importance to from South Africa it is evident that a | the welfare of those who are least able big battle is being fought between the to protect themselves, and whom we should especially guard from the effects of their cwn belpleseness and Bloemfontein in the neighborhood of from the rapacity of those who would

Continuing, he refers to the pe many buildings erected by unconset- should go wrong. entious builders and ewners, and in concluding his message, says:

"We should see to the improvement congested districts of our great cities commission appointed under a similar bill a few years ago. This good throngs anxious to share in the galety is now in part being pullified and a new commission is urgently needed."

## ENGLAND'S APPRECIATION.

#### Expressed by the Delegates at the Methodist Conference.

ew York, April 2.- The Methodist Preachers' meeting here today was turned into a reception to the fraternal delegates from the Wesleyan churches in her recent visit to London. England and Ireland, who have come to this country to attend the general con-ference of the Methodist Episcopal urch in Chicago, beginning on May Addresses were made by several of the visitors, among them Rev. Thomas Allen fraternal delegate from the English Wesleyan church, governor of Hands-worth's Theological college, and chair-man of the Birmingham and Shrewsbury district. Speaking of Anglo-American relations he referred to the South African

war saying: "We are engaged in a great war and the sympathy which America has exwarmest feelings of satisfaction. When your Spanish war broke out we gave you our blessing and we are glad of your sympathy now. May I express the hope that this new friendship will long abide and may our two nations always united to spread the Christian civilization, to spread protestant and evan-

An unanimous standing vote was takapproving the sentiments of amity brotherhood expressed by the frater-

### nal delegates. Will Join Episcopal Church.

Stamford, Conn., April 2.-Rev. F. W. Crowder, who yesterday closed a three years' pastorate at the Stamford Metho scopal church, today sent to the board of directors of that church a communication in which he announced his a few remarks, but on today's munici-intention to join the communion and pul proceedings helped to heal the local

Londonderry's Appointment. London, April 2.-It is officially announced that Queen Victoria has approved the appointment of the Marquis of Londonderry as postmaster general in succession to the Duke of Norfolk, bound for South Africa with the Sussex Yeomanry.

## Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, April 2.—Pensions: Increase, Chester Northrop, Monroeton, Bradford, \$17 to \$24; N. G. McKean, West Franklin, Bradford, \$6 to \$12; Edwin A. Marshall, Hawley, Wayne, \$6 to Lafayette Westbrook, Stroudsb

# "Tallow Dick" at Frankfort.

Lexington, April 2.—Richard Combs alias "Tallow Dick," was brought here from Beattyville today and was taken to Frankford this afternoon. He denied any knowledge of a conspiracy to kill

## Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, April 2.-The following "Many of the drivers of the artillery horses were immediately shot down at short range and several of the guns were appointed today; Center Hill, Center county, Alfred R. Lee: Rossland, Monroe county, John Kielntop; Walters-The remainder gal- burg, Fayette county, William B. Frost, Bianchert.

## loped away, covered by Roberts' horse, OUEEN VICIORIA VISITS IRELAND

# MUCH ENTHUSIASM MANIFEST.

Great Precautions Are Taken to Protect the Royal Train-The Queen Adverse to Fast Travel.

Station Masters, Operators and Track Inspectors Required to Be on Duty Half an Hour Before Train Arrives.

London, April 2.-Queen Victoria left Windsor at half past nine this evening en route for Ireland. Her majesty is accompanied by Princess Christian and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and is attended by the Countess of Antrim, Hon. Harriet Phillips, Sir Arthur Biggs, private secretary to the queen; Sir Fleetwood Edwards, keeper of her majesty's privy purse, and Captain Bon-

The queen had driven out to Frogmore during the afternoon amid considerable enthusiasm on the part of the townspeople, and her departure from the station was comparatively quiet, although quite a crowd had assembled to cheer the outgoing train.

Great precautions have been taken to protect the royal train on the trip. Royal trains seldom run at night, but the queen, who is especially adverse to fast travel, stipulated that the trip should occupy eleven hours, although it is usually covered in six. Time slowness at a time when traffic is lightest was one of the reasons for

deciding up on a night run. The preparations for the trip had been in hands for weeks and the train had already covered every foot of the route and every particle of the apparatus of the train and the track had been subjected to the most care-

Station masters, operators and track inspectors at every station along the route, no matter how small, are imperatively required to be on duty half an hour before the royal train was due, to examine personally as to signals and switches, and to see that all was in proper working order.

The pilot engine named "Prince of

Wales" ran a quarter of an hour ahead sage all tracks were kept absolutely

All Dublin, and in truth all Ireland, queen's coming. Crowds are pouring in of the conditions which now make the from all points, and it is estimated that the normal population of Dublin, about a blot on our civilization. Great good | 369,600, will by Wednesday have swolwas accomplished by the tenement len to one million. Rooms are at a Decides Act of 1889 Regarding Railpremium. From every town come that now promises to be unmarred From Belfast alone 10,000 are expected,

## Exercise of Tact.

By the exercise of the greatest posand there is no longer any doubt that enthusiasm equal to, if not greater ply to bridges, and that consequently than that which was displayed during

Representative Nationalists here, when questioned today by a correspondent of the Associated Press reto join a procession of Nationalist so-lingham Passenger Railway company. cieties on the night of the queen's arrival as a protest against it, disowned all knowledge of this attempt at a counter attraction, and alleged such a procession would amount to nothing

Apparently any such scheme will not have received instructions not to give to suppress it or otherwise to inter-

The motion of Timothy Harrington, division of Dublin, deprecating the misinterpretation of the Dublin corporation's address of welcome on the part of the British press and maintaining terribly burned. the long standing hostility to the active union-carried by the corporation by 49 votes to 9-merely voices the predominant feeling. It was voted for by every Nationalist member of the corporation, including the lord mayor, who had so boldly stood out for the presentation of the address.

A mere handful in the gallery made breach.

## Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, April 2.-These corpora-tions were chartered today by the state department: Anthracite Telephone Co. Jermyn, capital \$20,000; Baker Mfg. Co., Philadelphia, capital \$10,000; McCrady Bros. Co., Braddock, capital \$100,000; Citi-zens' Natural Gas Co., Waynesburg, capital \$50,000; Richardson & Ross Quarry Philadelphia, capital \$30,000; Frank Improvement Co., Boyertown, capital Pittsburg Brick Co., Pittsburg \$18,000; capital \$1.000; James W. Grove Co., Pitts-burg, capital \$75.000; Ideal Gas Engine Pittsburg, capital \$9,000; Miners al Newspaper Co., Pottsville, capi-

Mrs. Langtry Barred from Cleveland. Cleveland, April 2.-The engagement of Mrs. Langtry, who was billed to appear at the Euclid Avenue opera house in "The Degenerates" tonight, has been cancelled. This is the first result of the city against the presentation of certain alleged immoral plays.

## Colombo Re-elected.

April 2.- The chamber of deputies today re-elected Signor Colomb president of the house by 265 to 158 votes. The latter votes were given to Signer

### DIAMOND ROBBERY.

#### A Coachman Is Caught Making Way with \$8,000 Worth of Jewels.

ED IN HER DEPARTURE.

Philadelphia, April 2.-Diamonds jewelry and money to the value of \$16,-000 were stolen today from the residence of Charles W. Smith, at Ger mantown, a suburb of this city, and suspicion rests upon Edward Brannin, Mr. Smith's coachman, who is missing. The stolen property belonged to Mrs Smith. Brannin, who had been given notice of his dismissal, was this morn ing ordered to light a fire in the sitting room, which adjoins Mrs. Smith's boudoir. Two hours later Mrs. Smith discovered that her jewel case had been broken open and her pocketbook robber of its contents. One necklace is valued at \$8,000. In addition to this the thief secured two gold watches and other

jewelry, besides over \$200 in cash. Tonight detectives located Brannis in a boarding house at 1809 Noble street, where they found him asleep. He made a desperate struggle to es cape, but was overpowered by four detectives. Joseph Miller, one of the detectives, was kicked on the nose, breaking that organ. The other detectives were bruised in the struggle. All the diamonds with the exception of Mrs. Smith's wedding ring were found in the room. The money which Brannin took was not recovered. A steamship ticket from New York to London was found on the thief. Brannin is also known to the police as Richard Burgess.

### MONROE DEMOCRATS.

### Meeting of the County Committee at Stroudsburg.

Special to the Scranton Tribune Stroudsburg, April 2.-At the Demoeratic meeting of the county committee this afternoon Messrs. E. T. Kunkle. of Brodheadsville; G. B. Decker and C. B. Staples, esq., of this town, were clected delegates to the Democratic state convention. Bryan was not en-

dorsed for president. The resolutions state that the delegates shall support only such candidates to represent the state of Pennsylvania in the Democratic national convention who are known to be antagonistic to all kinds and forms of trusts. The delegates are also instructed to secure all honorable means to secure the election of Hon. Robert E. Pattisor as one of the delegates-at-

### DUEL PREVENTED.

# Rothschild and De Lubersac.

face wherever they met.

The two seconds consulted together | Master The royal train was drawn by two and have written to Comte De Luber- signed the agreement. Notwithstandlocomotives, with expert engineers, and sac, informing him that the duelling ing this, the men are very sanguine. a complete staff of rallway experts and code prevents Baron Edouard from electricians accompanied the train for meeting Comte De Lubersac until the dition from a hygienic standpoint of immediate action in case anything latter has given satisfaction to Baron Robert De Rothschild. They point out that the fact that the latter is a minor is on the qui vive in anticipation of the forms no excuse for Count De Lubersee refusing to meet him.

## NTON'S OPINIC

## ways Does Not Apply to Bridges.

Harrisburg, April 2 .- Judge Simonten handed down an opinion today in the quo warranto proceedings involv-Railway company to use the Smithfield sible tact the government officials have street bridge in Pittsburg as a part of practically destroyed sectional feeling its route. He decides that the Act of 1889, providing for the incorporation of her majesty will be welcomed with an street railway companies, does not apthe Sycamore company can occupy the bridge as part of its route with consent of the bridge company and the city of Pittsburg, the sole stockholder, The bridge is now used as a part of garding the placards inviting citizens its route by the Pittsburg and Birm-

# TWO ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

#### Mrs. Zink Pours Oil on Her Clothes and Sets Fire to Them.

Lancaster, Pa., April 2.-Mrs. Joseph be countenanced even by the so-called Zink, of Marietta, made two attempts pressed toward England has produced the revolutionary party, but the police on Saturday night to burn herself alive. After a dispute with her huspublicity to such affair by an attempt band she poured coal oil over her The differences were minor, and it is

clothes and set fire to them. Her husband saved her, but shortly after she repeated the act and was enmember of parliament for the Harlem veloped in flames from her waist up when she called to her husband for assistance. He succeeded in smothering the fire, but not before she was

## Big Street Fair.

Texarkana, Ark., April 2.-The treet fair, under the auspices of the Street Fuir association was opened here today, and will continue for a week. This promises to be the biggest event of its kind held in this state. Army Surgeon Starts for Manila.

#### San Francisco, April 2.-Dr. K. L. ihepard, division medical director for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Relief department, who recently accepted an appointment as surgeon in the

Big Race Meet. Washington, April 2 .- The spring racing season opened here today and will continue so until the 14th. The entries are large and the meet promises to be a

regular army, sails for Manila today.

## Carnegie Library.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 2.-The Carnegie Free Library committee met today to decide upon a site for the new libra which Andrew Carnegie has endowed.

#### Judge Bruce Returns to the Bench. Huntsville, Ala., April 2.-Judge John Bruce, who has been ill several months afternoon. Some of the best horses in convened the United States circuit court the country are entered.

### Horton Boxing Law Repealed. Brooklyn, April 2- William F. Miller, of Franklin Syndicate notoriety, was brought to trial here today before Judgo Albany, April 2.—Governor Roosevelt has signed the bill repealing the Horton boxing law. It goes into effect Sept. 1

#### Francis Truth's Case. T., K. C. & St. L. Roads Sold. Boston, April 2.-Francis Truth, the "divine healer," charged with using the St. Louis, April 2.—The sale of the To-ledo, Kansas City and St. Louis railroads

#### ON A STRIKE Weather Indications Today:

GENERAL DEMAND FOR AN IN-CREASE OF WAGES.

Carpenters, Painters and Decorators General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Quit Work by the Thousands-Ma-Financial and Commerci 3 Local-Trial List for April Quarter sons Also Make Demands-Sev-

eral Bosses Have Agreed to the De-Editorial. mands of Laborers, but the Large Contractors Refuse to Do So.

New York, April 2 .- The strike of the ouilding trades and a few other trades went into effect in New York and vicinity today. It has not as yet assumed great proportions, and the men out are perfectly orderly. In New York early today groups of carpenters met at the different buildings where they had been working, but none of them went to work. About 1,600 men went on strike throughout the borough of Bronx and issued a circular to the bosses. The circular demanded that \$3.50 shall be paid for eight hours' work in the Bronx and \$3.25 for the same length of time in Mt. Vernon, that Saturday afternoon shall be considered a half-holiday and that no work of any

BUILDING TRADES

Fifty-one bosses signed an agreement conceding the demands and about 600 strikers then went back to work. It is expected that many other bosses will sign.

character shall be done then.

At Orange, N. J., one thouasnd mechanics, about equally divided among the painters, masons and carpenters, struck today. The masons and painters already have an eight-hour day, but they demand an increase in wages. The painters now receive \$2.50 a day. They ask that this be increased to \$2.75. The masons demand 45 cents an hour; they are now getting 4014 cents. The carpenters demand \$2.75 for an eight-hour day. Their present rates are \$1.50 to

\$2.50 for a working day of pine hours. The strike of the carpenters, painters, decorators and paperhangers, which Code Forbids Meeting of Baron de began at Newark, N. J., today, is likely to continue some time, as both sides Paris, April 2.-Baron Edouard De claim that they will not give in. The Rothschild has appointed Comte Louis strikers want an increase of twenty De Turenne and M. O'Connor to be his cents a day, and the bosses refuse to tgion got together again and the comseconds in response to the letter of accede to the demand, about 1,700 men mittees made their report. Resolutions seconds in response to the letter of accede to the demand, about 1,700 men Comte De Lubersac, threatening to are out. Several bosses have conceded of the royal train, and after its pas- throw the latter's glove in the former's the demands, but none of the larger builders, who are members of the Builders' association,

## At St. Louis.

journeymen painters and 1,500 carpenters refused to go to work today, pending an adjustment of differences with their bosses over their demands for an increase of wages. The corpenters majority of the committee. Gibbons asked for an increase from 35 to 45 made a speech claiming there were cents an hour. The demand of the two contested seats, also demanding painters is for an increase from \$2.50 fair treatment and his rights. This

to \$1 a day. Indianapolis, April 2 .- Several hundred union carpenters of the city did not work today. No word was received from the Contractors' association with ing the right of the Eycamore Street reference to the demand for an increase of wages to 35 cents per hour. The men say they do not wish to be regarded as strikers, but simply quit minutes, confusion reigning supreme, work pending negetiations between the

union and the contractors. Greenwich, Conn., April 2 .- Four hundred members of the trades union in Greenwich and Port Chester did not go to work today, as a result of the fail- a South Main street retaurant and afure of contractors to accede to a demand for a nine-hour day made by the workmen early last January. It was announced today that an effort would be made to fill the strikers' of whom are expected to arrive here

omorrow. Wheeling, W. Va., April 2 .- Owing to differences between the men of the tin plate department and the management the Whitaker Iron works was shut down at 6 o'clock tonight, throwing 380 Amalgamated men out of employment hoped a speedy settlement will be

Charleston, W. Va., April 2 .- A general strike, including all but one of the mines on Loup creek, has been inaugurated. It is estimated that 800 men

# Lehigh's Democratic Delegates.

are out with 300 still at work.

Allentown, April 2.-Lehigh county's Democratic committee this afternoon elected E. J. Lichtenwalner chairman; John F. Stine, Frank H. Klechel, Martin Klingler, Malcolm W. Gross, J. C. Daue-fer, George W. Mack, Harvey M. Schwartz, William L. Geist and John L. Schwartz were elected delegates to the state convention. They were instructed to vote for William H. Sowden and Henry D. Green for national delegates at large, and John L. Schwartz, for district delegate, the delegates to support Bryan

### Rural Delivery Established. Milton Junction, Wis., April 2.-Rural free delivery was established here today. The length of the route is twenty-six

miles; area covered, 28 square miles;

Controls the Cincinnati Tribune. Cincinnati, April 2 .- E. O. Eshelby tolay assumed control of the Cincinnati Mr. Eshelby intends to make number of changes in the personnel of the business and the editorial staff.

#### Big Handicap. Memphis, Tenn., April 2.-The Montgomery handicap will be run here this

Miller Tried for Libel.

# Hurd, charged with libel.

mans with intention to defraud, is

# THE NEWS THIS MORNING

# FAIR; SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS.

- General-South African War News, Senate Debates Puerto Rico Questior Queen Victoria s Visit to Ireland. General Strike or the Building Trades.

- News and Comment.
- 5 General-Speech by Chauncey Deper on the Puerto Rican Question. 6 Local-Common Plens Court Proceed
- Sub-postoffice for West Scranton. 7 Local-Organization of the City Coun-
- Annual Report of the Street Commis-
- 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban, 9 Round About the County.

### CONVENTION AT PITTSTON. Lenahan Faction of Democrats of the

Fifth District Meet.

10 Local-Live Industrial News.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittston, April 2.-The Lenahan faction of the Democrats of the Fifth legislative district held a convention in Union hall, Pittston, today. It was one of the usual noisy conventions for which the Democrats of this district have become famous and resulted in another split and two candidates being placed in the field. This divides the Democrats of the Fifth district into

three factions, each with a candidate for the legislature. The convention opened here today about 2.30 p. m. with Thomas Hopkins as chairman and John McNamara as secretary, and a crowd of 300 people in attendance. It was evident from the start that there was trouble ahead. The meeting was called for the choosing of a nominee for the legislature, two candidates were in the field for the nomination-Edward Burke, of Pittston, and John P. Gibbons, of Forty-two delegates were present. Immediately after receiving the delegates' credentials, the chairman, on motion, appointed committees, and it was stated that a recess would bes taken. It was here that the fact developed that there was to be a division. Gibbons' delegates asked for a recess of an hour, while the Burke delegates wanted but ten minutes. It was finally decided to meet as soon as the committee was ready to report. It was 3.30 o'clock before the convenwere adopted endorsing the state chairman and condemning the work of for the bill. The closing speech was representative M. J. Tigue in the last delivered by Mr. Simon (Rep., Ore.), session of the legislature. The report of the committee on contested seats caused the disturbance. From a vote taken on the reports of the two effects of its passage. committees it was evident that Burke St. Louis, April 2 -- Two thousand had 23 delegates and Gibobns 19. The contested seats committee was composed of two Burke delegates and one Gibbons delegate, and the latter took exceptions to the report made by the caused an uproar, his delegates lauding South Main street restaurant and afa stand for his rights and for fair treatment, while the Burke delegates A half

yelled for him to sit down. dozen delegates were soon talking in a during this and the coming fiscal year. loud voice at one time. After continuing along this line for about fifteen the Gibobns delegates withdrew from the hall, and the remaining delegates elected Edward Burke by acclamation. After leaving the hall the Gibbons delegates repaired to the rear room of ter choosing a chairman and secretary elected John P. Gibbons as a candi-

date for the legislature. This leaves three Democratic candidates in the field in the Fifth Luzerne places with non-union men, a number district as follows: Hon, M. J. Tigue, of Port Griffith the present representative, who was renominated by the Gorman faction at a convention last week; Edward J. Burke, of Pittston,

### and John P. Gibbons, of Plains. CUARTERLY DIVIDENDS.

New York, April 2.- The Union Typewriter company paid dividends of 31/2 per cent, on the first preferred stock and New York, April 2-The American Ag-

ricultural Chemical company paid

semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, today. New York, April 2.—The Union Bag and Paper company paid a quarterly dividend of 1% per cent. today. Chicago, April 2.—The Metropolitan Na-tional bank paid its semi-annual divi-

dend of 2½ per cent. today.

Philadelphia, April 2.—The Union Pacific

Railway company paid a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, today. company paid a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. today. Chicago, April 2.-The Wolverine Mining company paid a dividend of 2 per

Coal company paid a dividend of 2 per ent. today. Philadelphia, April 2.—The Westmore land Coal company paid a dividend of 5 per cent. today. New York, April 2.-The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company paid a dividend of 2 per cent. today.

Maine Railroad company paid a quarter-ly dividend of 1% per cent, today. Majority for Puerto Rico Bill. Washington, April 2.-Members of the senate committee on Puerto Rico today

made a poll of the senate on the Puerte

## Steamship Arrivals.

receive 47 votes.

Liverpool, April 2 -- Arrived; Cufic. from New York. Antwerp-Arrived: Kensington, from New York via Southampton. New York-Cleared: Saule, for Bremen,

### via Southampton and Cherbourg BASE BALL.

At Chapel Hill. N. C .- North Carolina University, 6; Cornell, 0.

# **DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO**

# Advocates and Opponents of the Measure Are Heard.

### **ELOQUENT SPEECHES MADE**

Senators Spooner, Bate, Cullom and Depew-Final Vote on the Bill Will Be Taken Tomorrow-A Possible Reduction in War Tax.

Washington, April 2 .- Advocates and opponents of the Puerto Rican tariff and government bill waged vigorous war in the senate today for more than seven hours. Long before the senate convened at 11 o'clock the galleries were crowded and so they remained until the senate adjourned. Those who listened to the debate today were well repaid. The speeches were good and the running debate unusually bright and lively. During the speech of Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, particularly, the chamber seemed to scintillate with sparks, as he crossed argumentative swords with some of the best debaters on the Democratic side. His address, if such it could be called, was devoted almost wholly to the discussion of the constitutional questions involved in the pending bill. Mr. Bate (Dem., Tenn.) opened the discussion of the day with a carefully prepared speech in opposition to the bill. He was followed by Mr. Cullom (Rep., Ill.) in a vigorous speech supporting the measure. Then came Mr. Depew (Rep., N. Y.), a member of the committee which framed the bill, who made an eloquent and forceful defense of the measure. (Mr. Depew's speech appears on page 5). Mr. Spooner, who spoke next, was followed by Mr. Perkins (Rep., Cal.), also a member of the committee on Puerto Rico, who presented a strong argument who, in critcising the measure, entered into a brief discussion of the political

The final vote arranged for 4 o'clock, but an effort will be made to extend the time for

## debate beyond that hour.

In the House A possible : sduction of the war taxes was foreshadowed in a resolution adopted by the house today, calling on the secretary of the treasury for information as to the probable surplus existing revenue laws would create The resolution was presented by Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority. Among the district bills passed today was one to increase the tax on foreign insurance companies doing

business in the district from one to one and one-half per cent. Under suspension of the rules bills were passed to open a settlement of 418,000 acres in the Fort Hall Indian reservation and 2,500,000 acres in Oklanoma by ratifying the agreements with the Bannock and Shoshone Indians and the Kiawo, Commanche and Apaches; to divide the northern judicial district of New York into two districts, and to appropriate \$100,000 for a military

post at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Grand American Handicap. New York, March 2.-The eighth annual interstate association's grand American handicap at live birds will be shot from today to the sixth at Interstate Tom Marshall, the winner of last year's shoot; J. A. R. Elliott, Fulford, Helker, and others will compete. The growth and its popularity of the Grand American handi-cap can be seen from the following figures: The first annual was held at ter Park, L. I., in 1893, and had 21 en-tries. In 1894, at the same place, 54 entries were received. In 1895, at Paterson, N. J., sixty-one men contested. At Elk-wood Park, N. J., in 1896, there were 104 2 per cent.

New York, April 2.—The Colorado Fuel and Iron company paid its annual dividend of 8 per cent, today.

Chicago, April 2.—The Colorado Fuel were 278 entries and 362 starters. This year, it is expected that at least 197 shooters. end of 8 per cent, today.

Chicago, April 2.—The Chicago Junction tries will be received. Commencing totries will be received. Commencing to-day, the following programme will be lend of 2 per cent. today.

Chicago, April 2.-The Union Stock Yard rise, six moneys, high guns, not class shooting. All ties divided. Tomorrow. Nitro Powder handicap—Sixteen birds, \$10 entrance, handicaps 25 to 23 yards. The handicaps contestants receive for the New York, April 2.-The New Central Grand American handicap will govern this event. Big guns, not class shooting Wednesday, The Grand American Han dicap -Twenty-nve birds, 425 handicaps 25 to 31 yards; \$1,500 guaran teed by the Interstate association, and all surplus added. Sterling silver trophy and \$600 to first high gun; \$500 to second high gun, and \$100 to third high gun Thursday-The Grand American Handi-cap will be continued if not finished on New York, April 2.-The Boston and the previous day. Friday-The Grand not finished on the previous day. Con-solidation Handicap-Fifteen birds, \$10 entrance, handicap 25 to 25 yards. Winners of money in the Grand American Handicap will have one yard added to their handicap Auid Lang Syne Sweep-stakes—Twelve birds, \$7 entrance, 30 Rican bill. They estimated a majority of seven for the bill, believing that it will

# WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 2.- Porecast for Tucsday and Wednesday Eastern Pennsylvania-Fair Tuesn Pennsylvania cloudy Wednesday: fresh winds becoming day; cloudy Wednesd southwesterly winds

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