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# WORK OF A DAY IN CONGRESS

Mr. Burrows' Discussion on the Quay Case a Senate Feature.

CAREFUL HEARING GIVEN

The House, After Spirited Debate, Adopts the Resolution Reported from the Insular Affairs Committee to Authorize the Secretary of he Treasury to Designate Deposiories in Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines-New Pension Privi-

Washington, April 12.-An effort was made in the senate today by Mr. Mor-gan to displace the present unfinished ousiness-the Spooner Philippine billby the substitution in its stead of the Nicaragua canal bill. While Mr. Morgan's motion failed, 15 to 33, the Philippine measure had a narrow escape from being displaced by the Alaskan civil code bill on motion of Mr. Carter, the motion being defeated on a roll call 22 to 24. The feature of the day's proceedings was an exhaustive discussion of the Quay case by Mr. Burrows, of Michigan.

Senators on both sides of the chamber gave him most careful hearing, and at the conclusion of his speech warmly congratulated him. Mr. Jones (Ark.), chairman of the Democratic national committee, opened the session with a sharp retor to a charge made against him in the house yesterday by Mr. Dolliver of lowa. The senate will not be in session Good Friday, adjourning over until Saturday.

Senator Burrows' Argument.

Senator Burrows, speaking on the Quay case, said that as a member of the committee on privileges and elecconsider the case of Henry W. Corbett, appointed a senator by the governor of Oregon, he "was forced to the conclusion that the power of appointment in that case was not lodged with. The last named will promptly no pre- tion of the cabinet or even if only one the executive, and a majority of the committee so reported. The senate sustained that report by a vote of 50 to meeting were;

Since that time I have seen a tiding to cause the to reverse my Judgment: further examination has served rather to strengthen and confirm it. The material facts in the case are the same as they were in that. The constitution is the same, The precedents are the same. The only change D. D.; J. N. Fradenbourgh, D. D.; Mr. G. P. is in the name of the party seeking admission (Bubill). to the senate. Then it was ex-Senator Corbett; now it is ex-Senator Quay. A change of parties

Mr. Burrows carefully reviewed the Quay case from its incipiency, and as-

people of the states that this great council of states shall have within its membership those, and only these, who bear credentials of unquestioned authority. To admit others, for per-sonal or partisan reasons, would degrade this body to the level of a political causis, shake public confidence, bring the senate into contemp and inflict a blow upon representative govern-ment from which it could not readily recover. No governor has yet attempted to take of selecting squators out of the hands of the legislature and make temperary appointment to a vacancy when the legislature was in actual session. It will be a more matter of time, however, if retirement of construction continue when the executive of a state will usurp all the untions of a legislature and make appointments even when the legislature is in session. He can now, in the plain language of the constitution, appoint only to varancies which "happen during

re recess of the legislature,"
There cannot possibly be any controversy as to the meaning of the words "during the rece That is a fixed, definite period of time-from the day the legislature adjourns to the day of its re- til his share is worth \$520. Forty acres essembling; and the vacancy which the executive of the state is authorized to supply must "happen" during and within that period. As this vacancy occurred not "dur-

ing the recess of the legislature," but or anybody else.

The whole contention of Mr. Quay's friends is: that the executive may fill any sacancy be finds existing when the legislature is in recess. In this very case, as an illustration, in the approaching election in Pennsylvania, only about aix months distant, if ex-Senator Quay should be a candidate for re-election it will not be necessary for him to carry a majority of the legislature, but only to secure a sufficient number of adherents to prevent an election and force an autonoment, when Governor Stone can again disregard the mandates of his own constitution, reinse to call a session of the legislature and again bette his commission to Senator Quay to hold a scat in this body until the next meeting of the legislature, and then, upon the theory of the minor-ity, he would be scatch, and thus repeat the process for the full term of six years, and so continue to hold a seat in this body by the farania. Is the senate of the United States propared to inderse the construction which would

Under the construction of the minority the admission of a new state into the Union, if the legislature should neglect or refuse to elect schalors, why cannot the executive of the stat uppoint senators until some legislature shall sleet? This doctrine, it seems to me-and, in feed, it has been frequently asserted-leads in evitably to this conclusion. If this doctrine is e put into practical operation, while possibly may keep the senate always full, in the lanrange of the senator from Massachusetts, yet you may be sure it will also keep the states al-ways full of discord, dissersion, breed dangerous factions, break up parties, overthrow majorities and surely end in revolt and revolution.

After seviewing at great length the precedents, Mr. Burrows cited the roll call on the Corbett case, showing that Mr. Penrose (Pa.) voted against Corbett and Mr. Quay himself was paired against him. In conclusion he said: No sooner shall you have established the dor trine contended for by the minority than there eilf be a popular uprising in this country which no power can resist or suppress to take from state legislatures and governors all control over the election of senators and lodge it with the

sovernign people. In the House.

The house today, after a spirited debate, adopted the resolution reported past year.

from the insular affairs committee to authorize the secretary of the treasury o designate depositories in Puerto Rico. Cuba and the Philippines for the deposit of government funds. By the erms of the resolution it applies to be occupied by the United States. An amendment to include the Philippines is this provision as to Cuba, offered as stated to emphasize the desire of the opposition not to retain the islands was defeated by a party vote,

A senate bill which will permit the dependent mothers of soldiers or sailors of the Spanish war even though they married Confederate soldiers to receive the benefit of the general pension law, was passed. The remainder of the day was devoted to debate upon a resolution from the committee on election of president, vice presidents and representatives in congress for a constitutional amendment empowering the legislature of the states to decide whether United States senators shall be elected by the legislatures or directtion was offered by the minority of the committee which differed from the majority tesolutions, in giving the states no option, but providing that in all states the people should vote directly for United States senators.

#### DISTINGUISHED METHODISTS MEET

Preachers from About the State Make Arrangements for M. E. Conference to Be Held in the Fall.

Methodist preachers, representing practically every section of the state, all of whom are members of the executive committee having charge of the arrang-ments for the state Methodist Episcopal conference to be held in the fall, met here today. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss presided, and Rev. M. L. Smyser, touch with General Davis, now millof Altoons, acted as secretary. The tary governor of the island, and spend state conference will probably be held in Harrisburg beginning Oct. 22 and with the insular affairs and in studycontinuing for three days, although the ling the character of the men who pre

been left to a sub-committee. discussed and the selection of the men of these officials will devolve upon the to present them has been left to a president. Mr. Allen's observation Foss is chairman. Topics suggested at materially assist in the selections. As the meeting today were:

of the State," "The Care of Rural Dis- nor Allen will return to the United tricts," "Solidifying the Denomination States. It may be that he will leave in the State New Divided in Fourteen General Davis in charge during his Conferences," "Revival Movements," absence, but in case it shall have been sented by the Pittsburg delegation, member shall have been appointed then Among those who attended today's that person will act as temporary gov-

Piladelphia Conference—S. W. Thomas, D. D. C. M. Beswell, H. Wheeler, D. D.; Wallace McMullen, D. D.; John E. James, M. D. Central Pennsylvania Conterence—M. L. Smy-ser, W. W. Evans, E. J. Gray, H. B. Powell, Eric Conference—E. H. Crawford, A. R. Ellis,

Pittsburg Conference-C. W. Smeth, D. D.; T.

M. Moyle, D. D.; D. F. Brazell, D. D.; Mr. B Wyeming Conference-L. L. Sprague, D. D.

New York Central Conference-Rev.

Genessee Conference-M. R. Webster.

#### Delaware Conference-H. A. Monroe, D. D. NEW CHEROKEE TREATY. Indians to Be United States Citizens

and Receive Land. Vinta, I. T., April 12.-The Cherokes delegation in Washington has just made and signed a new treaty with the Dawes commission. A synopsis of the provisions, as given in a despatch from number of the delegation, is as fol-

"Fach citizen is to receive eighty acres of land in fee simple. The average value of an allotment is to be Any allotment being valued at more than \$520, the citizen receiving it shall pay the excess into the common fund; and a citizen receiving eighty acres of land worth less than the average of \$520 shall receive more land un is made inalicable and non-taxable The nation or any citizen may sue the United States in the court of claims, The census roll is to be made under the Curtis act of April 1, 1899; and 157,while it was in session-and remained | 600 acres of land are to be reserved. ward-Mr. Burrows maintained that of claims in the Delaware case. The the governor clearly had no constitu- Cherokee public debt is to be paid an l tional authority to appoint Mr. Quay all citizens of the Cherokee nation are to become citizens of the United States

# Party of Forty-three Persons to Sail

from San Francisco. San Francisco, April 12.-All che

members of the Philippine commission are here except Henry C. Ide, of Vermont, who is expected today. Professor Bernard Moses, the California member, will entertain his colleagues at the University club today, after which they will hold a formal meeting to elect a secretary.

The commissioners expect to sail for Manila on the transport Hancock about April 16. They are all accompanied by their families. The clerical force consists of a secretary, assistant secretary, Spanish secretary, a translator and a private secretary for each mem-There will be forty-three people ber. There will be forty-three people as compass games, and women are eligible for in the party. The ladies and children all matches. A large number of Americans are are to be left at Yokohama for a participating. month, until the commissioners have obtained houses and made everything ready for their comfort.

Money Orders for Cape Nome. Washington, April 12,-The postoffice depart-nent has made arrangements for providing a first class money order system for Cape Nome, Alaska Postal money orders may now be remitted, pay-able at Nome and persons at that place may remit in a like manner to any meney order offic

Philippine Commissioners Honored. San Francisco, April 12.-- A banquet was ten dered the Philippine commissioners tonight be

the merchants of this city. The principal addrews made by Hon. Whitelaw Reid.

Increased Coal Shipments. Pittsburg, April 12.—Increased foreign deman as been the cause of increasing coal shipments to the east of about 2,000,000 bushels for the

# FOR PUERTO RICO

Cuba only so long as the island shall ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS BEEN CHOSEN.

> Charles H. Allen Has Accepted the Post Tendered by President Mc-Kinley-He Will Go Alone to San Juan at the Earliest Possible Moment-Observations on the Island Will No Doubt Materially Assist in the Selection of a Cabinet-Mr. Allen's Intentions.

Washington, April 12 .-- Charles H. Allen, at present assistant secretary of the navy, was summoned to the white house by the president late this ly by the people. A substitute resolu- afternoon and formally tendered the post of civil governor of Puerto Rico. provided for in the Puerto Rican bill. which became a law today.

Mr. Allen returned a practical ac eptance. Then the president and the governor of Puerto Rico spent an hour in close conference respecting the matters to be arranged in the immediate future. Owing to the fact that little more than two weeks' time intervenes before the civil government must go into operation, according to the terms of the act of congress, it was decided that it would not be practicable to complete the cabinet of the governor in that time. Therefore, Mr. Allen will go alone to San Juan at the earliest Philadelpaia, April 12.-Distinguished possible moment after Secretary Long's return to Washington, which should be Saturday next. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Allen on his first trip to his new post.

Arriving in Puerto Rico, Mr. Atlen. who will carry his commission as governor with him, will put himself in a short time in acquainting himself selection of the place of meeting has sent themselves to his notices as proper material for members of the new The arrangements of topics to be cabinet. While the actual appointment smmittee of seven, of which Pishop while in Puerto Rico are expected to soon as he has established himself and "Evangelization of the Large Cities gains the knowledge he seeks, Goverand "Young People's Organizations." found possible to complete the forma-

> His Intentions. As to his intentions respecting the administration of the Island's affairs. Mr. Allen disclosed these during a short interview this afternoon, in the

course of which he said: It is true the president has asked me to go to Puerto Rico as the civil governor. I regard this tender in the spirit in which it is made as a great compliment, although its acceptance means undertaking grave responsibili-

"My own inclination and my personal interests urge me to decline; but one should not always choose the easy way: there is a patriotic duty sometimes to be performed.

"My effort will be to administer the government provided by congress in such a manner as to command and hold the confidence of the people. To help them so far as I may to realize the best there is in them to assist them in the development of the island, along the lines which have made us such a prosperous nation. My deep regret is baving the pavy department; my service there has been of the happiest sort, and the attachments there formed will always remain a pleasant mercory."

#### MURDERED BY FILIPINOS. Nineteenth Infantryman Captured

and Killed by Insurgents. Hazleton, Pa., April 12.-In a letter written under date of February 10, and received last night by Patrick Boyle. of McAdoo, Pa., John Boyle, a member of Company G. Nineteenth United in session for forty-seven days after- subject to the decision of the court States infantry, on duty in the Philippines, says that Henry Griffiths, a Hazieton boy, was recently captured by Filipinos and murdered.

Private Boyle writes that he and five when they receive the deeds to their other members of his company-Privates Dorsey, of Scranton: Wendling, of Lancaster; Dowling of Philadelphia; NEW PHILIPPINE COMMISSION. Griffiths and a man whose name he does not know-strayed away from the regiment while on a march, and were surprised by insurgents. All but Griffiths escaped. The latter was captured

# The Army Canteen.

Washington, April 12.- Relative to a published statement ascribed to Bishop Hurst to the effect that the president had made a substantial arrangement in the army canteen, it is learned at the war department that no change whatever has been made in that institution, and, according to Secretary Root, no change is contemplated in existing methods.

#### Canadian Whist Congress. Toronto, Ont., April 12. The congress of the Canadian Whist league opened here today, and will continue until the 11th. The contests include

champioteship four, pairs and mixed pairs as well Kansas Will Retain Convention.

#### Kansas City, April 12.-The sub-committee of ie national Democratic committee today decided o let Kansas City retain the national conven-

tion in July, the local committees having made satisfactory promises of a hall.

Dates of Hanging. Harrisburg, April 12.—Governor Stone today fixed June 5 for the execution of Wm. Hummel, of Lycoming county, and June 12, for the execu-tion of Mark Thomas Hays, of Fayette county.

Nominated on Forty-First Ballot. Marysville, O., April 12.-Judge William R Warnock was nominated on the forty-first ballet today by the Republican congressional convention of the Eighth district.

# BASE BALL.

At Carlisle-Indians, 7; Syracuse University, 2 At Washington-Georgetown, 7; Yale, 4.

#### SHIPPING SUBSIDY BILL.

Intention of Republican Senators to Pass It This Session.

Washington, April 12.—The definite seek to have the shipping subsidy bill passed at the present session was announced in the senate committee or commerce today. The present purpos is to have the bill given the place of "unfinished business" when the Quay resolution and the Philippine bill are disposed of. The friends of the shipping bill estimate that the Philippine bill will be out of the way by the time set for a vote on the Quay case, which is the 24th inst. The Democratic members of the committee expressed surprise at the announced decision, saying that they had understood that all parties were to unite for a final adjournment in June, and they feared this result could not be secured if the shipping bill was to be taken up with the view to its passage. They indicated unalterable opposition to the bill and expressed the opinion that prolonged debate would follow any effort to pass it. Some of them said they be lieved it would be good politics for the Democrats to allow the bill to become a law, but that this would not be per-missible without at least sufficient discussion to explain the effect of the measure.

Messrs. Hanna and Frye stood out stoutly for the bill, Mr. Hanna declaring that to postpone consideration until after the election, merely because of its possible effect in the campaign, would be cowardice. He said the purposwould be perfectly understood, and the courageous course was to take it up and pass it now, even though it delayed adjournment. Furthermore, he believed the bill would stand on its own merits. Some of the Democrats indicated a desire for a more deliberate consideration of the Philippine bill, as a consequence of the intention to take up the shipping measure.

#### COLLAPSE OF A BRICK BUILDING

Number of People Buried-Three Are Dead-In Addition to the Fatalities Several Persons Are Badly Injured-Building Inspector Will Begin an Investigation.

Pittsburg, April 12.-Without warning, and with a rush and a roar, the four-story brick building at the corner of Second avenue and Wood street collapsed today, burying in its ruins number of people, three of whom were taken out dead, six were badly burt, and several others slightly injured.

The dead: MRS. MARTHA JONES, aged 61, of 511 Second

EUGENE BERNHARDT, ages 25, of 1368 Man hattan street, Alleghery, salesman for Aria strong & McKelvy company. OSCAR BIGLER, carpenter; he we said to be near Harrisburg; was employed by Contractors McGovern & Lytle.

The injured: Nocl Casper, of Emsworths sales agent for Arms-

Ioseph Sloss, lieutenent fire company No. 1, ribs Shang, steamfitter, leg broken and arm crushed.

James Sullivan, steamfitter, badly out and James V. Sims, carpenter, bandly out and bruised, August Ferdegard, aged 64, was found in the cellar of the wrecked building; suffered se-

verely from the shock. The building was occupied by the Armstrong-McKelvey Lead and Oil company. It was being remodelled by Contractors McGovern and Lytle, who were converting the lower floors of the store and that next door into one large room, which was to have been occupied by the lead company. About forty-eight feet of the middle partition had been removed and steel girders supported by heavy iron posts, were in place, and the finishing touches were being put on the remodelling work. The firm this morning began the transfer of their stock from one room to the other and apparently centralized the heavy weight of the lead and oils about the middle of the structure. Up to the present this is the only solution ad-vanced for the collapse, which began Sheets' attorneys, ex-Congressman by the second floor breaking through, George R. Scull and Kooser & Kooser, carrying with it the two floors above, making a breach from top to bottom through the center of the building, court of Pennsylvania. Immediately The fact that the real portion of the after the escape was discovered telebuilding on Second avenue did not collapse saved many lives. It was in that clais of all the towns and the Baltiportion of the building that the offices were located, in which there were about ten persons. Those who were in the car portion of the building heard the collapse and ran out of the side door

into Second avenue and escaped. Rumors of many people being buried under the debris were rife, but the list above comprises all the casualties. The loss to the firm will be about \$40,000.

When the accident happened business was being transacted on the first floor as usual. Mrs. Jones was there for some paint and had evidently just completed her purchase, for when her body and that of the salesman, Bernhardt, who waited on her, were found, the man had a \$5 bill in his hand and the woman clutched her pocketbook. demonstrating the fact that the collapse came so suddenly that neither of them had time to move.

Within a few minutes after the accident hundreds of men and women gathered, all anxious to help in the rescue of the many supposed to be buried. Firemen and policemen, however, soon had the place roped off and the work of rescue was carried on systematically and notwithstanding the great danger from the toppling walls the rescuers worked until all the buried were extricated. Building Inspector J. A. A. Brown will begin an investigation tomorrow

to learn the cause of the accident.

#### Serious Gasoline Explosion. Greensburg, Pa., April 12.-Henry Brotigam

nd son, Harry, were seriously burned in a gaso-ine explosion here, the latter being, it is hought, fatally injured. The explosion occurred while cleaning clothing in an outbuilding ad-joining their residence. The father, while serious burned, it is thought will recover.

# Texas Press Association.

Brenham, Tex., April 12.-The annual meetic of the Texas Press association opened here to-day, and will continue until the 14th. Newspaper men from all parts of the state are pre-

# BRITISH SCOUTS SCENT A BOER TRAP LITTLE NEWS



An incident near Bloemfontein. A party of scours recently passed out into the broken untry beyond the waterworks. They had dismounted and were engaged in a tour of obervation when one of their number became suspicious that all was not well. A quick rush or the horses was made, and the snapping of the Mausers of the hidden enemy there told f the trap which had almost succeeded.

#### MURDERER ESCAPES.

Milton Sheets Under Sentence of Death Breaks Out of the Jail at Somerset-Strange Detective Ex-

Johnstown, Pa., April 12,-News was received here this evening that Milton Sheets, under sentence of death for the murder of Augustus Glessner. broke jail at Somerset this evening at 7.25 o'clock. Sheets sawed the bars of a window in the jail and climbed down a spouting to the yard, walking out unmolested. A man named Walker who was in jail for stealing cattle, escaped with Sheets.

Sheriff Saylor was absent at the time His daughter noticed Sheets in the a McKelvy company; leg broken, jail yard near the door and at once notified the deputies. By the time the latter rushed out Sheets and Walker

had made good their escape, Sheets and a companion named Weller, followed Glessner, who had be n drinking after drawing a large sum of money out of the bank one Saturday night last fall, and a short distance from the place attacked Glessner from behind with a fence paling. After murdering Glessner, Sheets took what money he had on his person. Weller, who seems to have been led into the crime, afterward confessed, completely breaking down the case established by a well known Pittsburg detective who was sent here to hunt down the murderers, and who had formed a very strong case on circumstantial evidence against two innocent Following Weller's confession this detective gave out a lengthy intervisw, in which he declared he never again would seek to convict a man for

murder on circumstantial evidence. Weller was recently sentenced to ten years in the western penitentiary for his participation in Sheets' crime. had made preparations for a speedy appeal of his case to the supreme grams were sent out to the police offimore and Ohlo special officers warning them to be on the lookout for

# Bishop Seymour Officiates.

Peoria, Ill., April 12.—The Rt. Rev. George F. Seytmur, bishop of Springfield, officiated in St. Paul's Episcopal church today. In addition he will take part in the three hours' devotional setomorrow, Good Friday. He is a scholarly prelate, and one of the most forceful and at the se time most popular men in the episcopate of the day.

Smith Sentenced to Be Hanged. Baltimore, April 12.- Amos B. Smith, colored. was sentenced to be hanged by audge Phelps in the criminal court today. He was found guilty on Tuesday of mordering Sadie James

Steamship Arrivals.

ernor has not yet fixed the day of execution.

New York, April 12.-New York-Arrived, Lahn from Bremen and Southampton; sailed, Kaiser Friedrich, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg Aller, for Genoa Queenstown—Salled, Teutonic, from Liverpool, New York, Liverpool Sailed, Tauric, New York.

Another Lady Lawyer. Philadelphia, April 12.-Miss Mary L. Tres cott, of Wilhes-Barre, was today admitted to practice in the Supreme court. Miss Trescott

sion to plead before the court

Telegraph Operators Strike. Chattenooga, April 12,-The strike of telegraph operators on the Alabama Great Southern and Memphia divisions of the Southern railway is public tonight. No response could be obtained

the third woman who has been granted per

#### to calls for any station along the line. Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, April 12.—Pensions; Lawrence K Granteer, Canton, Bradford, 86 to 88; Jacob Keiper, Wilkes-Barre, \$6 to \$8; William Rauch, Alderson, Luzerne, \$10 to \$12.

Burlington Extension. Chicago, April 12.—The Burlington railway will begin a 200-mile extension to Billings this FAIR; VARIABLE WINDS.

Weather Indication: Tolay:

General-South African War Situation Senator Eurrow's Views on the Quay Case. Clustles H. Allen Appointed Civil Governor of Puerto Rico

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Falling Building Kills and Injures Many General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial

Local-Evidence in the Ludden Murder Trial, Woman's Realm.

Local-Party of Scrantonians' Interesting Visit to Puerto Rico. uncilman Keller Defends the Library at a

Meeting of Conneils. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban

Round About the County. 8 Local-Live Industrial News.

# MORGAN'S AMENDMENT.

Calculated to Improve the Spooner Philippine Bill. Washington, April 12.-Senator Mogan today offered the following amendment to the Spooner Philippine bill; "Provided, that in conducting government in the Philippine islands the president shall execute, in favor of the people there, the pledges of the Spanish government in the treaty of Biac-Nia-Bato, between Spain and the revolutionary party in Luzon, which treaty the government of the United States recognizes as having been obligatory on Spain at the time of the acquisition of the Philippine islands from Spain, so far as the treaty is consistent with

This treaty provided, among other things, for the expulsion or secularization of the religious orders, amnesty for all rebels, the freedom of the press in denouncing official corruption, representation of the Philippines in the Spanish government and the abolition of the secret deportation of political need of soberness. suspects.

the change of sovereignty over the

# ARMY SUPPLIES.

Five Thousand Tons of Provision Leave New York.

New York, April 12.-More than 5,000 tons of stuff for the English army in South Africa, and a large number of mules, started for Cape Town yesterday in the British steamer Clan Robertson

In the consignment are 27,000 bales of hay, to be landed at Cape Town. Considerable staple articles consigned to private firms, both at Delagoa Bay and Beira, are known to be aboard the ship, but their ultimate destination cannot be foreshadowed. So far as can be ascertained, no powder or guns went in the vessel. One of the customs officials attached to the Atlantic docks said today that the Cian Robertson has vate detectives since she first went on the berth to load.

#### President Signs Tariff Bill. Washington, April 12.-The president

check this evening signed the Puerto Riega

tariff bill and civil government bill. Only retary Roof and Mr. Cortelyou, the assistant cetary to the president, were present when the For Barker and Donnelly. Birmingham, Ala., April 12.- A conference of ie leading Percelists here today decided to send

delegation to the national convention from Alabama instructed to vote for Wharten Barker on the national ticket. George Fred a Candidate. Boston, April 12.-George Fred Williams,

residential possibility by the Bryan club of dassechosetts at a banquet in the Quincy House enight. His spensor was George F. Washburn, einter of the Populist rational committee

# First and Last for McKinley.

Cincinnati, April 12.-The Republican conventions of the First and Second districts today se-lected delegates to the national convention and instructed then "to vote first, last and all the time for McKinley."

# FROM WAR IN AFRICA

# Lord Roberts Said to Be **Employing His Army** Effectively.

#### **BOER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS**

Mr. Fischer Has Asked Italy to Intervene-The Minister's Reply-It Is Calculated That Lord Roberts Now Has 214,000 Effective Troops, with 12,000 More Afloat or Under Orders-Hilyard Steyn's View of the Situation.

London, April 13.-4.05 a. m.--In a ound about way London hears that Lord Roberts, when wiring to the Prince of Wales at Copenhagen congratulations upon his escape from assassination, added two or three hopeful sentences portending an early advance with wide-reaching combina-

Quiet assurances are passed around among military men that Lord Roberts is employing his great army offectively and that the adventurous Boer commandoes are likely to be enmeshed, scraps of news-a detail here and another there-have reached England tonight over comparatively idle cables, but they do not illuminate the situation.

The colonials at Wepener still hold off the Boers, Lord Methuen has worked eastward until he is within eighty miles of Kroonstad.

Boer scouts have gone around Ladysmith and have appeared at Dewdorp and other places on Ceneral Buller's flanks and rear. The officers of Buller's irregular estimate the Boers in Natal at 18,000, but these figures are probably excessive, 10,000 being regarded here as the outside number.

Hart's Brigade.

After General Hart's brigade leaves him, General Buller will still have close upon 35.000 men. It is generally assumed that this brigade is going to join Lord Roberts, but its destination is really unknown.

The Boer note to Portugal regarding the use by the British of the Peira route for the transportation of troops to Rhodesia, may, if the Boers act against Portugal, lead Great Britain to land troops at Lorenzo Marques. This possibility has been seriously discussed and is referred to at length in the morning papers today.

The work of the Roer peace commisoners has begun. Mr. Fischer has asked Italy to intervene and the Italian minister of foreign affairs, the Marquis Di Vinsconti Vinosta, has replied that, while he would receive the envoys, the best he could do would be to transmit their proposals to London, thus follow-

ing the course of the United States. It is calculated that Lord Roberts now has 214,000 effective troops, with 12,000 more affoat or under orders. The war office has instructed officers not to take any more expanding bullets to

# Africa for revolvers,

Steyn's Opinion. Hilyard Steyn, brother of President Steyn, in the course of an interview at

Bloemfontein, said: "The original war plan of the Boers was to over-run all Cape Colony, but on becoming involved in the sieges of Kimberley and Ladysmith the burghers found the design spoiled. To this I attribute the Boer fallure to conquer the British. I expect the war to last until Christmas.

ginning with claster-tide and the morning paper editorials expatiate upon the

The seventh month of the war is he-

#### ATLANTIC LEAUGE MEETS. Schedule Committee at Work-Umpires Appointed.

Reading, Pa., April 12.—The Atlantio Base Ball league opened a two days' session here this afternoon, with Pyesident Horace S. Fogel in the chair, and George Zimmerman, of Allentown, as secretary. The clubs were represented as follows: William Sharely, Allentown: Benjamin Fleishman, Rende ing: W. A. Miller, Jersey City: Leo Belmont, Athletics of Philadelphia; W. G. Clyner, Wilkes-Barre: John H. Coogan, Newark: W. W. Burnham, Scranton, and H. C. Smith, Elmira,

The substitution of Jersey City, N. J. for Wilmington, Del., was ratified, The meeting resolved itself into a schedule committee for the purpose of been watched by supposed to be pri- arranging the dates of games for the coming season. The schedule will not be completed until temorrow. President Fogel annaounced that W. Smith had declined the office of umpire. The others are Hardis, Henderson, Thomas Phelan and Edwin B. Morgan. The fourth has not ye! been selected.

# DEATHS OF A DAY.

Sondorry, Pa., April 12. George W. Zeigler, the oldest and most prominent lawyer in Northumberland county, died at his home here tonight. He was 81 years of age and had practiced law in Butler, Jefferson, Snyder and Northumberland and ignatius Donnelly for first and second places 1854, 1855 and 1861, having been elected as a Democrat.

Brownsville, Pa., April 12.-William Chailand, venerable Knight Templar, died here at 11 o'clock last night in his ninetheth year. He wa native of Stratford-on-Avon, England, where e was born in 1811. He has been a Mason brex-three years. and Knight Templar

#### ................ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 12. Personal for Pri-Pair, possibly presented by showers early Priday; Saturday tair; variable winds.

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