was repressed.

THE VICTORY OF BRABANT

Rumors Regarding the Affair at Wepener.

DEMAND FOR RAILWAYS

So Large an Army Leaves the Populace Bare of Everything Save the Necessities of Life-The Progress of Lord Roberts Will Be Slow. Frost Is Felt in Bloemfontein.

London, April 16, 4.55 a. m .- The war office had nothing to communicate to the public today. It may be taken for granted that the rumor of General Brabant's victory at Wepener is premature. With the remainder of his force he left Alival North Saturday for Rouxville: and there has scarcely bean time for an engagement.

There is practically no fresh news this morning. All the Bloemfontcin. despatches, however, breathe a confident tone. There seems to be a heavy demand on the railway for so large an army leaves the populace bare of everything save the absolute necessities of life.

The fact that the censors allowed subject of remounts to pass speaks said volumes for the condition of that question and concerning the prospects of any inchediate advance toward Pretoria. The utraost Lord Roberts will be able to do for some time to come will be in the direction of clearing the simple, brief saxon statement of a half dezen Boers from the southern part of the Free State.

The despatches announce the approach of winter. The first pinch of frust has been felt at Bloemfontein. where considerable rain has fallen,

It is said that President Kruger visited the Boer came at Kroonstad as well as Firandfort.

Report by Lord Roberts.

Bloemfontein, Saturday, April 14,-Lord Roberts, in his telegram of protest to President Kruger regarding the treatment to which the colonial officers and troops who are now prisoners at Pretéria have been subjected, comslains that the Boers have treated them as prisoners confined in a jail.

He points out that there are ninety cases of enteric fever and dysentery in the prisoners' camp at Waterval; that the Transvaal government failed to supply on demand of the doctor. the necessary medicines and medical comforts; that the prisoners were forced to bivouac on the open earth: that the sick were placed in an open shed with an iron roof and that it was only when the new doctor threatened to resign that medicines and mattresses were supplied.

He invites President Kruger to remedy this state of things and contrasts it with the treatment the British give to Boer prisoners, sick and wounded who, as Lord Roberts says, "receive the same treatment as our own soldiers.

Four farmers who had taken the oath to abstain from further co-operation with the queene's enemies were found signalling to the Boers at Karee Siding and have been brought here.

Operations Near Wepener.

Maseru, Basutolandi Saturday, Apri 14.-Sir Godfrey Lagden, British restdent commissioner, returned here yes terday (Friday) from the scene of operations near Wepener. He and the paramount chief have stationed 3,000 armed natives to resist possible Boer entrenchments. The orders of the resident commissioner are that the Basutoes are not to be allowed to cross the State frontier on any pretense whatever. Two natives, who crossed and looted an abandoned Boer farm, are now in custody. Colonel Dalgety's position is strong

and well chosen, but he is completely surrounded.

The Boers have their backs against Basutoland, and if they stay much onger they will be hemmed in. The British operations are keenly watched from the neighboring heights. Shelling and sniping have been going on steadily during the last six days,

Colonel Dalgety's guns are admirably served, and there is no waste of am munition. The Boers, when they se the electric flash of the cordite, bolt into their holes or behind walls

So near are the Boers and the Basut, guards that they converse. The ambulances are close to the border, but the killed and wounded are not removed until nightfall, in order to conceal the number of casualties. The Boers are fatigued, and their horses are tired

The Boers attacked fiercely the British northern position on Monday, April 9, but they were beaten back at daybreak. Nothing is known here of the casualties on either side,

The Casualties.

Aliwal, North, Saturday, April 11 .-Colonel Granfell wires that the casualties at Wepener include quarrecines. ter Williams, Lieutmant Halford and Lieutenant Duncas and fifteen men wounded. Sir Godfrey Lagden, pesident communder at Massen, relegraphs The that no shelling has been heard from the direction of Waponer today. A regiment of British infantry and a

battery of artillery arrived Friday, General Brabant's headquarters and all the mounted troops have gone to

Rouxville The Northern Post asserts that the Rouxville district furnished 1,000 re-cruits to the Boer force as a result of the layarton last week. Elica bandled were in a blacksmith shop playing with an old Boers, under Commandant Swanepoel, entered the right tempi-

forced the royal Irish rifles to evacu ate Rouxville.

The former Landdrost, who had beer acting for the British, offered to go to the front to prove himself a true Free Stater and almost to a man the Pres Staters, who had taken the oath, rejoined the Boers. Nearly every one produced a Mauser. Looting, however,

It is reported that there are 7,000 Boers at Wepener, Fourteen British sympathizers have been imprisoned. The Boers admit having shot Mr. Gui ney, the hotelkeeper, for taking forage to the British.

A paymaster with £1,400 was cap-tured:

Boers Disheartened.

London, April 16.-The Bloemfontein orrespondent of the Times, telegraphing Sunday, says: "It is reported that reinforcements for the Boers, with sixty wagons, have arrived at De Wets | thing but buildings is to be seen. The dorp, en route for Wepener. This should precipitate an action.

"The statement that President Kruger has been south seems to confirm the reports that the Boers are getting disheartened. This continued exertion of his personal influence appears now to have become a necessity."

British Casualties.

Aliwal North, April 13 .- It is officially reported that the British losses at Wepener for four days' fighting were eighteen men killed and 132 wounded.

REV. DR. PARKHURST ON THE NEW FAITH

Vigorous Assault on the Westminster Confession-A New Creed Is Wanted for the Presbyterian Church.

New York, April 15, -Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, speaking in his pulpit in Madison Square Presbyterian church Winsten Churchill'r despatch on the Westminster confession of faith. He today, made a vigorous assault on the

We ought to have a new confession of faith, It is surprising that the Presbyterian church is able to do as much as it is doing, with such an incubus strapped upon us as we are fottering under in our confession. In the first place the thing neded is not a system of theology, for that is what our present confession is so of the vital ingredients of Jesus Christ's message to the world. I could get along with a onelssion of faith containing but the little that Jesus said when he was trying to make a Christian of Nicodemus: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begetten Son, that whosever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

That gives to us the doctrine of God's unlim ited love, human guilt, the divinity of Christ, salvation through Christ, feith in Christ, immortality; every word Saxon, three-quarters of the words monosyllables, profound enough for any older, simple enough for any four-year-old. At any rate we want a new creed. Amending this one will not meet the necessities of the case, Better give it a dignified place in the museum it is than back it to pieces and re-

vamp it for what it is not.

And, then once more, if there were among us the distinct feeling which the Gospel so wonder fully guarantees, that everything in all this erant toward everything that states or even suggests anything like a partial or an arbitrary love on God's part, loving some because he choose to, and damning the rest in order to show what e could do and how just he was, a

Now that is our book, the Predyterian con fession of faith, in the third chapter. If we are thorough Presbyterians and believe what or doctrinal prospectus advertises us as believing re believe it probable that some of the childyour homes, little children, perhaps the babe of your bosom, is domined, already damined be-fore it was born, damined from everlasting to verlasting and then you are invited to come int hurch and say "Our Father" and "Glory" could use in lanning and racking his own off spring deliberately creating a child with a vice o the agony into which he was going to rounce it would be chased from the earth as field and as an ebulilian. It does not meet the case to say that it is only on the "Book" and that nobody preaches it. It is true that nobody reaches it, and equally true, I doubt not, that obody believes it, nevertheless, it is printed or the flag beneath which the Presbyterian army sarching, and it horts us as a denomination Many are staying out because it is there and men are staying out because it is there and me te going out because it is there.

COLUMBIA FOR QUAY.

Overwhelming Victory at Republican Primaries.

Bloomsburg, Pa., April 15.-Full returns are now in from the Republican primaries, which were held throughout Columbia county yesterday, and the results show an overwhelming victory for the Quay Republicans. They carried every district in the county, and will control tomorrow's convention.

J. H. Catterall, of Berwick, and John W. Goldsworthy, of Centralia, will be elected delegates to the state convention. Elias Hendershott, of Madison, will be named for sheriff; E. D. Hagenbuch, of Scott, for jury commissioner, and the office of coroner will go to the south side of the county. There is yet some uncertainty as to the candidates for the legislature, but a candidate from the north side and one from the south side will undoubtedly be named

WRECK AT CHATTANOOGA.

Engineer and Fireman Are Killed. Others Injured.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 15 .- A freight train on the Southern railway struck a mule today and was wrecked, while running at full speed, near Huntsville, Ala. The engineer, Percy Armstrong, and the Fireman Sandy bsborne, were killed and five of the train's crew were seriously injured. The engine plunged down a steep

embankment and immediately caught lire. The freight cars crowded upon the overturned engine, and suffocated and crushed to death in the cab both engineer and fireman.

College Student Killed.

Philadelphia, April U.-Harry Wheatley, aged It years, a Girard college student, was killed in Pairmount park today by being struck by the thatt of a buggy attached to a rimaway hora The animal becoming frigitened at some of jets on the crowded driveway, slashed into crowd of Easter promenuders. The shaft of the buggy struck the south in the brest, peneital ing one of the lungs.

Played with a Gun.

Cherry Run, W. V., April 15.—Charles, ti 16-year-old son of John Crove, was shot and in the invasion last week. Five hundred gun supposed to be not leaded. The entire charge

PARIS EXPOSITION FORMALLY OPENED

CEREMONIES AT INAUGURA-TION OF WORLD'S FAIR.

President Loubet the Chief Feature of the Imposing Show-Confusion in Many Departments-The American Building a Disappointment. Immense Crowds of Guests Swarm the Thoroughfares.

Paris, April 15.-The exposition of 1900 was opened on Saturday, but it will be at least a month before anyceremonies were a peculiar mixture of sumptuous splendor in the Salles Des Fetes and widespread confusion and

turesque stage setting in the beautiful building in which the inaugural cerethe splendid orchestra and chorus and the magnificent effect produced by the grand stair-case up which President Loubet proceeded to view the expest-tion, lined with some 200 picked men

Fourteen thousand guests had been invited to the function, and they had because of the fine weather, only the dust to endure. The afternoon was a holiday in Paris by general consenand a host of country people crowded into the city to swell the multitudes.

The immense number of guests practically swept the central streets clean of cabs, of which an unbroken stream. the gates between noon and 2.30 p. m. Drifted is the correct expression for the rate of progress, because the traffic arrangements were so inadequate plicity itself. The reception to President Loubet at the entrance lasted but a few seconds and on reaching the presidential platform, M. Millerand, the minister of commerce immediately terms and read in a resonant voice, plaudits. He was followed by Presi-

dent Loubet. gone through.

Americans Salute Loubet

This salon is the locale of the American electrical exhibit, and here a body of fifty American guards was drawn up, They saluted President Loubet.

tourage followed in the other four. flagstaff and two American marines. stationed one on each side of the Washthe embankment in front of the pavilnificent building."

The boats reached Alexander bridge where the party landed. They traversed the bridge, after admiring the vista up the esplanade of the Hotel Des Invalides in one direction and through the new avenue Nicholas III. in the other. Along the latter the president proceeded until he reached the Champs Elysees, where the party entered carriages and, escorted by Culrassiers, drove back to the Elysee oudly cheered by the assembled thou-

Fine Weather Yesterday.

of the exposition to the general pubinto the grounds. The area of the exiters were mainly composed of provinclais and foreigners. Comparatively of the great backwardness of the preparations they remained away for the most part. The management demandadmission, one for afternoon admis-Champ De Mars were Illuminated, But provided, not even a band of music. and the people promenaded in front of the empty and in many cases unfinhad the work of paving been com-

pleted. Visitors who left the central arteries found their pathway filled with pitfalls and heaped with debris, some

The moving sidewalk,access to which ost fifty cantimes, proved a great success and was jammed throughout the day. The American national pa-vilion remained closed. So also did-

most of the other pavilions for the excellent reason that their interiors are still unfinished.

SECRETARY LONG IS WILLING.

unreadiness elsewhere. Nothing could have exceeded the pic-

monles were held, the gorgeous uniforms of the diplomats and soldiers. of the republic guards.

several deep, drifted slowly towards that hundreds of vehicles did not reach the exposition at all. The ceremonial within the Salles Des Fetes was simdelivered his address, handing over the exposition to the chief of state, which address was couched in most eloquent heard throughout the vast hall. M. Millerand's peroration was especially fine and it brought forth a storm of

On the conclusion of President Loubet's speech the procession formed and amid the strains of "La Marche Heroique," rendered by the republican band, proceeded across the Salles Des Fetes between a hedge of guards with fixed bayonets to the grand stair-case. which the party ascended. President Loubet then entered the salon of honor, where the ceremony of presentation of commissioners of foreign nations was

The presidential cortege then descended into the grounds. He was cheered throughout the progress to the bridge d'Lena. President Loubet and the foreign commissioners entered the first barge at the bridge d'Lena and the en-

Reaching the American pavilion, the Stars and Stripes were dipped from the ington statue, waved a tri-color, while crowd of Americans gathered on ion gave Loubet a ringing cheer. The president was greatly pleased at this little courtesy, and turning to Ambassador Rorter, who was beside him on the boat, he remarked: "The American always does right; this is a mag-

To many visiting Americans, however, our national pavilion is a distinct disappointment. It is pretentious almost overpowering, with its big dome and startling frescoes over the entrance, but it compares unfavorably with the beautiful buildings of even smaller powers, like Italy. Spain and Austria, which are its neighbors along

the Seine. sands.

Glorious weather favored the opening lic today and immense crowds flocked hibition, however, is so great that nowhere was there any crush. The visfew Parisians were to be seen, Aware ed two entrance tickets for morning sion and two during the evening, when the Eiffel tower and the palaces on the there were absolutely no attractions ished baildings, and along roads where only in the case of the main avenues

thoroughfures resembling mere bridle

paths The crowd, however, was perfectly good natured and took the matter Hardly a murmur philosophically. was heard anywhere in the way of criticism.

young man.

Will Accept the Nomination as Vice President. Washington, April 15. - Secretary ong's implied willingness to accept the Republican nomination for the vice presidency, as inferred by the statements made by him, was a matter of general comment in Washington today. It set the Republican slate makers to thinking and for the time being has seriously upset the calculations of

those who believed that the honor would go to one of a half dozen others mentioned for the vice presidency. Secretary Long was called on by a number of persons during the day and was importuned for an exact statement of his attitude on the question. He seemed disinclined to enter into any general discussion of the matter, however, preferring to let it rest with aas already said on the sublect, believing that the vice presidency is an aonor of such a character that no man could well refuse to accept it. The secretary, however, is not an avowed candidate seeking the place, but the belief is general that if the nomination is offered to him he will accept. Secretary Long was asked tonight for an expression of opinion regarding Admiral Dewey's candidacy for the presidency. In a good natured way he evaded making a reply, but the honored man of our navy.

EX-GOVERNOR ALTGELD USES THE SPONGE

He Wipes the Name of Ex-Governor Pattison from the Vice Presidential Slate-The Pennsylvanian's Case

Chicago, April 15 .- Ex-Governor Alteld was spoken to today about the suggestion of nominating ex-Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, as the runping mate of Mr. Bryan. He said: I notice that the Palmer and Buckner newspapers of America are urging his nomination. Thos papers and those men who have been very hox tile to Mr. Bryan and are still hostile to what

he represents and would like to see him defeated and yet wish to go with the Democratic party this year are urging the nomination of Mr. Patti son. Personally I believe that the nomination of misfortupe as the nomination we andidate for that place in '56 was at least positively with us on the silver question, but he did not command the confidence of our people on any other question and greatly weakened our ticket. Mr. Pattison has not been positively with us on any proposition, and it is safe to say that at least 85 per cent, of the Democrats of America would be disappointed at such a nomination. Our people are in eatnest all over the on of definite and progressive principles, but they demand the nomination of men whom they know to be intense in their support of those

The Republican party is estering to every sence that is controlled by concentrated we and by corrupt wealth, and the Democratic party empet tion with the Republican party on this We must appeal to the conscience, the ino do this successfully it is above all things nee essary for us to be sincere. The incenent we light of trimming, or trading, or maneuvering for votes, that mement we will lose the confi nce and enthusiasm of a large portion of ou scople. For us to be guided by high princiresidency and then undertake to play old ashioned, cheap politics in the nomination candidate for the vice presidency would worthy of a great party and would so to taken that party as to make it incapable erfroming any great mission for the country tumounity. The difficulty with some at they are not able to realize that the coun try is very tired of simply playing politics. It is calling for beceiver; it is calling for the unrial of which martyrs is made; it is calling to generation of men who are willing to die to cause and such a generation is coming. The pe of the Democracy today depends on the namic force of ideas and on the ower of justice, two forces that have never y een arrested, two forces that have given Amer ca this republic, have given the world its elv-lization and have been at the bottom of all

residency who possesses the same character, the one conviction and the same positive and ag-ressive force as the man who is to head the

Let me say that I have great respect for Gov mor Pattisen as a man; he is a gentleman and man of great ability and in any other manner should be glad to bonor him, but there are meands of men of high character and ability from I respect but whom Democracy could not be upon its ticket this year without abandoning its high mission.

TORNADO IN KANSAS.

Storm Approaching Winfield-People Killed in Overturned Houses.

Wichita, Kans., April 15 .- A storm approaching a tornado in proportion. s reported from near Winfield, between here and Newton, and in the vicinity west of Clearwater. Two deaths are eported, and four people are said to houses. Particulars are unobtainable tonight.

At Putnam it is said several house were blown down, and four people seriously injured. Word was brought by bassengers on the southbound Santa Fe passenger train that two persons were killed, but it is impossible to confirm this report tonight. West of Clearwater it is reported that a strip of country five miles long was swept by storm at 6 o'clock tonight. No casualties are reported from there.

Gov. Taylor at Washington.

Washington, April 15.—Governor Taylor, Kentucky, is in the city and will remain be antil Wednesday to look after his interests he contest before the Supreme court for the of we of governor of Kentucky. Ex-Governor

Bradley, chief Republican counsel in the case Was a Model Man. Burlington, Vt., April 15,-A special from Waterbury, Vt., says that John C. Farrar, teller at there is a defalcation of \$25,000 of the

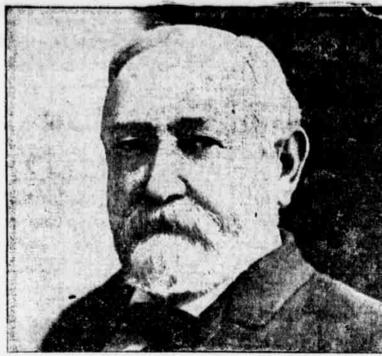
Maine Arrives at Madeira.

bank's funds. The community is greatly sh

by the news as Farrar was considered a model

London, April 25.—The executive committee of the American women's hospital ship inno bas eccised a cablegram from Landy Bandolph Churchill, announcing that the Maine arrived at Madetra this morning and will reach Southamp-ton on April 23. All on board are well

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON.



The Ecumenical Missionary Conference will be held in New York soon, beginning on April 21 and ending May 1. One of the vice-presidents is ex-President Benjamin Harrison, who has promised to attend, and it is said on good authority that he will preside over | night, nearly 300 armed deputies are the meetings. This is the most recent photograph of Mr. Harrison, and was taken only a laughingly remarked that Dewey "was lew days ago. It is considered a splendid likeness by friends of the ex-President.

PROGRAMME OF THE **WEEK IN CONGRESS**

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Senate Will Continue to Devote Its Attention to Alaskan Code Bill, the Quay Resolution and the Bill Providing for Temporary Government of the Philippine Islands. Affairs Before the House.

Washington, April 15.-The senate will continue during the week to devote its attention to the Alaskan code bill, the Quay resolution and the bill providing for the temporary government of the Philippine islands. There also will be more or less sparring for place on the part of the friends of the Nicaraguan canal, chief among whom is Senator Morgan, of Alabama. Possibly, also Senators Frye and Hanna will make an effort to bring the subsidy shipping bill up, but the chances are that no move will be made in that direction until after some of the meastres now before the senate are dis-

posed of. Senator Carter will try on Monday to get a day fixed for a vote on the loskan bill There are only LWO amendments of importance remaining to be acted upon in connection with that measure, and it is thought these could be disposed of at a very early date if the friends of the Alaskan bill would agree to assist in the taking up of other legislation when it was out of the way. Senator Morgan seems at present inclined to hold up the code measure until he can receive some assurance on the canal bill, but so far has apparently not been successful in that direction.

There is also a noticeable disposition to use the Alaskan bill and the Philip pine bill to delay the taking up of the subsidy bill. The Democrats in the senate are practically united in opposition to the subsidy proposition. Senator Lodge, in charge of the Philippine bill, announces it to be his purpose to ask for a vote on it whenever the Democrats make an opening for such suggestions. Apparently, however, he is

not very sanguine of success. Senator Hoar has given notice of a speech on the Philippine question on Tuesday next and he is expected then to fully outline his views on the question of expansion. Late in the week reports probably will be made on some of the appropriation bills now in committee. It is also probable that a report will be made in the Clark case during the week. The report has been drafted in the rough by Senators Chanaler and Turley, and will be laid before the committee on elections as soon as completed. Senator Chandlet announces it to be his purpose to ask to have the question taken up in the senate as soon as the report is filed.

Naval Appropriation.

The week in the house will be largely taken up with the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, over which there promises to be a protracted struggle. The whole question of armor piate, except that for the Maine, Wisconsin and Missouri will be fought out. The minority members of the committee, led by Mr. Wheeler, of Kentucky have been injured by overturned will make a strong fight for the establishment of a government armor plate factory as the best solution of the vexed problem. An attempt also will be made by the minority of the committee for the building of ships in government yards. Before the naval bill is taken up tomorrow Chairman Marsh of the committee on militia, will be recognized to move the passage, un der suspension of the rules, of the bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the militia of the several states. Friday will be given up to the committee on war claims, under the rule, and Saturday has been set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representa-

tive Evan Settle, of Kentucky. Senator Hanna Has Grip.

Cincinnatis, April 15.-Word has been received here that Senator M. A. Hanna is quite ill with la grippe at Old Point Comfort and he may of he able to attend the Ohio Republican state covention at Columbus next week. It is re-sorted that President McKinley and other Reublican leaders will be at Old Point Comfort

Charles E. Smith Dead.

Pinladelphia, April 15.—Charles E. Smare, for-ser president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company, died here today of paralysis

Mules for Cape Town.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indication: Today:

WARMER; RAIN BY NIGHT.

General-Reported Victory of General Brabawt,

Paris Exhibition Formally Opened. General-Northcastern Pennsylvania

Local-Easter Services in the City Churches. Luddon Guilty of Second Degree Murde

Editorial. News and Comment Local Annual Meeting of the Lackawaran Presbytery.
Mention of Some Men of the Hour.

Father Stabs His Ser Local West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County.

Local-Live Industrial News.

ANTI-QUAY'S VICTORIOUS.

Washington County One of the

Bright Spots for the Hopeful. Washington, Pa., April 15.—The pay us for our work. The state should protect cheson and anti-Quay landslide in us and instead of sending deputies and soldiers Washington county is assuming larger proporitions as the returns are being eceived from the various precincts in the county. Congressman Acheson and Hon. J. V. Clark, the anti-Quay candidates for assembly, are leading the entire ticket, with J. H. McLarn and D. M. Anderson, the other anti-Quay assembly candidates, not far behind. Eighty-eight out of the one hundred and five precincts so far heard from give Acheson, for congress, 127 delegates. The Quay people concede that McCracken is defeated three to one and will not have over fifty delegates out of the one hundred and eighty-five in the convention Monday. In the legislative contest seventy-one out of one hundred and five precincts have been

heard from. The returns give the following vote: J. H. McLarn, anti-Quay, 10312; J. V. Clark, anti-Quay, 1211; D. M. Anderson, anti-Quay, 108; O. M. Henderson, Quay, 24: William Cattlin, Quay, 2; D. M. Patterson, Quay, 14; William M. Murdock, Quay, 20. There are one hundred and thirty-five delegates in the county and nine-three are neces-

sary for a nomination. The entire anti-Quay slate of state and national delegates are elected by the same vote as that cast for Acheson and the Acheson legislative slate The state delegates are Nathan B. Evans, Thomas T. Rayburn, William, H. Griffiths and Joseph A. Herron. The national delegates chosen from Twenty-fourth congressional district are John H. Murdoch and D. C. Marsh, both of Washington. John W. Hallan and John W. Alles are the defeated Quay candidates.

TIN PLATE INDUSTRY.

Value of the Tinned Production in

the Year 1899. Harrisburg. April 15, -The annual rehe bureau of industrial statistics for the year 1809 from the tin plate industry of Pennsylv give the total production, for that period lock plate pickled for tinning at add-072.640 sounds, of which 202,000,000 propols were thing the twenty-one block place works in this state The value of this tinned production was \$10. 538,300, while the aggregate value of the entity production of black plate tinned and untime as \$12,155,805. The average daily wage for all uployed in this industry was \$1.81; the aver

BOERS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

age days of employment, 241.

Colonel Schiel Sent to the Citadel. St. Helena, April 15, -Colorel Schiel and twothers were landed today and se

appears that Colonel Schiel bribed a box outman by mostake took it to the British A large kills was found in possession of our the three. Colonel Schiel walked to the

tadel, declining a carriege that was placed in ils dispusal. Won Two Medals.

Pittsburg, April 15.-William Falconer, supe ntendent of Schenly park, with supervision of the Phipps concernatory, distinctively won two models today, one for the good deal he mode with the weather man and the other for the magnificent display of Easter flowers be provided in the conservatory for the pends. Mr. Falconer tenight estimated from careful observation, that 30,000 people passed through the conervatory during the de-

Diamond Miner Captured.

Warrenton. April 15. Frank Smith, a we known mine owner, fell into the hands of the Boers while driving from Barkley West toward the Frank Smith diamend mine.

The Queen at Dublin

New Orleans, April 15.—The steamship Sarabla | Dubilo, April 15.—The queen took & long drave deared last evening for Cape Town with 1,000 | this afternoon through the villages adjacent to

BIG STRIKE AT CROTON DAM

Troops May Be Called to Control Strike.

THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Strenuous Efforts Are Being Made by the Italian Consul to Bring About a Settlement of the Difficulty-Strikers Are Well Armed and Determined to Carry Their Point-Leaders Say That It Will Be a Fight to the Finish.

Croton Landing, N. Y., April 15,everything is quiet and peaceful in the neighborhood of the Cornell dam toguarding the works and each one of them is guessing as to what tomorrow may bring forth. The striking Italian laborers whose homes are in the vicin-Ity of the works are behaving themselves excellently. But underneath their assumed quiet there is stubborn resolve not to go back to work nor let any pulsiders take their places until the contractors agree to pay the in-

crease of wages demanded. Strenuous efforts are being made by Italian Consul Eranchi and Commander Deishanty to bring about a settlement of the difficulty. Much depends on the outcome of a conference which is to be held in New York between the two contractors and General Roe and Sheriff Malloy this evening. A great deal of weight will be brought to bear on the contractors to give in in part, If not entirely, to the demand of the striking laborers and if the contractors do not make concessions there is no telling what trouble may crop up with-

in the next forty-eight hours. The strikers are very determined in their demands and swear that if outside labor is brought here they will fight tooth and neil to prevent it. Angelo Rotella, who is the recognized leader of the strikers, said today: This is a fight to a finish. We ourn more

oney than we are receiving, contractors must

to help the bosses they should compel them to treaf in rightfully. Ours is a just cause. We only ask for fair play. If the bosses attempt to bring the other laborers here we shall prevent any work being done, and if the military come to belp them we will fight the soldiers. The bosses will have to give us our rights and until ther do not another stone will be put in its

place on the big dam. His remarks were listened to by a crowd of his countrymen, who voiced the same sentiments in a manner which showed undoubted determina-

Strikers Well Armed.

The strikers are well armed with guns and pistols, and in this regard they have a decided advantage over the sheriff's deputies, who have only long night sticks and 32-catilize revol-The deputies are in a valley, while the strikers command the adjoining hill. With the guns the Italians could riddle the sheriff's men, who in turn could not send a bullet from their revolvers half-way un the hillside, if a fight should take place. There were several additions to the ranks of deputies today, and there are now nearly 300 of them at the works. Most of them are being fed at a nearby boarding house and many or them com-

plained today of being insufficiently supplied with food. In addition to this, they claim that they are made to work overtime, and threats of a strike among them were rife today. The feature of the day was the mingling of the strikers and the deputies at the Easter service in the little Roman Catholic chapel in the valley, which was built by the contractors. The majority of the congregation is made up of the strikers and their families, and it was feared that when they would come in contact with the minions of the law there would but trouble. The very opposite occurred, as the men greeted each other amiably. Rev. Father J. J. Owens, the parish priest, celebrated the Easter Sunday mass, and in addition to the regular choir there was a mandofin and guitar quinterte, the leader of which was the leader of the strikers, Angelo Botella, Pather Owens counselled the strikers to obey the law and shun the saloons.

Call for Troops.

General Ros announced tonight that he had received a formal written demand from Sheriff Molloy, of Westchester county, this morning, to call out 500 troops to go immediately to the scene of the Italian laborers' strike at the Croton dam. He said Sheriff Mollow came down from Westchester and gave him the demand in person, General Roe has decided to order out early tomorrow morning the Fourth Separate company, of Yonkers; the Eleventh Separate company, of Mount Vernon: Squadron A. of New York, and Troop C, of Brooklyn.

General Roe gave as his reason for ordering out so many cavalry and so few infantry that there are over six miles of territory to cover and that it was necessary to have troops which could move quickly and he scattered. He said also that the topography of the country is exceedingly hilly. General Ros does not expect to have to call out any New York infantry and thinks that 500 men will be sufficient

to quell the strike. The troops will number 169 infantry (Continued of Page #1.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, April 15 -- Forecast for Mon day and Toroday: Eastern Princetonia; Warnier Monday; with rain by night;

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