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SOLDIERS AT CROTON DAM

The Italians Meet Them Sided. County Chairman Harvey A. with Mandolins and Guitars.

NO EFFORTS MADE TO WORK

Fourth and Eleventh Separate Companies in Camp at Croton Valley and a Cavalry Troop from New York City Is at Ardsley-Bicycle Messengers Inform the Strikers of the Approach of Troops, and the Soldiers Are Greeted with Music. The Seventh Regiment Ordered Out-First Bloodshed.

Croton Landing, N. Y., April 16.-Troops arrived at the Cornell dam to day. There was no disturbance, and tonight there is no indication of any the Fourth and Eleventh separate companies are in camp in the Croton valley and a cavalry troop from New York is at Ardsley.

Early this morning the strikers held a meeting and finding that no effort was going to be made to work on the dam dispersed. From the New York newspapers they learned that troops were on the way. Before the hour for their arrival the Bowery was filled by Italians, who stood in groups and ilstened to the talk of the leaders. About 11 a. m. a telegram was received by one of the leaders from Consul Blanachi advising them to be quiet and informing them of the fact that the militia was on its way to the dam. It was afternoon when the special train from Yonkers, carrying the troops ar-Their arrival was noted by an Italian on a biexcle, who re-mained long enough about the station to count them and then started for the dam. About a balf mile from the village he was met by another strike messenger on a wheel, who carried the news about a mile, where a third messenger rode with all haste to the Bowery. Before the deputy sheriffs about work knew of the arrival of troops in Croton valley the strikers were aware of it. There was a blowing of horns, and while the troops were resting at the station, waiting for the word to move forty armed Italians carrying an American flag and two Italian flags, crossed the Little Italy hill to the They were cheered by the Bowery. men in the Bowery and watched with interest by the deputy sheriffs. When the troops had been loaded the march to the dam was begun. When they were approaching the Bowery thre nervous militiamen accidentally discharged their rifles, but no one was hurt. As the troops swung into the narrow lane called the Bowery a strange sight met their eyes.

Mandolins and Guitars.

About 200 men were on the board sidewalks. Women were hanging from the windows and crowded on the stoops. About twenty Italians with mandoling and guitars were seated on the walk playing a lively tune. Today is Easter Monday, a holiday in Italy.

The militiamen pitched their camp inside the ground where construction work on the dam is temporarily suspended, and the patrols were thrown out. Everything is quiet and the company says it will make no attempt to begin work until General Roe says so It is thought the attempt will be made on Wednesday. The strikers' leader, Angelo Rotella, said tonight that there would be no trouble. He said:

"We do not propose to fight soldiers. We are behaving and we gave the soldiers a fi e welcome with our mandolins and 'uitars.'

New You April 16 .- Late this af ternoon Ma. General Roe ordered the Seventh reg. Int to assemble at its armory. Tonig. \ Companies B and H left the armory for Croton dam.

First Bloodshed.

Croton Landing, April 16.-The first bloodshed as the outcome of the strike at the Cornell dam was the life's blood of Sergeant Robert Douglass, of the Eleventh separate company of Mount Vernon, who was shot dead by an unknown assassin while he was relieving guard at ten minutes to nine tonight. The wildest excitement prevailed throughout the camp as soon as the news of the assassination spread to the different tents, and the soldiers are frantic over the crime. The point where the sergeant fell is known as Post Ten, which was in charge of Corporal McDowell. It is situated on top of the hill near Little Italy, where armed strikers were seen drilling or marching about early this morning brandishing rifles and shotguns. Douglass was alking to Corporal McDowell and the other members of the guard when he uddenly clapped his hands to his ttomach and said: "I am shot" and hen fell to the ground. It was pitch ark at the time, but McDowell and he others fired a volley into a clump d bushes nearby without hitting any ne. No one saw the flash or heard he sound of the shot which killed Douglass, and it was a most mysterious affair. Meanwhile the men picked up the fallen sergeant and carried him down the hill on a stretcher, but as soon as they reached Douglass' tent he died without saying a word. Lieutenant Glover, with a squad of men, went up to the hilltop where they made a thorough search, but failed to find any person up there. Then the guards were called in and concentrated in the valley, with the exception of those placed at the cable station, where the shoot-

ing took place. Assassins Trial.

Republican Gathering Under Control of the Regular Leaders.

COLUMBIA CONVENTION.

Bloomsburg, Pa., April 16,-The Columbia county Republican convention was held today and was under the complete control of the Quay faction. Charles E. Geyer, of Catawissa, pre-McKellys was re-elected, and the for-

lowing ticket was placed in the field: Legislature, W. E. Kresher, of Catawissa, and W. S. Laubach, of Raven Creek; coroner, S. J. hartman, of Fishing Creek; sheriff, Thomas Mensia of Montour; jury commissioner, E. D. Hagenbuch, of Scott; delegates to state convention, Joseph H. Catterall, of Ber wick, and J. W. Goldsworthy, of Cen-

Resolutions endorsing W. H. Woodin for congress to succeed Congressman Polk; endorsing the national and state administrations, and communeding Senator Penrose for his efforts in the senate in behalf of Senator Quay were

OLEOMARGARINE TRAFFIC.

It Will Be Investigated by Dairy

Commissioner Wells. Harrisburg, April 16,-Governor Stone today directed Levi Wells, dairy and food commissioner, to suspend Ambrose Little, a special agent of the department of agriculture and make a thorough investigation of the charges contained in the Philadelphia North American that oleomargarine is being sold in violation of law. The governor also directs that Major Wells institute outbreak by the strikers. At present and press criminal presecution against all violators of the law and call upon North American reporters and obtain any information they can furnish to guration of the first American gover-

sustain their charges, WHAT WOULD

JEFFERSON DO?

According to Mr. Altgeld, the Ideal

Democrat Would Now Be Hustling for Billy Bryan. Albany, April 16.-Former Governor

John R. Altgeld, of Illinois, was the principal speaker tonight at the banjust given at the Stanwix hotel by the Bimetallic league of Albany coun- Davis, the military governor, will turn seizure and condemnation. ty in honor of the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson. He responded to under his command in honor of the the toast "What Would Jefferson Do?" occasio... The ships of the squadron the toast "What Would Jefferson Do?" The attendance was large. A hearty greeting was extended to Governor Altgeld, and his speech was listened to with close attention. After suggesting many other things that Jefferson would do, Mr. Altgeld said:

Well, but what would he do as a citizen in the year 1960 if he were here? That question has already been answered. It is clear from his atterances, his character and his course that h would with all his might and main support the Chicago platform and William J. Bryan. The Chicago platform is the breadth of Jeffer

son and Bryan is his great prototype.

If we would follow Jefferson we must be, h

We must be progressive and aggressive, and w must stand for definite things.

Men who make fair promises to the people then slip up the rear stairs of corporations and by law from even whispering the name of Jeffer

on, for it is a sacrilege.
It was in this progressive and aggressive of Jefferson, this standing for definite chings, this solicitude for the welfare of the people, that caused the scattered but liberty-loving forefathers to rally around him and form the grea

Democratic party. And it was this same spirit that gave to the party an impetus, a momentum which enabled i remain in power a quarter of a century, and shape the destiny of the nation for nearly

half a century. CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, April 16 .- During almost the en tire session today the senate had under consideration the Alaskan civil code bili. The amendment providing for the mining of gold along the beach in the district was perfected after a discussion lasting nearly four hours.

The house today entered upon the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, with the prospect of a severe struggle ahead over the ques-tion of armor plate, building ships in government yards and the provision in the bill for the coast and geodetic survey. The bill carries \$15,000,000 more than any previous naval bill.

Fifth Avenue Theater to Change.

New York, April 16.-Joseph Jefferson succeed ed Stuart Robson at the Fifth Avenue theater this week. For some years Mr. Jeffer-son has plays, an annual engagement at this house. After his season closes this year this well-known theater will pass from the man gement of Edward Knowles into the hands of W. Proctor, who will make it a vaudeville use. Mr. Knowles, who is one of the best gers known in the country, will build a new theater this sommer.

Schools to Make Great Singers.

New York, April 16 .- A school of voice cul ture was begun on a portentious scale at Carne-gie Hall today under the direction of Giacomo Minkowsky, called the Metropolitan School of Voice Culture and Singing. Edouard de Reszke and Mme. Nordica will give scholarships to the best gifted pupil under Minkowsky. ew A. McCormick are lending their Minkowsky is a composer of note,

Methodist Institute.

Winona, Minn., April 16.-A Winona minis terial institute consisting of Methodist preach-ers on the Winona district opened here today and will continue until the 18th. A special feature of the institute is the presence of Dr. Milton S. Terry, of Northwestern university, who vill make three addresses. Some twenty-five will make the clergymen are present.

Harrisburg Delegates.

Harrisburg, April 16 .- W. S. Parthermore and mater S. J. McCarrell were this evening elected delegates to the state Republican conven-tion from Harrisburg by the city convention. The county convention will be held tomorrow to lect three delegates from the Second legislative

Masonic Fair.

Savanan, Ga., April 16.-The great Masoni fair opened here today. It will last two weeks. Colonel Noble F. Martin, who is in charge of the fair, is one of the leading Masons of this stry, and he will make it a grand success without a doubt.

Bedford, Lawrence county, Ind., April 16,-The length of the route is nineteen miles; area ovored, twenty-eight square miles; population

New Indiana Rural Mail Delivery.

Denver, Col., April 16.—The trial of W. W. inderson for the shooting of Editors Bonfus and sammen, of the Post, began today before Judge County Jockey club's apring meeting will open County Jockey club's apring meeting will open Plumer's company with dispatches from Mai here this afternoon and will continue until May 4. king, saying that all was well there April 8.

CHICAGO'S ERROR. **PUERTO RICO'S** The Spanish Minister Invited to Re-

Take Part.

Washington, April 16.-The president

Massachusetts, to be governor of Puer-

Mr. Allen is arranging to leave

Washington for San Juan toward the

end of the present week. He will be

accompanied by Mrs. Allen and their

daughter. The trip will be made on

tain Southerland, which is now lying

It is Governor Allen's intention to make this a flying visit. He will set

up the new civil government and inside

of three weeks will return to the Unit-

ed States to arrange his private af-

fairs. The president and Secretary

Long have determined that the inau-

guration of the civil government in

Porto Rico shall be marked with as

much pomp as is befitting an event of

that magnitude. Therefore the United

States will see to it that there is at

San Juan on the occasion of the inau-

nor a dignified and impressive cere-

mony, that will fix the event in the

The United States ship Dolphin.

which will carry Mr. Allen to San

Juan, will enter the harbor there es-

corted by the entire North Atlantic

squadron, under the command of Rear

New York. The squadron is now at

Bermuda and will time its movements

so as to arrive off the north coast of Puerto Rico about the time the Dol-

Governor Allen will be inaugurated

at San Juan on May I, and General

cut all of the United States troops

will fire salutes, which will be an-

swered by the shore batteries. There

will be some speeches and at night the

fleet will use their electric lights and

CLARK'S SUCCESSOR.

The Choice of Atlantic City Confer-

ence Settled on James Murray.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 16,-If the

statements of a Montana political lead-

ference held in this city on Sunday

essor to Senator Clark, in event the

United States senate declares his seat

vacant. The choice of the conference-

it is said, settled upon James Murray

said to be prominent in mining and

is said, has the favor of the governor

and also the support of the Clark influ-

The party left tonight for Philadel-

ment will be reached upon some single

tisfactory to both factions.

candidate whose appointment will be

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, April 16.-Arrived, Steamer La Gas-

cogne from Havre. Cleared, steamer Lahn, Bre-nen via Cherbourg and Southampton. Genoa-

Arrived, Steamer Friesland, New York, Southamp

New York, via Cherbourg for Bremen. Gibraltar

-Arrived, Steamer Ems, New York, for Naples and Genoa. Passed, Steamer Trave, Genoa, etc.

for New York. Scilly-Passed, Steamer Rotter

Floristar Wins Tennessee Derby.

Memphis, Tenn., April 16.-Under threatening

kies and on a muddy track, Floristar today

won the rich Tennessee derby at a mile and an eight, in a gallop, from F. W. Brode, which beat

the Conqueror for the place by a length. The race, worth \$7,000 to the winner, was run in

two minutes flat. More than 10,000 persons saw

Anti-Lynching Law Constitutional.

Coloumbus,O., April 16.-The supreme court to-

lay declared the anti-lynching law constitutional.

and J. R. Calliwell, who was shot and beaten

Franklin Syndicate Miller Guilty.

ranklin syndicate fame, was found guilty by

The prisoner was remanded for sentence a week

Siam's Representative Arrives.

hue and brilliant with gold trim

Afriley at the white house. The new ministry was accompanied by Secretary Hay who per

Crowds Still Cheer the Queen.

Dublin, April 16.-The queen, accompanied to

Insurgents at Batoc.

Manila, Tuesday, April 17.—General Young re-ports that 300 insurgent riflemen and bolomer

attacked the American garrison at Batoc, pro-

vince of North Hococos yesterday, but were re-pulsed, losing one hundred and six men. The

All Well at Mafeking.

Lorenzo Marques, April 16.—Lieutenant Smith-Eman, a Rhodesian secut who entered Mafeking

through the Boer lines has returned to Colonel

ages and cheering crowds.

Americans had no casualties.

by strikers at Cleveland.

on-Arrived, Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Gro-

relative to the appointment of a suc

there will be general illumination,

minds of the people.

phin is sighted.

at the Washington navy yard.

NEW GOVERNOR joice Over the Battle of Manila.

Chicago, April 16 .- Mayor Harriso oday received from Duke D'Arcos, the CHARLES H. ALLEN, OF MASSA-Spanish minster at Washington, the CHUSETTS, IS NAMED. following reply to an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration in Chi-Extensive Preparations for His Inauguration, Which Will Be At-

Washington, April 14, 1900.

Sir: I return to you here enclosed an invisition from the city of Chicago for the economic tion of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila, which I take for granted has been sent tended by Ceremonies Calculated to Make a Lasting Impression on me by mistake, as it is the first discourtesy have met with since I am in the United States. Minds of the Inhabitants-The It is impossible for me to believe that you have advisedly asked me, the representative of Spain. North Atlantic Squadron Will to go to your city and rejoice with you on the destruction of the Spanish ships, and on the death of so many brave sailors—my commutations. That would have been simply an insult; and, as I do not deserve it, and it cannot have been intentional. I am perfectly sure, as I say, that all today nominated Charles H. Allen, of this is the result of an error Very respectfully yours

In reply, Mayor Harrison has written the minister explaining that the invitation was sent through the carelessness or ignorance of a clerk, and the United States ship Dolphin, Cap- extending sincere apologies for the unintentional discourtesy.

ACTION AGAINST TRUSTS.

Sub-Committee of the House Agrees Upon Remedy-A Constitutional

Washington, April 16.-Two measures directed against trusts were determined upon today by the special subcommittee on trusts of the house judiclary comittee. The special sub-committee has spent many days examining the various remedies proposed, and the conferences were not concluded until a late hour today. As agreed upon the remedy is two-fold, namely, a constitutional amendement giving congress full power to deal with trusts, and a new anti-trust law making the following extensions Admiral Farguhar, on his flagship to the Sherman act:

First-Requiring the branding or marking of trust made goods shipped out of a state so as to be easily identified as the product of a trust. Second-Prohibiting the inter-state traffic of trust made goods not so branded and making them subject to

Third-Requiring corporations having a capital over \$1,000,900 or doing an annual business of \$1,000,000, to file a report of their affairs with the sec retary of state. Fourth-Providing the process of in-

junction against combinations sending trust made goods from state to state r to foreign countries. Fifth-Prohibiting the use of the mails to concerns and their officials

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

proven to be trusts.

er are to be credited there was a con-Atlanta, Ga., April 16.-The Southern

allway telegraphers' strike situation in this vicinity today seemed to be satisfactory to both sides. President Powell claimed that the financial interests in Montana, who, it railroad officials say they are suffering no inconvenience or appreciable delays in the operations of trains.

FIRST OFFICIAL FETE.

phia to meet other Montana and western political leaders interested in the President Loubet Entertains 260 contest and are due in New York to-Guests at Dinner. morrow, when it is believed an agree-

connection with the exposition took place tonight at the Elysee palace.

President Loubet entertained 260 at dinner, the largest number ever seated at an Elysee banquet.

Among those present were the diplomatic corps and the commissioners Under the system, or want of system, in vogue in our city, the streets are allowed to become general of the various nations represented at the exposition.

Receiver for Insurance Company.

Lewiston, Me., April 16.-State Insurance ommissioner Carr, through counsel today filed bill in equity in the Supreme court for Anroscoggin county, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Maine Benefit Life asso-ciation and for the dissolution of the corporation, The Maine Benefit Life association is the last of the assessment life insurance companies incor-porated in this state and has been in existence since 1885.

Hoke No Longer a Publisher.

Atlanta, April 16.—Hon, Hoke Smith today old his interest in the Atlanta Journal to H. M. Atkinson, Morris Brandon and J. R. Gray, of Atlanta, for \$159,000. The minority stockhold-ers also disposed of their holdings. The amount The law provides that the heir of any person avolved in the entire transaction is \$276,500. Herald, will be the publisher under the new ommissioners in the county in which the affair occurs. The decision was rendered in the case of Click Mitchell, hanged by a mob at Urbars.

Flood at Jackson.

Jackson, Miss., April 16.-Ali railroad lines ntering Jackson are indefinitely tied up as a sult of the heavy raintall, general throughou the state. The downpour which started about 11 o'clock Saturday night still continues without New York, April 16 .- William F. Miller, of any present visible prespect of cessation and even the country mads have become impassable. Railroad men say that the flood is the worst jury in the county court in Brooklyn tonight of grand larceny in the first degree for taking from Mrs. Kathryn Moeser \$1,000, which she invested in his 520 per cent. scheme "to get rich quick." known in years.

Carnegie Did Not Come.

Pittsburg, April 16.—Andrew Curnegie did not ome to Pittsburg today as was expected, but it reported that he will be here later in the Washington, April 16,-Clad in silks of gor week. The papers in the big suits have not yet been withdrawn and the attorneys decline to dis-Phiya Prasiddhi, envoy extraordinary and min-ister plenipotentiary of Siam at 11 o'clock to uss the matter. It is likely that the entire will be arranged when Mr. Carnegie day laid his credentials before President Mccomes to the city.

Corporations Chartered. Harrisburg, April 16.-Charters were bound

the state department today to the Delaney Pire Brick company, Fairchance, Fayette county, capital 86,000, and the Hero Coal and Coke comthe princesses, drove out in an open landar today in the presence of immense holiday crowds. The route was past the Hibernian school to Clen pany, Uniontown, Fayette county, capital \$6,000, Washington Against Quay. dalkin, returning to the vice regal lodge by way of Long avenue, which was lined with equip Washington, Pa., April 16.—The Washington county Republican convention today nominated a complete slate of anti-Quay and denounced the

x-senator for his methods in politics in this

Annual Meeting of League. New York, April 16.- The governing board the International League of Press clubs met to day and decided to hold the the league in New York on July 17.

Frost for Toledo Exposition. Columbus, O., April 16.—The Ohio legislat adjourned today. Among other legislation killed

GENERAL OTIS.



When the transport Hancock sails from Manila in the early part of June she will carry mong her passengers Major General Otis. It is partly on account of his health that General Otis is being relieved. Aside from this, the government considers that he has performed his share of the hard work in the Philippines. In Administration circles great satisfaction is expressed over the manner in which General Otis has performed his duties.

NEW VIADUCT PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION

BOARD OF TRADE HEARS AND CONSIDERS PROPOSITION.

It Contemplates a Narrow Viaduct to Carry the Trolley Company's Cars Over the West Lackawanna Avenue Crossing-Luther Keller Vigorously Opposes It and It Is Recommitted-Report Made on the Second Class City Matter-Will Join in Fight Against New Mercantile Tax.

Much of the hour and three quarters that the board of trade was in session last night was devoted to a discussion of the West Lackawanna avenue viaduct question. It was brought up by a report from the highways committee favoring the plan of allowing the trolley company to build a seventeen-foot wide viaduct. The full

President Powell Claims That the To the President and Members of the Scranton Gentlemen: Your committee on streets highways respectfully submit the following re-

nost deplorable by reason of filthiness and want situation was encouraging and the streets seems wholly inadequate; once in a while a gang of sweepers are put on and the streets are partially scraped and swept away; the firt piled next the curb and after a time is taken away, i. e., what the wind has not scattered through the houses and back again over the streets. The average condition of these streets is one of intolerable filth, which is a Jugue. o our city. We are rapidly getting the reputation of being a very dirty city. is convinced that the only effective way of so Paris, April 16.—The first of the curing clean streets is to adopt the method of series of official fetes to be given in cleaning in vegue in all our large cities, known manure and refuse, and the street is kept clean and no dust or filth is allowed to accumulate. very filthy before an effort is made to clean them and then it is almost impossible to get them elean.

ASPHALT NEEDS REPAIR.

Your committee also call attention to the facthat the asphalt pavements are sadly in need of repair. They have been out in many places during the winter for plumbing repairs, and bad ditches left in the surface, which are a menace to the public safety. There is no good reason why this should be allowed. The city ordin ances provide that no person shall be permitted to cut the pavements without a permit from the proper city officer, and then only on depositing sufficient funds to repair the same. If this or dinance were enforced we would not have some of our main thoroughfares cut across in the fail, and left open, unsightly and dangerous dittact until spring. We carnestly recommend a rigol enforcement of the ordinance here referred to. We also recommend that councils be asked to see that the company which is charged under contract with the duty of repairing the asphalt streets, perform their duties in this respect without further delay. The asphalt pavements suf-fer constant injury from the dropping of asher and gravel from dirt and truck carts. This adds not only to the fifth, but grinds out the pave ments. There is a city ordinance providing that ch refuse shall be moved only in close bottom carts. This is an excellent ordinance and should be rigidly enforced.

Your committee feels constrained to call the attention of the board to what has been frequently before the public for some time, viz: The exceedingly dangerous grade railroad crossings in our city, notably that on West Lucka-wanns avenue. What would have been a terrible newident at that crossing was averted by the sarrowest possible margin only a few days ago If conditions are permitted to continue at the point as they are a disaster the like of which our city has never known is sure to happen sooner or later. In view of the facts, which are potent to everybody, it seems the height of criminal negligence to allow these conditions to continue. In the effort to find a remedy, your committee went over the ground and caren examined the situation and then called on Mr Silliman, of the traction company, and discussed the matter fully with him. Your committee be lieved and so stated to Mr. Silliman, that a temporary remedy could be had in abando and the West Lackawanna avenue crossing and run nings all cars over Seventh or Eighth streets, and over the Linden street bridge, over the tracks. This bridge would need to be enlarged and strengthened, which can easily be done. This would involve no greater distance for the outgo north on Eighth street, instead of Nintis

GRADE ON LINDEN STREET.

It would involve a grade on Linden street over the bridge of about 11 per cent, for one square, which would be a serious objection, only to these on the in-bound trips, but keeping on down to Seventh street or to the river bridge, your committee believe practically neutralize the danger. Mr. Silliman did not agree with your committee, but thought se suggested change would be substituting one

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather In lications Today:

SHOWERS.

General General Roberts' Forces Closing The New Governor of Puerto Rico, Bloodshed in the Croton Dam Strike, Board of Trade Discusses the New Viadus

- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Local—School Tax Levy Is Fourteen Mills, More Judges Than Cases.
- Expressions of Opinion as to the Vice-Pres Local-Alfred Hand's Opinion on the Status
- of the Public Library. Social News of a Day,
- Local-West Scranton and Suburbar
- Round About the County Advertisement
- Local Opening Session of City Texcheck in

READING EISTEDDFOD.

Presented Under Cymrodorions Auspices-Judge Edwards Conductor. Reading, Pa., April 16.-The first Reading eisteddfod was held here to-

day under the auspices of the Cymrodorions, of this city of which Richmond L. Jones is president. The morning session was begun at 10.30, Mr. Jones presented, in fitting

words J. Howard Jecobs, the honoracy president of the morning session. Mr Jacobs delivered the adddress of welcome. At the conclusion of his remarks, the honorary president presented Judge H. M. Edwards, of Scranton, the eisteddfod conductor and literary adjudicator. The morning programme was then observed. In the piano solo competition John S. Thompson, of Williamsport, was

awarded first prize: Arthur Unger, of Reading, second, and May Hagerman, of Reading, third. Joseph J. Williams, of Edwardsville, Luzerne county, received the prize of \$8 in the bass solo ompetition. The Athletic band received the \$200 prize in the band contest. In the male chorus contest be tween the Lotus Glee club, of Pottsville, and Gwent Glee society, of Edwardsville, Luzerne county, the Pottsville society won the prize of \$200.

QUARTERLY AND OTHER DIVI-DENDS.

New York, April 16.- The Bell Telephone com any paid a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. New York, April 16,-The Electric Vehicle suppary paid a divisiond of 2 per cent, coday, Boston, April 16,-The Rosse Button H

New York, April 16. - The Mctrepolitan State Railway company paid a quarterly dividend of % per cent, today. New York, April 18.—The Western Union

dachine company paid a quarterly dividend of

raph company paid a quarterly dividend of 1% er cent. Inday. New York, April 16.-The Havana Commercial

mpany paid a quarterly dividend of 1% per New York, April 16, The Produce Exchang ank paid a semi-armual dividend of \$2.48 pe

New York, April 16.- The National Biscuit con sany paid a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent Steel company paid a dividend of 15 cents per

share today. New York. April 16.—The Mexican Telegraph company paid a quarterly divdend of 212 per New York, April 16.-The Grand Rapids Indiana Railway company paid a dividend of I New York, April 16. - The New York Central

Bailway company paid a quarterly dividend of 1% per cent, today. Original Gold Miner Dead. Middletown, N. Y., April 10.—James W. Phil-ips, sr., one of the original California gold sinces and a graduate of West Point Military

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, April 16.-Pensions: seorge S. Brock, Scranton, St to \$10; John Lar-

To Repeal Stamp Tax.

Washington, April 16.-Representative Gri

Academy, died here today, aged 68 years.

ing the stamp tax on checks, drafts, etc., and o roprietary medicines.

BASE BALL.

Washington, Georgetown, 8; Princeton, 5.

New York, April 16.—The Brooklyn National ague team today beat the Columbia college At Atlantic City-Boston, 15; Toronto, 8.

LORD ROBERTS SPREADS NET

Hopes to Bag the Adventurous Boer Commandoes.

POWER OF BOERS WANING

A Daily News Correspondent Reports Them as Fleeing to the Southeast-Distrust, However, Exists as to Any Rapid Advance in the Direction of Pretoria-Boers Raise the Siege of Wepener-Diverse Reports from Natal.

London, April 17, 4.15 a. m .- Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandoes that have been making mischief in the southeastern part of the state. The net has not yet been drawn in; but, at the headquarters of Lord Roberts the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreasing. A Daily News correspondent has them fleeing to the southeast; a Standard correspondent reports them fleeing northward; a Daily Telegraph correspondent says that some are going north and others south; while a Morning Post representative says it is not known

what the Boers are doing.
Evidently the feeling at Bloemfontein is that the disposition of Lord Roberts are such as to enable him to concentrate a large force rapidly at any point. The Boers, being aware of this, are presumed to be thinking now chiefly of retreat. The investment of Wepener, according to a special despatch from Bloemfontein has absolutely been abandoned. According to a Bethany despatch the Boers are unable to retreat northward, because the British strongly hold all roads.

Diverse reports come from Natal, one asserting that the Boers have retired beyond the Biggarsberg range, and another saving that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London waits confidently for almost immediate announcement of news fa-General-Real Purpose of the Fuerto Blean vorable to the British. Distrust exists, however, as to any rapid, continuous advance toward Pre-toria, chiefly on account of the lack of

horses, many of which die in the course of the long voyages. Letters from the Cape say that the three days' journey by rall is made in open trucks, that the arrangements for feeding and watering are inadequate, and that the unfortunate animals break down rapidly in consequence of

these hardships

Siege of Wepener. The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Dally Telegraph, in a despatch dated yesterday, bays: "The Boers have raised the siege of Wepener and have left Rouxville.

tired north, with the exception of a body of about six thousand, now reported to be going toward Bethulie."

majority of them have undoubtedly re-

Boers Falling Back. The Daily News has the following from Reddersburg, dated Friday: "General Chermside saw the rear guard of the Boers disappear southeast in full retreat. The enemy appear to be in strong force fourteen miles cast of Reddersburg. They are falling back

before our advance guard."

Boers at Deadwood. Jamestown, St. Helena, April 16 .-The remainder of the Boer prisoners were landed today and sent to Deadwood.

who had been confined at the citadel, after their attempt to escape, have been released, and they also have gone to Deadwood. London, April 17 .- A correspondent of

Colonel Schiel and the two others

the Daily Telegraph at Ladysmith, in a despatch dated April 16, says: "The Boers are down again at Dewdorp, east of Ladysmith."

The Bioemfontein correspondent of

the Standard, telegraphing Monday, Says: "The Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, hugging the Basutoland bor-The Basutoland people are

marching parallel with them along

their frontier, watching eagerly for the slightest encroachment. HOUSE COLLECTION BOXES.

They Can Now Be Had by Those Who Desire Them.

Keys for the house collection boxes, which will be placed at various private houses, arrived at the postoffice yesterday, and parties now desiring to purchase them can apply at the postoffice. These are the boxes of which an exhaustive explanation was recently given in The Tribune. They are placed on the door or in the corridor and any letters to be mailed are placed in By an ingenious contrivance when any missive is placed on the box a metal sign bearing the word 'Mail" appears, which shows the mailman that there is a letter in the box, Any incoming mail is deposited by the letter carrier and any requests left in the boxes for stamps are filled.

The boxes are divided into four classes, three of which are large sized mail boxes, while the fourth is small and oblong shaped. Plates bearing the name and address are placed on the box for an additional charge of sixty cents. The boxes range in price from \$2.50 to \$5.65.

************* WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 16, Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: For Eastern Pennsylvania, showers Tuesday and prob-ably Wednesday: in-reasing and probably