TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 30, 1900.

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ACCIDENT AT THE PARIS **EXPOSITION**

Aine Persons Are Killed and Many Others Wounded.

BURIED IN FALL OF BRIDGE

A Structure That Had Been Condemned by the Exhibition Authorities as Unsafe Falls with a Terrible Crash-Fifty Persons Buried Beneatl, the Ruins-Three Men, Two Women and a Child Killed by the Fall-Several Side Shows Closed.

Paris, April 29, 8.15 p. m.—An accisis the man the Republicans would lent within the exposition grounds like nominated." Paris, April 29, 8.15 p. m .- An accicaused the death of six persons and injured many. A temporary bridge, unable to withstand the Sunday crowd broke.

19.45 p. m .- It is now known that six persons were killed and about forty others injured.

The accident threw a pall over the happiness of an immense throng who had profited by the magnificent weather to visit the exposition. Today's was probably the record attendance. Not merely the interior of the grounds, but the buildings were crowded and the concourse was great along the Avenue De Suffren, which forms the northern boundary of the grounds. Here is situated a big side show, the Celestian globe. A foot bridge on which the finishing touches were being put today crosses the Avenue De Suffren con-necting the side show with the exhibition. It was constructed of wood, with a stucco facade and with a plaster-made tower at each end.

Strangely enough, the bridge had been condemned only this morning as unsafe by the exhibition authorities. The public was not therefore allowed to go upon a structure, and in this way a disaster even more terrible than that which occurred was averted.

Nearly Fifty Buried.

The gay crowd was passing along the avenue and a hundred or more persons were walking beneath the bridge when suddenly an ominou crash was heard. Before those underneath could turn aside the structure fell with a fearful crash, burying near-

A shout of horror rose from th spectators, mingled with the cries of the victims. For a moment nothing could be distinguished but a cloud of dust and plaster. A scene of the greatest excitement and confusion followed. But this was only for a few seconds. Almost immediately the crowd attacked the debris in an effort to release those lying beneath. The workmen within the grounds who had witnessed the accident, the police and the republican guards, together with quite a number of soldiers, joined in the rescue work. The promenaders forgot their Sunday attire and covered themselves with dirt and grime in tearing away the rubbish with their hands. Wooden beams and poles were brought from the half-finished building nearby and were used as dievers to raise the fallen mass: The victims first recovered were

only the injured, the dead being found later beneath the center of the structure. Messengers were dispatched to bring firemen and sappers with their equipments and the first body was found after a quarter of an hour's frantic labor. It was that of a little girl about 7 years of age whose head was horribly crushed Victim after victim was brought to light until a row of six mutilated corpses had been placed :pon the sidewalk and nearly 40 other persons, some badly and others less seriously injured had been carried in ambulances or Tiegs driven to the hospitals. A family com- Union posed of father, mother and two girls, narrowly escaped destruction. parents who happened to be a little shead had gone under the bridge, the children following just at the moment of the collapse. The parents were killed but the children sprang back and escaped with a few scratches. A cyclist had his wheel smashed, but himself escaped unhurt.

The Dead.

The dead are three men, two women and one child.

The weighty plaster towers seem to have been responsible for the fall of the structure. Commissioner General exposition arrived shortly after the cer of his household for information. and many of their comrades

were foremost in giving assistance. The disaster was the leading topic of discussion in the cafes and at the teen to twenty-five cents per ton on other Paris resorts this evening, and the smaller sizes, pea and buckwheat. strong criticism was levelled against the exhibition authorities for allowing less condition usual in spring, with an unfinished structure to jeopardize the lives of citizens, fears being expressed that the incomplete state of the works within the exhibition grounds themselves might lead to a similar accident.

It should be said, however, that the exhibition authorities are not responsible for the defective construction of the foot bridge, which was erected by the management of the Celestial globe

Victims Unidentified. Paris, April 30, 4.30 a. m .- Some of the injured have since died at the hospital. The corrected list shows that nine were killed and nine injured, the injuries being mostly compound fractures of the leg. One woman and one are still unidentified.

BRYAN WILL LOSE POPS

Wharton Barker Says the People's Party Will Secure 2,000,000 Populist Votes at Next Election.

Philadelphia, April 29.-Interest has en aroused in the approaching Populist national convention, to be held in Cincinnati, over the prospect of the party turning its back upon William J. Bryan. According to Wharton Bar-ker, of this city, who has received the endorsement of some of the Populist state conventions for president, there will be between 800 and 1,000 delegates at the Cincinnati convention, the majority coming from the south, west and central west. Asked to the effect of his nomination for the presidency by the Populists on Mr. Bryan's candidacy, Mr. Barker said:

There can no longer be a doubt in the minany one who considers the situation that at least 1,500,000 of the 2,000,000 Populists' votes cast for Mr. Bryan in 1800 will this year be lost to him and cast for the presidential candidate of the People's party. That the Demo-eratic leaders know this fact is made clear by the course of Hill, Pattison, Gorman and their positions. The Democrats will probably give nomination to some one else and thus it ite the gold Democrats back into the fold

Mr. Barker says he thinks the Popusts have a fighting chance to win the presidential election. With McKinley. Bryan and Barker as the candidates he believes the former will win, but with Bryan not in the race McKinley's pros-

pects would be less bright. "I think," sald Mr. Barker, "Bryan

REDUCTIONS IN

SCHOOL FUNDS

Statement Prepared in Department of Public Instruction Showing Reduced Amounts Each County Will Receive This Year.

Philadelphia, April 29.-A special from Harrisburg to the Press says: has finished making the computations for the distribution of the school fund for next year among the school districts.

The appropriations are due on June sooner than usual. The following statement, prepared at

yesterday, shows how much each county received last year and the reduced amount it will receive this year. That for this year is based on the biennial returns of the number of teachers and of children between 6 and 16 years of age in January, 100: Adams 8 35,246 Alleghony 564 431

| Allegheny | 568,431 |
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| Armstrong | 50,275 |
| Beaver | 54,342 |
| Bedford | 47,572 |
| Berles | 146,124 |
| Bluir | 76,414 |
| Bradford | 60,009 |
| Bucks | 66,764 |
| Butler | 59,116 |
| Cambria | 82,565 |
| Cameron | 7,2130 |
| Carbon | 41,507 |
| Centre | 40,524 |
| Chester accounts | 57,016 |
| Clearfield | 81,495 |
| Clinton | 32,105 |
| Columbia | 43,020 |
| Crawford | 77,756 |
| Cumberland | 40.393 |
| Dauphin | 100,744 |
| Delaware | 73,250 |
| Elk | 30,005 |
| Erie | 94,051 |
| Fayette | 85,419 |
| Forest | 12,532 |
| Franklin | 17,628 |
| Fulton | 12.783 |
| Greene | 33,320 |
| Huntingdon | 41,111 |
| Indiana v | 47,823 |
| Jefferson | 54,087 |
| Janiata | 17,743 |
| Lackawanna | 149,706 |
| Lawrence | 46,560 |
| Lebanon | 50.151 |
| Lehigh | 82,132 |
| Lauretne | 214,953 |
| Lycoming | 79,623 |
| McKean | 47,723 |
| Mercer | 62,184 |
| Mifflin | 93,494 |
| Monton | 93,583 |
| Montgomery | 114,497 |
| Montone | 14.478 |
| Northampton | 88,798 |
| Northumberland | 79,414 |
| Petry | 31,277 |
| Philadelphia | 870,204 |
| Pike | 10,792 |
| Potter | 31.910 |
| Schuylkill | 171,732 |
| Stryder | 01.010 |

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STATE OF COAL TRADE.

In the above figures the cents are

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Washington

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The Ledger's Article on Anthracite Fluctuations.

Philadelphia, April 28.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: The anthracite coal trade is substan-Pleard and other high officials of the tially without change in any important feature. The western lake shipaccident and superintended the work of ments are beginning with the opening relief. President Loubet sent an off of navigation and this is making some movement of coal in that direction. Several soldiers were among the in- Taking advantage of this, and the continued demand for steam sizes with the scarcity of bituminous, there is to be an advance ordered for May of fif The domestic sizes continue in the listscant ordering, yet a necessity on the part of the products to somewhat overstock with them, so as to secure sufficient supplies of the smaller sizes from the breakers to be at all comsensurate with the demand for steam coals. Not much can be expected in the way of domestic sizes as warm weather approaches, for very few people are now thinking of filling up their

coal bins. Forest Fires in Pike

Middletown, N. Y., April 29,—Great damage Pa. Many acres of valuable woodland have been destroyed in the vicinity of Matamoras and Milford. The fire is believed to have started from matches dropped among the

AMERICAN CLAIM ON TURKEY

QUESTION AS TO HOW THE IN-DEMNITY SHALL BE PAID.

Suggestion Renewed by the Turkish Minister in an Interview with Secretary Hay-Semi-Official Statement of Our Refusal to Keep Payment Secret-Italy Renews a Claim for \$100,000-Porte's Courtesy to Mr. Griscom.

Constantinople, April 29.-The ports has not yet replied to the note handed to Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister, by the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. Lloyd Griscom, regarding the indemnity claim, and the situation is unchanged.

It is believed in some quarters that a settlement will yet be made by means of some arrangement with private American contractors, conceding the actual payment and thus relieving the Ottoman government from admitting responsibility for the losses occasione at the time of the massacres,

Privacy Objectionable.

Washington, April 29.-The suggest tion of the Turkish government, made some time ago, that the United States accept payment of the Armenian indemnity under cover of a payment by Turkey to an American shipbuilding firm for the construction of a ship for the sultan's navy, has been renewed by the Turkish minister here, under instructions from the porte. The minister brought the matter to the attention of the secretary of state in an interview at the state department today. Turkey's reason for desiring that the Armenian indemnity shall be sent in this indirect way is to keep her European creditors from knowing that she has paid the United States without The department of public instruction liquidating their equally important

When this proposition was first ad- down. vanced it was not seriously considered, but if this government had realized then, as it does now, that the chances I and the balance in the treasury ought of obtaining the money through ordi-to permit of the districts being paid nary diplomatic methods were exceedslim, some such arrangement might have been made. The semi-officthe school department and verified ial statement is now made, however, that the method of payment proposed is out of the question.

It is realized by the government that the publicity given to the negotiations with Turkey over the Armenian claim will prevent any settlement that will and, furthermore, that European governments which have claims against that gort as discreditable to the United States. Turkey has practically admitted her ability to pay the \$90,000 demanded, but realizes that satisfac-60,68) tion of the Americ in claim will bring on her demands f in every European country to which, he is indebted for a settlement of her debts to those countries.

While the statement has been made by a high official that the United States did not care how the money was paid by Turkey, so that it was paid, it is understood, in view of explanations offered of the present attitude of this government, that this declaration did not apply to the proposition to pay the United States under cover of a payment to a ship-building firm. Beyond the visit of the Turkish minister to the state department there were no developments in the situation

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The Subject of Liquor and Opium Traffic Discussed-An Effort to Induce President McKinley to Suppress Traffic in Colonies.

New York, April 29.-At a supple mentary meeting of the ecumenical conference today the subject of "Liquor and Opium Traffic" was discussed. The baleful effects of liquor and oplum on the natives of every country where missionaries are working was explained in detail. It was announced that strong pressure has been brought to bear on President McKinley and some of his predecessors to prohibit its sales in lands over which this country exercises control, notably the Alaskan territory, Hawaii and the Philip- | margin.

The following speakers addressed the meeting: Rev. John C. Patton, of New Hebrides: Rev. T. L. Gulick, of Spain: Rev. Dr. Herford Battersby, London; Rev. Tukiuke Osada, Japan; Dr. Hary Gratten-Gulnness, London; Rev. C. H. Morris, South Africa; Rev. H. R. Hotchkiss, British East Africa; Rev. O. H. Gulick, Hawaii; Rev. W. F. Crafts, Reform bureau, Washington Miss Margaret M. Leitch, Ceylon: Rev. F. M. Price, Micronssin: Misr Cornelia Shattuck, Oorfa, Turkey, Rev. F. W. Maccullum, Turkey: Young Woman's brnach World's W. C. T. U.: Miss H. E. Parmelle, Japan. Rev. W. Chamberlain, Brazil, Mrs. C. H. Archbald; Indian, Miss Mary A. Hol-

brook, M. D., Japan, Rev. John Davis, formerly of China: Miss E. A. Preston, Japan: and Rev. William Jes-At Carnegie hall during the afternoon there was held a mass meeting under the auspices of the West Side branch of the Y. M. C. A. The entire

men were obliged to find seats in the The entire arrangement of the plat form was changed, three hundred chairs having been arranged in ascending rows for the hundreds young men and women of the West End and Hoboken Choral unions, who furnished the music for the occasion. A number of the delegates and converts from various foreign lands, attired in their native dress, occupied

main floor was given up and the wo

Rev. Dr. John G. Patton, of the Nev Hebrides, was the principal speaker. though many others participated in the exercises.

April 29 .- A pro-Boer mass meeting will be held at the Academy of Music next Sunday night. May 6, under the suspices of the New York committee to aid the South African

JOHANNESBURG HOSPITAL



In this handsome structure, erected by Uitlander energy and subscriptions, the burghers who are brought low by British bullets are patched up and left to woo back health. Wounded British soldiers, as well as Boers, are lying side by side in the wards of this nospital, which are crowded to their utmost capacity

M'KINLEY AND BRYAN.

Mr. Wilson, of Tariff Bill Fame, Gives Opinion on the Situation.

Kansas City, April 29.-William L Wilson, author of the Wilson tariff oill, while in this city en route from Hot Springs to Nebraska City, Neb. where he is to be the guest of J. Sterling Morton, his associate in Cleveland's cabinet, said:

"It is to be McKinley and Bryan Mr. Cieveland will not allow his name to be mentioned and Dewey will not get an opportunity to see himself voted "Bryan will be nominated, but con-

ditions are so changed that the campaign will be on new lines. Both sides have so many new conditions to confront that the old tactics will not do, I think the Democrats will win. We shall go into the fight solid."

Mr. Wilson gave expression to his views regarding the candidacy of Admiral Dewey. "He is innocent of the game of politics," he said, "and has blundered in his bluntness as blunt people often do. He will blunder out of it again as suddenly as he came in. not become known to the whole world. Dewey does things suddenly. He generally anticipates and when the row is at its height he will surprise every-Turkey might regard a subterfuge of body by sailing away, or I am mistaken in the man."

SUNDAY CYCLE RACING.

Inaugurated at Louisville Yesterday-Eddie Bald Acts as Starter.

Louisville, April 29,-Sunday bicycl racing was inaugurated in this city today on the Fountain Ferry track, under the auspices of the National Cycle association. Delightful weather presence here of most of the notables among the sprinters served to bring a large attendance. Eddie Bald acted as starter. He has not yet rounded into racing form, and the same may be said of some of the top notchers. Earl Kiser was present but did not race. Tom Cooper qualified in the first heat of the mile open, but finished fourth in the final, while in the mile handicap, starting alone from the scratch, he was unable to catch the unch and dropped out after two laps. McFarland also showed lack of form. failing to qualify for the final of the mile open and finishing in the ruck in the mile handicap. Those who displayed form were A. B. Stone, of Denver; Orlando Stevens, Al. Newhouse, W. A. Rutz, of New Haven, and Freeman, among the professionals, Frank Denny, of Buffalo, Ped Hick- Situation at Waco Very Much Imman, Birmingham and William Roberts, of Louisville, among the amateurs.

The best race was the motor tandem event for two miles between Mc-Farland and Stevens and Houseman and Rutz. The two teams alternately led the stretch, where, in a desperate sprint, Houseman and Rutz heat their opponents by the narrowest kind of a

One mile open, professional-Final, Orlande Freeman, second: Newbours

third. Time, 2.65 * 5. Half mile bandicap, amateur-Prank Denny, Buffalo (scratch), won: Wm. Roberts (15 vards) second; Ped. Hickman, Birmingham (15 yarde), third. Time, 1.01 1-5.

One mile handicap, professional—Final, Free-man (20 yards), wen; Newhouse (40 yards), sec-ond; W. A. Rutz (80 yards), third; Stevens (20 yardsr, fourth. Time, 2.01. Two-thirds utile, open, amateur-Frank Denny, Buffalo, won; Wm. Roberts, Louisville, second; Ped. Hickman, Birmingham, third. Time, 1.29. Rutz won, McFarland and Stevens second. Time,

Sunday Ball Players Arrested. Wheeling, W. Va., April 29.—The Wheeling and New Castle ball teams figured in the first Sonday came ever attempted in Wheeling this after game ever attempted in wheeling this after-moon. A squire served warrants and bond was given. Then the chief of police appeared with twenty policemen, but he was soon convinced the players could not be arrested twice on the same charge and the game proceeded. Ten in-

Death of General Rutherford. Washington, April 29. General Alian Ruther ord, clerk of the Maryland court of appeals, iled here yesterday of consumption, sged about to years. He was a native of New York and served with distinction in the civil war, entering the service as major of the Ninth New York regiment. He was brevetted brigadier of velunteers for gallantry. During General Grant's administration he was third auditor of the treat-

ury. Interment will be at Arlington. DAY'S DEATH ROLL

Pittsburg, April 29.—James S. McKean, president of the Union Trust company, this city, died at his home teday, aged 50 years. He

New York, April 29.-Zerah S. Westbrook, Amsterdam, N. Y., was found dead in the Hoff man house this morning. He was been in Mon-tague, N. J., in 1815. He served in the Pitenth regiment. New Jersey Volunteers,

WEEK'S PROGRAMME FOR CONGRESS

EFFORT TO SECURE DISPOSITION OF ALASKA BILL.

Will Probably Occupy Much of the Time in the Senate-Mr. Chandler Will Ask Consideration of the Case of Senator Clark, of Montana Feature of the Week in the House Will Be the Nicargua Canal Bill.

Washington, April 29.-So far as can ow be foreseen, the week will be given up largely to the Alaska code bill and to appropriation bills in the senate Senator Hawley, chairman of the committee on military affairs, has given notice that he will call up the army appropriation bill on Monday, and when this bill is disposed of it is prob able that the fortifications bill will be taken up. There will be an effort to ecure final disposition of the Alaskan bill, but as there is almost as much opposition to the Carter amendment as there was to the amendment suggested by Senator Hansbrough, it is impos sible to say whether the effort will suc

ask consideration of the resolution is the case of Senator Clark, of Montana, but there will be a request for more time to read the testimony, and and his private provetacy. Lieutenant the case probably will go over for at Caldwell, left here today at noon in a cast several days more.

On Thursday the senate will listen to

Baird, of Louisiana. The feature of the week in the house will be the Nicaragua canal bill, which will be considered Tuesday and Wednesday. The elimination of the section relative to the fortification of the canal removes the objections entertained to it by the friends of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, but because of that very fact the resentment of some of the Democrats has been aroused. The bill, however, doubtless will command a very large majority when it comes to a vote. Thursday will be given up to the consideration of the "free homes" bill and Friday to war claims. Tomorrow is District of Columbia day,

THE TEXAS FLOOD.

proved-Citizens Give Out Large Quantities of Food to Destitute.

Waco, Texas, April 29 .- The flood situation today was very much improved, and food. The citizens, especially the business men, gave out large quantities of clothing and food, which ame-Horated the suffering to a great extent. The principal difficulty the com- I do not wish anything political to enmittee of organized charity, which has ter into the trin, the distribution of supplies in charge, is in making a house to house canvass. Many houses contained several famiof the Brazos. The prospects of the Brazos not overflowing are exceedingly bright, as the river has been steadily falling since yesterday and is now only two feet above the low water mark. The crop situation in the bottoms is will have to be replanted, thus throwing the cotton crop, which is already late, back about six weeks.

TROUBLE AT MT. PLEASANT. Docking Boss Arrested for Threaten ing Strikers.

Samuel Nichols, a docking boss at he Mt. Pleasant colliery, was held in \$400 ball by Alderman John, Saturday, on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was arrested at the instance of the striking miners, two of whom, it is alleged, Nichols threatened to shoot.

Two under-bosses claim they were assaulted by strikers, Saturday, and deputy sheriffs have been asked for,

"Engineers Have No Grievance." Cleveland, April 29.-Claief P. M. Arthur, e the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

cought that the engineers on the New York tie-up of that railroad. "The engineers have u grievance," he said, "and they cannot strik except in obedience to the laws of the organius tion. There will, in my opinion, be no trouble.

Taylor Returns from Washington. spent the day at the executive mansion with his family. This evening he went to Louisville. morrow.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: PARTLY CLOUDY ; PROBABLY RAIN,

A General-Lord Roberts' Elaborate Manocurres Have Small Results. Fatal Catastrophic at the Paris Exposition. Sublime Porte Has Not Replied to Our Latest

Programme of the Week in Congress. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Base Ball News and Comment. Financial and Commercial.

Local-Sermon by Rev. Dr. Giffin, Anniversary of the Odd Fellows.

Editorial. News and Comment

Local-Life and Customs in Korea. Mention of Some Men of the Hou Local-West Scranton and Suburban

Round About the County. Local-Providing Work for County Prisoners Live News of the Industrial World.

DEWEY EN ROUTE FOR CHICAGO

The Admiral and Party Leaves Washington on a Special Train | e merely obeyed orders, and that the Over the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-

Washington, April 29. - Admiral Dewey, accompanied by Mrs. Devey special train over the Battimore and

Ohio railroad enroute to Chicago to culogies on the late Representative participate in the second anniversary of the battle of Manila. Their train was one of the firest which has ever left the capital city

and is scheduled to reach Chicago at Il o'clock tomorrow morning. It consisted of three handsome cars fitte! with every luxury and to insure the greatest possible comfort for the travelers. Upon the central windows on either side of the three cars was painted the admiral's card and the hotel car was profusely decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Just before the train pulled out of the depot Mrs Dewey was presented with a handsome bouquet of American roses. Probably a thousand people were on hand and a cheer went up as it finally pulled out. Mr. J. H. Maddy, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, accompanied the party in order to give his personal supervision to the

his home just before leaving the for Chicago and was asked if he had any statement to make regarding the presidency. "No," said he: "I think it would be bad taste for me to say anythe destitute and suffering being near- thing of a political nature just at this ly all provided with wearing apparel time. As the admiral of the navy I accepted the invitations to visit Chiengo, Jacksonville, St. Louis, Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, which cities had asked me to be their guest; and

Pittsburg, April 29.-Admiral Dewey's special train arrived at Laughlins, a suburb station on the Baltimore lies, while several persons are living and Ohio, thirty-five minutes late. tents, fearing the predicted overflow | About 5,000 people had gathered at the station and clamored for a sight of the hero. While the engine and train were being exchanged, the admiral came to the rear platform of the train and bowed his acknowledgement of the reception. At 9.10 the switch to the Pitts considerable worse and many crops burg and Western tracks was made and the journey to Chicago was re

THEODORE STEIN TAKEN.

At Pittston, on Charges of Larceny, Embezzlement and Forgery.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, April 29.-Yesterday morn ing Theodore Stein, twenty-two years of age, was arrested here by Chief of Police Loftus, of this city, on the charges of larceny, embezzlement and forgery, for which he is wanted in Philadelphia. Stein formerly was a bartender in a hotel at this place, but went to Philadelphia four months ago. Chief Loftus was notified about three months since to be on the lookout for Stein. Friday evening the young man assert that the convention will be probably held nade his appearance in town and was a week later. taken into custody early Saturday morning

A Philadelphia detective arrived herast night and took the prisoner back with him at 9 o'clock this morning.

Peace Delegates Coming to America.

Boer pence mission will sail from Rotterdam for the United States next Thursday evening, by the Holland American steamship Maasdam, Dr. Leyds Frankfort, Ky., April 29.—Governor W. S. Holland American stramship Massdam, Dr. Leyds Taylor returned here from Washington today and Dr. Mueller will not accompany the delegates. The delegates will visit Amsterdam

DAILY NEWS OF THE WAR

Maneuvers Elaborate Bring but Small Results.

CRITICISM FOR ROBERTS

London Papers Beginning to Display Impatience-Daily Mail Publishes a Statement from Colonel Long, Who Was Blamed for the Loss of the Guns at Colenso-Explanation of the Visit of the Peace Delegates to America

London, April 30, 5 a. m .- The only despatch from Lord Roberts published yesterday was the usual list of deaths nd sickness. The flood of newspaper despatches today regarding the recent operations throw no light whatever upon the present condition of affairs or upon the great question as to when the main advance is to begin. The Standard's announcement that General French's cavalry is returning to Bloemfontein is clear proof that there is no further hope of catching the re-treating Boers and the London papers are beginning to display impatience at the practical failure of the elaborate

operations of last week. The Standard says; "It is disheartening to find that these elaborate manouvers have had so small a result. The Daily Chronicle remarks: "We are rejuctant to criticise Lord Roberts,

but it is impossible to shut our eyes to the fact that during the last ten days we have gained very little from our enormous display of force.' Without a doubt these operations have been of a very exhausting nature and will entail further delay. The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, writing on March 3, after the

Paardeburg affair, describes Lord Roberts' army as a "wreck," because it is without horses and without trans-The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Post speaks of the urgent need at present and always of more horses. There is very little news from other quarters. The Daily Mail publishes a statement from Colonel Long, who was blamed for the loss of the guns

at Colenso, that, in advancing the guns staff was quite ignorant of the proximty of the Boer positions. The sudden decision of the Boer peace delegates to go to America is attributed to the attitude of the government of the Netherlands, who, after sounding all the European capitals,

told them that they had nothing to hope for from Europe. Colonel Dalgety's force at Wepener numbered 1,700. His losses during the siege were thirty killed and 149 wound-

It is reported that there was an artillery engagement at Karee Siding,

but no details have been received. Boers Retreating.

Museru, April 28.-Firing was heard in the direction of Thabs N'chu for some hours this morning. Many Boers are retreating at Wepener and Dewetsdorp, proceeding by cross roads instead of the main roads near the Basutoland berder.

It is reported that they are in a miserable condition, disorganized and poorly dressed. Many have deserted and are hiding on the farms. main body was in camp last night near Leeuw river mills. They were unhampered by wagons, using pack horses mostly for purposes of transport. It is believed that most of the Transvaalers have gone north. They told the natives that they had been called away by President Kruger

Thaba N'chu (Saturday), April 28 .-The adjacent country is now clear, the Boers having retired toward Ladybrand. There are interesting developments ahead.

Olivier Wounded

Aliwal North, April 29.-It is report. ed here that Commandant Olivier was wounded at Wepener last Monday, Six New Zealanders while scouting fought six Boers, killing three and wounding three. One New Zealander was wounded.

The inhabitants of Houxville do not know to which government they belong, as there is no civil administration there.

MRS. WILSON'S DEATH.

Wife of Governor of Matanzas Dies from the Effects of Burns. Havana, April 29. In the terrible accident at Matanzas yesterday, which resulted in the death

of the wife of General Wilson, governor of the department of Matanzas, Santa Clara, the daughter, who was driving with her, was also burned, though not seriously, while endeavoring to ex-tinguish the flames. The coachman was somewhat burned while moisting.

Mrs. Wilson's bands were so badly swollen before her death that it was found necessary to cut the rings from her flegers in order to give her relief.

Ohio Democratic Convention.

Columbus, O., April 39.-The Democratic state rion. Political circles have been somewhat agitated by a suggestion that the convention be held in this city June 6 and 7, the dates set for

Steamship Arrivals. New York, April 29. Arrived: La Bretagne, Havre, Queenstown Sailed: Etroria, from Liv-

WEATHER FORECAST.

Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania-Partly cloudy; possibly showers Monday afternoon or night; fair and
