

## VICTORY FOR BRITISH AT ZAND RIVER

### Boers Gradually Being Forced to Retreat.

## THE CAVALRY IN PURSUIT

In the Battle at Zand River Yesterday Morning Burglers Occupied a Position Twenty Miles in Length. Lord Roberts Hopes the British Loss Has Been Slight—Unable at Time of Cabling to Report Casualties.

London, May 10.—It was announced officially here today that the British had crossed the Zand river, and that the Boers were in full retreat. Lord Roberts' first dispatch was as follows: Cable Cart Headquarters, at the Front, May 10, 9.10 a. m.—We are now across the Zand river. The enemy are still holding a strong position, but we are gradually pushing them back.

Later the field marshal sent the following: Cable Cart, Zand river, May 10, 12.30 p. m.—The enemy are in full retreat. They occupied a position twenty miles in length. Ours was necessarily longer. With the widely scattered force it will take some time to learn the casualties, but I am hopeful we have not suffered much. The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the Boers by three different roads.

A dispatch sent by Lord Roberts last night was as follows: Welgelegen, May 9 (Evening)—Pole-Carew's and Tucker's divisions, Hamilton's column of heavy naval and Royal Garrison artillery guns and four brigades of cavalry marched here today. The enemy held the opposite bank of the Zand river. Their strength will be ascertained tomorrow, when I hope to be able to force a passage of the river.

### Beating on Results.

London, May 11 (4.05 a. m.).—Members of the house of commons were freely betting in the lobbies last evening that Lord Roberts would be in Pretoria in two months. The militarists are building confident hopes upon the comprehensive plans he has communicated to the war office. Predictions are definitely made he will enter Kroonstadt next Monday and it is believed his advance will be ably assisted by reconnoitering in the vicinity of Ventersburg, where the hill country begins again.

Beyond Kroonstadt is an intricate and difficult country, and if the Boers should elect to fight it is possible they could check the progress of the British until Lord Roberts' numerous cavalry had had time to ride around their flank and threaten their rear.

From 15,000 to 20,000 is the highest estimate of the Boers under the personal command of General Botha, who is said to have forty-six guns. General Botha and General De Wet are reported to have quarreled.

Lord Roberts is pressing hard after this force with 35,000 men and 140 guns; and 20,000 more men are easily available.

Lord Roberts' concise summaries of results are not supplemented by any up to date press telegrams. The correspondents are confined in their narratives to events two or three days old, so far as Lord Roberts is concerned.

President Steyn with 10,000 men is reported as having been east of Thaba N'chu yesterday (Thursday) noon and a battle was then imminent. The advances of General Buller and General Brabant were being fired on.

According to address from Durban, dated Thursday, General Buller's army is "showing activity," but a complete news embargo is imposed upon the correspondents with him.

BOERS EVACUATE LADYBRAND.  
Move Headquarters to Clocolan. Hold Megathling's Nek.

Thaba N'chu, May 9.—The Boers have moved their headquarters in this district from Ladybrand to Clocolan. They occupy strong positions at Megathling's Nek.

## ST. LOUIS CAR STRIKE.

### Fruitless Conference Between Strikers and Officials.

St. Louis, May 10.—The feature of the day in the great street railway strike was the conference between Governor Stevens, the members of the executive committee of the local street railway association and the officers and attorneys of the transit company, called for the purpose of ascertaining if some sort of an amicable understanding could not be arrived at to end hostilities.

The conference lasted for several hours, but at its conclusion Governor Stevens announced that nothing had been accomplished. The strikers' officials, it was learned, announced that they were willing to arbitrate the question of differences, provided the proposition to do so came from the railway company. The railway officers firmly but courteously refused to entertain any such proposition, stating that they had nothing to arbitrate.

Another fatality as a result of the strike was recorded today. As Flora sleighing woman, was crossing Washington street, carrying an infant in her arms, she was hit on the head with a brick that had been hurled at a passing car on the suburban system. Her skull was fractured and she died shortly after being carried to the city hospital.

## BRYAN'S CAMPAIGN.

### Has Been Opened by a Nomination for the Presidency from the Populists at Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 10.—While the day was full of events in the National Populist convention, it began rather inauspiciously for the consummation of its work. There were three sessions during the day. The first of these was barren of results except in the way of supplying the machinery for the convention work and the afternoon session was well under way before the assemblage really got down to business.

Mr. Bryan's nomination was made by acclamation and was accomplished with expedition and tact. There were half a dozen other candidates in the field, all of which were brief and pointed, while full of praise for the candidate. The speakers were led off by Senator Allen, of Mr. Bryan's own state, and he was followed in quick succession by General Weaver, Iowa; ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson, of Kansas; "Cyclone" Davis, of Texas; Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, and one or two others. Each mention of Mr. Bryan aroused enthusiasm, and when there was a call to rise in support of a proposition to make his nomination unanimous, not only did every delegate rise in his seat, but each rose with a shout and a hurrah and with a waving of hands.

## BARKER AND DONNELLY.

### They Will Lead the Middle-of-the-Road Populists to Battle.

Cincinnati, May 10.—Wharton Barker and Ignatius Donnelly were nominated for president on the second ballot by the middle-of-the-road Populists.

The convention nominated Ignatius Donnelly for vice-president and then adjourned sine die.

The platform adopted was as follows:

(1) We demand the United States, as sovereign nation, to withdraw from the ratification of the Tariff of 1900, and to affirm our unshaken belief in the central tenets of the People's party as set forth in the Omaha platform, and pledging ourselves to such unshakable advocacy of those great principles of human liberty until right shall triumph over might and love over greed, to do and proclaim this declaration of faith.

## FROST AT PITTSBURG.

### Vegetation Suffers—Farmers and Gardeners Discouraged.

Pittsburg, May 10.—Western Pennsylvania was last night again visited by a heavy white frost. The vegetation and fruit that escaped the heavy frosts of last week suffered, and the farmers and gardeners were very much discouraged today.

## Francisco Abbato Hanged.

Cambden, N. J., May 10.—Francisco Abbato was hanged in the Camden county jail here, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning for the murder of Genesiano D. Fero, his friend and fellow countryman. The condemned man was accompanied to the gallows by his spiritual advisers, Rev. Louis A. Post of Vineland, and Matthew Yeager, of Philadelphia. He met death bravely.

## SCRANTON WAS IN EVIDENCE

### Played Important Part in Easton's Big Celebration.

## THIRTEENTH MADE A HIT

### Its Twelve Companies Marched Together for the First Time Since It Was Expanded Into a Three Battalion Organization and Received Plaudits from All Sides.

### Was the Feature of the Big Parade Which Was the Principal Feature of the Exercises Attendant Upon the Dedication—Very Hospitably Entertained by the Citizens and Particularly by the Members of Easton's Crack Company.

## CLARK CASE POSTPONED.

### Will Be Heard in the Senate Next Tuesday.

Washington, May 10.—In the senate today the case involving the seat of Mr. Clark, of Montana, was postponed until next Tuesday. Mr. Chandler gave notice that at that time he would insist that the case be continually considered to the exclusion of all other business.

## MR. SMITH THE MAN.

### Prospects of Favorable Consideration of His Candidacy by the Republican Convention at Philadelphia.

Washington, May 10.—It is settled again, and for good, that Governor Roosevelt's name will not be considered by the Philadelphia convention in connection with the vice-presidential nomination.

Postmaster General Smith and Secretary Long, of the navy department, are the two men now most prominently and seriously considered. Woodruff is not to be thought of; Seth Low is hardly more than a bare possibility.

The suggestion of Collum was made by his friends, chiefly to help him in his fight in the Illinois state convention. Excelsior Manderson will not permit the use of his name, Roosevelt, Bliss and Root are not to be further considered. It is Smith or Long as the list is now made up if an eastern candidate is selected.

## STATE GRANGE ACTS.

### Governor Asked to Appoint a Farmer in Place of Secretary Hamilton.

Harrisburg, May 10.—The legislative committee on the Pennsylvania state grange met here today and adopted resolutions asking Governor Stone to request the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton and appoint in his place an efficient farmer who will see that all the laws governing his department are strictly and honestly enforced. The resolutions recite further that recent developments show gross mismanagement in the affairs of the department, especially in the dairy and food division, which has led to the resignation of Commissioner Wells, entailing a loss of \$4,000,000 annually to the dairy interests of the state; curtailing the grangers and farmers of the Great Hill taxing colored oleomargarine, and accepting the invitation of the Pure Butter Protective association to join in a conference to consult with Governor Stone regarding a more efficient administration of the department of agriculture.

## ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE.

### The Strange Death of Benjamin F. Houseman.

Philadelphia, May 10.—Benjamin F. Houseman, aged fifty-five years, a prominent Hebrew of this city, was found dead today at his home, 1829 Diamond street, with a bullet wound in his head, a pistol lying close by.

## THE ANNEXATION OF TUTUILA.

### German Warship Present When American Flag Was Raised.

Berlin, May 10.—Dr. Wilhelm Reiff, governor of German Samoa, reports that the German warship Kormoran was present at the ceremony of hoisting the United States flag over Tutuilua Island.

## QUEEN IN LONDON AGAIN.

### To Preside at the Drawing Room in Buckingham Palace Tomorrow.

London, May 10.—The queen arrived in London at noon today. She will spend three days here and attend tomorrow's drawing room. Her majesty appeared to be in excellent health and pleasure at the warlike jubilation of the popular greeting which she received along the whole route to Buckingham Palace.

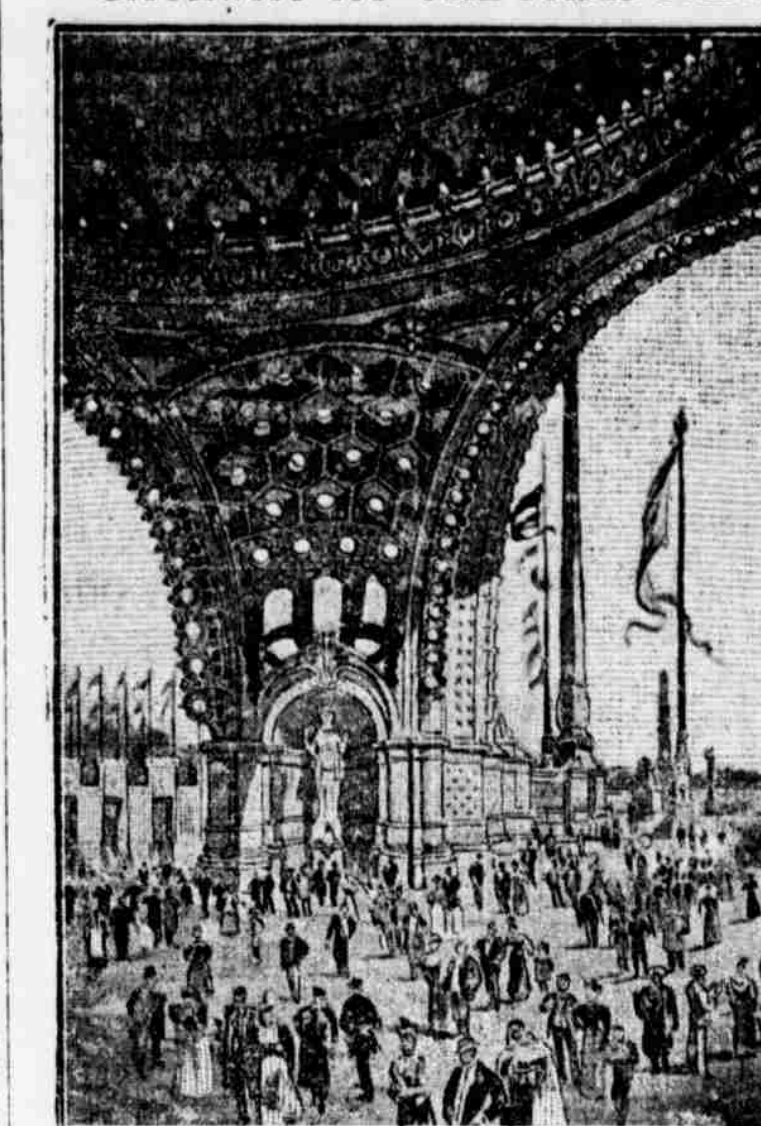
## Handicrafts Exhibition.

### Liverpool, England, May 10.—An exhibition of handicrafts opened here today and will continue until the 18th. Wood, leather and metal work, embroidery, water color drawings, photographs and cork plates, and articles exhibited. Prizes have been offered, and amateurs are allowed to compete.

## Charities Conference.

### New York, May 10.—An informal conference was held today in the city of New York, at the United Charities building here today, and will continue tomorrow. An interesting programme is being carried out. Many philanthropists are present.

## GATEWAY AT THE PARIS FAIR.



View of the interior of the Monumental Gateway at the Paris Fair, which will be opened to the visitors this week. This specimen of beautiful exposition architecture has no equal among designs of the gateway character. Beneath its vaulted beauty visitors stand spellbound, entranced at the skill that could impart such attractions to a mere gateway.

## END OF QUAY CASES.

### Indictments Against the Senator and His Son Are Abandoned by District Attorney.

Philadelphia, May 10.—The indictment against ex-United States Senator Quay, his son, Richard R. Quay, and the late Benjamin J. Haywood, former state treasurer, charging them with converting public money to their own use, the two indictments charged by District Attorney Quay, individually, with having conspired with John S. Hopkins, cashier of the People's bank, to buy and sell stocks through Hopkins, and the indictment charging State Treasurer Haywood, individually, with loaning state money, contrary to law, were abandoned by District Attorney Rothert today. The indictments were found against them in November, 1898.

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather in this section today: FAIR; WARMER.

- 1 General—British Defeat the Boers at the Zand River. Interesting Reports of Missionary Bishops. Thirteenth Regiment at Easton.
- 2 General—Northern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
- 3 Local—Court Proceedings.
- 4 Editorial. News and Comment.
- 5 Local—Serious Accident to Convict Laborers at Poplar Street Crossing. Council Reduces the Tax on Trolley Companies.
- 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- 7 Round About the County. Base Ball News and Gossip.
- 8 Local—Live Industrial News. Increase in the Price of Horses.

## FIGHTING THE NEW RAILROAD.

### Coal Road Combination Carries Out Its Threat to Take Legal Action to Prevent Construction of Delaware Valley and Kingston Road.

New York, May 10.—The coal road combination has carried out its threat that it would take legal action to prevent the construction of the proposed new coal road from New Jersey and Pennsylvania coal fields to Kingston, N. Y., known as the Delaware Valley and Kingston railroad. The New York, Ontario and Western, through its counsel, Frank H. Platt, applied today to the appellate division of the supreme court for a writ of certiorari to review the action of the state railroad commission, which, after many hearings, recently granted the application of the independent coal operators to build this road.

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## QUITO CARRIES CORN.

### Shipload of Provisions for the Starving Indians.

New York, May 10.—The steamer Quito sailed today for Bombay with 200,000 bushels of corn for the famine district. This is the largest cargo ever carried by any vessel on a similar errand, and comes from people of all denominations in every part of the United States.

## Meeting of Chemists.

### Harrisburg, May 10.—Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton, who will take charge of the work of the dairy and food commission after the 16th inst., until a new commission is appointed to the vacancy created by the resignation of Major Levi Wells, has called a meeting of the chemists and attorneys of the commission in this city on May 16, to bring about a uniformity of action on the part of all those connected with the division.

## Murdered His Father.

Toronto, May 10.—Peter McIntyre, the agent of the Richfield and Ontario Navigation company here, was shot and fatally killed today by his 13-year-old son. The boy wanted to go to a neighboring town, but his father refused him permission. He then drew a revolver, and fired and the bullet went straight through Mr. McIntyre's heart. The boy was arrested. He says he only wanted to frighten his father, but that the revolver went off accidentally.

## Attempted Murder and Suicide.

Pottsville, May 10.—Robert Harmon, aged 23 years, of Wade, a small mine village near here, today attempted the life of his wife and then put his own life in jeopardy. His wife and several others were severely and he cannot recover. The wife escaped with several lacerations on the hands and arms and a gash across the throat in the struggle. Harms is now in the Pottsville hospital.

## INTEREST IN THE REPORTS OF BISHOPS

### Eagerly Awaited by 700 Delegates at Chicago.

## THOBURN TO WITHDRAW

### The Bishop of India Will Be Obligated to Retire from the Missionary Fields on Account of Ill Health. Report of Special Commission on a Revision of the Organic Law.

Chicago, May 10.—The chief interest in the Methodist Episcopal general conference today was centered in the quadrennial reports of the missionary bishops, Harzell, of Africa, and Thoburn, of India. These reports were eagerly awaited by the 700 delegates present. Bishop Thoburn, it was announced just before the presentation of his report, has decided to withdraw from the missionary field at least a year, owing to entrenched health, caused by the climate in India.

## COINAGE LAW AMENDMENTS.

### House Committee Reports Two Measures Favorably.

Washington, May 10.—Two measures amending the coinage laws were reported favorably today by the house committee on coinage. One provides that the forty gold coins deposited at the coinage mints of the United States and the United States assay office at New York may, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, but not otherwise, receive United States gold coin status, not less than 35,000, and pay and deliver in exchange therefor gold bars in value equalling such coin so received, provided that the secretary of the treasury may make in his discretion such exchange without charge, or may impose a charge therefor.

## MR. CRAWFORD UNSEATED.

### Decision of the House in North Carolina Case.

Washington, May 10.—The house today, by the very narrow margin of two votes, unseated Mr. Crawford, of North Carolina, a Democrat, and seated in his place Mr. Pearson, of North Carolina, who was a member of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth congress. Mr. Pearson is the third Republican to be seated by the present house.

## Bankruptcy Petitions.

### Pittsburg, May 10.—Charles F. Parsons and Edward F. Parsons, partners of Lock Haven, Pa., filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court today. The firm owns \$11,022 and has no assets. Charles Parsons owns \$17,082, and has \$65 of assets. Edward Parsons owns \$17,082, and has \$65 assets. John Kusnick, Wilkes-Barre, was discharged from bankruptcy.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 10.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Partly and warmer Friday and Saturday; fresh northwesterly winds becoming variable.