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# **METHODIST** CONFERENCE

## Discussion of the Reports Concerning the Constitution.

#### THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS

Mas Been Postponed Until Tuesday Donald, of Georgia. He said that it Morning-Present Board Effective. The Name of Brigham Roberts Is Introduced During a Warm Discussion on Article 7-A Scheme to Cut Off Four Secretaries.

Chicago, May 13.-Discussion of the acceptance of the report of the committee on organic law as the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal church occupied the general conference yesterday. Progress on the adoption of the report has been slow, the matter having been before the body for four days. The greatest attention is being paid to the matter, as the report will be, if accepted, the first practical constitution of the church. For a hundred years the theologians of the church have been laboring in an endeavor to discriminate between

organic and statutory law. Discussion arose when Article 7 was raid to the conference. The section provides for the organization of the general conferences. Objection was made to the clause which allows the cating of a delegate to be challenged six delegates feel so inclined. The disputants argued that the delegate, presentation of his credentials, should be allowed to participate in the deliberations of the body until ruled out by the conference. To refute this argument the conservatives, who favored the report, cited the case of Brigham Roberts, whose seat in congress was questioned. They maintained that as the Mormon was not admitted, such a precedent is fit to be followed by the conference.

Dr. John Sweet, of Detroit, stood up and exclaimed: "The infamous polygamist, Brigham Roberts, never got a seat in congress." This remark was

roundly applauded. Dr. Leonard, of Cincinnati, declared that he was surprised to hear the name of Roberts brought up on the floor of the conference as applicable to the matter before the house. The article was finally passed in its orig-

The article on voting also came in much consideration. By the report it was provided by the first section that the laymen and ministers that on questions concerning a change in discipline and on a vote of oneon any question, the voting of the lay and clerical members should be was drawing the line between the two orders.

an amendment was finally atopted. 1 of the article be stricken out. This was regarded as a concession on the part of the therical members, and gives to the laymen another privilege. It was feared that the body would be divided on the question of voting. but the article was passed by a large

### Elections of Bishops Postponed.

The committee on episconacy made its report, and requested that the elecof bishops be postponed until ruesday morning. Chairman Buckley stated that so many memorials had soured into the committee in the last few days that more time was needed to consider the situation.

sharp protest. "I demand." said the patriarch, "that the chair rule on the go without settlement, and the members are unable to vote intelligently on the question." His brief speech was supported by exclamations of approval in all parts of the nouse.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway, a fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, was introduced to the conference. He had a hearty welcome, all the delegates rising and

applauding vigorously. The committee on elections announce ed its regulations for the election of conference officers. The voting will be done by ballot and in sections. There will be two sets of tellers, and during the election visitors will be barred from the main floor of the conven

#### places while voting. To Cut Off Four Secretaries.

The report of the committee on the state of the church recommended that there be only one general secretary of the organized benevolences of the church, and that he shall act as executive officer. This proposition cuts off four general secretaries and re-

duces the salary list \$18,000 The Woman's Foreign Missionary society held an anniversary meeting in Studebaker hall this evening. Addresses were made by aliss Nilma Rouse, of Ku Chang, China, and Mrs. E. W. Parker, one of the seven found-

ers of the society in Boston in 1869. After a spirited executive session of three hours the committee on episcopacy recommended that the board or bishops be declared effective, and that four additional bishops be added to the list. This action, if adopted by the general conference, will board of bishops number wenty-four. The understanding that the committee had decided not to re-Ire any of the present bishops had a

cheering effect on them today, especially the older ones, whose faces, heretofore stern and calm, were

wreathed in smiles.

In a memorial sent to Dr. Bashford, of the temperance committee, the National Woman's Christian Temperance union urges a strong declaration on the part of the conference, favoring the continuance of Sunday school temperance lessons. It is also recommended that as far as possible the teachings of modern science, as well as of ancient history and other corre lated lines, be brought to the aid of the teachers.

#### WAR OF CONQUEST.

#### Henry McDonald's Opinion of South African Trouble.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 13 .- The Naional Baptist convention was last night addressed by ex-President Henry Mcthis country is to continue to expand and take in new territory, the work of every agency of the Christian churca must increase proportionately. He referred to the growing desire of the people of the world for gold, and incidentally mentioned in this connection the motives which impelled the English to make war upon the Boers. He became dramatic in his references to the South African war and said, among other things, that he "hoped to God the British would not subjugate these people who were struggling against overwhelming odds for their freedom."

He char cterized it as a most cruel war of conquest. He was cheered to the echo, and his remarks created a sensation.

#### Not a Wheel Turning on Any of the Lines Yesterday-The Governor

Will Preserve Order. St. Louis, May 13.-This, the sixth day of the street railway strike, was quiet and devoid of interest. Not a wheel on any of the lines, except of the mail cars, was turned in the city today, in consequence of the decision of Chief of Police Campbell to give the men of the force, who had hall but little time for rest during the past

five days, a chance to recuperate for the coming week. This was the last day, according to General Manager Maunhoff, that the places vacated by men on the St. Louis Transit company would be held open for them. After today, if they do not express a desire to return to work, new men will be put in their places. Mr. Maunhoff says that all the old men who return to work will be al-

lowed to avail themselves of the new scale of wages and receive the increased pay to which they will be entitled by reason of their long servica with the company.

The secret mass meeting held at Walhalla hall tonight by the presidents, secretaries and business agents of every trade and labor organization of St. Louis, after a session lasting several hours, adopted a resolution calling a general meeting for Wedshould deliberate as one body, but nesday night to consider the advisability of ordering a general sympathetic strike in case the differences be third of either laymen or preachers tween the street railway company and its employes are not adjusted before that time. The resolution also asks done separately. The point was rais- that the members of the trades and ed that the adoption of the section labor unions of St. Louis contribute to the maintenance of the striking street car men, and provides for the institution of proceedings against the St. Louis Transit company to annul The amendment provided that Section | the franchises under which its different lines operate because of alleged failure to run cars as provided by its charters. The Brewery Workers union announced that it would contribute \$1,000 a week toward the support of the strikers.

Governor Lew V. Stephens, accompanied by Attorney General Crow. came from Jefferson City tonight. The governor gave out a communication that he had sent to the president of the board of police commissioners and the chief of police. In his communication

the governor says: "As governor of the state, it is my duty to see that peace and order are preserved in Missouri, to the end that the ordinary business and affairs of Much dissatisfaction was expressed life may be attended to by our citizens with the rulings of Bishop Vincent, with safety and convenience to themwho presided over the session. Dr. seives, I will perform my whole duty John Lanahan, of Baltimore, made a as I see it in this matter, and all peace officers must perform theirs.

"I shall not hesitate, if I deem it necquestions before the house. He has essary, to use promptly the full power repeatedly allowed points of order to of the state to restore and preserve order and peace in St. Louis

"If your regular police force is not sufficient, in your judgment, the law gives you authority to add sufficient men to meet any emergency. I require that you exercise the power vested in you promptly.

"Therefore, to the end that the publie peace and order may be restored and maintained, you are directed to use immediately the full power given you by law, and if your power is inadequate, which I am loath to believe, bishops, book agents and other general notify me and I will exercise full authority to assist you."

### AMERICAN WINS.

#### tion. The delegates will stand in their Harry Elkes Captures the Bicycle Race at Paris.

Paris. May 13 .- The one-hour bicyle race today between Harry Elkes, the American, and Edouard Taylore. the French champion, resulted in a victory for Elkes, who covered 55 kilometres and 450 metres. Taylore accomplishing 55 kilometres and 300 metres. Great interest was taken in the contest, which came off in the Parle Des Princes, in the presence of 10,000 spectators

The men were paced by autocycles Taylore led at the start, but Elkes overhauled him when about 30 kilometres had been covered. The American maintained his lead until the winning pistol was fired. A strong wind hampered the riders.

Chicago's Population. Chicago, May 1d.-The work of the Chicago city rectory enumerators for 1900 almost completed shows that the population of Chicago is not less than 2.001.000. The national census which will commence June 1 and end June 15 will probably show a higher figure than this by some The increase in population between 1800 an increase in population between 1800 and 1900 has been practically one million

### MINORITY REPORT ON SHIPPING BILL

#### FROM MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

The Democrats of the Committee Point Out Alleged Defects in the Subsidy Measure - Reasons Advanced Calculated to Show That the Present Bill Will Not Afford Relief in Manner Intended-The Cost of Running the St. Paul and OUTBREAK IN MANILA Campagna

Washington, May 13.-The minority eport on the shipping subsidy opposing that measure has been filed in the louse by the majority of the members of the Democratic minority of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries. Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, drew the report, which was signed also by Representatives Devries, of California; Daly, of New Jersey, and Speight, of Missouri. The other Democrats of the committee Messrs. Chandler, Small and Ransell, have heretofore submitted their views, upholding the general principle of government aid to the merchant marine, out pointing out defects in the bill. The present report, therefore, represents the opposition to the measure both in principle and detail. In the main it is an ergument against government subsidies and asserts that most of the proposed \$9,000,000 subsidy will go to a few favored concerns, without building up CAR STRIKE American shipping or encouraging

American exports. The report quotes a recent utterance of President McKinley on the remarkable increase of our shipbuilding, and says, in part:

"Our foreign trade, then, is increas-ing with wonderful rapidity and our shipbuilding industry is remarkably prosperous without subsidy. Why, then, should the whole country be taxed to provide gratuities for industries which are now prosperous and which have every prospect of continuing to be more and more prosperous?

"Even if our foreign commerce wer in a declining, rather than in a fairly prosperous condition, it is not probable that the present bill would give any relief and for the following rea-

"Because subsidies are granted according to the speed and capacity of ships, and are more than twice as high per ton capacity for the swift passenger steamers, which carry but little cargo, as for ordinary freight steamers, which carry 80 or 90 per cent. of our exports. The subsidy, therefore, if it affects rates at all, will affect passenger rather than freight rates.

#### The Shipping Subsidized.

"As only about five per cent, of the total tonnage of the world's shipping is subsidized, and as nearly all of the present goes to passenger and mail steamers the hopelessness of trying by subsidy to lower freight rates and increased commerce is apparent. Unimited subsidy would be necessary to lower general freight rates. If 0. 2 country attempts by subsidy to secure lower rates then subsidy must go to all ships carrying freights. Otherwise the moment the few subsidized ships lower rates for one country the unsubsidized ships, the tramp steamers, will withdraw to other service and rates for this particular country it is practically beyond the ability of any one country to materially reduce in this way to increase its foreign trade

"The bill does not sufficiently provide for subsidies based on the amount of freight carried, nor does it require any decrease in freight rates.

"It cannot be shown, from the history of subsidies, that they ever materially lowered freight rates or increased the commerce of the countries granting them. Trade conditions and not trade theories fix the rates which shippers will pay, and which shipowners can get.'

The report contains what is said to be the actual figures of operating the St. Paul of the American line and Campagna of the Cunard line showing an increased cost of running the former of \$15,900 per year, and this, the report states, would be met by a subsidy of about \$409,000.

The report quotes from the manifests of a number of freight and passenger ships, showing that the freighters which carry the products of the farm and warehouse receive about one-fifth that of the passenger craft.

## GOLDEN EAGLES ADJOURN.

### Nominations Made at Allentown Yesterday After a Long Ses-

Allentown, Pa., May 13.-The Grand Castle Golden Eagles adjourned at 2 o'clock this morning after a long session. The following nominations were made: Grand chief, J. M. Hutchinson; grand vice-chief, G. C. Stahle; grand sir herald, James C. Calhoun, Fred Wantor, Benter Patterson: grand high priest, Dr. E. S. Johnson, Charles Denby, John H. Ritter; grand master of records, J. D. Barnes, C. B. Wood, A. R. Tomlinson, H. Reber: grand first guardsman, D. M. Messersmith, Gus Lambert, H. W. Paul, Anthony Schaeffer, Archie Nichols; grand second guardsman, A. F. Mogue, L. Haas, A. B. Clotheir, A. C. Fetters: grand keeper of exchequer, H. C. Ger hart; grand trustee, F. R. Horn, William Bernheim, Thomas H. Saville, J. L. Thompson, H. Strauss, J. C. Crawford, W. W. Wetzel; supreme representative, W. H. Pelly, C. H. Webster. Past Supreme Chief A. C. Lyttle installed the newly elected officers and Grand Chief Shappell appointed the following committees:

Law-J. C. Calhoun, John Fealty, Davis Casselberry, William Holman, Henry G. Iris. Finance-John W. Farr, W. H. Pelly, Howard L. Bons, D. J. Deckyne, Ir-

win F. Walters. Appeals-F. W. Antor, Edward H. Williams, Thomas McDowell, S. G. Smith, Lewis Walker, James Hanger, Antwerp for New York.

John Arnold, E. D. Gardner, R. C. Murray, jr.
Printing-Harry S. Wain, William ooley, Thomas H. Saville. Returns and Credentials-C.

Wood, Jordan Stover, Benter Patti-Elections-Dr. W. P. Senderling, Gus Leibert, Charles Marron, J. H. Mat-

dinger, A. Tyson Berger, Transportation-C. C. Crumlaker Howard Hawley, Elmer E. Butt. Special committee to decide appeals -Jenkin Hill, J. C. Calhoun, J. L. Pur-

ple. Antir Long. Funeral benefit tund-G. M. Okell, J. Calhoun, A. F. Mogue, A. Kreme Joseph Faunce.

# IS THREATENED

#### Filipinos Prepare for an Outbreak But Lack Courage to Carry Out Plans-Buencamino's Peace Pro-

Manila, May 13.-The latest rumor of an outbreak in Manila among the natives, which was in circulation last week, was seriously discussed by some of the local papers and attracted nor general attention than has usually been the case with this sort of thing. As a matter of fact many of the Filipinos did leave their American em ployers with the apparent intention of joining some such movement. Their action, taken in connection with the arrest of several natives for carrying concealed weapons, and the dispersion several suspicious gatherings gave

olor to the reports. The officials have been active in the matter, but are not inclined to think an uprising will be attempted. They believe the Filipinos are lacking in the necessary courage, and especially in view of the fact that the natives feared to attempt the demonstration at the time of General Lawion's funeral, although they had made careful preparations and many insurgents had come to Manila for this express purpose.

A paper found among the captured effects of General Pantaleon Garcia asserts that the United States congress has done nothing for the Filipinos and that therefore all Filipinos, who are working for Americans must leave their employers immediately or suffer the penalty of treason.

One report is that the Filipino junta endeavoring to incite an outbreak in order to show the civil commission

that the insurrection is still alive. It does not seem probable that the eace proposals which Senor Buencamino, at one time a member of the socalled Filipino government has drawn up for submission to Aguinaldo and the other insurgent leaders will have much weight with the Filipinos, Buencamino's reputation, gained in former wars, is that of u man who hurries to get on the winning side. He was in disfavor with the Filipinos even before the collapse of their government owing to a widespread suspicion of his loyalty to his colleagues.

#### SMALL POX RIOT AT TURTLE CREEK

### Mob of 2,000 Men and Boys Have Taken Possession of the Town.

Trouble Caused by Smallpox. Pittsburg, May 13.-A mob of men and boys, numbering about 2,000, has had possession of Turtle Creek, a small will go back to the world's level. Hence town, about eight miles east of here, all evening, and at midnight the sheriff was called upon to suppress the riot. by subsidy its ocean freight rates and The trouble was precipitated by the board of health trying to take posion of an abandoned school building in the town for a pest house. The citi- its readiness to adjourn by adjourning zens objected to this, and when the board made preparations for the removal of the six cases of smallpox in ing they were met by the mob, who refused to allow them to proceed. Pwenty-five special officers were sworn in, but could do nothing, and the volunteer fire department was called out.

in progress, but succeeded in dispersing the rioters by turning the hose on them. The crowd soon returned, how- tending the acceptance of the statue of ever, and cutting the hose, pelted the firemen with stones and beat them with clubs until the officers retreated. A number of the firemen were badly cut

and bruised, but none seriously hurt. During the temporary absence of the crowd, several firemen and three members of the board of health took possession of the buildings, where they will remain barricaded until the sheriff and posse arrive. About 1,000 of the rioters at 1 o'clock still surround the building.

#### CARS RUN AT KANSAS CITY. Strikers Respect the Injunction of the Court.

Kansas City. May 13 .- Every street car line in this city and Kansas City, Kansas, was in full operation today, and no violence was offered by the strikers. The injunction of the federal court, enjoining the union men from interfering with the running of the cars, and Sunday combined to have a salutary effect upon the strikers.

Early in the day groups of strikers gathered at the different power houses and quietly urged the crews not to go out. Less than a dozen responded, however, and the places of these men were filled promptly. Occasionally along the line the cry of

'scab" would be heard, but it principally the act of boys.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Charles Paustein Kills Alex Tate, Wounds Mrs. Tate, Kills Himself. Butte, Mont., May 13 .- Charles Paustein, a well known athlete, yesterday shot and killed Alexander Tate, manager of a butchering concern, shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Alexander Tate and then committed suicide. Paustein charged Mr. and Mrs. Tate with being responsible for the separa-

## Steamship Arrivals.

tion of himself and wife.

New York, May 13.-Arrived: La Gascogne Havre, Dover-Passed: Bremen, Bremen for New York, Prawle Point-Passed: Kemington,

### SENATOR WILLIAM B. ALLISON.

Who Declines to Be a Candidate for the Vice Presidential Nomination.

#### THE NEWS THIS MORNING PROGRAMME OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

#### LARGE NUMBER OF BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED.

House Leaders Say That They Will Be Ready for an Adjournment on June 1-Last General Supply of Bills Will Be Sent to the Senate from the House This Week-Senate Will Resume Consideration of the Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, May 13 .- The senate toorrow will resume consideration of the naval appropriation bill, and it is expected that the measure will be passed during the day. Senator Chandler has given notice that he will call up the Clark case on Tuesday and that he will endeavor to keep it before the senate until a vote is reached. This programme will meet with some objection, but it is expected the greater part of the week will be devoted to consideration of this case. Senator Wolcott some time ago gave notice that he would call up the postofficappropriation bill, and it is thought that it may be disposed of in a day or two. Senator Ross has given notice of a set speech, and there are some conference reports to be presented which may cause discussion. There may be clash over the Montana case and other business, but the Clark contest seems to be the only event of importance for the week.

### In the House.

senate the last of the general supply bills-the general deficiency and the Military academy appropriation billsand will be ready for adjournment as oon as the senate passes them and adjusts the differences between the two houses upon those already passed or pending in conference. These conference reports on appropriation bills are to be given the right of way from now until the end of the session. The house leaders say they will be ready for the sine die adjournment. June 1. but allowing for delays and accidents incident to the closing up of the session, they are not inclined to think it

will be before June 9. Later on, if complications arise in the senate, the house may emphasize over from day to day while the senate is in the final throes of dissolution.

The general deficiency bill will be he town to the school house this even- taken up tomorrow, and it will be followed by the Military academy bill. It is understood the senate army reorganization may be taken up on Wednesday. The remainder of the week until Saturday will be devoted to mis-The firemen found a full-fledged riot cellaneous matters. Saturday, under a special order adopted some time ago, is to be given up to the ceremonies at-General Grant, presented by the Grand Army of the Republic.

### MR. TOWNE A BIG MAN.

#### But Ex-Governor Stone Thinks Populist Convention a. Mistake.

St. Louis, May 13.-Ex-Governor William J. Stone, vice-chairman of the Democratic National committee, while discussing the advisability of Mr. Towne withdrawing from the race for vice-president on the Populist ticket, said:

"I think the Populist convention made a mistake in nominating a candidate for vice-president. Instead of simplifying it complicates the situation. However, I am glad Mr. Towne is the nominee, for the reason that I regard him as a big man and I know him to be fair and patriotic. I am sat isfied he will do whatever may be thought best, having but one end in view, and that the success of ticket to be nominated at Kansas City. If it is the opinion of the Kansas City convention that it would be unwise to nominate him. I am confident he would accept that verdict accordingly. I have a high opinion of Mr. Town: in every way, but at this time I do not care to express an opinion as to what the Kansas City convention should do with reference to nominating a candidate for vice-president. That is something which ought to be thought out carefully and deliberately after a full comparison of the views of leading men from different sections

#### of the country." DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Rock Island, Ill., May 13 .- Dr. Olaf Olsson, president of Auugustsua college, died yesterday, aged 59 years. He bacame connected with the college in 1876 and was elected president in 1891, Baltimore, May 13.-James Sloan, jr., the well nown banker and financier of this city, died at his home today in the sixty-seventh year of

Bochester, N. Y., May 13.-Rev. J. P. Kier nan, vicar general of the Rochester diocese and rector of the St. Mary's Boman Catholic church, died tonight, aged 44 years. Munich, May 13.—Dr. Hermann Leir, court

### Weather Indications Today:

General-Correspondents Report the South African War as Practically Over Methodist General Conference Reports, Forecast of the Werk in Congress. Minority Report on the Ship Subsidy Bill,

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Base Ball News and Gessip Local -Why the New Coal Road Is a Neces-Witness Fee Clerk Stops Steals from the

### BIG FIRE IN CAMDEN.

#### Market House, Ten Stores and Fifty Small Buildings Are Destroyed-Nearly 250 Persons Homeless.

Camden, N. J., May 13.-Fire today, which broke out in the Farmers' mar ket house, at Fifth and Federal streets, completely destroying that building, ten stores and about 50 small dwellings, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000, and rendering homeless about 250 persons. These homeless people are tonight quartered in the building and are being fed at the expense of the city.

Boys either accidentally or purposely set fire to a large pile of tarred lumber which has been stored in the market house by the Bell Telephone company. They were playing there

before the fire began. The flames spread rapidly through the grease soaked market house and communicated to a row of small houses in the rear, at the same time eating their way into Federal street and entering the old postoffice building adbuilding has been abandoned by the government only a few weeks ago. The chief of the Camden fire depart-

ment early realized that the fire was beyond the control of his limited force and the fire department of Philadelphia was called upon for assistance and sent four companies. The flames leaped across Fifth street and a second row of small houses there were soon blazing and were destroyed. The fire then followed its course toward Federal street on the east side

cal laboratories of William Cowgill caught there was a series of explosions. The Cowgill establishment was the Mafeking relief column. gutted. The principal losses were: Farmers market, \$15,000; Cowgill chemical laboratory, \$10,000; M. L. Mowns, \$3,000; J. Z. Blank, clothing, \$1,500; Harry Grosscup, dwelling, \$3,900; W. Z. Kebsons,

of Fifth street, and when the chemi-

brellas, \$2,000. Most of the others to suffer were small property owners. Many of the occupants of the dwellings lost all their household effects. The losses are partially covered by insurance.

grocery, \$3,000, and W. H. Docker, um-

## B. & O. WRECK.

Tunnel.

### Unknown Bodies Are Found in the

Philadelphia, May 13.-Search for odies in the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tunnel near the Green street enrance to Fairmount park, in which two freight trains collided at midnight Friday, still continues and up to a late hour tonight only one body had been found. When the collision occurred the wreck took fire from exploding oil cars and the flames were not extinguished until today when the wreck crews were enabled to enter the The body found is that of tunnel. Fireman William F. Hinchman, of this city. The remains of Engineer Laub are still under the wreck. As yet there is no evidence to show that any tramps were caught and killed in the wreck. The Baltimore and Ohio officials expect to have the tunnel open for traffic tomorrow if it is found that the roof of dential candidate from the west or middle west the tunnel has not been weakened by explosion and heat to an extent to make it dangerous for trains to run through. In the meantime trains are being run by a round-about route. Tonight the searchers found two more bodies, supposed to be those of tramps. They were badly burned and were found in one of the wrecked freight cars. The bodies have not yet been identified.

## Murderer Dugan Pardoned.

Frnakfort, Ky., May 18.-Governor Reckham last night pardened John Dugan, serving a sen-tence of twenty-one years for the murder of John C. Colson, brother of ex-Congressman David G. Colson. Dugan had served about three years.

# END OF WAR SEEMS NEAR

## Kroonstadt Correspondent Says Trouble Is Practically Over.

#### BOERS ARE DEMORALIZED

They Are Disheartened by the Rapid Advance of Lord Roberts. Practically No Fighting and No Further Details Regarding the Occupation of Kroonstadt-President Steyn Unable to Induce the Burghers to Fight.

London, May 14 (4 a. m.) .- "The war s practically over," says the Daily Chronicle's Kroonstadt correspondent, and in less definite terms this is the view to be gathered from all correspondents. They picture the Boers as utterly demoralized and disheartened by Lord Roberts' unexpectedly rapid advance and by his facile turning of the carefully prepared positions of the

Boers, There was practically no fighting and there are no further details to give respecting the occupation of Kroonstadt. The correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The union jack was boisted in the market place by Mrs. Lockhead, the American wife of a Scotchman. Most of the horses of the Boers are in a wretched condition, but President Kruger declares he will con-

inue the war It appears that the Boers at Kroonstadt had been reinforced by 3,000 men from Natal last Friday, and that altogether 10,000 with 20 guns, trekked from Kroonstadt on the approach of Lord Roberts.

The Boers made an ineffectual stand at Bosch Rand, and had elaborate entrenchments in front of Kroonstadt, which offered great facilities for a rear guard action. Their only anxiety, however, appears to have been to get away safely with all their guns and convoys, which again they have successfully accomplished. The few stores they were unable to

#### carry away they burned. President Steyn Frantic.

President Steyn is represented as having been frantic with rage, and as having kicked and cuffed the burghers after vainly imploring them to

continue the fight. Lord Roberts, after a march which is worthy of being ranked with his famous march to Kandahar, has thus covered another stage of his campaign, a stage which, although successful and without the mistakes and misfortunes that characterized the earlier stages, leaves the Boer forces quite intact, not having lost a gun and having lost very few men. Experience has taught the critics to be chary of accepting reports of Boer demoralization. The Times says: "The signs point to military breakdown on the part of the Boers, but, after experience of the past, we cannot accept the reports of joining and partly destroying it. This demoralization without reserve. The game of war must be strictly played

> out to the end." Lindley, the new Free State capital, is forty-five miles southeast of Kroonstadt, half-way to Bethlehem, and was probably selected as a convenient rendezvous for the commandoes now retiring before General Brabant and General Rundle in the Thaba N'chu district. Brabant has occupied Hoepellok half-way on the road from Thaba

> N'chu to Ladybrand. There is not a word of news regarding General Buller's movements, or from the far western side. Nothing is known, therefore, of the progress of

### Spirit Was Not Willing.

London, May 14 .- A dispatch to the Times from Kroenstadt, dated Saturday, says: "It is reported that President Krus

ger intends moving to Lydenburg as soon as he is joined by President Steya, who left yesterday with General Botha "The country between Poshcholpa and Kroonstadt might have been ef-

#### fectively held if the spirit had been The Last Resort.

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Lordon, May 14 .- The Lourenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times,

telegraphing Sunday, says: "It is rumored that the Transvaal raad, in secret session, has resolved to order all residents, irrespective of nationality, to assist in the defense of the republic, in accordance with the terms of the amended military

laws. "The Boers recognize that they are now in the last extremity and all sorts and conditions of men are being com-

### Mr. Payne Is Gratified.

Milwaukee, May 13 .- In regard to Governor Schofield's proposition that H. C. Pagne be nom-inated by the Republican party for vice presi-dent of the United States Mr. Pagne has this to "Naturally I feel gratified at things the governor has said of me. Regardless of how I enter into the matter personally I be lieve the governor's argument for a vice prest-

#### Roosevelts Leave Washington. Washington, May 13.-Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt, who have been spending several days

here as the guests of Captain and Mrs. Cowies, of the navy. left the city today for Oyster Bay, L. L. where they are to stay a short time before returning to Albany. .................

### WEATHER FORECAST.

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Washington, May 15.-Forecast for Mon day and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania,
 fair and continued warm weather Mon-