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TWO CENTS.

M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE

Fruitless Vote for New General Superintendent.

ANTI-CANTEEN

Friends of President McKinley Who Made a Losing Fight Against Criticisms of the President Will Carry the Battle to the Floor of the Conference-Dr. J. E. Price, a Former Scranton Minister, Will Present the Matter Today-A Sentiment in Favor of Suspension of Losing Church Publications.

Chicago, May 16 .- The Methodist Episcopal general conference took two more ballots today for the selection of two additional members of the board of general superintendents. Yesterballot and the first one today resulted in no choice, none of the candidates receiving the necessary twothirds vote of the conference. The renounced tomorrow. Dr. J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, and Dr. J. W. Hamilton, of New York, showed the greatest strength on the second ballot; Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammor Theological seminary, the colored candidate, showing considerable falling off in his vote. The only surprise developed was in the small vote of some of the most prominent candi-

The proceedings today were enlivby a sharp discussion which arose over charges made by Judge Oliver H. Horton, of the local entertaincommittee, that delegates had insulted ushers, overridden policemen and beaten their way into the conference, after giving away their admission tickets. He asked that action be taken in the matter, and after several delegates had expressed their opinion freely Judge Horton was instructed to use his best judgment in guarding the interests of the delegates.

Losing Publications.

Frank Arter, of the East Ohio conference, stated that the Northern Christian Advocate had fallen behind over \$15,000 during the last quadriennium and that the total expense to the book concern of losing Methodist publications for that period amounts to \$108,000. He strongly favored the suspension of all losing publications. Dr. J. R. Cray, chancellor of Syracuse university, favored the continuance of the publication of the Northern Christian Advocate by a commission under the direction of the New York agent of the book concern. Discussion of the question was general and occupied the time of the conference until 12.30 p. m. After the morning reconference listened to short farewell addresses by Dr. Thomas Allen, fraternal delegate from the Brit-Wesleyan conference, and Dr. James Robertson, fraternal delegate from the Irish Methodist conference, both of whom returned home today Bishop Goodsell responded to the speeches of the visitors, who were warmly greeted. Report No. 2, of the book committee, involving the further existence of the Northern Christian Advocate, was then taken.

Governor Shaw, of Iowa, closed the debate with an arguemnt in support of the committee report. After several amendments and substitutes had been disposed of, the conference adopted the committee report as amended, which provided for a suspension of the publication unless the commission for the various eastern conferences, which has its operation in hand, exercine bond guaranteeing the book contain from further loss. The result of the second ballot was then read. It was as follows: J. F. Berry, 312; J. W. Hamilton, 207; J. W. E. Bowen, 196; D. H. Moore, 168; W. V. Kelley, 193; H. S. Pellmyer, 73; T. B. Neeley, 42; C. J. Little, 39; J. W. Bashford, 37; A. J. Palmer, 33; F. M. Bristol, 13. Other candidates received from two to twelve votes. At the conclusion of the reading, a third ballot was taken, and the conference adjourned for the day,

The Anti-Canteen Fight.

The friends of President McKinley in the temperance committee of the conference who made a losing fight against the adoption of certain paragraphs in the report, which criticize the presi dent and censure him for his accept ance of the Griggs decision in the anticanteen law, will take the fight to the floor of the conference in the form of minority report, substituting other paragraphs for the objectionable sentiments.

Dr. J. E. Price, of the New York conference, who submitted a minority report from the sub-committee, will present the matter to the conference tomorrow. It will be signed by over a score of the members of the committee and it is said by its champions will

have strong support in the conference. The majority report of the sub-com mittee on all matters before it, including the criticism of the president, was adopted by the general committee after long fight on several paragraphs which referred to the attitude of the church on the license question. The report endorses total abstinence on the part of members and ministers of the church and fraternity with other societles and organizations in the cause of

In regard to the liquor traffic, it endorsed the sentiment of the episcopal address that "it can never be legalized without sin," and declared that licensing it legalizes it. In contrast to the condemnation of the president on the anti-canteen matter was an eulogy of Secretary Long for banishing liquo from the American naval ships and RAVY yards.

Among the recommendations made by the report is the following: Ministers and members of our churches should not become nor remain members of social clubs which keep a bar or provide intoxicating liquors for the use of their members and others. Two additional missionary bishops, with authority equal with those already in the field, will be elected by the gen-eral conference to assist Bishop Tho-burn in Southern Asia, if the recom-

mendation of the committee on episco-pacy is adopted. The report of the committee will be presented to the conference tomorrow by Dr. T. B. Neeley, At least another session will be required by the committee on the state of the church before it can agree on a report on the question of raising the ban on amusement, as prayed for again by numerous memorials. The entire session today was devoted to the matter, and it is expected that the final vote will be taken Friday. It is also expected from the tone of the debate in committee that it will favor the removal of the prohibitory ban on at least some amusements now discounte-

GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS

nanced.

New Constitution and First Eight-

een Sections of the By-Laws Are Adopted.

Harrisburg, May 16.-The feature of ittee on revision of the constitution and by-laws. After much discussion the constitution was adopted, with the ent sitting of congress and thus pracexception of the proposition for biennial sessions and division representation. The new constitution and the first eighteen sections of the by-laws, which were also adopted, are almost similar to those now governing the order. A special session of the grand lodge was held tonight for the exemplification of the unwritten work.

A resolution was adopted at today's session endorsing Robert E. Wright. of Allentown, for deputy grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge, which meets at Richmond, Va., next Stepmber, and instructing the grand master to appoint a committee of three to

take charge of his canvass. At today's session of the grand lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah the reports of the various officers were considered and degree conferred on a large number of candidates. The local lodges of the order tendered the visiting delegates a banquet this evening. lodge will probably conclude its business tomorrow.

CONVENTION WAS WISE.

According to Mr. Butler Nomination of Bryan and Towne Was Proper.

Washington, May 16 .- Senator Butler, chairman of the national committee of should act upon the resolutions and the People's party, was asked today if show him that they do not want him it was true, as has been reported, that there, as he can take the hint no other both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Towne had expressed a preference that the People's party national convention should not nominate a vice-presidential candidate. He replied:

I have been told that it is true, but it was the judgment of the convention that the best way to elect both of them was to nominate. It must be remembered that neither Mr. Bryan nor Mr. Towne is intimately acquainted with the present situation as to the Populist vote of the ountry. Mr. Bryan could not be elected by distion of the People's party. To have done so would have lost him ten Populist votes for every gold Democratic vote that he would have con back to him. In short, the convention did the thing that was necessary to be done to insure the election of Mr. Bryan.

RETURN OF THE DEWEYS.

The Admiral Very Much Pleased with His Western Trip.

Washington, May 16 .- Admiral and Mrs. Dewey returned to Washington this afternoon from their western trip. The depot was deserted when the Dewey special pulled in, during the hottest hour of the day. A carriage was waiting and the admiral and Mrs. Dewey, after making some visits in the city, drove at once to Beau Voir, their summer home.

The party brought with them many souvenirs of the trip. All the members of the party were sunburned, the admiral being almost as brown as on his return from Manila. He seemed livelier and more energetic than usual, evidently being much pleased with his trip. His only expression of opinion on the subject was that it had been 'per fectly charming" and "very enjoyable."

HON. ABRAHAM FISCHER.



This is a new portrait of the Hon. Abraham Fischer, the head of the Boer Peace commissioners who are about to appeal to our people peace in South Africa,

Wanamaker Character Meeting.

Philadelphia, May 16.—Definite action was taken today looking toward the holding of a mass meeting on Saturday night to protest against the alleged action of Director of Public Safety English in threatening the personal character of John Wanamaker if he did not use his influence to have the newspaper attacks against the city administration stopped.

The Strike Still On.

St. Louis, May 16 .- At 12.25 this morning the executive committee of the strikers rejected the agreement arrived at between the Transit com-

Booth Tucker's Baby Dead. New York, May 1d .- The infant son of Core army, died of pneumonia today.

SENATOR CLARK'S CASE STILL IN DOUBT

DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT CON-CLUSION AS TO RESULT.

Meeting of Committee on Privileges and Elections Called - Members Not Prepared to Give Any Advance News-Schemes to Bar Mr. Clark Out-Mr. Smith Is Real Angry.

Washington, May 16 .- While there is much discussion among senators of the status of Senator Clark, of Montana, there has not been sufficient crystallization of sentiment to justify a conclusion as to what the final result may be. A meeting of the committee on privileges and elections has been called for next Friday to consider what course shall be pursued in of Senator Clark's resignation with reference to the committee resolution declaring the seat vacant. The members of the committee say that they are not now prepared to predict what course the committee will rec-

The present purposa is to move the reference of the senator's credentials when they are presented to the senate to the elections committee. The indications are present that this reference will be opposed by some of Mr. Clark's today's session of the grand lodge of friends, who take the position that if Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania was the this disposition be made of the creconsideration of the report of the com- dentials it would be for the purpose of so delaying a report as to prevent Battle Over the Delaware Lines action upon the case during the prestically prevent Mr. Clark's resuming his seat at all, as a new legislature will be convened in Montana next January, a month after the opening of the next session of congress,

It is admitted that the purpose of moving the reference of the credentials will be found in the desire to investigate the question involved in the appointment. It is thought by some senators that Governor Smith will have a presentation of facts to make which it will be necessary to consider. The resignation and appointment consisted almost the exclusive topic of conversation among senators today, The situation is almost unparalleled in the senate.

Mr. Smith Is Angry.

Ogden, Utah, May 16 .- Governor Robert B. Smith, of Montana, was in Ogden today, arriving from the coast en route to Helena. Relative to the appointment of Senator Clark to the United States senate by Lieutenant Governor Spriggs, he spoke in very vigorous terms of what he termed contemptible trickery." He said:

"It is an insult to the senate to send him back to that body. It is a disgrace, shame and humiliation upon the people of Montana and the senate way."

OFFICIALS ON HAND.

Perfecting Arrangements for Repub-

lican National Convention. Philadelphia, May 16,-George N arms of the coming Republican national convention, and J. P. Swords, of New York, his first assistant, arrived here today, and will remain until the convention shall have adjourned. Mr. Wiswell will open his headquarters in the old court house in Independence square on Friday, after which he will appoint his clerical sistants, who will be required to properly handle the crowds expected at the

convention. Senator N. B. Scott, of West Virginia, one of the members of the national committee, was also in the city Senator Scott held a conference with Mayor Ashbridge and Sergeant-atparting he said that the permanent temporary chairman."

appointment of the reception committhis committee.

Strikers Arrested.

Philadelphia, May 16.—The strike at Harburger, Homan & Co.'s cigar factory was marred by con-siderable violence today, and as a result four persons were arrested and one man was so badly clubbed that he bad to be sent to a lesspital. Most of the trouble occurred at quitting ime this evening, when a number of men strik ympathizers came in contact with men employed the factory, notwithstanding the vigilance of a large force of policemen.

Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, May 16,-Charters were issued b the state department to the following corpora-tions today: The Grange General Store Compan-Operative association, Finleyville, capital \$10,000 The Ardmore Ice Manufacturing and Storage company, Ardmore, capital \$50,000; The Down ngtown Glass company, Philadelphia, capital

Stanley for Governor.

Topcka, Kansas, May 16 .- The Republican state ention today nominated a state ticket headed E. Stanley for governor and selected elegates at large to the Philadelphia conven-The delegates were instructed to support McKinley,

Missionaries Meet. Nashington, Ga., May 1d .- The annual seedie of the Weman's Foreign Mission society opened Nearly 200 delegates frem foreign

countries are present.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Pottsville, May 16.-George J. Wadlinger, one judges of the court of common pleas of schuylkill county, died at his home here today. He was born in Minersville, Schuylkill county, in 1857. In November, 1899, he was elected judge on the Democratic ticket by 2,000 majority. He took his seat on the bench Jan. 1, 1000, and served only one month when his illness incorp

acitated him from duty. He leaves a widow as Philadelphia, May 16 .- William E. R. Baker, secretary of the Duncannon Iron company, died at his home here today. Mr. Baker had been an invalid since last January when he received injuries in a fall.



CHIEF OFFICERS OF THE TRANSPORT SUMNER.

CAPTAIN E. V. LYMAN, Navigator.

The Sumner is carrying fresh rations and a large number of troops to join General MacArthur's forces on the islands.

RAILROAD WAR.

Goes Merily On.

Honesdale. May 16,-An application was made on Monday the 14th inst., before Judge Purdy in chambers for the approval of a bond offered by the Delaware and Southern Railroad com pany for the purpose of condemning parcel of land at Lackawaxen. The piece of land sought to be condemned is where the proposed Delaware and Southern railroad crosses the line of the canal, just west of the Eric fallroad bridge at Lackawaxen. Objection was made to the approval of the bond on two grounds: First, that the amount, \$1,600, was not sufficient cover the damages; and second, that the sureties on the bond were foreign surety companies and could not be ac-

cepted in this state. So far as the last objection was conerned the court held the matter under advisement and will render an opinion at a date to be fixed, the applicant agreeing to furnish bonds in the amount of \$19,000, the Eric and Wyo-ming Valley Railroad company alleging that their damages for such land, if it were taken, would amount to that much. E. N. Willard and A. T. Searle represented the Delaware and Southern Railroad company and J. H. Torrey and Homer Green, the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad company.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Decision of Justice Barnard Regarding Destruction of Property.

Washington, May 16 .- Upon the application of the executive board of the Knights of Labor Justice Barnard, of the District Supreme court, today igsued a restraining order, preventing Wiswell, of Milwaukee, sergeant-at- John W. Hayes, secretary and treasurer of that organization, from removing or disposing of, or destroying the books of the order in his office, preventing the payment of money longing to the organization to Haves from banks in which it may be posited, and placing Thomas E. Unks in joint possession of the office. The order of Justice Barnard was made force. Later on he will select 5,000 as- returnable May 23. This action of the board in securing the restraining order is reliminary to the trial of Mr. Hayes by the executive board, before which he has been summoned to appear tomorrow at 1 o'clock in the St. James hotel in this city, on charges today looking after some of the details alleging neglect of duty, preferred by connected with the convention hall. William Martin, of New York, who was a delegate to the last general assembly. The allegation in the com-Arms Wiswell. The senator returned plaint, it is understood, consists in a to Washington tonight, but before de- failure to permit the supervision of the affairs of the order by the execuchairman of the convention had not tive board, a failure to state its finanyet been decided upon, and added that cial condition and to permit an in-'you can rest assured that Senator E. spection of its books. Three of the O. Walcott, of Colorado, will be the five members of the executive board have been in session here some days Mayor Ashbridge today announced the but nothing of importance has been done until today, when the course tee for the national convention. Former above stated was determined upon Mayor Warwick will be chairman of Those members who have been in session include John M. Parsons, A. J. O'Keefe, of Birmingham, Ala., and J. A. Connor, of Pittsburg. The members of the executive board decline to say what action may be taken at tomor rows meeting, although it is said to be within their province to suspend Mr. Hayes from his office in the event that the latter fails to make a satisfactory explanation of the charges against him, the executive board being constituted the highest court within the jurisdiction of the organization.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 16,-Arrived: Katserin Maria Theresia, from Bremen; Teutonic, Liverpool, Cleared: La Gascegne, Havre. Sailed: Oceauic, St. Paul, Southampton; Antwerp. Scilly-Passed: New York for Rotterdam. Southampton-Sailed: Stale (from Bremen), New York. York, from New York. Liverpool-Sailed: Geranic, New York. Bremen-Arrived: Kaise Wilhelm Der Gresse, from New York.

Fire in Grand Army Home.

Pittsburg, May 16 .- Fire this afternoon de troyed the Grand Army home for soldiers' widows at Hawkins station on the Pennsylvania railroad near here, the forty innuates ranging in age from 50 to 15 years escaping without injucy. One old lady, Mrs. Tenic, aged 95 years, of fire unknown

Cablegram from Kruger. New York, May 16 .- Charles B. Pierce, the

onsul general of the Orange Free State, received today the following cablegram from Pretoria: "Mossrs. Wessels, Fischer and Wolmarins: May untice and rightcourness be with you. (Signed) Kruger. Evans' Will Contest.

Paris, May 16 .- The contest over the will of Dr. Evans, the well-known American dentist, who left \$4,000,000 to the city of Philadelphia on condition that a monument be erected to his mem-ory, began here today. Dr. Evans, it will be nhered, helped Empress Eugenie to escape

CUBAN AFFAIRS ARE DISCUSSED

POSTAL IRREGULARITIES WILL PROBABLY BE INVESTIGATED.

Mr. Bacon Insists That the Government of the United States Has No Authority Over Cuba-Mr. Chandler Calls Up Resolution Declaring That Mr. Clarke, of Montana, Is Not Entitled to a Seat in the Senate-Little Business in the House.

Washington, May 16 .- Discussion of the administration of Cuban affairs by agents of the United States occupied the attention of the senate during the greater part of today's session. Mr. Bacon (Ga.) spoke at length on his resolution directing the committee on relations with Cuba to make an investigation of the conduct of the financial affairs of the island. maintained that it was the duty of congress to make the investigation called for by the resolution, because it was due the people of this country to know just how affairs in the island were being conducted and since the disclosures of the past few days had been made with respect to the alleged nisappropriation of funds in the postal service, the obligation upon congress to make an investigation was doubly heavy. He urged that the honor of the country depended upon its being able to clear away the fraud and corruption which it is charged has been discovered. He insisted that the government of the United States had not authority in Cuba and domanded to know how soon it proposel to redeem its pledge and leave the government of the island to its inhabi-

Mr. Chandler, chairman of the comnittee on privileges and elections called up the resolution declaring that Mr. Clarke, of Montana, was not entitled to a seat in the senate and asked that it be postponed until Saturday next at 1 o'clock, "in order," said Mr. Chandler, "that the committee on privileges and elections may consider what action shall be taken."

The request was agreed to. A bill to pay the estate of James Young \$10,383 in full settlement of laims upon the United States for damages done by the United States troops near Middletown, Pa., during

898, was passed. The house accomplished little today beside passing the senate bill to incorporate the American National Red Cross. No progress was made with the Alaskan code bill, owing to the inability of the two sides to agree as o the time to be allowed for general The conference report on the Dis-

trict of Columbia appropriation bill was rejected after extended debate,

THE ANTIS AMBITIOUS.

They Consider the Project of Holding National Convention.

Boston, May 16.-The anti-imperialsts are considering the project of holding a national convention soon after the Kansas City gathering, when it will be known just what both the great parties intend to do, and the antiimperialists will have a clear visage over the field, with an opportunity of endorsing the men or measures which seem to them most likely to further their principles.

Secretary Erving Winslow is authority for the statement that the convention will aim simply to make some demonstration of the numerical strength of the league, and he says that the three million names mentioned as those of anti-imperialist voters in the doubtful states is considerably short of the actual number. It will advise the friends of the league as to the candidates who deserve the league's support. There will probably be a meeting of the anti-imperialist leaders in New York soon after the Republican convention at Philadelphia to talk the matter over and at that conference it will be decided whether to have a national convention of the anti-imperialists or not. If held it will probably be held in Indianapoits.

Idleness Causes Suicide

Huntingdon, Pa., May 16,-Duniel Bechtel, realthy farmer of Grafton, this county, hanged himself today to a tree overlooking his home. He had recently removed from his farm to Graf-ton, and the distasteful change from industry inactivity is thought to have led to

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, May 16,-The pension of Robert Boston, of Wilkes-Barre, has been increased to

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indication: Tofay: PARTLY CLOUDY.

General-Methodist General Conference, Rumors of the Relief of Mafeking. Doubt in the Senstor Clark Case, Day's Work of the National Lawmakers,

General-Northeastern Pentsylvania. Financial and Commercial

3 Local-Temperance Men Meet at Avoca.

4 Editorial. News and Comment

5 Local-Episcopal Convention Favors Division 5 Local-Ask to Have Licenses Revoked.

Champion Jeffries at the Academy. Local-Ladies of the American Protestant

Corporations Not Taxed Enough. 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban,

Round About the County. Base Ball News and Comment.

Live Industrial Notes DEATH IN WOOD ALCOHOL.

9 Local-Final Report of the Grand Jury,

Four Polanders Die at Altoona as the Result of Drinking the Stuff-A Fifth Is Very Ill. Altoona, Pa., May 16.-Three men and

one woman are dead, and another man may die, as a result of drinking wood alcohol, in South Fork, Sunday night.

The dead are: Lawrence Smith, forty-two, married, and the father of four children

Peter Brock, aged thirty, Smith's sonin-law, and the father of one child.

Joseph Polosnski, aged nineteen years

and unmarried.

Mrs. Polosnski, mother of Joseph,

aged about fifty. The man likely to die is Joseph Smith aged about twenty years. Smith and Polosnski died about 10,30 yesterday forenoon and they were followed into the other world at 11 o'clock last night by Mrs. Polosnski, and at 5 o'clock this morning Brock was ushered into eternity. Joe Smith is the only one who could tell anything about the affair. He says the four men had been drinking Sunday and one of the men had wished for some alcohol. They procured some at a drug store and put water in it and drank it. They had more than one round of alcohol, but he said it did not make them sick. Joe Polosnski pulled out a dollar and gave it to Lawrence Smith to get more with.

had to be led. While the coroner was investigating the case yesterday in Brock's house, adjoining that of Smith, Brook was lying on the floor and vomiting while talking. He was shown some wood atcohol and said it was the same kind of stuff they drank. He was in a serious condition. While the coroner was at Polosnski's home, Mrs. Polosnski was asleep and snoring loudly, but no one knew she had taken any of the stuff. If young Smith's testimony is correct, she had probably helped herself to some of the contents of the pint bottle he said was in Joe's pocket when he was

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alcohol and all drank. He said Joe

Polosnski wanted to go home, and he

taken home. The body of Lawrence Smith was opened by a South Fork physician and a strong smell of wood alcohol was detected. The stomach and bowels were in a very much inflamed and congested by guilty with Neely, who is under arcondition. The dead people are all rest in New York. Poles, and were said to belong to the Greek Catholic church. The bodies will great surprise in the ctty. It is looked be buried by friends. The men were all miners.

Pennsylvania Reports.

Philadelphia, May 16.-The Pennsylvania raft d reports the quantity of coal and coke orignating on its lines east of Pittsburg and Eric for the week ending May 12, 1900, and the year 1200 that date, in comparison with the previous year, as follows: 1900, week ending May 12, anthracite, 78,486 tons; bituminous, 403,845; coke, 149,883; total, 624,214. 1900, year to May anthracite, 1,456,403; bituminous, 7,204,125;
coke, 3,827,703; total, 11,988,561. 1896, year
May 13, anthracite, 1,371,616 rens; bituminous, 5,833,558; coke, 2,700,000; tetal, \$9,905,873.

Board of Pardons

Harrisburg, May 16.-A meeting of the board of pardons was held today in the supreme court chamber, at which arguments were heard in the cases of Frank J. Krause, of Allentown, and Isaac Birriolo, of Blossburg, under sentence of leath for murder, and Curtin McClain, serving a ife sentence in the western penitentiary for the alleged killing of William Smearman, of Hunt-ingdon, at the Newton Hamilton camp meeting

sixteen years ago. W. C. Pease Resigns.

Indianapolis, May 16 .- W. C. Pearse, secretary and treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, has resigned, and W. B. Wilson, of l'ennsylvania, has been appointed his successor. Pearse is not in the city. His books were

RUMORS THAT MAFEKING HAS **BEEN RELIEVED**

Report Also Received of a Battle at Kraai Pan.

THE BOERS HAVE NEWS

Indication That Some Big Item Is Being Held Back by the Government at Pretoria-Lord Roberts at Kroonstad-French's Cavalry Has One Lively Fight-General Buller Moving Toward New Castle.

London, May 17, 3.50 a. m .- The British relief column fought the Boers at Kraai Pan, thirty-two miles south of Mafeking, on Tuesday, according to a telegram received Wednesday night at Lorenzo Marques from Molopo, one hundred miles north of Mafeking. This intelligence is accepted here with some reserve, because it is difficult to un-derstand how the news could have been so quickly put on the wire from a place one hundred and thirty-two miles from the scene of the engage-

A correspondent of the Morning Post, presumably John Stuart, is reported captured by the Boers at Krani Pan. The British public is keenly expectaant of the announcement that Mafeking has been relieved. In army circles the opinion seems to prevail that this has already been accomplished, al-though two hours after midnight fhe war office asserted that news of the relief had not been received. The steadfast courage of the hunger-bitten garrison has produced a deep impression, and the news of the succor is awaited with more anxiety than has been felt regarding any other event of

Douglas Story, the Daily Mail's cor-respondent at Pretoria, wires: "The Boer government is holding back some big news. Fevrish activity prevails here. President Kruger is working day and night. The latest Boer official bulletin is that the relief column has been defeated with great

Roberts at Kroonstad.

Lord Roberts continues passive at Kroonstad. His cavalry are stretch. miles in length, with overlapping flanks. The railway will probably be completed today. The ensor permits the passage of long dispatches dealing with incidents prior

to the occupation. It seems that General French's cavalry had one lively fight after crossing the Zand river. A mixed soundron, emposed of the Scots Greys, the Inniskillings, Carbineers and Australian horse, took a kopie and dismounted. The Boers suddenly fired from a concealed position, killing many horses and stampeding the rest. The Boers then advanced in overwhelming numbers and drove the squadron, capturing some. The Boers robbed the dead and looted the saddles. Finally a brigade of cavalry drove them off. Farther north the Hussars charged the Boers, killing and wounding many

stragglers with sabres and pistols. Lord Roberts' infantry marched 120 miles in seven days. General French marched 39 miles in one day. The Boers when retiring dragged 32 guns through Kroonstad,

General Buller is moving toward New Castle. He appears to be using 25,000 men against 5,000 or 6,000. His operations will almost certainly result in his forcing his way into the Transvant, possibly in time to co-operate with Lord Roberts' advance, although General Buller is now 252 miles from

Johannesburg, or 25 days' march, INVESTIGATION BEGINS.

Warrants Are Out for Arrest of Hav-

ana Postal Officials. Havana, May 16.-Warrants were issued this evening for the arrest of E. P. Thompson, the Havana postmaster; W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of the island, and Edward Moya and Jorge Mascaro, Cuban cierks in stamp department, and all were lodged in the Vivac, the tombs of Havana. This was done under the advice of the postal inspectors who arrived today. It it considered now that Reeves is equal-

The arrest of Mr. Thompson caused upon as the precursor of many other

arrests. Typographical Union Election.

Philadelphia, May 16.—Typegraphical union, No. 2, of this city, fought held its annual ection and elected Theodere Yarnall, president, and Ernst Kreft, vice president. The voting of the Philiadelphia union for president and president of the International Typographical union, resulted as follows: For president, James M. Lynch, Syracuse, N. Y., 353; Samuel B. Donnelly, New York, 257. For vice president, C. E. Hawkes, Chicago, 270, John W. Hays, C. E. Hawkes, Chicago, 270, John W. Hays, Minneapolis, 179; Samuel L. Leffingwell, Indianapolis, 125.

Bill for Railroad Control.

Washington, May 16.—The interstate commerce mmittee of the senate today heard arguments Senator Pettigrew's bill for government ownership of the railroads, by Judge Lewis, of Cumberland, Md., and Mr. Lusk, who was for several years connected with the control of tibe railroad of Australia and New Zealand. Botawere favorable to governmental control.

++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 16.- Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsyl-vania-Partly cloudy Thursday: probably showers. Friday, variable wind
