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BREATHLESS INTEREST IN MAFEKING

The Fate of the Besieged City Is Still in Doubt.

GREAT ANXIETY IN LONDON

Hundreds Linger About the War Office After Midnight Hoping to Learn Something Definite Regarding the City-News from Boer Sources Leads to the Supposition That Kruger's Men Fell Into a Annexation-Buller Continues to Advance.

London, May 18 (3.30 a. m.) .- England still waits with intense and almost breathless interest for news of the relief of Mafeking. A crowd re- river and harbor bill carrying \$400,000 markable for the number of men in for surveys and emergency work, and evening dress, and including many devoted the remainder of the day to ladies, lingered around the war office the Alaskan code out. Very little the three hours' debate was pertinent even after midnight, hoping for some announcement. Only reluctantly did closed, and four pages of the 617 pages. the people disperse when the lobbies of the bill were disposed of before adof the war office were finally cleared Journment. with the word that nothing had been received. One thing seems clear. The NO SEAT FOR MR. CLARK, dinner without the buffet is a departtown still holds out. Were it otherwise the Boer wires laid to the camps of the beleaguers would have flashed The United States Senators Are De-

Skeleton messages from Lourenzo Marques based upon information that leaked out at the Pretoria war office show that the Boer stormers Saturday fell into a trap. Colonel Baden-Powell permitted them to seize one fort and he then surrounded and overbore them before the large forces near at hand perceived the stratagem. It was thus that Sarel Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, and part of his commando were taken and fifty Boers

The Canadian artillery contingent of the Rhodesian ferge is now reported distance from Bulawayo to Mafeking all the way to Pitsant, 28 miles from Mafeking, where Colonel Plumer is,

General French, scouting northward, found the Boers in strong force at Rhenoster Spruit, 39 miles from Kroonstad. Generals Botha, Delarey and Olivier, with artillery, were holding

President Steyn, according to one dispatch, has gone to Pretoria. Another says he is a fugitive at Lindley. The Free Staters are surrendering on all sides. A dispatch from Cape Town says that proclamations are being printed there to be printed on the queen's birthday, May 24, annexing the

Free Staters Will Accept Annexation.

One of President Steyn's brothers who is a prisoner of General Brabant, says that the Free Staters will accept annexation. Those who took up arms the second time, he explains, had to do so under threats of instant death if they refused. Five hundred rifles have been sur-

rendered at Kroonstad in excess of the number of Boers who have taken the oath of allegiance. Lord Roberts has directed the British commanders to receive all comers in good spirit and to issue to them passes to go to their

General Buller is pushing straight ahead without opposition. He has only lost five wounded during the movement. Apparently he is aiming at Laings Nek, which is the direct road to the Transvaal, although he may diverge to Botha's Pans.

General Hunter's movements in the western Transvaal are rather puzzling. He has returned to Fourteen Streams with one brigade, leaving another, General Barton's, at Christiana. Lord Methuen is said to be advancing along the south bank of the Vasl. Colonel Kekewica is with him. The loop railway line across the Vaul is fast nearing completion. The probability is that General Hunter took back a brigade to Fourteen Streams owing to the scarcity of transports. General Rundle has captured 10,000 bags of corn. He is marching through a district which is described as "literally teeming with cattle, sheep and

Michael Davitt, according to a dispatch from Lourenzo Marques, is said to have advised the Roers while he was in Pretoria that if they could hold out until the presidential election in the United States, they might feel "pretty sure of intervention."

WAR IN COLOMBIA

Battle in the Vetas Continues Seventy Hours-Many Are Killed.

Colon, Columbia, May 17.-News has been received here of a victory by the government troops over the insurgents in a battle in the Vetas (7) district, which began May 11, and lasted seventy hours. Generals Leal and Herrera were among the killed, who are said to have been very numerous, and the slaughter being described as "horrible butchery'

Twelve hundred insurgents were taken prisoners and the government troops captured a large quantity of guns and rifles.

Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, May 17.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following cor-porations: Collegeville Land and improvement Co., Collegeville, capital \$10,000; The Morris Manufacturing Co., Morris township, Tioga coun-

VIGOROUS ATTACK ON TUBE SCHEME

Mr. Wolcott Declares the \$750,000 Pneumatic Tube Appropriation an Unnecessary Waste of Public Money-House Passes River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, May 17.-During nearly the entire session of the senate the postoffice appropriation bill was under consideration. The measure was read and all of the committee amendments were agreed to except that relating to extension of the pneumatic tube service. This created some debate, and was being discussed when the measur, was laid aside for the day. Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, vigorously attacked the committee proposition to appropriate \$750,000 for the pneumatic tube service, declaring the extension of the service was unnecessary, and the appropriation a waste of public

Mr. Mason (Ills.) quite as vigorously supported the proposition. An amendment of Mr. Butler (N. C.) to reduce by ten per cent, the amount

to be paid the railroads for the trans-Trap-Free Staters Will Accept Portation of mail was rejected, 11 to 41. On motion of Mr. Jones (Ark.) a resolution was adopted calling upon the secretary of war to inform the senate how many Filipinos have been killed and wounded since the beginning of hostilities, and also how many have been captured and are now in our possession.

The house today passed a special to the measure. General debate was

termined to Exclude Him-His Schemes Fruitless-Majority of His Admission.

Washington, May 17 .- W. A. Clark, of Montana, will not be permitted to occupy a seat in the United States senate under the credentials of the lieutenant governor of the state, which probably on Monday, but how he will e prevented has not yet been decided. Possibly objection will be made to rete have reached Bulawayo May 2. The in the case of Revels, of Mississippi, is 190 miles. As the railway is open man elected to the United States senate, and when his credentials were the Canadians may yet take part in receipt. The senate was compelled to Samuel McCall, of Massachusetts; Setials should be received or not. In the case of Revels the vote was in the affirmative, for there were less than a dozen southern Democrats in the senate at that time. In the case of Clark, unless there is a great change in sentiment, the vote will be in the

With very few exceptions Republican senators are prepared to refuse Clark his, seat, if necessary, on the simple proposition that he 's unfit to have a place in the senate after Tuesday's performance. A sufficient numper of Democrats will act with the Republicans to make up for any defections on the latter side.

A few senators-some say they number a third of the body-are inclined to side with Clark in the controversy, and, in spite of the affront which the senate has received, chuckle to themselves as they discuss the sharp trick played on it. Some of those, but act many, are Republicans; the majority are on the Democratic side.

The fact that Clark's object is to re tain his place in the senate without allowing the senate to act on the charges of bribery, of which he has been convicted by the unanimous report of the committee on privileges and elections, does not affect them. Nor are they impressed with the suggestion that the retention of a seat in the senate by a proved corruptionist may tend to lessen the respect for that among the people. Whether they will have the hardihood to come from cover and openly defend Montana practices when the case is under debate re-

mains to be seen. Several senators, among them Hoar, Aldrich, Hale, Fairbanks, Spooner and Lodge, are ready to say plainly and bluntly on the floor of the senate just why there is objection to Clark's admission. They will discuss freely the charges of bribery which were slurred over in the statement made in the senate by Clark, and they will denounce unsparingly the trick by which Clark has undertaken to hold on to his seat.

Senators Chandler and Hoar are determined to push the case to the limit, and they will be supported by at least three Democratic members of the committee. The feeling is strong for foreing to a vote the resolution which de clares that Clark was not elected legally, and several senators are ready to stay here all summer if necessary order to put that resolution through, In any event the committee is prepared to hold Clark's credentials, which will be referred to the committee by a vote of the senate if the senate decides to receive the credentials at all. If the credentials are referred do the committee they win stay there until the next session of congress.

The St. Louis Strike.

St. Louis, May 17.-The culturation of the donged struggle between the St. Louis Transcopany and its employes is not yet in sight dwithstanding the conference held during the notwithstanding the conference held during the past week. Today, like preceding cues, was de voted to conferences, but up to a late hour to night no solution tending to end the fight had been reached.

Consul at Guatemala.

Washington, May 17.—The senate today con rmed the nomination of J. C. McNally, o ennsylvania, to be consul general at Guatemali

eighty yard laborers on the Lehigh Valley

The Buffalo Strike. Buffalo, May 17.-The only development

MR. CONNELL DINES

ENJOYABLE BANQUET GIVEN AT THE SHOREHAM.

Pennsylvania Members of Congress at Dinner with Lackawanna's Representative - Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith the Guest of Honor-Senator Penrose Acts as Toastmaster - Ex-Speaker Reed and Other Distinguished Ameri-

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, D. C., May 17 .- Representative Connell dined the Pennsyl vania members of congress at the Shoreham tonight. The dinner was

The menu comprehended everything except wine. No intoxicants were served, and the feast was confined to members of congress and other distinguished men in public life, who were invited to meet the Pennsylvanians in congress. The guest of honor was Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith. Senator Penrose was toastmaster, and on his left was ex-Speaker Reed, who came from New York to attend the dinner. Speaker Henderson, on account of

the illness of his daughter, was not present. Governor Stone was fishing in West Virginia and wired his regrets. It was an elegant affair throughout The speeches were impromptu and brilliant, despite the uncommon omission of the wine list. A Washington ure in Washington hospitality, and it s a good thing that some men in public life have had the courage to set the pace in that direction. Philadelphia sent the magnificent American beauty Members Are Prepared to Fight roses that made the Shoreham banquet room suggestive of a very paradise of

flowers and fragrance.

The Guests. Among the one hundred guests present were: Senator Penrose, Postmas are to be brought into the senate ter General Charles Emory Smith; Thomas B. Reed, of New York; Joseph W. Babcock, of Wisconsin; Edwin ceiving the credentials, as was done C. Burleigh, of Maine; Joseph G. Cannon, of Hilnois; Edgar D. Crumpacker, in 1871. Revels was the first colored of Indiana; David A. DeArmond, of Missouri; Jonathan P. Dolliver, of presented objection was made to their Iowa; Charles E. Littlefield, of Maine; eno E. Paine, of New York; George W. Ray, of New York; James D. Richardson, of Tennessee; Henry C. Smith New York; John S. Williams, of Mississippi; W. J. Bailey, of Texas, and the following Pennsylvanians: Ernest F. Acheson, Laird H. Barber, Mariott Brosius, John Dalzell, Stanley W. Davenport, H. D. Green, Galusha A. Grow, James K. P. Hall, Sumers M. Jack, William McAleer, Thaddeus M. Mahon, Marlin E. Olmsted, Horace B. Packer, Rufus K. Polk, James W. Ryan, Jo-Charles F. Wright, James R. Young. Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay W. R. Andrews, Colonel S. R. Stratton,

Theodore E. Connell and Alfred Connell, sons of Representative Connell, and Mr. John R. Williams, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were among the guests.

WILL FILE INDEMNITY BOND

Directors of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Road Expect to Build

New York, May 17.-It is reported that the directors of the Debtware Valey and Kingston Railroad company, the projected independent anthracite coal road, have decided to file an in demnity bond and proceed with the work of building the road this season. In the appeal taken by the Ontario and Western and the Erie roads a stay of proceedings was obtained pending the decision of the appellate court. In the absence of President Thorne

from the city today the report could not be verified. It is, however, in a ordance with his repeated announced determination.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

First Day's Exercises at St. Louis Close with Communion.

St. Louis, May 17 .- At the afternoon session of the Presbyterian general assembly Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D. D., of Philadelphia, was elected moderator, to succeed Rev. Robert F. Sample, two ballots were necessary. The other candidates were Rev. Daniel W. Fisher, of Indiana, and Rev. Dr. William (McKibbin, of Cincinnati.

The first day's exercises closed with communion service tonight at 3

Montana Republicans.

Butte, Mont., May 17 .- The Republican state convention teday chose delegates to the Phila-delphia national convertion, headed by United States Senator Carter as chairman of the deleplatform commends the adminis tration of McKinley, calls for the re-election of Senator Carter, denounces trusts and denounces the eleven Republican members of the legislature who voted for Clark for United States sen-

Americans Buy Iron.

Berlin, May 17.-The Cologne Volks Zeitung amounces the sale of 500 tons of specular cast iron at 119 marks per ton by the Siegen specu-lar Iron association to American buyers. This

BOERS IN NEW YORK.

PENNSYLVANIANS The Delegates Are Formally Welcomed by Mayor Van Wyck. Crowds of People Cheer the Visi-

New York, May 17 .- The principal vent in connection with the visit to this city of the Boer delegates, Messrs. Wessels, Welmarans and Fischer oc cured this afternoon, when they were eceived at the city half by Mayor Van Wyck and in accordance with the resolution passed by the municipal asembly formally welcomed to the city. Accempanied by the reception com-mittee and a delegation from the South African club the delegates drove from the Manhattan notel to the city hall, where the municipal assembly and the mayor were awaiting them. Great crowds of people gathered about the city hall to great the visi-

tors. The crewds pressed around the carriages and cheered and the delegates raised their hats in acknowledge Mayor Van Wyek was at his dosk when the delegation entered his office. William Van Renssealer, chairman of the reception committee, introduced each of the delegates in turn to the mayor, who said: I am delighted to welcome you to the city of

New York, and to assure you that in America you will receive a cordial welcome from the liberty-laving people of this country. I desire to inform you that the representatives of the city of New York have asked me to extend you a welcome and I welcome you on behalf of the people of the city. Never since I have been in e mayor's office has a more pleasant duty beer scharged by me than this one to welcome your behalf of a free people. I want to assure you that wherever you go you will find a welcome from the people and we hope that when your mission is ended and you are returning to your own country, you will again call on us so that

Delegate Fischer, in his response sald in part:

We believe that no people can understand what it is to struggle for freedom except a people which has gained its freedom by such a truggle. We cannot think that the mission t peace for our country -peace with honor-be unsuccessful. We have been told that per cent, of the people of America sympathize with us. We want to convert the other 10 per ent, by simply telling the truth. We hope that a free people will not have appealed to a free people in vain."

Alderman Kennedy then read an address prepared on behalf of the mu-nicipal assembly welcoming the dele-

THE GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS

Will Hold Next Meeting at Gettysburg-Daughters of Rebekah Elect

Harrisburg, May 17.-Gettysburg was he two cities was spirited, the vote committee on the revised constitution the subordinate lodges, which makes no radical changes in the existing constitution, was adopted after much debate. A special session was held this evening for the consideration of the report of the finance committee and other routine business. The new officers will be installed and the grand master's appointments for the ensuing year will be announced at the closing ession of the Grand lodge.

The Paughters of Rebekah adjourn ed today to meet next year at Gettys burg. These officers were elected: seph C. Sibley, Joseph E. Thropp, President, Jane H. Roberts, Steelton; ice-president, Anna B. Cogswell, Philadelphia: secretary, Mary N. Josivn. Philadelphia; treasurer, Jane M. Evans, Major O. L. Pruden, Colonel Lyon, Mahanoy City; warden, Louisa B. Oakley, Allegheny. These appointments were announced: Marshal, Rebecca Weston, Philadelphia; conductor, Annie Monroe, Harrisburg; chaplain, Arnie Ifland, Tamaqua; inside guardian, Flora E. Lyman, Meadville: outside guardian, Catharine Gerlock, Gettysburg. Committee on correspondence, Annie Morrow, Allegheny; Annie B. Reddin, Lindsey: Ada R. Vonstork, Green Ridge, Scranton: Anna Lody, Lyonsville: Maggie B. Walker, Rye City. Homes, Laura McGuirl, West Leesport: Annie W. Ewing, Newon, Hamilton: Ella Edward, Renovo; Alberta Thompson, Wrightsville, Fi-Benner and Emma Weir, all of Philadelphia, Printing, Mary N. Joslyn, Louisa Winters and Sophia Silker, all f Philadelphia, Credentials, Mary N. Joslyn, Philadelphia: Eliza Sharp, Lebanon, and Kate Dennison, Mahanoy City. Representatives to the homes, Philadelphia, Mary N. Joslyn: Meadville, Abbie Lynch, Rebekah home at Tioga, near Philadelphia, Annie B. Cogswell, of Philadelphia.

WANAMAKER VINDICATION.

Will Be Postponed for a Few Days

in Order to Secure Crowd. Philadelphia, May 17 .- The proposed neeting to protest against the alleged ection of Director of Public Safety English in threatening John Wanamaker's personal character if he did not have the newspapers attacks against the city administration stopped, has been postponed from Saturday night until next Wednesday evening.

Chairman Neilson, of the committee which has the matter in charge, stated tonight that the time between now and Saturday was too short to arrange for the mass meeting and that a larger and more representative gathering could be gotten by putting the meeting off until Wednesday.

Will Drive to Yellowstone.

900, of Chicago, left this morning in his covered vagon on his driving tour to Yellowstone park, Vyoming. A number of his classmates gathered round his wagon just as he was starting and bade him farewell. He expects to go to Pitts-burg via Philadelphia and Harrishurg. He started with one horse to the vehicle and will add another before arriving at Philadelphia

Fire in Furniture House,

Newburgh, N. Y., May 17 .- Fire today destroy ed the six-story building on Water street, occu-pied by Peck & Van Dalfre, furniture dealers, and adjoining buildings. Willis Megfun, a mem-ler of the volunteer fire department was killed by a falling wall. Financial loss, \$75,000.

COLONEL W. T. DURBIN.



Col. W. T. Durbin, of Anderson, is the head of the Republican state ticket in Indiana,

and the party leaders expect to land him a winner in November

NO COLORED BISHOP WILL BE ELECTID

RESULTS INDICATED BY BAL-LOTING AT CHICAGO.

The Conference Votes to Abolish the Dual and Triple Secretaryship of the Various Benevolent Societies, a Question Which Has Been in Dispute for Years-Education Under Direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church Will Be Extended to Porto Rico as Soon as Finances Will Admit.

Chicago, May 13.-The quadriennial onference of the Methodist Episco, in church took three more ballots today in an endeavor to select two additional members of the boards of general superintendents, but without result. The balloting, however, showed many changes and the opinion prevailed that at least one of the distinguished Methodists who polled a small vote in the early balloting will be selected for the highest office within the gift of the selected as the next meeting place of church. J. W. E. Bowen, the co'creat the Grand lodge of Odd Fellows at candidate, lost much of his strength today's session of that body. Erie was on today's balloting and it is generpetitor and the rivalry between ally conceded that no colored bishop will be elected at this general conferbeing 550 and 375. The report of the ence. Dr. Berry, too, who has been leading in the balloting, lost many of his supporters today, especially on the fifth ballot, and his friends are now apprehensive of the final result.

With only ten days before the end of the conference, the delegates today settled down to hard work and considerable important business was disposed of. Almost unanimously the conference voted to abolish dual and triple secretaryship of the various church benevolent societies, a question which has been in dispute for years.

The Ballots.

The fifth hallot was as follows: J F. Berry, 287; J. W. Hamilton, 248; H. Spellmeyer, 249; D. H. Moore, 230; W V. Kelley, 193; J. W. E. Bowen, 68; T. B. Neely, 19; C. J. Little, 11. Others from one to ten each. Total number of votes cast, 680; necessary to a choice, 454.

Amid much confusion Bishop McCabe ruled that a motion to take another ballot had prevailed. As soon as the ballots had been collected the conven-

tion adjourned for the day. Whether the Methodist Episcopal board of bishops shall have the final of overalls. decision in the appointment of the members of the faculty in theological schools is a question which received various answers at the meeting of the committee on education today matter was brought before the committee by the report of the sub-com mittee of eight, of which President Raymond was chairman. This report proposed that professors should elected by the faculty of the schools by vote of the bishops and re-elected by similar vote. It provided that in the event the board of bishops refused to re-elect and preferred charges that the teachings were not in conformity with the doctrines of the church had the right to appeal to and trial by his annual conference, and the decision of the annual conference shall be final. After a discussion in which there was opposition to allowing the board of bishops to in any way pass upon the doctrinal fidelity of any minister of the church, the report was recommitted.

The committee on Sunday school union and Tract society decided today to request the general conference to establish a book and periodical editorship to be filled by an official selected by the book committee, who shall be paid from the funds of the book concern.

Educational Enterprise Education under the direction of the

Methodist Episcopal church and particularly under the auspices of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society, will be extended to Porto Rico as soon as the finances of the society will admit. A resolution providing for the extension of educational work in this direction was adopted by the committee on missions today in answer to a memorial asking that the society set aside \$50,000 a year for the prosecution of educational work in missions. Porto Rico. The committee did not set aside any particular sum for the work.

Suicide of Leather Merchant.

Harrisburg, May 17,-Wesley Groff, a leather ed suicide this evening at his place of business found by his wife, who came to look for her husband. Groff's business is in good condition and despondency from a recent illness is stated as

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

PARTLY CLOUDY. General-Anxiety of Fate of Mafeking. Five Men Burned in Richmond No. 3 Mine

Representative Connell Dines Pennsylvanians, Conference Will Not Elect Colored Bishop, Senators Determined to Exclude Mr. Clark. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania

Financial and Commercial Local-New Railway Ordinance Is Being Rushed Through Select Council.

Editorial. News and Comment.

General-The Dying Century Passed in Re-Queer Customs of the Cuban Capital.

6 Local-Court Proceedings Lutz Guilty in First Degree.

7 Local-Mayor Removes Three Patrolmen. Officers Chosen by the T. A. B. Convention.

8 Local-West Scranten and Suburban. Round About the County. Base Ball News and Comment.

10 Local-Live Industrial News.

MILLER IS A FUGITIVE.

Slipped Away from Work Gang on West Mountain and Has Not Since Been Seen.

Charles Miller, one of the gang of laborers at work on the West mountain, yesterday deserted his companions while they were eating their noon day meal and made good his es cape. The men were engaged in road making during the day and were in charge of Deputy Sheriffs H. F. Forber and Henry Loftus. While dinner was being served Miller quietly slipped

away and has not since been seen The county jail was at once notified and Deputy Sheriffs William Phillips pital. and Jacob Von Weisman started in pursuit of the fugitive. Up to a late hour last night he had not been appre-

hended. Miller lives at 903 Irving avenue, South Scranton, and is a teamster by occupation. He was committed to the county jail by Alderman Donovan Wednesday night for thirty days for being drunk and disorderly, Yesterday morning he joined the work squad and after toiling half a day took

Miller is 17 years of age, weighs 131 bounds and is 5 feet 74 inches in height. He has brown hair, blue eyes, a florid complexion and wears a 45 shoe. He wore a red shirt and a pair

OLEOMARGARINE WAR.

Representatives of the Tallow Butter

Concerns Before the House. Washington, May 17.-Representa tives of the large oleomargarine and butter concerns of Chicago, Kansus City and other points were before the house committee on agriculture today in general defence of their industry and in opposition to the proposed ad-

ditional restrictions.

Manager Levering, of the firm of wift & Company, detailed the extent of the business and the widespread use of oleomargarine among laboring peo He said the effect of the proposed legislation would be to drive honest dealers out of business and give fur ther incentive to dishonest dealers. Professor Wiley, chemist of the agricultural department, was heard further in general support of the proposed restrictions.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 17.—Arrived: European, Lon lon. Sailed: La Gasergne, Hayre; Columbia Hambury via Plymouth and Cherbourg, Cher beurg—Arrived: Kaiser Friedrich, New York via Plymouth for Hanburg. Queenstown—Sailed: Germanic (from Liverpoot), New York, Rom-burg—Sailed: Belgravia, New York, Boulogne - Arrived: Spaarmlam, New York for Roiterlam (and proceeded). Rotterdam-Sailed: Fots dam, New York. Xaples—Arrived: Aller, New York for Genea: St. Michaels—Passed: Kaiser Withelm III, Genoa, etc., for New York.

Appointment of Archdeacons. Philadelphia, May 17.—The delegates to the no bundred and sixteenth annual convention of he Protestant Episconal church diocese of Peni Ivania decided today, by a vote of 192 to 6 against making the appointment of an arch-leacon mandatory upon the bishop. This action settles the question of the proposed substitute for the present canon viti, relating to diocesan

Trade of First Baseman.

Chicago, May 17.—President Hart, of the Chi-cago National league team, today traded First Baseman Everett, Pitcher Phyle and Outfielder Dungan for First Baseman Ganzel, of Kansas

Vashington, May 17 .- The following fourth class Pennsylvania postmastera were appointed today: Gearhartsville, Clearfield county, M. A. Butcher; Oriole, Lycoming county, H. E. Yorks.

FIVE MEN ARE BURNED

Explosion of Gas in Richmond No. 3 Minc.

CAUSED BY A SAFETY LAMP

Two Explosions Took Place-The First Set Fire to the Mine, and the Second Occurred While the Work of Fighting the Fire Was in Progress, Burning Five Men More or Less Seriously-Last Night Preparations Were Being Made to Put the Fire Out Before It Succeeds in Gaining Much of a Foothold in the Underground Workings.

Paradoxical as it may sound, a "safety" lamp yesterday caused a succession of accidents at Richmond No. 3 colliery, which sent five men under the doctor's care.

They are Inside Foreman James H. Brace, of North Garfield avenue: Edward Bench, William Patch and Frank Karalaris, of Boulevard avenue, and another Polander, of the same place, whose name was not known at the

The mine is an extremely gaseous one, and early yesterday morning when a safety lamp fell, broke its covering and exposed its flames, an explosion occurred which slightly injured the unknown Polander and set fire to the

A large quantity of dynamite was exploded in the center of the-burning area to "shoot out" the fire and it was supposed it was extinguished, but during the afternoon the flames broke forth again and while preparations were being made to fight it, a cave-in occurred just on the outer edge of the

Gas Ignited.

Gas accumulated in the cavity in the roof made by the fall, and while the four men were standing on the debris, playing a hose on the fire, a burst of flame from the burning coal ignited

The explosion which followed hurled the men about violently and severely burned them on almost every exposed portion of their bodies. Foreman Brace was burned about the back of the neck, and is the most seriously injured. He and Karalaris were taken to their respective homes, while Bench and Patch chose to go to the Lackawanna hos-

The fire was still raging last night, and the difficulties besetting the fightextremely problematic as to how long

it would take to subdue it. General Manager W. H. Storrs, of the Scranton Coal company, who has had a wide experience in this character of work, is personally directing the firefighting. W. L. Allen, general superintendent of mines; Outside Foreman F. M. Norton, of the Richmond, No. 3; Inside Foreman Sim Horton, of the West Ridge, and a number of firebosses from various collieries of the

Scranton Coal company assisted.

Removing Debris. Last night was devoted to removing the debris, preparatory to attacking the flames with water. It was necessary to play a hose on the fallen rock and coal to make it possible for the men to handle it, so intense was the heat radiating from the conflagration. The burning area is in the face of a heading in the Dunmore No. 3 vein, five hundred and fifty feet below the surface and about six hundred feet from the foot of the shaft in a south-

The mine is situated in the First ward of the city, on what was formerly an island formed by the river and the old Capouse mill race. It is one of the Elk Hill Coal company's mines, which recently passed into the control of the Scranton Coal company.

It was the scene of a fire about two years ago.

Hayes Asks an Injunction.

Washington, May 17,-John W. Hayes, general secretary-treasurer of the Knights of Labor, this alternoon filed a bill in equity asking that a temporary injunction be granted against the executive board of the order which had ordered him to appear before it toway to answer certain-charges filed against him. A temporary restrain-ing order was issued. Mr. Hayes' main conentions were that he should have previously been tried on these charges; also that the present board has failed to qualify.

Lightning Killed Boy.

understorm last night a bolt of lightning enered the house of Jacob Decker, at New Han-over, near here, and instantly killed Decker's 1-year-old son, Balph. Two other sons were

....... WEATHER FORECAST.

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Eastern Pennsylvania day and Saturday: -Partly cloudy Friday; shoners cooler in the alternoon or evening, urday, showers; variable winds.