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PRETORIA WILL NOT **SURRENDER**

Boers Announce that They Will Fight to a Finish.

NON-COMBATANTS LEAVE.

Both Johannesburg and Pretoria Are Being Cleared of Women and Children-A Minority of Boer Leaders Advocate Surrender but Presidents Kruger, Steyn and Others Insist Upon Fighting-General Roberts Again Moves.

London, May 23 (3.30 a. m.).-The Transvaal government has informed the correspondents at Pretoria that it has not considered and does not intend to consider unconditional surrender, but will fight to a finish.

The foreign consuls have been informed that Johannesburg will be defended and the government announces that it will not hold itself responsible for injury to person or property resulting from the defense measures. Pretoria dispatches affirm that President Kruger, President Steyn and all the most prominent leaders of both republics, after a prolonged interchange of views, are determined to continue

leaders advocate surrender without Mrs. Reitz, wife of the Transvaal state secretary, and her family, with | said: the families of other officials, have gone to Lorenzo Marquez. Johannespreparing with the utmost haste. The Boer spirit has been rising from a low ebb and is now ready for the stead-fast resistance. Nevertheless, accord-visiting the scene of the Third cores' ing to the Daily Chronicle, long measages in Dutch have been received by the British government, by way of Amsterdam, in which President Krucount, President Kruger surrenders

unconditionally; according to another he asks for terms. There seems to be good reasons for believing that he is earnestly endeavoring to secure terms, but cable inquiries fail to confirm the assertion that correspondence has recently passed between Great Britain and the

Roberts Again Moving.

Lord Roberts is again moving. The British infantry left Kroonstad Monday and headquarters was expected to leave yesterday. The railway has been restored, and the first train is due to arrive today.

The Beers are busy blasting for gun emplacements along the Rhonoster river. General DeWet commands, as General Botha is ill.

The advance of Lord Roberts will probably be swift. It is the expectation of well-informed observers here that the Vaal river, eighty-five miles beyond Kroonstad, will be finished by the end of the week.

Sir Redvers Buller, in a general order to his troops, congratulating them on the result of their ten-day operations, says they were only checked at Laings Nek by a fresh commando sent from the Transvaal. General Clery, with a cavalry brigade, engaged the rear guard of the Boers at Laings Nek, Sunday, captured a number of wagons and took some prisoners. His artillery shelled the Nek. The Boers in their retreat laid waste the territory, blew up bridges and burned several houses, as many as six in New Castle. The machinery of the Navigation collieries was ruined.

Nothing new concerning the relief of Mafeking has come through. All the accounts of the engagement on May 16 extol the brayery of the Canadians Colonel Mahon's column arrived at the rendezvous one hour after Colonel Plumer, showing with what accuracy the movements were timed.

MR. TAYLOR'S POSITION.

Can Find No Indictment in Kentucky Courts.

of Kentucky, who is in this city, said today regarding his future course I went into the courts of Franklin county and tried to find out if there was an indictment against me, but they would not tell me

Indianapolis, May 22 .- W. S. Taylor

"Now a will wait developments. I expect to remain here or go to some quiet resort in Indiana and remain there until the national Republican convention.

FAMINE IN INDIA.

Over Five Million People Are Now Receiving Relief.

London, May 22,-It is officially announced that the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, cables that the cholera continues to be very prevalent at Bombay and elsewhere, and that this fact partly accounts for the decreased numbers of persons on the relief works.

The total number of people receiving relief is 5,607,000.

Rhode Island Justice Resigns.

teson, of the Supreme court, of Rhode Island, resigned today. His ascenses to signed today. His successor to be named at Newport when the legislature meets will probably be Associate Justice John H. Stiness. of justice has served the full term of twenty

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Denver, Col., May 22 - Nothan P. Hill, former United States sensior from Colorado died todas was 68 years of age.

CHARGES AGAINST NEELY.

Received Yesterday at the War De partment from Gen. Wood.

Wood, at Havana, the substance of two criminal charges to be preferred against Neely in connection with the Cuba postal frauds. These were forwarded at once to the department of justice. It was said that the charges are merely specific complaints of mat ters included in the general charge against the prisoner, but they are regarded as necessary for the prosecution of the extradition proceedings The department of justice telegraphed the charges to District Attorney Burnett at New York. It is believed that the charges are two counts specifying the illegal conversion of public moneys to the use of Neely. In that case the charges might be prosecuted in the United States, and it may be that it was the intention of the government agents to provide for a possible failure of the effort to secure the extradition of Neely to Cuba It is said here that the charge upon which Neely is now held in New York is of the very slightest character, being nothing more. according to reports, than an alloration that Neely brought misappropriated money into the United States. Hence, there is necessity for immediately strengthening the case not only with a view to extradition, but also because it is desired to make sure there shall be no miscarriage of justice, by providing the material for prosecuting

THE VETERANS AT GETTYSBURG

in the United States as a last resort.

General Sickles Entertains Visitors of the Third Army Corps-Officers

Gettysburg, Pa., May 22.-General Daniel E. Sickles, of New York, enthe war, but that a minority of the Third army corps with interesting reminiscences of the battle of Gettysburg last night at the camp fire held in the court house. General Sickles

"I have often heard criticisms of my work during the second day of the burg and Pretoria are being cleared of battle of Gettysburg, but I have alnon-combatants. The Boer chiefs, who I ways held that if I had that day's now recognize the possibility that they work to do over again I would do it will have to defend their cities, are in the same way and would use the same tactics."

The veterans then went over the famous move. Considerable favorable comment was made on the work of the park commission in beautifying the battlefield, and the opinion was exger seeks peace. According to one ac- pressed that it will be made the most beautiful one in all the world.

Tonight the veterans and their friends held their annual banquet. many of them will leave Wednesday morning for Fredericksburg, Va., to attend the annual reunion of the Army of the Potomac.

The following officers were elected by the Third army corps tonight: Presi-Chaptain Joseph II Trochell Hartford, Conn.; vice-president, General Chauncey McKeever, of Washington. D. C.: secretary, Captain W. H. Howard, of Newark, N. J.: chaplain. Rev. James Boyle, of Pittsfield, Mass.; treasurer, Major William P. Shreve, of Boston, Mass.; directors, Colonel John Leonard, of Newark, N. J.; Lieutenant Charles J. Buchanan, of Albany; Captain William Conwayn, of New York city; Sergeant James R. Gerrish, of Boston; Major A. H. T. Richardson, of Washington, D. C .; William Grew, of Philadelphia: General Thomas R. Matthews, of Boston; Colonel William B. Mason, of Jersey City, and Major Levell Purdy, of Jersey City. The annual banquet was

ST. LOUIS STREET CAR RIOTS. Stones and Revolvers Used in Out

break of Strikers. St. Louis, May 22 .- In a riot at the corner of California avenue and Meramec street last night three persons and Earl Smith, the latter a conductor for the St. Louis Transit company.

A crowd of three hundred men at- riot. tacked a car on the Tower Grove division in charge of William Humphrey, steady progress in opening its lines. conductor, and Frank Curtis, motorman. Stone and bricks were thrown and on nine of them the complement through the car windows and Clarence of men and cars were running. Higgins and Charles Samuels, employees of the transit company, were

and Samuels and Higgins were arrest-

SLUMP IN TRAVEL.

Steamship Companies Complain of Light Travel.

New York, May 22.-Several of the large steamship companies report a re- The marakable slump in the July bookings from this side to Europe. The cancelling of engagements of births and rooms for this month and part of June has been so pronounced within the last ten days as to cause inquiry to be made by the officials of the lines mostly interested.

It has been learned that the chief ause for the decrease in applications exposition is not nearly so great as was expected.

Louisiana's Senators

Baton Rouge La., May 22.-Both houses of the legislature assembled today and elected ex-flov-ernor Murphy J. Foster to the United States senate and re-elected United States Sengtor Samuel Douglass McErney. Senator McErney is now serving a second term in the senate and his new erm will begin in 1001. Senator Poster's term

Old Church to Be Moved. New York, May 22 .- The Roman Catholic

Church of the Annunciation, at One Hundred and Thirty-first street and Old Broadway, will be reoved in the near future to a more central loca tion. The present building, which is a very three long flights of steps on the outside, built of brick, and it is not very large.

TWO BISHOPS ARE ELECTED Washington, May 22.-The war department received today from General

Dr. W. N. Hamilton and Dr. David H. Moore Are Elevated.

ON SIXTEENTH BALLOT.

Result of the Vote-The Woman Question Is Finally Disposed of by the Conference in Favor of the Women-Tremendous Applause Greets the Motion to Substitute the Words "Lay Member" For "Layman"-Matter Will Now Go to 12th Annual Conference.

Chicago, May 22.-The Methodist general conference today elected two mein bers of the board of the general superintendents, after a battle of ballot, lasting nearly a week, and also finally disposed of a question that for many years has been a source of dispute in Methodist conferences-the admission of women to the general conference. This was settled in favor of the wo

W. N. Hamilton, of the New England conference, general secretary of the board of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education society, and Dr. David H. Moore, of Cincinnati, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, were elevated to the episcopacy on the tertained the visiting veterans of the seventeenth ballot, both receiving many more than the necessary twothirds vote.

The vote was as follows: D. H. Moore, 534; W. N. Hamilton, 510; J. R. Day, 104; H. Spellmyer, 71; L. B. Neeley, 41; J. F. Berry, 22. Necessary to a choice,

Debate over the question of the admission of women to the general conference continued at some length, Judge Charles B. Loer, of Baltimore; Dr. James H. Potts, of Michigan; A. D. Rich, of Erie; Dr. John Handley, of New Jersey; State Senator McClelland, of New York; President J. W. Bashford of Ohio Wesleyan university, and many others taking part in the discussion. The majority of the speakers favored the admission of women. Dr. Charles W. Smith, of the special committee, closed the debate on the question, which, he said, covered a wide range, from the Garden of Eden to the day of judgment. Amid tremendous applause the motion to substitute the words "lay member" in sections 1 and 5 of article 3 for the words "lay man" was adopted, and a question which has been agitating the Methodist church for a generation was set

tled in favor of the women This was the last point in dispute in the report of organic law of the church, and after a short debate the report of the committee, as amended during the past few days, was adopted more than the necessary threefourths vote. The constitution was approved by the general conference, will now go to the 124th annual conference for final action. The conference then adjourned for the day.

The report of the committee on itineracy involving the question of pastorate time limit, will probably be disposed of tomorrow.

ST. LOUIS STRIKE.

B. E. Kilgore Shot in the Back-No Other Trouble-Both Sides Confident of Success.

St. Louis, May 22.-This was the most quiet day of the strike. There were one or two small fights between were injured-James Cote, Julius Joy union and non-union men, but nobody was hurt and there was nothing throughout the day that approached a

The Transit company is making Twenty-four were in operation today

Both sides to the strike claim to be winning and say the other must yield struck several times. They drew their in a short time. There was but one revolvers and commenced shooting into | casualty today due to the strike. B. E. Kilgore, an employe of the Transit Prior to the arrival of the police the company, was shot in the back by an growd had dispersed and the victims unknown man. There was absolutely of the shooting had returned to their no reason for the shooting, as Kilgore homes. The conductor and motorman | did not know the men and had no conversation with them. He was walking ed, and will be held for investigation, quietly along the street when one of two men who were walking 29 feet behind him drew a revolver and sent a bullet into his back. Kligore was seriously wounded but will recover.

DIED AT MANILA.

War Department Notified of Lieut, Jackson's Death.

Washington, May 22.General MacArhur notified the war department today that Second Lieutenant George L. Jackson, Forty-seventh volunteer infantry, died at Manila on the 21st inst. of Bright's disease.

Lieutenant Jackson was born at Beliefonte, Pa., in 1869, and served durfor accommodations is due to the fact ing the Spanish war as first lieutenant that the American interest in the Paris of the Fifth Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. He was mustered out in November, 1898, and in August, 1899, was appointed second lieutenant of the Forty-seventh infantry and accompanied that regiment to the Philippines in the following year. Hershey's Shortage Located.

Lancaster, May 22.—When ex-County Treasurer Emanuel H. Hershey absconded las, December leaving a shortage of \$65,037, it was impossible

to tell from his method of bookkeep m what amount of the stolen funds belonged to the state and county respectively. It has now been ascertained that \$42,665 belonged to the former and \$20,879 & for the county. \$22,572.94 to the county. Blaze in Cincinnati. Cincinuti, May 22 .- Fire destroyed the contents

f John Saur & Co.'s rigar leaf tobacco ware-

The loss will be \$50,000, fully covered by

POT HUNTERS CAUGHT.

Mt. Vernon Game Law Breakers Will Be Tried in Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, May 22.-County De estive Johnson, armed with requisition papers, went to Mt. Vernon, N. Y., yesterday and placed under arrest John Bourne, Samuel E. Thurston, Thomas Oakley and Frederick and John Herroder. They are charged with violating the game laws of Pennsylvania Last November they were hunting in Bradford county, when they were detected shipping game outside of the state, contrary to the act of assembly Game Warden Joseph H. Worden and Joseph Kalefusus, the secretary of the board of game commissioners of Brad ford county, met the hunters on the train with some of their game and homeward bound. The minimum penalty of \$50 each was demanded, but the men refused to pay. A message was sent ahead to Mauch Chunk, Pa., where a constable with a search warrant boarded the train. The trunks of the hunters were selzed and in them were found, so it is alleged, hunting paraphernalia, consisting of snaring wires, etc., also forty-five pheasants, eleven quail, one woodchuck, five rabbits and two squirrels. The Sportsmen's club, of this county, took up the case and at considerable expense ran down the men. They will be brought here for

FEATURES OF

THE ASSEMBLY

A Rumor Concerning McGiffert Calls Out Large Audience-Report of Mission Board.

St. Louis, May 22.-Anticipating that the judicial committee would make its report on the McGiffert case at the afternoon session of the Presbyterian general assembly, the commissioners and denominational friends crowded the big auditorium to its utmost capacity. Additional to this interesting feature the committee on bills and overtures sprung a big surprise on the assembly by submitting its report on the revision of the creed of the Presbyterian church. For this the assembly was not prepared and the matter caused intense suppressed excitement. The committee on bills and overtures recommended that the whole matter be referred to a committee of fifteen. composed of eight ministers and seven elders to be appointed from the church at large by the moderator, to consiler restatement of doctrine and report at the next assembly. The time was extended for discussion of the report of the committee. No definite action, however, was taken and the matter

was deferred until tomorrow. Prior to the introduction of the regular order of business today, Rev. Daniel Webster Fisher, D. D., chairman of the committee on polity, reported from the polity committee a recommendation for a change in chapter 13 of the book of discipline, which relates to the judicial commission. The recommendation was indorsed by the assembly.

The report of the mission board was en read. After addresses by Dr. Holmes, of Pittsburg, and Dr. Dixon. secretary of the board of home missions, the assembly adopted the committee report as a whole and a recess was then taken until after noon. At the afternoon session Rev. Dr.

Herrick Johnson, of Chicago, of the committee on bills and overtures, read the report which showed that there were before the committee 38 different overtures on the general subject of change of creed and that 199 Presbyteries had proposed no change of confession of faith. 'Of the 38 requesting the change, one Presbytery asked for a revision that would not impair the Calvinistic system; six Presbyteries were in favor of a shorter creed; three a supplemental or fifth statement of doctrines; eight a summary of Christian doctrine; eight others desired a new creed as a business proposition. and the nine remaining Presbyteries suggested that the assembly appoint a committee to act and report to the

The committee recommended that a committee of fifteen be appointed, to consist of eight ministers and seven elders from the church at large, to consider a restatement of doctrine and report to the next assembly what specific action should be taken by the one hundred and thirteenth assembly. It was also recommended that the different Presbyteries take action on the matter of revision at the fall meetings and report to the next assembly. The report of the committee called

forth vigorous discussion. Rev. Dr. Mibbin, chairman of the judicial committee, read the report of the judicial committee on the McGiffert case. The appellant was allowed to withdraw his appeal, which settled the heresy case.

CONDITIONS IN SANTI CLARA. Cuban Province Recovering from Ravages of War.

Havana, May 22.-General Monteagudo, chief of the rural guard of the province of Santa Clara, says the people of that province are quiet, that affairs are improving generally, that small crops are being extensively cultivated, and that if the present rate of progress continues Santa Clara will soon be in good condition.

The Post says that Civil Governor Jose Gomez's ambition to be a dictator should be nipped in the bud, as the South American republics furnish sufficient examples of the work of such men.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 22.—Arrived: Cude, from Liv-erpool; Rensington, from Antwerp; Bremen, from Bremen, Cleared: Westernland, Antwerp; Teu-tonic, Liverpool. Sailed: Georgia, Liverpool; Kalserin Maria Theresia, Bremen via Cherbourg and Southampton. Queenstown—Arirved: Oceanic, from New York for Liverpool. Genia—Arrived: Aller, New York via Naples. Moville: Arrived: Arrived: Arrived: Fchicoja, New York for Glasgow. Boulogne-Arrived: Rotterdam, New York for Rotterdam, Plymouth-Arrived: Patricia, New York for Hamburg. Lisard-Passed: Lahn, New York for

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, May 22.-The president today ap pointed the following Pennsylvania postmas-ters: E. D. Carl, Greencastle, Franklin county; George A. Johnson, Berwyn, Chester county; U. V. Macs, Peckville, Lackawauna county.

SPOONER DEFENDS ADMINISTRATION

AN ELOQUENT SPEECH ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Notwitstanding the Fact that He Is Ill, the Wisconsin Senator Makes One of the Most Notable Speeches of the Session-Secretary Carter Presents the Credentials of Senator Clark of Montana-Alaska Government Bill Occupies House.

Washington, May 22 .- In the senate oday Mr. Spooner (Wis.) spoke on his bill providing that upon the suppression of the insurrection in the Philip pines the government of the islands shall devolve upon the president until such time as congress might direct otherwise. Notwithstanding the fact that he was almost to ill to stand, Mr. Spooner's effort was one of the notable eches of the present session. He defended with characteristic vigor and eloquence the policy of the administration in the Philippines, maintaining that no other policy in the circum-stances was possible and that none other could have been adopted without dishonor to the country. Without concluding his remarks Mr. Spooner yielded the floor until tomorrow.

Lute in the afternoon Senator Carter, of Montana, presented the credentials of Sepator Clark. They will lie on the table for the present.

The house devoted the entire day to the Alaskan civil government bill. Slow progress was made, only 24 pages being disposed of. There was tracted debate over the question of the number of judges in Alaska and the mining laws, but the provisions of the bill were not amended.

WILL REDUCE WAR TAX.

House Leaders Prepare a Bill to Be Introduced in December.

Washington, May 22.-The house eaders have decided to reduce the war taxes at the next session of congress and a resolution will be prepared tomorrow to give the committee on ways and means leave to sit during the recess of congress. The committee will meet in the autumn to prepare a measure for presentation to the house immediately after it convenes in December. Mr. Payne's resolutions for a sine die adjournment June 6 will be reported favorably temorrow.

CLARK AND MAGINNIS.

Their Credentials Will Be Considered Together in Senate.

Washington, May 22 .- An agreement was reached today between the friends of Senator Clarke, of Montana, and the senate committee on privileges and elections to postpone any action upon the senator's credentials until Wed-

nesday, the 30th inst. Meanwhile the credentials of Mr. Maginnis will be presented and the papers in both cases will be considered together.

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Two Cars at Buffalo Jump the Track Near a Bridge and Many Persons Are Injured.

Buffalo, May 22 .- Two cars on the Genesee street line jumped the track this afternoon as they were approaching a bridge across Scajaduaquada creek. They both entered adjacent William Mulhall, a motorman, was

seriously hurt. The passengers injured were: Mrs. Volk, skull fractured, cannot live; Mrs. Young, aged 50 years, both legs cut off above the knees, fatally injured; Mrs. Kruger, severely injured about face and body; Edwin Kruger, aged 4 years, son of Mrs. Kruger, badly injured; Mrs. Plefger, badly bruised; Miss Mary Welth, badly bruised; Nathan Wolff, painfully bruised and lacerated.

SUICIDE OF MRS. GILMORE. Wife of the Assistant Adjutant Gen-

eral Cuts Her Throat. Chester, Pa., May 22.-Mrs. Annie Chism Gilmore, wife of Major J. C. Gilmore, assistant adjutant general of he National Guard of Pennsylvania,

committed suicide this morning at her home in Bidley Park by cutting her throat with a razor. She died in her husband's arms. Major Gilmore had just finished shaving himself when his wife picked up the razor and gashed her throat, severing the jugular vein. Major Gilmore was about making preparations to have his wife treated at a sanitarium, her mental condition necessitating constant watchfulness on the part of the family. Besides her husband. Mrs. Gilmore leaves two

NEELEY RE-ARRESTRD. Is Now Defendent in a Civil Suit

with Bail at \$50,000. New York, May 22.-Charles F. W. Neeley, former chief financial agent | ker, Boston; secretary and t of the postoffice department at Hav- | James K. Blatchford, Chicago. ana, Cuba, was re-arrested today by a United States marshal on a warrant issued by United States Circuit Court Judge Lacombe in a civil suit against | their ladies, they drove through Fair-Necley by the United States. He is charged with the wrongful conversion of \$45,300.26. His ball was fixed at

The arrest was made on information furnished by George H. Borton and the order of arrest was endorsed by Edward J. Jones, special attorney general, and Frederick P. Smith.

Memorial Cross to Father Ryan.

Norfolk, Va., May 32.-Today is Confederate Memorial Day and it has been selected by the Daughters of the Confederacy of this city as the date for the unveiling of the memorial cross they have erected in Elinwood cemetery to the memory of the late Father Byan, the poet-priest of the Confederacy. The cross is of Southern granite is seven, feet high and bears this inscription. Father Ryan, Poet-Priest: Erected, A. D., 1000 the Daughters of the Confederacy of Norfolk,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

PARTLY CLOUDY. General-The Boers Will Fight to a Finish.

Knights Templar Parade at Wilkes-Barre, Schatter Spooner Ably Defends the Administra

4 Editorial.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. S General-Whitney's Weekly News Budget.

News and Comment 5 General-How Our Presidents Have Been

6 Local-List of Republican Candidates Nomination. Lecture by Rev. Dr. De Costa.

Local-Crusaders Will Go On with the Work. Elks' Carnival and Fair Will Open Today.

8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Round Abount the County.

Base Ball News and Comment 10 Local-Live Industrial News. Court Proceedings.

DOES PENNSY CONTROL

Interesting Story of a New Railroad Deal Published in the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph-New York Central Partnership.

THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Philadelphia, May 22.-The Evening Telegraph today publishes the follow-

Announcement is made today that the Pennsylvania railroad has secured practical control of the Lehigh Valley railroad by the purchase of 66,600 shares of stock, through outside parties, in the same manner that a controlling interest was obtained in the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western. The figure given on the stock purchase is \$32.50 a share. 'It was stated the first week in April that the New York Central and the Pennsylvania were close partners in an important railroad transfer movement, and that the division of the hard and soft coal territory in this state and West Virginia was the object in point.

To secure the Lehigh Valley has been the aim of the New York Central and the Pennsylvania and it is acknowledged today that the Pennsylvania has obtained practical control through the agents of W. K. Vanderbilt and J. Piernont Morgan.

The New York Central is said to be the real power back of the movement, which ended today in the purchase of the shares of Lehigh Valley stock, as under the constitution of the state of Pennsylvania the Pennsylvania railroad cannot absorb a competing or parallel road. Through the Pennsylvania, Schuylkill Valley, the Northern Central, the Sunbury and Hazleton branches and the Nanticoke branch the Pennsylvania competes in Lehigh Valley territory on direct terms. As in the Long Island deal the Chemical National bank was the direct agent and the figure given was at \$32.50 a share is declared to be correct. John P. Green, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad, said he had heard of the statement but would not confirm it. President Cassatt could not be seen.

O'DEA PLEADS GUILTY.

Acknowledges Having Attempted to

Bribe a Juror. Philadelphia, May 22,-Thomas O'Dea in the United States district court today pleaded guilty to the charge of fields, the first car being overturned. attempting to bribe a juror in the trial of former United States District Attorney Ellery P. Ingham and his aw partner, Harvey K. Newitt. O'Dea and Harry J. Fairbanks were indicted on the same charge at the last term of court, the latter having been recently tried and convicted. His counsel made a motion for a new trial, which was withdrawn today after O'Dea had entered his plea of guilty. The charge of conspiracy against the two men was withdrawn by the district attorney. Judge McPherson de-

ferred sentence. The arrest of O'Dea and Fairbanks grew out of the famous Lancaster revenue stamp counterfelting conspiracy which was evolved by William L. Kendig and William M. Jacobs, the cigar manufacturers of that city, and which resulted in their arrest and that

of Ingham and Newitt.

HOTEL MEN'S ASSOCIATION. Meet in Twenty-first Annual Con-

vention at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, May 22.-The twentyfirst annual convention of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit association began here today. After President D. Clifton Shears read his annual address, Secretary James K. Blatchford presented his report, which showed the receipts for the year were \$40,000 and following aides: E. Sir Robert K. Layexpenses less than \$2,500. Since the cock, E. Sir Samuel J. Tonkin and offiorganization of the association \$453,456 has been paid to beneficiaries. membership numbers 1,088. The following officers were elected:

delphia: vice-president, James H. Baker, Boston; secretary and treasurer, There are about 200 delegates, representing every section of the country. in attendance. This afternoon, with

FIFTY MEN KILLED.

mount park and visited points of in-

terest throughout the city.

Raleigh, N. C., May 22.-News has just reached in this state. Fifty men are reported killed.

Silver City Conflagration. Milwaukee, May 22 .- Fire broke out about midight in a suburb of Milwankee known as Silver ity. The flames are spreading and a large num-

City. The flames are spreading and a large num-ber of dwellings and saloons seem to be doomed. Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, May 22.—The pension of Enes Williams, of Pittston, has been increased to \$8 An additional pension of \$8 has been granted mon, of Clark's Sammit,

PARADE OF SIR KNIGHTS

Methodist General Conference Elects Two Brilliant Pageant of the Templars of the State.

SCRANTON'S PART IN IT.

Coeur DeLion and Melita Commanderies of This City, Attracted Much Attention by Their Appearance and Marching-Melita Commandery Won a Prize-First Session of the Grand Commandery Held in Afternoon-Address of Welcome Delivered by Mayor Nichols - Ball Last Night in Ninth Regiment



V. E. SIR ADAM H. SCHMEHL, Deputy Grand Commander but Will Be Grand Commander After Today.

pecial to the Scranton Tribune Wilkes-Barre, May 22 .- The Grand ommandery of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania held its opening session here this afternoon. It was preceded by a parade, which began at 10 a. m. and was participated in by upwards of 3,000 uniformed knights, renresenting almost every city of any importance in the state. Tonight the ball and tournol of the Grand commandery was held in the Ninth regiment armory. The dancing was in charge of Professor J. Frank Seigel,

of Scranton. The Electric figure in today's events. At 9.30 o'clock m. a special train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey brought in the neighborhood of two hundred uniformed sir knights who were members of the Coeur de Lion and Melita com-manderies, of Scranton. With the knights came the Bauer and Lawrence bands and a large delegation of ladies. All along the line of march the anpearance of these commanderies excited the most favorable comment. The appearance of the Scranton sir knights as they passed the reviewing stand on River street was not surpassed by any Templars in line. Melita commandery won a prize, a handsome silk flag, for having the third largest num-

ber of members in uniform in the parade. With the reviewing party were Eminent Sir T. F. Penman, of Scranton, grand generalissimo, and Eminent Sir Joseph Alexander, of the same city. who was formerly grand commander of the state. E. Sir William S. Mears, E. Sir E. H. Ripple and E. Sir J. B. Woolsey, of Scranton, were aides to the

grand marshal.

The Parade The arrangements for the parade were perfect and the weather was all that could be desired. The sun shone clear and bright, but the air was crisp and invigorating. Wilkes-Barre's gala attire became her well and was as spick and span and fresh looking as if the decorator had finished his work moment before the pageant began, All along the route traversed by the parade the streets were crowded with onlookers, who cheered and applaude 1 the marchers and the many fine bands brought from all parts of the state to

enliven today's march The parade was headed by Chief of Police Klein and a squad of officers mounted, followed by the grand commander, R. E. Sir James B. Youngson, commanding, who was followed in turn by the grand captain general, E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, chief of staff and the cers and past grand officers of the The Grand commandery. Next came the Plymouth band, leading the escort to Grand commandery, consisting of President, S. Murray Mitchell, Phila- twenty-one men, followed by Pittsburg commandery, No. 1, of Pittsburg, with 39 men, E. Sir Matthew Felker commanding.

> Following came the Forty Fort band. leading the first division in charge of E. Sir Fred Mauch, commanding, and the following aides: E. Sir George B. Wells, No. 2; E. Sir George H. Banes, No. 4: E. Sir Nevin M. Davis, No. 9; E. Sir George T. Jackson, No. 19; Sir Owen M. Copelin, No. 11; E. Sir H. A. McKillin, No. 12; E. Sir F. Roemnelmyer, No. 14; E. Sir C. Manville Pratt. No. 16: Sir James M. Wilcox, No. 45, and the following commanderies: Philadelphia, No. 2, of Philadelphia, with 25 men; Crescent band, of Shick-

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Washington, May 22.-Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennayl-vania, partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday: possibly showers Thursday; light southerly winds.

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