MR. PLATT IS UNDOUBTEDLY RESPONSIBLE

Influence Behind Governor Roosevelt's Predicament.

PENNSYLVANIA'S

Leader in Bringing Forward Weak Candidates, Thereby Enlisting Other Delegations in the Stampede union Inaugurated by Senator Platt's either distant or impracticable. Friends in Pennsylvania.

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Philadelphia, June 17 .- Senator Thos. C. Platt's failure under the pressure of the last few days to present or indorse as New York's choice for the vice-presidency a candidate acceptable to the Republican sentiment in other parts of the Union is likely to have decidedly unpleasant and embarrassing consequences for Governor Roosevelt. Wearled with Mr. Platt's harping on such candidacies as O'Dell's, and Woodruff's, and feeling that if for reasons of campaign expediency the vicepresidential nomination is to go to New York, the convention should not be guided in its choice solely by Mr. Platt's prejudices or preferences, Republican leaders from other states have taken up with all seriousness the of side-tracking Woodruff. O'Dell or any other similar aspirant likely to be named tomorrow at the delegation caucus and bestowing on Governor Roosevelt in spite of his repeated and fervent protestations the vacant place on the Republican national ticket. The first step in the movement to

this morning when Senator Penrose, of called on Governor Pennsylvania, just made of the Keystone state delesixty-four would vote for him for viceinia delegates entsylvania senator did not apparatly take the governor's chagrin as seriously as it was expected to be taken, for as a result of the interview the impression quickly spread that no decisive check would be set upon the seal of any delegates who might declare their intention of making a selection for themselves among the New Yorkers available for the vice-presidential nomination. It was not to be expected, of course, that Senator Penrose should receive any very positive hint of encouragement from Governor Roosevelt after the latter's many violent refusals to allow his name to be coupled with the Republican vice-presidential nomination.

Roosevelt Consistent.

The governor is a politician of some tenacity of purpose and sense of consistency, and extraordinary political pressure would doubtless be required to force him to eat the profession of repugnance toward service in the vicepresidential chair, in which his utterances have abounded for several months past. But whatever indignafield at Albany uncongenial one at Washington, whatever protests he may indulge in at tomorrow's caugramme which he thought his presence in Philadelphia would prevent, the power he had not obtained at Albany preferences and yield his firmly developed sense of consistency is not doubted by the political managers who critical condition in China. The shiphave so arranged the forces in this ping subsidy bill is endorsed. convention as to make his nomination the vice-presidency apparently inevitable.

toward Roosevelt was influenced by a variety of reasons. To Mr. Platt's anxious that this plank should be unpolitical intimacy with ex-Senator Quay today's unexpected and somewhat embarrassing flood of votes to Governor Roosevelt is largely trace- the western states are antagonizing ting the fact be known. able. As every one knows, Mr. Platt's keenest anxiety has been to escape Hanna expresses confidence that no the necessity of renominating Mr. Roosevelt for governor by the easy device of making him President McKinley's "running mate" on the national ticket. But Mr. Platt was under pledges to the governor to take no overt steps to procure his nomination for vice president. The New York could not therefor openly delegation support Mr. Roosevelt inside or outthe convention. But what more ingenious means could be devised to portant battle fought on Friday last, provoke the result Mr. Platt has so about ten miles outside of Panama. rouch at heart than to inspire a political friend in a neighboring state to launch a Roosevelt boom and thus give notice to the world that New York was resigned in advance to having her ostensible wishes over-trodden by out-

The Influences.

It should be remembered, too, that among the influences most powerful in Pennsylvania politics are Messrs. Elkins and Widener, the heads of the great traction syndicate which first gridironed the city of Philadelphia and I mystery.

then assumed control of New York's street railway system. Governor Roosevelt's share in the enactment of franchise tax law had won him the hostility of the railway owners and in combining with Mr. Platt to secure his promotion from Albany to Wash-ington they saw at once a chance to pay off old scores and rid New York state of what they considered an ill-advised and exacting executive. But whatever the motive of political friendship and personal sympathy with Mr. Platt which inspired the Pennsylvania leaders in offering their state's vote to Roosevelt, there can be no Soubt that other delegations with no knowledge of an interest in Mr. Platt's political schemes, eagerly grasped at the idea of forcing a concentration on the reluctment New York governor. The California delegation, for instance, at a meeting this afternoon decided to give its unanimous support to Mr. Roosevelt, should be show any inclination to allow his canvass to become a serious one. Mr. Knight, the chairoan of the delegation, called person-It Is Believed That the Roosevelt ally at the Walton to offer California's 18 votes to Mr. Roosevelt, Like Mr. Stampede Has Been Brought About | Penrose, Mr. Knight was informed by

by the Action of the New York the governor that he did not consider himself a vice presidential candidate. This reply was taken in good faith by the Californians, but they went away by no means convinced that a

on Governor Roosevelt was Other Delegations in Line.

The Iowa delegation next fell in line by deciding to do nothing to push Representative Dolliver's canvass, while was under such universal discussion. Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado and Connecticut declared in turn for a union on Roosevelt. During the afternoon and evening, indeed, the senti-ment in favor of following Pennsylvania and compelling the nomination of the New York's governor, grew so strong and general that the possibility of his declining was no longer

credited. Mr. Hanna's absence from town during most of the day prevented his approval being sought or obtained for the scheme of forcing Roosevelt's with or without nomination. York's formal concurrence. Perhaps his opinions and wishes may throw obstacle in the path of Roosevelt's nomination; but this evening it looks as if the candidate for vicebe named by acclamation

WORK ON THE PLATFORM.

Masterly Declaration of Principles

Prepared by Charles Emory Smith Philadelphia, June 17.-For the first time since the Republican leaders began to assemble in Philadelphia has determine New York's choice of a there been some earnest work upon nominee by outside pressure was taken the platform and a draft has been completed which, it is believed, will receive the approval of the convention. Roosevelt and told him that a poll This document was prepared in part before coming to Philadelphia by Postgates had shown that fifty-two of the | master General Smith, and it is understood that it was submitted to the president on the first ballot. It is un- president for his inspection and apderstood that Mr. Roosevelt expressed proval before Mr. Smith left Washingto Mr. Penrose his regret that the ton. Mr. Smith was in consultation lecided to force him into the field as noon with Senator Foraker, who, it is vice-presidential candidate. But the understood, will be chairman of the committee on resolutions. The senahas himself given considerable attention to the preparation of the dec laration of principles, and he added considerably to Mr. Smith's draft. The instrument, as so far prepared,

is of considerable length, but very clear cut and emphatic in its enunciations. It begins by calling attention to the promises that were made in the St. Louis convention of 1896 and after enumerating them, declares that sith has been kept in almost every instance, as is shown by the statutes which the last congress added to the laws of the country. Especial attention is called to the fact that the platform of 1896 promised that the country should be put on the gold standard basis and that this pledge had been faithfully maintained. There is a clear and distinct declaration for the maintenance of this standard, and the lutions as so far prepared make no reference to bimetallism. The resolutions also contain the usual declara-

tion for a protective tariff. The president's policy with reference to the Philippines is endorsed throughtion he may feel at the attempted trans- out and his conduct of the war with ference of his activity from a con- Spain is upheld in the strongest terms an of commendation and praise. The president's course on the Boer-British entanglement is also endorsed and attention is called to the fact that uncus against the change of pro- der his guidance the United States has been the only nation to offer intervention between the warring nations. The governor will find that he is struggling | president also comes in for praise bewith currents in politics of whose cause of his attitude in the Hague peace conference and the administraclear and adequate conception. That tion is especially commended for its will throw overboard his personal position and its accomplishment in the matter of an open door in China.

There is no reference to the present

Mr. Hanna, who is credited with the authorship of the gold standard was in conference with Messrs, The decision of the Pennsylvania Smith and Foraker for some time toto start today's landslide day with reference to the financial plank of the platform. He is especially equivocal in its language and that no concession should be made to the silver interest. The representatives from him somewhat on this subject, but Mr. concession will be made.

CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR.

Royal Mail Steamer, Don, Brings News.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 17 .- The royal mail steamer Don, Captain Dat vis, which arrived here today from Colon, Colombia, brings news of an im-According to this information, the insurgents were victorious and some 20 of the government troops were killed. It is inferred that Panama may already be in possession of the rebels.

Convention Hall Burned

Des Moires, In., June 17.-The large auditorium used for a convention hall and countructed a year ago was destroyed by fire today. It was occupied by the Commercial Exchange and the Chase Ammement company, the latter conducted as a vaudeville show. Total loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$27,000. The origin of the fire is a matter.

POSSIBLY A ROOSEVELT **STAMPEDE**

Quay and Platt Attempt to Boom the Governor of New York.

FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY

An Effort Will Be Made to Swing the Pennsylvania Delegation Into Line for the Hero of San Juan Hill-Mr. Allison Declines Absolutely to Become a Candidate-Senator Quay States His Reasons for Favoring the Candidacy of Governor Roose-

Philadelphia, June 17.-The attention both of delegates and other visiting politicians tonight is concentrated upon the movement in the interest of Governor Roosevelt as a vice-presidential candidate. The Pennsylvania delegation met early in the day and it was soon announced that the state delegation had taken a positive position for the governor for the second place on the ticket. This announcement was followed by the statement which was made upon excellent authority that Colonel Quay, Senator Platt and others in sympathy with them had held a conference last night and had decided upon a plan of campaign which was intended to bring Roosevelt to the front as a candidate, stampede the conven-tion for him and force his acceptance of the nomination.

Among others who were taken into the confidence of Quay and Platt was president, as well as for president, will National Committeeman Saunders, who has been doing zealous work in bringing over the Inter-mountain states to the support of Roosevelt's candidacy. Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Senator Walcott, of Colorado, are both in the movements and the managers are claiming the votes not only of the New York and Pennsylvania delegations, but of California, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Indiana and Illinois, as well as of many others. All this, of course, is upon the supposition that favorite ones will be eliminated from the fight. Colonel Quay announced himself as for Roosevelt because of his confidence that the governor's nomination would assure the success of the Republican ticket in November, but there are those-and they are not emies of the colonel-who announced the belief that his position is the result of antagonism on his part to Senator Hanna, chairman of the national committee. It was also asserted that Quay still remembered the fact that the Ohio senator had cast his influence against him in his recent effort to secure his old seat in the senate by gubernatorial appointment. Quay did not admit the truth of this statement, saying there were broader reasons for

nominating Roosevelt. Roosevelt's Position.

It is also asserted by those in a position to know that Roosevelt's acceptance in case of his nomination was assured, but this was not put upon stronger ground than that Senator Platt had given this assurance. There can be no doubt, however, regardless of Roosevelt's own position, that he is to be the Platt-Quay candidate, and they feel safe in the confidence that ne will not decline the office if it is forced upon him.

The development of the movement in Roosevelt's behalf had the effect of bringing former Secretary Bliss conpicuously forward as the opposing andidate, and the fact was announced late in the afternoon by those very close to him that he would accept if nominated. From the first Senator Hanna and his followers have advoated the nomination of either Bliss r Allison. The latter has made his own declination absolutely unequivocal, thus forcing Blise to the front. He repeated today his desire to be relieved of the responsibility, but his friends left him with the knowledge that if the nomination should be ten-

lered it would not be declined. "I don't want to say that I will not accept before the tender is made, for that would be premature," he said "but I do say for the hundredth time that I hope the right man will be found for the place and that I will not be asked to serve. On the other hand, he added, after no little entreaty, "I will not say that if nominated I would decline. I know of no American who as ever declined so high an office and shall not say that I would do so." Upon this assurance Mr. Bliss friends went forth with renewed courage. They accepted this declaration as a positive willingness to enter the contest and they lost no time in let-

The Pennsylvania delegation will eet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, when it is understood a resolution will be adopted Jeclaring in favor of Roosecelt. It is stated that at least 58 of the 64 delegates from this state will be for Roosevelt.

Mr. Quay's Purpose.

Colonel Quay this afternoon gave an nterview to the Associated Press, in which he said:

"I do not know what Pennsylvania will do, as all of the delegates have not yet arrived here. I have looked over the situation and find there is nothing else in view.except the election of Mc Kinley. I intend to vote for Governor Roosevelt for vice-president. The election or defeat of McKinley is a question of five hundred millions of dollars to Pennsylvania, and I will cast my vote on the vice-presidency in the in terest of my state to strengthen Mc-

"I know nothing at all about what is going to happen in the convention. This is merely my individual view." In connection with the movement

among the Pennsylvania delegation to further the nomination of Roosevelt, Attorney General John P. Elkin, the leader of the Quay forces in the state.

"A candidate for the vice-presidency should be nominated who will strengthen the ticket. The strongest candidate with the American people today is Theodore Roosevelt. He is the best vote-getter by far of all the gentlemen

named for second place.
"Roosevelt is the idol of the young Republicans of the whole country, and as governor of New York has demonstrated that he possesses a high order of executive ability. He is progressive, patriotic and conservative. The Republicans of Pennsylvania are a unit in favor of his nomination.

"Our delegation will vote for him and I have no doubt that he will be nominated. Colonel Roosevelt is too good a Republican not to accept the nomination if the party demands it. With McKinley and Roosevelt as our standard bearers we will sweep the country

in November.' Senator Allison arrived about noon and took quarters at the Aldine Hotel. He was closeted during the greater part of the day with prominent members of the party and late in the afternoon attended a dinner given by Clement A. Griscom at his country place. The senator announced before leaving for Mr. Griscom's place that he was earnestly supporting the candidacy of Mr. Dolliver and that he hoped to see him nominated for the vice-presidency. Dolliver's friends are still enthusiastic over his chances and they claim that nothing by an agreement upon some available man by the members of the New York delegation can prevent his

nomination. In the event that the New Yorkers agree upon some available candidate the Iowa men will not press Dolliver's nomination. They say New York should have the first call upon the nomination if it can decide upon a man. If it does not agree upon this point, and the Iowa people do not rate Woodruff as an available man, they will push for the nomination of Dolliver against any and all candidates, They are confident that Dolliver will be able to beat Woodruff before the convention and will be a stronger candidate before the people at large.

It is claimed by the Iowa people that they have strong assurances from nearly all of the western states and that the middle west are with him to a man. They claim that nothing will head off Dolliver if New York fails to

Roosevelt Objects.

While interest is focussed on New York, the delegation from that state looks on with complacency, the members apparently enjoying the commo-The situation in New York may be described in a paragraph: The mass of delegates are for the

nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for vice-president; Senator Platt is pledged to Governor Roosevelt to be against his nomination and will not break the pledge unless the governor gives his

consent. This much is known: If the convention names Governor Roosevelt for vice-president he will not decline. He has emphatically said he would not accept if nominated, but it is known on the best of authority that he will not decline. Nevertheless his determination to protest against his nomination until the last minute is unchanged. While he admitted tonight that the situation looked as if he would be forced into a nomination, he was hoping that such would not be the case and was using every effort to change the sentiment. He said to the Assoclated Press:

"My place is at the head of the ticket in New York state, I feel that Mr. Hanna is right and that I can do more to help Mr. McKinley by running in New York state than I can by being on the national ticket.'

There were several rumors tonight that Roosevelt had at last agreed to stand for the nomination. These rumors probably arose from the fact that he had said that if his nomination was finally forced he could not decline it, but he said emphatically that he would not allow Mr. Platt to present his name and would fight against the nomination to the last minute.

LEADERS EXCHANGING VIEWS

Roosevelt's Candidacy Provokes Some Feeling at Griscom's Dinner. Philadelphia, June 17.-A party of distinguished Republicans leaders dined with Mr. Clement Griscom tonight at his country place near the city. The . party included Senators Hanna, Allison, Lodge, Fairbanks, Depew and Kean, Secretary Root, Postmaster General Smith, Congressman Grosvenor, Wayne MacVeagh, A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad: Professor Butler, of Columbia university, and others. The dinner was given specially for the purpose of permitting an exchange of views on the platform to be adopted by the national invention, but it is understood that the day's developments in the interest of Governor Roosevelt for the vicepresidency turned their conversation largely in the direction of that subject. The party broke up without any absolute decision as to what would be done the general conclusion being to await developments. Considerable feeling was manifested over the manner in which Governor Roosevelt's candidacy was being forced after prominent men had been induced to enter the race upon the distinct understanding that he would, under no circumstances, allow the use of his name. The managers have all along announced that if New York presented an acceptable candidate they would acquiesce, but his eleventh hour candidacy virtually leaves a good many sore spots. Whether it will eventually come to a contest the events of tomorrow will disclose.

Chairman Wolcott Notified.

Philadelphia, June 17 .- The commite to notify Senator Wolcott of his election as temporary chairman of he Republican National convention lischarged that duty this afternoon. Hon. Powell Clayton, minister to Mexico, was chairman of the committee. The notification and reply were

Grain Elevator Burned.

Kansas City, June 17.-The Union grain elator with contents was burned today.

END OF AFRICAN WAR NOT FAR DISTANT

LORD ROBERTS CONSIDERS THE STRUGGLE NEARLY OVER.

National Volunteers Who Have Seen Hard Service Are Dismissed-Report Current in Military Circles That Part of the Army Will Be Sent to China at Once.

London, June 18, 4,20 a. m .- There are some indications that Lord Roberts considers the end of the struggle in South Africa not far distant, One of these is the fact that the National volunteers, who had seen hard service, were dismissed to their homes by Sir Redvers Buller, Saturday. They were cheered as they left his camp.

Another indication is the report current in authoritatively informed military circles in London that a complete division of regulars is to be withdrawn from General Buller's army and embarked at Durban for China. The troops drawn from India will probably go nexts

Lord Roberts let yesterday go by without telegraphing. Unofficial intelligence from Machadodorp, via Lourenzo Marques, is to the effect that the British troops are near Middle-

SENTIMENT IN DELEGATIONS.

The Various States ExhibitChoice of Candidates Through Delegates.

Philadelphia, June 17 .- The Massahusetts delegation perfected its organization today and also took steps to get into direct telephonic communication with Secretary Long to ascertain his wishes concerning the vice-presidential situation. This last move was regarded as rather significant. The delegation is to a man strongly favorable to the secretary, and it was believed that co-operation could be secured with the delegations of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecti-cut and Rhode Island, so as to secure a practically solid vote of the seventyeight New England delegates. So many combinations and possibilities were in the air, however, that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Shaw, Murray and Rockwell, was chosen to ascertain Mr. Long's wishes as to the presentation of his name. It was supposed he was at Washington, and could be reached by long distance 'phone, but later it developed that he was at his summer home, Hingham, Mass., where it was hoped to communicate with him later. The delegation was also divided up into committees, which started on canvasses in behalf of the Long candidacy.

The West Virginians are fully deter- half miles. General Louis Wagner, of as a vice-presidential candidate. Senator Scott first proposed a boom for his colleague, Mr. Elkin, but today a strong Scott sentiment began to manifest itself at the West Virginia headquarters. The delegation at least wants to place one of them in nomination and compliment him with the state's vote After that there is no definite choice thus far, although the tendency is toward Roosevelt or some other eastern candidate.

The Michigan delegation arrived at the Walton and opened headquarters this evening. D. M. Ferry, of Detroit who is a candidate for the nomination for governor of Michigan, was with the party, and said that the delegation had not decided who to support for the vice-presidency. There was, however, a strong sentiment among the Michigan men for Dolliver.

The Nebraska sentiment has developed quite strongly in favor of Senator Fairbanks' vice presidential candidacy, and such influential members of the delegation as Schator Thurston and Editor Rosewater regard the Indiana man as particularly strong for the place. In this connection a movement is on foot to secure co-operation between a number of western states, including Nebraska, and a meeting may be held tomorrow to discuss the advisability of united action. Mr. Fairbanks has received the overtures from Nebraska and other quarters, with expressions of earnest appreciation, but has said that he did not wish to be regarded as an active candidate. This has prevented any systematic canvass in his behalf, although his friends are working on the theory that in the present state of uncertainon the vice presidency it may deemed best to turn to a doubtful state for a candidate, in which case they feel Mr. Fairbanks would not re-

sist their efforts. The California headquarters at the Colonnade are quite unique, showing less of bunting than of huge boxes haskets and crates of the many varieties of fruit which that state produces. Visitors were made welcome and the headquarters became a rendezvous for large crowds. The delegation held several meetings during the feeling its way on the vice presidential question. Although no formal action was taken at the early meetings, members of the delegation said it was unlikely that Irving M. Scott or any other Pacific state will be preented.

James E. Boyd, delegate-at-large and member of the national committee from North Carolina, said tonight that the delegation from his state is a unit for Senator Pritchard for vice president, "Senator Pritchard is our candidate," said Mr. Boyd, "and the delegetes have been instructed for him. We might succeed in nominating him. It is time the south was represented on the national ticket."

Former Governor Warmouth, of the Louisiana delegation, was asked tonight how the delegation would stand on the vice-presidential question. Governor Roosevelt is a candidate," he replied, "I feel confident that he will get the vote of the Louisiana delega-

The Texas delegation is inclined to be for Secretary Long, but will not announce its position until the Texas contest is decided by the committee on credentials. The delegation will take any man the administration may want. have cost about \$150,000.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

SHOWERS; WARMER,

General—Republican Delegates Stampede for Roosevelt for Vice President. Absence of News from China Creates Appre hension at Washington. South African War Near Its End.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial,

Local-Convicted Keepers of Speakeasies Are Schlatter Very Quietly Received.

News and Comment,

Local-Throop Trolley Car Plunges Down an

Exciting Races at the Speedway, Local-West Scranton and Suburban

Round About the County. Base Ball News and Comment, Local-Live News of the Industrial World.

ELABORATE ENTERTAINMENT. The Allied Republican Clubs Will

Treat Visitors Royally. Philadelphia, June 17.-Elaborate preparations have been made by local ommittees and organizations for the entertainment of visitors during the convention. The arrangements are in harge of the Allied Republican clubs of Philadelphia and vicinity. Wednesday morning and afternoon a flotilla of seven Delaware river passenger steamers will be at the disposal of those holding one of the Allied clubs passports. The vessels will proceed to Cramp's shipyard, thence to League Island and other points of interest along the Delaware. A band of music will be aboard each vessel and refresh-

ments will be served. In the evening many of the clubs will give vaudeville entertainments and in addition to this arrangements have been made with nearby pleasure re sorts to extend courtesies to all the visitors. In the instances where big clubs from New York, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Washington and other cities will be the guests of local clubs, special programmes have been arranged, banquets being the principal feature These affairs will begin immediately after the conclusion of the big parade Monday evening and will continue until the end of the week.

The reception committee of the Allied clubs has made arrangements to have each visiting club met at the railway

station by a special committee. The arrangements for the great torchlight parade to be held tomorrow night are about completed. The pageant was planned to be the largest political demonstration ever held in this city, and the indications are that it will come up to expectations. In addition to about one hundred Republican clubs of this city, a large number of unattached citizens will be in line. All the visiting political clubs have been invited to participate, and will be given the right of the line. The route will be along Broad street from York street, past national headquarters to Ritner street, a distance of four and a this city, well-known in Grand Army circles throughout the country, will be the grand marshal. The column will be reviewed by Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania; Mayor Ashbridge, of this city, and distinguished guests from a stand erected near national headquarters.

HAVANA ELECTIONS.

General Alejandro Rodriguez, Nationalist, Elected Mayor.

Havana, June 17 .- Senor Alejandro Rodriguez, Nationalist, was yesterday elected mayor of Havana, polling 13. 973 votes, against 6,534 cast for Senor Estrada Mora, Independent. The total vote fell about 4.500 below the regis-The National party elected its entire ticket, eighteen councilmen. the treasurer, one correctional judge and three municipal judges. The other correctional judgeship fell to an Independent candidate, as did also the municipal judgeship. Of the other six councilmen, four are Republicans and two Nationalists who ran independently. Reports from every part of the island go to show that perfect order prevailed at the polls. Not a shot was fired, nor were there any sign of disturbance anywhere. To an American observer of the election here, it seemed as if the people regarded the whole matter with absolute indifference. There was not even a crowd in waiting to hear the result declared.

IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS

United States Forces Meet Filipino Rebels.

Manila, June 17.-The United States forces had two engagements of importance last week. The troops under General Funston and General Grant organized an advance against five hundred rebels in a mountain stronghold east of Biacnabata.

The Americans operated under many difficulties and over an exceedingly rough country; but the rebels retreat ed, only a few resisting and the stronghold occupied and burned.

As a result of the week's scouting sixty Filipinos were killed and two hundred were captured and three hundred rifles with 23,000 rounds of ammunition were surrendered. Three Americans were killed.

STATE OF THE COAL TRADE.

Philadelphia, June 17.-The Ledger in its coal rticle temorrow will say: The anthracite coal trade is without featur change of condition and its daily development s the same as has been recorded for severa ceeks past. The coal companies while having larger output than last year are rigidly restrict ing the mining and the market is hardly taking what is turned out so that stocks are accumula ng. The ceal managers are so harmonious owever, and have matters so well in hand tha this is not affecting prevalent quoted prices Steam sizes are well used, but the domestic size

Y. M. C. A. Building Corner Stone. Lancaster, Pa., June 17.—The cornerstone of the new Young Men's Christian association building in course of erection at North Owen and West Orange streets, was laid this aftern West Grange streets, was taid this afternoon with impressive ceremonies. The principal address was by Walter C. Douglass, esq., of Philadel-phia. The building will be four stories, and when completed together with the ground, will

NO OFFICIAL **NEWS FROM** THE EAST

Department Cablegrams to China Fail to Elicit Response

THE SITUATION CRITICAL.

Third Day Has Passed Without a Single Line Regarding the Situation-If Reply Is Not Received Soon Reinforcements Will Be Ordered from Manila for Admiral Kempff - The Department Receives Many Inquiries from Anxious Friends.

Washington, June 17.-The third day assed here without a single line of news from any official source respecting the critical situation in China. All day the telegraph offices at the white nouse and in the state, war and navy departments were manned, but no word came. Inquiries of the cable companies showed that not only were the communications by wire with Pekin, Taku, Tien Tsin and all northern China suspended, but the notices conveyed little encouragement for the hope that they would be soon reopen-The navy department during the day made an effort to reach Rear Admiral Kempff on his flagship Newark, at the Taku forts, at the mouth of the Pei-Ho river. A cablegram was addressed to the commander of the United States steamship Yorktown, at Chefoo, the nearest treaty port to Taku, repeating the message indited to Admiral Kempff last Thursday, inquiring as to his situation, the conditions at Pekin at last report, and into nis need for more men and ships, and directing the commander to take the message at once to Taku and return with the answer. The department does not yet know whether either message has reached Admiral Kempff. If a reply is not received soon, resort will be speedily had to other measures, if meantime word is not received from ome one in authority in China. It is probable that the near United States consul at Taku, who is still within reach of the cables, will be wired instructions to charter a speedy mer-chant steamer at once to run to Taku

with the department's message. Meanwhile it the communications remain interrupted with Taku it is cerat once at Manila to dispatch more naval force, or troops on transports, to reinforce Admiral Kempff and extend aid to the international relief column, which it is beginning to be

feared is itself in sore need of help. The state department today received numerous telegrams from relatives and friends of Americans in Northern China and in Pekin, praying for news

touching the welfare of their friends.

The Concord Sails. Manila, June 17 .- The gunboat Conord, with marines aboard, has sailed under sealed orders, supposedly for

China. The British cruiser Buena Ventura has sailed for Hong Kong with troops and stores for Hong Kong and Tien-

Paris, June 17.-A cablegram received today from the French consul at Hong Kong does not mention the reported murder of the German minister at Pekin or the reported destruction of the legations there. The French consul at Tien-Tsin telegraphs that the European detachment sent to Pekin are advancing very slowly. In the recent rioting in Pekin, the consul reports, the Boxers burned the Protestant Episcopal establishments in the All is quiet in the French possession.

French troops with artillery are being sent from Tonquin to Tien-Tsin, where they will arrive June 25. Others dispatched from France will arrive

The minister of marine has ordered a division of cruisers to get ready for sea to reinforce the French squadron in Chinese waters. Transports are also being prepared to take military reinforcements.

Manila, June 18, 10 a. m .- The Ninth regiment has been ordered to Manila, whence it will proceed to China,

Ninth Will Go to China.

THREE MEN KILLED. Explosion of Gun Powder and Dyn-

amite Used in Making Fireworks. Philadelphia, June 17.-Three mer were killed and fourteen persons were injured today by an explosion of gunpowder and dynamite used in the manufacture of fireworks. The dead Pentalion De Jenne, Francisco

Giangiulia and Carmino Marino The explosion occurred at the dwelling of Giangiulia, 621 Schell street. The third floor was utilized for manufacturing cannon crackers and other fireworks. It is not known just how the accident occurred, but it is believed that the three men who were killed were smoking in the room containing the explosives, and that sparks from one of their pipes fell into the powder

or dynamite. The house was completely wrecked, and every other dwelling in the block was damaged more or less seriously,

None of the injured are seriously hurt.

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

day and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania, local showers and warmer Monday; showers Tuerday; fresh north-