TWO CENTS.

THE MINISTERS LEAVE PEKIN PROCEEDINGS OF THE NA-

the Chinese Muddle.

MYSTERY OF DEPARTURE

Minister Wu's Despatch Ominously Silent as to the Conditions Under Which the Foreign Representatives Left the City-Self-Confessed Inability to Maintain Peace and Order at the Capital-Telegraphic Communications Reopened

Washington, June 27 .- The following cablegram was received at the navy department late this afternoon;

"Che-Foo, June 27 .- Secretary navy, Washington: Pekin force and ministers reported with Pekin relief expedition entrenched eight miles from Tien-(Signed) Kempff."

London, June 27 .- The foreign office this evening issued the following telegram, received from Mr. W. R. Carles, the British consul at Tien-Tsin, undated but probably sent June 24 and forwarded from Che-Foo June 27:

"A note has been received by the commissioner of customs here from Inspector General Hart (Sir Robert Hart) at Pekin, June 19, stating that the foreign legations had been directed to leave Pekin within forty-eight hours.'

Rescued Seymour.

London, June 28, 3.29 a. m .- The composite brigade of 2,300 men who raised the investment of Tien Tsin and pushed on to help Admiral Seymour has probably saved him, but the news has not yet reached Chefoo, the near- not properly chargeable with shortest wire point.

Several thousand Japanese have left 000 Japanese have landed. The international troops now aggregate nearly 20,000 more. With British, American fugees and the foreign Chefoo estimate the Chinese troops now in the field as near 215,000,

The despatch received by the foreign office stating that the foreign legations were requested to leave Pekin within a specified time is interpreted in some unofficial quarters as tantamount to giving the ministers their passports and to a declaration of war, but as China does nothing like other countries, the official opinion is that there is nothing to do but to await the course of events and to see what the ministers themselves say when they

The magnitude of the arrangements Japan is making suggests provisions against contingencies other than the suppression of the present disturbance in Asia. She has chartered nineteen additional transports and now has

Developments of the Day.

Washington, June 27 .- The developwere important and interesting. Chinese minister's report of the detheir guards from Pekin greatly relieved the officials here, who took it as | home. the first tangible evidence that the imperial Chinese government had a full realization of the enormity of permitting the ministers to come to personal harm, and were thus undertaking, as far as lay in their power, to observe the amenities of international ex-

The keenest interest is shown by the officials to learn the conditions under which the ministers left Pekin. Minister Wu's dispatch was ominously silent on that point, and though the minister himself maintains almost obstinately his confidence in the non-existence of a state of war, it is generally admitted that it will be difficult to accept his conclusion if it shall transpire that the Pekin government itself has sent the ministers away with their passorts, or what may come to the same fling, with a guard as safe conduct. At the state department it is said that if it shall be explained that the imperial government did this, not with a purpose of rupturing diplomatic relations but simply to ensure the safety of the ministers, which they were unable to guarantee as long as they remained in Pekin, then there is still

ground for an understanding. It is, however, pointed out that in such case the self-confessed inability of the imperial government to maintain peace and order at the capital would amount to an admission of its utter gailure as a government and would leave China in a state worse than that of actual war. In either event it now appears to the satisfaction of the officials that there was absolute justification for such interven-

tion as we have offered in China. Communication Re-opened.

Notice has come to the government that the cable companies have again re-opened communication telegraphically with Taku and Chefoo. This arrangement has been made by means of the Russian telegraphic system connecting with the Siberian railroad system. An European agent has managed to re-open the lines, though the means of communication between Chefoo and Taku and Tien Tsin are torturous and probably precarious.

The war department officials still in sist that no orders have gone forward to send more troops to China than the Ninth regiment, now on its way from | Philippines.

Latest Developments in Manila, and the Sixth cavalry, which will sail from San Francisco next Sunday for Nagasaki and perhaps Taku. It is said that with these two organizations and the marines now on Chinese soil General Chaffee will have the full brigade to which his rank entitles him

> Italy Sends Warships. Rome, June 27.-The Italian armored cruiser Kettor Pizani and the cruisers Stromboli and Vesuvio have been ordered to Chinese waters,

GOTTFRIED HAS NO CASE.

The Former Consular Agent, of Wilkes-Barre, Will Receive Nothing from Peruvian Government.

Lima, Peru, June 27, via Galveston.-From reliable information it has been earned that the claim for damages gainst Peru made by Mr. Edward Gottfried, formerly United States consul agent at Pouillo, a former resident of Wilkes-Barre, has been withdrawn and that this fact has been telegraphed to the United States minister to Peru, Mr. Irving B. Dudley.

Edward Gottfried, at one time resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and who was appointed United States consular gent at Trujillo, in 1885, was seized by Peruvian revolutionists in the sum-mer of 1898 and subjected to torture, his house at Huamachuco being at the same time sacked and destroyed. He protested and declared his immunity as an American citizen, but his assail ants demanded that he produce 5,000 soles, between \$3,500 and \$4,000, together with twenty-five rifles within a quarter of an hour, under penalty of chastisement in what are called in Peru the "flying stocks." On declaring that he was unable to comply he was knocked down by a blow from a gun and overpowered, after which he

was subjected to torture. Washington, June 27 .-- It is learned here that Gottfried's claim was dropped, or rather, never presented as a claim by the state department, because the department had satisfied itself that the Peruvian government was coming in the case. Gottfried undoubtedly was cruelly treated about two Taku for Tien Tsin and altogether 13,- years ago by a party of so-called rebels in Peru, but the Peruvian government, insisting that the perpetra-20.000, and Japan is preparing to send tors were actually brigands, sent out a force of troops which killed the leader and other troops ordered to go, prob- of the brigands and many of the party. ably sixty thousand men will be avail- The state department felt that it able in a month. The Tong Shan re- should be content with this and so informed the United States senate which made the case the subject of a special inquiry last session.

THE JR. O. U. A. M. WAR.

Insurgent Faction Declares Two

Official Positions Vacant. Lancaster, June 27.-The insurgent faction of the State council of Junior Order United American Me chanics today declared vacant the positions of State Councillor Charles S. Croll and Vice-State Councillor Z. Taylor Wovensmith, and elected in their places William A. Pike and Dr. S. D. Woods, respectively. Acting Secretary Moench was directed to instruct the state secretary to conform to the orders of the council and to assume the office if Moench refuses to obey the instructions. The law committee was directed to draft a law making the State council a purely representative body, the past officers thus being barred ments of the day respecting China out. It was decided to withdraw the The proceedings in the Supreme court, and a committee was appointed to look parture of the foreign ministers and after the withdrawal of the Pennsylvanians in the National Orphans

> Philadelphia was selected as the next place of meting, on the third Tuesday in September, 1900, and the council adjourned.

WILL CONFER WITH BRYAN.

Democratic Leaders Preparing for Kansas City Events.

Kansas City, June 27 .- Congressman William Sulzer, who is being boomed for vice president on the Democratic ticket, and Richard Croker and ex-Senator E. G. Murphy, of New York, will of the New Voice, the Prohibition nahave a conference at Lincoln, Neb., tional organ, will be nominated for William J. Bryan before they president. ome to Kansas City to attend the national convention. Sterling Price, of hibition party met here today and in Texas, who has opened headquarters here for Mr. Sulzer, today received a evening cleared up all business except telegram from that gentleman saying the nomination for president and vice he had left New York for Lincoln at president, which will be made tomornoon today. Another telegram says Messrs, Croker and Murphy will be in of numbers and enthusiasm shown is the Nebraska capital within a few

Mr. Sulzer hopes to be on the ticket with Mr. Bryan, and it is said the later expressed a desire to confer with him. would vouchsafe nothing.

Little Boom for Oliver. Pittsburg, June 27 .- The Post tomorrow will sublish a story in which it is stated that the atest aspirant for the Republican gubernatorial continuation is Henry W. Oliver, who is willing to give up the uncertainty attached to the senaorial race for what appears to be the surer sult in the contest for governor. Among the universus aspirants prior to Mr. Oliver the most likely successor to Governor Store, was Charles Miller, of Franklin, but now the tip comes from Ouny people that Mr. Oliver will be the

Sharkey Still Lives.

New York, June 27.-A rumor was circulate roughout the country today that Sharkey, the pugilist, who was defeated by Ruhlin, at Coney Island last night, had died of his injuries. The report was investigated and found to be un-Similar rumors have been prevalent the day after each of the last three or four contests etween prominent fighters.

Filipino Rebels Released.

Manila, June 27.—Nine of the insurgent lead-rs, including Generals Pio Del Pilar, Concepion and Alvarez, were released here today upo taking the oath of allegiance to the government and in renouncing all forms of revolution in the

PROHIBITIONISTS MEET AT CHICAGO

More Than Three-Fourths of the 1,-034 Delegates Entitled to Seats Are Present-It Is Expected That by Today Nominations for President and Vice-President Will Be Made-Dr. Swallow Prominent as a Candidate.

Chicago, June 27.-The national conention of the Prohibition party met today in the First regiment armory. Of the 1,034 delegates entitled to seats more than three-fourths were in attendance when Chairman Oliver W. Stewart, of the national executive committee, called the convention to order. It is expected that by tomorrow, when the nominations for president and vice-president will be made, that almost a thousand representatives of the party will be present. Almost all of the eastern and central western states had full delegations present, the absentees in most instances being from southern and Pacific coast states.

Three avowed candidates for the presidential nomination are in the field -John G. Woolley, of Chicago, editor of the New Voice and a prominent platform advocate of the cause of prohibition; Hale Johnson, of Newton, Ill., and the Rev. Silas C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, Pa. The latter has a high reputation as a pulpit orator, and has many supporters among the delegates from the eastern states.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2.40 o'clock. The report of the committee on credentials was not ready and, pending its completion, the convention was entertained by instrumental and vocal music, in which prohibition was lauded. Representatives of the Young People's Prohibition league, of New York, were also introduced and spoke briefly on the work of that organization. The report of the committee on credentials was then presented by Chairman Johann, who stated that the committee had decided that only those delegates present with certificates duly signed were entitled seats. There were 693 delegates actually seated, representing thirty-seven states. The report was adopted. Homer lastle, of Pittsburg, submitted the report of the committee on permanent organization and order of business. The report recommended Samuel Dickie, of Michigan, for permanent chairman, and Colonel R. S. Cheves, of Tennessee, for permanent secretary. It was apparent that the Indiana dete gates had abandoned their intention of nominating John G. Woolley for permanent chairman, for the recommenations of the committee were adopted unanimously, amid a roar of applause, "Speech! speech!" shouted some of

the delegates. "This is just the opportunity I've en waiting for," said Chairman Dickie, "but I won't make a speech. Instead, I'll ask those delegates in the rear of the hall to sit down and sit

The delegates sat down.

The list of national committeemen s selected by the delegations of the various states was then read and adopted and a recess was taken until p. m. The Pennsylvania national mmitteemen are A. A. Stevens and harles R. Jones.

The national committee of the Proubition party met at the Palmer House at the close of the session and unanimously re-elected Oliver W. Stewart as national chairman. Other officers elected are: Samuel Dickie, Michigan, vice-president; William T. Wardell, New York, secretary, and S. B. Hastings, Wisconsin, treasurer. The executive committee was increased in number from four to five. The comnittee resolved to conduct a school louse compaign, holding meetings in every available place in the country in a general endeavor to arouse interest in the cause of Prohibition.

Issue of the Campaign. The Prohibition party will make its

national campaign this year upon a platform of a single issue, the liquor traffic, all other issues being subordinated to this one question. Upon this platform it is probable that either Rev. S. C. Swallow, the "fighting parson," of Harrisburg, Pa., or John G. Woolley, of Chicago, editor

The national convention of the Prothree sessions, morning, afternoon and row morning. The convention in point considered one of the greatest ever seld by the advocates of cold water. Thirty-seven states of the union were represented when Chairman Oliver Stewart, of the national committee, Farther than this Mr. Price called the convention to order at the First regiment armory today, nearly 700 delegates being present, while scores of others are expected tomorrow, when the party names its national candidates. The platform, as adopted by the convention, bears solely upon the question of the suppression of the liquor traffic. In connection with this, however, the administration and President McKinley in particular. were bitterly arraigned for the position taker on the anti-canteen law, the action in this being denounced as "trea-

sonable." A bitter fight took place in the comnittee on resolutions before the platform was finally agreed upon the members being sharply divided over the question of a single issue or "broad" platform. The advocates of woman's suffrage were particularly emphatic in demanding a suffrage plank, but after a session lasting for several hours the matter was compromised by reporting separate resolution favoring the granting of the franchise to women this form the platform was adopted by the convention after con-siderable debate. Expressions of vari-

ous state delegations tonight rather in-

president, and H. B. Metcalf, of Rhode Island, for vice president, The voting strength of the third prominent candidate for the presidential nomination, Hale Johnson, of Illinois, apparently decreased rapidly during the day, to the gain of Mr. Woolley, and it appears probable that the

contest tomorrow will be narrowed down to Mr. Woolley and Rev. Swallow. The latter's friends, however confidently assert that his nomination is assured and a brisk contest may take place before the question of leadership is settled.

The Platform.

The platform was subsequently presented and read by Secretary Hopkins. of the resolution committee. It was received with the wildest enthusiasm. Every sentence in condemnation of President McKinley was greeted with shouts of approval and cries of "hit him again," the delegates standing on their chairs and yelling themselves hoarse. "I have another resolution recommended by the committee," said Mr. Hopkins. He then read the fol-

Resolved. That it is the sense of this conver tion that the right of the ballot shall not be de-nied any citizen on account of sex.

It was evident that leaving the wo man's suffrage plank out of the platform was distasteful to many delegates, and Mrs. Beauchamp, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, of Kentucky, took the platform and advocated an equal suffrage plank She was wildly applauded.

After considerable discussion, a rising vote was called for on the platform and an additional resolution favoring woman suffrage adopted by a practically unanimous vote, amid a tempest of cheers. Some delegates started "Blessed Be the Tie That and the whole assemblage Binds." joined in a thunderous song of praise to the Almighty, even the throngs in the gallery taking up the old hymn. The convention then adjourned until 9.30 tomorrow morning.

The Planks.

The following are among the planks

of the platform: We submit that the Democratic and Repub lican parties are alike insincere In their as-sumed policy to trusts and monopolies. They dare not and do not attack the most dangerous f them all, the liquor power. So long as the purchasable voter money will continue to buy its way to power. Break down this traffic, ele-vate manhood, and a sober citizenship will find a way to control dangerous combinations of

elected to his high office by appeals to Christian sentiment and patriotism almost unprecedented and by a combination of moral influences never before seen in this country that by his conspicu-ous example as a wine drinker at public ban-quets, and as a wine serving host in the white house he has done more to encourage the important reforms proposes making important reforms proposed in the proposed p practices and requirements into disrepute, than any other president this republic has had. We tate and allowing the sale of a property charge upon President McKinley responsibility for the army cantoen with all it dire it is shown to be encumbered beyond brood of disease, immertality, sin and death in this country, in Cuba, in Porto Rico and the out serious opposition. Another pro-Philippines; and we insist that by his attitude concerning the canteen and his apparent con-tempt for the vast number of petitions and petitioners protesting against it, he has outraged and insulted the moral sentiment of this country in such a manner and to such a degree calls for its righteons uprising and his indignant and effective rebuke.

LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Increase in Business as Shown in Report of Banking Commissioner.

Harrisburg, June 27.-The annual reort of Banking Commissioner Powers on the building and loan associations. homestead loan and trust companies of Pennsylvania has just been submitted to Governor Stone for 1899. During the year 1.874 associations chartered under the state law made report to the department. These showed assets amounting to \$112,120,-436.61, and receipts amounting to \$53,-137,355,77, an increase over 1898 of \$752,-088.84. The total shares in force at the end of the business year was 1,949,. 397, and the number of shareholders, 281,456. The number of homes purions making report, which have 225,-123.76 loaned on stock and own real

estate valued at \$264,451.25. During the year thirty-seven new sioner Powers says that such recommendations and comments as he desires will be reserved for his report on banks that will be submitted just previous the meeting of the legisla-

RACES AT BRADFORD.

Bradford, Pa., June 27.—Second day Lake Erie Trotting association; attendance good; track fast, 2.40 class pace, \$400 (unfinished from yester-ny). Straight ticket won second, fourth and fifth heats; Gene Whitocmb, second; Major, third,

Best time, 2.21%.
2.18 class trotting; purse, \$400 (unfinished from yesterday). Arch W won second, third and heats; Bird Eye, second; Moro, third., Best time, 2.17%. 2.17 class pace, purse, \$400.; Sapphire won irst, second and fourth heats; Tom Nolan was second; May Wilkes, third. Best time, 2.16.

2.12 class, trottingf; purse, 8400. won in three straight heats; Paul Pry, second; Red Weed, third. Rest time, 2.17½, 2.28 class, trotting; purse, 8400. Lake Shore won in three straight heats; Mary D, second; S

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, June 27 .- Arrived: Bremen, from remen; Kensington, from Antwerp; Majestic Liverpool, Sailed: St. Paul, Southampton; Gernanie, Liverpool; Westernland, Antwerp. South-impton—Sailed: Lahn, from Bremen, New York cia Cherbourg. Glasgow—Arrived: Ethiopia, New York. Boulogne—Arrived: Spaarndam, New York for Rotterdam. Liverpool—Arriveo: l'eptonic, New York via Queenstown, Vermont Republican Ticket.

Montpelier, Vt., June 27 .- The Republican state

Montpeller, Yt., Sine r. The hepotential convention held here today nominated the following ticket: Governor, W. W. Stickney; lieutenant governor, M. F. Allen; treasurer, J. L. Bacen; auditor, O. M. Barber; secretary of

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, June 27. - Pensions granted: Charles Kneibler, Wilkes-Barre, 88; Charles Day

sport, Jessup, 88. Mary Wich (widow), Wilkes

Corporations Chartered. Harrisburg, June 27 .- The Rodgers Sand com ony, of Pittsburg, capitalized at \$10,000, was dicate the nomination of Woolley for chartered today by the state department.

DUSKY DEATH-DEALERS.



Here are some of the haughtiest officers in the army of Her Imperial Majesty, Victoria, mpress of India. They are the native staff of the Seventh Bengal Infantry, en route from Boer activity increases in proportion ombay to Hong Kong. All are of high caste, and they regard low caste natives of all na- with Lord Roberts' quiescence, so that onalities as less than the dirt under their feet. Desperate fighters, too, those Bengalese news of completion of the commander patricians. Their men follow them to the cannon's mouth with unfailing alacrity, and they in chief's enveloping movement, supegard death on the battle-field as the most desirable end possible.

DISCUSSION OF MUNICIPAL LAW

SUBJECT BEFORE PENNSYLVA-NIA BAR ASSOCIATION.

An Interesting Tilt of Words Between Judge Simonton, of Harrisburg, and Alex Simpson, Jr., of Philadelphia-Judge Simonton Accuses Mr. Simpson of Reflecting Upon a Local Court-An Opinion That Juries Are Growing Better.

Cambridge Springs, Pa., June 27 .-Several proposed acts of assembly reforming the laws of this state were discussed and approved by the Pennsylvania Bar association at its session One of the propositions here today. makes radical changes in the statutes governing municipal claims. The most important reforms proposes making proceeds of a judicial sale of real esposed statute that was approved proides for a voluntary system o experts in court trials. A third proposed law simplifies the present methods of serving papers in law suits.

An interesting tilt of words arose between Judge Simonton, of Harrisburg, and Alexander Simpson, jr., of Philadelphia, during the discussion of a resolution providing for the appointment of a representative of the association in the legislature to look after its bills. Judge Simonton said that a obbyist's presence suggested the use of money in the passage of an act that such a suggestion might lead to a measure's defeat.

Mr. Simpson defended the legislature against what he called this inuendo of bribery.

A Spirited Passage. A spirited passage occurred in which

Judge Binaonton referred to statements made by Mr. Simpson, which were said o refer on a local court. A committee of seven was appointed to wait on the justices of the supreme court and suggest that the hour rule be abolished. At the evening session

chased or built was 6,677. There were Talcott Williams, of Philadelphia, read forty-one building and loan associa- a paper on "The Jury System from the Jury Panel," and Richard C. Dale, of 737 shares in force in this state; \$4,689,- | Philadelphia, discussed the objection of 354.61 loaned on real estate here; \$172.- legislature as of the judiciary in giving effect to constitutional limitations, Mr. Williams contended that juries were growing morally better instead building and loan associations began of worse, but he suggested several rebusiness here and fifty-six wound up forms which he thought would bring their business in this state. Commis- the system into more accord with modern life. Mr. Dale thought that we were drifting too far away from the spirit of the constitution and the legislatures and the people should bear its foundation principles more thoroughly in mind and restrain all attempts at ill-advised legislation.

EDITORS AT WILKES-BARRE.

The Association Combines Business with Pleasure. Wilkes-Barre, June 27.-The members

of the State Editorial association combined business with pleasure today. A business session was held this morning, which was presided over by Vice-President J. Addison Buck, of Philadelphia. Mayor Nichols welcomed the editors to the city. This afternoon a special excursion

was run to Harvey's lake and this evening a number of receptions were

Burned by Lightning. Harrisburg, June 27,-A large bank barn of

Dauphin county, was struck by lightning last night during a heavy storm and burned to the ground. The live stock rnd farming implements were saved. The barn of Conrad Hasp, near Grantville, was also destroyed by fire, caused by lightning. The storm was one of the most violent of the year and did much damage to the crops in Dauphin and Perry counties.

Wage Scale Conference Adjourns.

Detroit, June 27.—The conference on the 1900 cage scale between the wage committee of the Asmigamated Association of Iron, Stel and Tin Workers, representatives of the great steel man-ufacturing companies, was adjourned this afternoon without an agreement having been reached to permit the amalgamated representatives to attend a conference in New York with representatives of the American Tin Plate company The iron and steel scale will again be taken up later at a conference in this city.

Maine Republicans Meet.

Bangor, Me., June 27.-The Republican converator Frye. John F. Hill, of Augusta, was unanimously nominated for governor and the national administration was endorsed.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

SHOWERS: COOLER. General-Foreign Ministers Escorted Out of

Pekin, Boer Activity Stirs Up the Basutos State Lawyers Discuss Proposed Municipa

Law, Prohibition Convention at Chicago,

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. Local-New Coal Road Scores Another Vic

tory, Boulevard Company Notified to Remove Its Park Toll Gate. Convention of the Knights of Columbus.

News and Comment. Local-Plans Received for the Proposed Ar

Editorial.

mory.

Mrs. May Rinsland's Views of the Everhar Trouble.

Another Boy Drowned in Roaring Brook.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban, Round About the County.

Local-Fire Chief Walker and Departmen Discipline. Live News of the Industrial World.

AN EARLY MORNING FIRE

J. C. McDonald Had a Narrow Escape from Death in Building at 427 Lackawanna Avenue.

J. C. McDonald, a one-legged candy maker, employed by George Anderson, who keeps a candy store at 427 Lackawanna avenue, had a very narrow escape from suffocation early this morning in a fire which broke out shortly before 2 o'clock in the basement of the candy store.

The store is located in a three-story building, and McDonald was sleeping on the third floor in the rear. The smoke from the burning sugar in the floors and up through an airway in the

back soon filled his room strapped on his artificial leg and flay he could not get down the stairs owing up a lesson they may do so in Engto the smoke. The firemen, upon their lish. arrival on the scene, heard that there was a man on the top floor and desperate efforts were made to reach him

from the front, but to no avail. The Hook and Ladder company finalthe building and Harry Rice, of the ferent colleges and definite action is Crystals, ascended it. The smoke was finally taken in the matter. In view pouring up around the ladder in vol- of the storm of protests recently raised umes, so that nothing could be seen in the South against what was called from the ground but the light of his lantern. He entered the room and assisted McDonald, who was then almost demand that the subject be given unconscious to the window.

scended to the ground with the assistance 'f Rice. He says it was the closest call of his life. Rice, himself, vas almost overcome by the smoke Edward Kadereit, who keeps a tailor shop on the second floor, and who lives there, also got out before the firemen arrived, accompanied by his wife. They

The latter pluckily stepped out on

moke became too dense and were the only other persons in the building. The fire was discovered by a passerby, who promptly turned in an alarm from box 26, at Lackawanna and Washington avenues. When the firemen arrived the cellar was all aflame and dense smoke was pouring from

came down the front stairs before the

the front. The first stream was run in through the rear, and in a few moments another was got into the basement from the front. The flames quickly burst through the flooring of the ground floor | fled, but has made not investigation as whereupon the front door and windows were smashed in and a stream from the new water battery directed into the building. This was the first time this piece of apparatus has been

used and it did excellent work. The candy store was owned by Connors had a suit of effices on th second floor and the remainder of that floor and all of the third were occupied

by Kadereit. At 2.30 the fire was under control and practically subdued. When the firemen were able to enter the building they found that the flames had completely eaten out the cellar, burned away parts of the flooring on the first floor and climbed beneath the plastering as far as the second floor. No damage from flames, however, result

ed above the ground floor. The burned building is owned by the Handley estate. It is damaged to the cellar are particularly a total loss

THE BASUTOS ARE RESTIVE

Bad Effect of a Disaster Upon a Body of Them.

CUT OFF BY THE BOERS

They Are Surrounded and Twenty Are Killed and 200 Captured. Burghers Break Through Rundle's Lines-London Anxious to Hear of Completion of Roberts' Enveloping Movement.

London, June 27.-Dispatches from South Africa indicate that the renewed posed to be in progress, is anxiously

awaited. Reports today support the statement that the Boers succeeded in piercing General Rundle's lines and penetrated southward.

It appears that the failure of the British to properly guard their line of communications north of Kroonstad involved disaster to a body of Basutos working on the railroad, of whom twenty were killed and two hundred were made prisoners. That had a decidedly bad effect on the native mind and a recrudescence of unrest is reported in Basutoland.

Cape Town, June 27 .- It is announced officially that no troops will leave. South Africa until the Boer war has been ended.

LATIN TO BE RETAINED.

Roman Catholic Educators Continue

the Study of Dead Languages. Philadelphia, June 27,-Today's session of the convention of Roman Cathdie priests and educators was devoted to a discussion of the abutine workings of seminaries, The Very Rev. Abbe A. L. Magnine, L. S., D. D., superior and president of the seminary of St. Zulphide and St. Mary's university, Baltimore, suggested a number of subjects bearing upon the retention of the Hebrew and Greek languages, relative importance of seminary courses and the conditions of admission to

seminaries. As the concensus of opinion favored the retention of Latin as the language f the church so the trend of opinion was strongly in favor of continuing to make a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew obligatory. Throughout the conferences it has been seen that the instructors of the Catholic church are not in sympathy with what is sometimes called the modern and advanced theory of education which has been steacily away from the study of dead

anguages After a thorough discussion on the subject of the use of Latin in teaching philosophy, it was unanimously decided to recommend that the text basement was especially dense and books in the various seminaries should choking, and ascending through the continue to be printed in Latin; that the students should be obliged to recite in Latin, and that the professor, He was awakened from his sleep, and in making explanations, should also with admirable presence of mind make use of the classic language. The only privilege that should be extended close to the floor after discovering that to the instructors is that in summing

The instructors and priests in the conference have no legislative power in enacting rules in the various seminaries. In agreeing on a tenor of action, however, their opinions are conplaced a ladder against the rear of sidered by the professors of the dif-"an excess of Latin," the action of the conference will probably result in a

further attention. The conference adjourned sine die, the ladder and handicapped as he was after hearing a number of interesting by his artificial leg, he nevertheless papers read. The next conference wik be held next June at Niagara Falls.

AN AGED WOMAN KILLED. Mrs. Martin Caffrey Struck by a D.

& H. Train. Mrs. Martin caffrey, an elderly woan, residing in Archbald, was instantly killed yesterday morning by a Delaware and Hudson train while attempting to cross the tracks at Salem avenue, in that borough,

The unfortunate woman stepped hurriedly across one track to escape a train and walked directly in front of another on the next track. She was thrown to one side of the track and was dead when picked up.

The woman was widely known up the valley and is survived by four children. The corong has been noti-

ADVANCE IN COAL.

New York, June 27 .- All the authracite coal toads have given notice of an advance in the price of coal 25 cents per ton, east and west, ginning July 2.

The Reading company took the initiative in the advance. The new circular prices will be as ollows: Free on board, tidewater, stove and chestant, \$4 per ton; egg, \$3.75. The we prices will be: Grate, \$4.25 per ton; stave hestunt, 84.50 on cars at Buffalo Jeffries Will Fight Ruhlin.

New York, June 27 .- Jim Joffries, the chamion pugilist, states that he will fight Gus Rublin on August 25 provided his, Jeffries' arm, which has been in a plaster cast under treatment since May 27, is in condition at that time. In

any event he will give Ruhlin the first chance

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 27.-Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania, showers and not so warm Thursday; Friday showers; brisk southwesterly

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