#### TWO CENTS.

# KANSAS CITY THE SCENE OF

# The Patriots of Democracy Are Warming Up Things.

BLAZE OF BUNTING

The City Engulfed by an Immense Crowd That Take Complete Possession of the City-Business of the Day-A Sudden Shift of Sentiment Towards Mr. Bryan.

Kansas City, July 3 .- With flags flying, bands playing, streets respiendent with the blaze of bunting and of myrinds of lights and with the ear as saulted by the deafoating conglomeration of bombs and rockets and crackers marching clubs and marching corps, with this confusion of patriotism and politics, Kansas City is tonight ushering in the national holiday and the Democratic national convention. There were crowds here yesterday, but these were but the advance guard, and today they have come enmasse, fairly engulfing the city and taking complete possession of its streets, hotels

and public places. With this late influx have come the Tammany braves, the Chicago marching clubs and many kindred organizations, with their bands. And yet, for some reason, many of this most famous convention organizations such as the Duckworth club, of Cincinnati, are not represented here, while the Jefferson club, of St. Louis, and the Young Men's Louisville club send only a handful of men, instead of their usual

Many notable figures of the party have come with the arriving delegations today. With the Kentuckians came the youthful governor and successor of Goebel, Governor Beckham, accompanied by the deep-voiced and genial Joe Blackburnand by the polished ex-Governor McCreary.

quota of hundreds.

## Distinguished Arrivals.

From South Carolina came the plcfigure, Senator Tillman. Among the Tammany arrivals, George B. McClellan, son of the great soldier Lincoln, was about the only notable ac- dency and also in urging the necesquisition, as most of the New York sity for a positive declaration on ratio, to mean that the last vestige of hope eaders were early on the grounds. Some of the arrivals attracting attention was a namesake and a nephew of Willim J. Bryan, who acts as his private secretary, and who came on from Lincoln to mingle with the Nebraska contingent, Many of Mr. Bryan's townsmen and most devoted adherents arrived tonight, including the Young Men's Bryan club, of Lincoln, and the Traveling Men's Bryan club, of Nebraska. This steady influx is straining the city's accommodations to the utmost, and tonight people are being packed in rooms and hallways, without much regard to comfort, so long as they can get a place to lay their head. The actual business of the day consisted in the final selection by the national committee of Governor Thomas. of Colorado, as temporary chairman of the convention, and the disposal of all contests, including the scating of Senator Clark and the Montana delegation. The choice of Governor Thomas was something of a surprise, as the executive committee had practically decided for Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, But on a close vote today Governor

#### Thomas was awarded the honor. Order of Business.

The committee also drew up the following order of business for the convention; Calling the convention to order by chairman

of national committee. Reading of call to convention by the secretary of the committee. speech of welcome by the mayor of Kansas

Announcement of the temporary organization, Address by the chairman of the convention,

Resolutions ordering the reading of the declaration of independence.

Reading of the declaration of independence.

Resolutions authorizing the appointment of

Appointing of committees,

Calling for representatives of these commit-tees and their submission for adoption. Presentation of the names of candidates for

Presentation of the names of candidates for ation of vice president,

Call of the roll of states for the names of persons to serve respectively on the committees urged to going outside the party for a to notify the nominees for the presidency and nominee, but did not expect any oppo-

# Day's Session.

The day's session of the Monetary lengue also attracted some attention mainly through Mr. Towne's speech severely arraigning his old asosciates of the Republican party and declaring that the record in Cuba and the Philippines was one of the most disgraceful pages of American history. But far more interesting than the

formal business of the day has been the growing intensity of feeling over the platform and the vice presidential candidate. The most remarkable figure of the situation is the sudden shift of sentiment since yesterday, when the dominating influence of Mr. Bryan was everywhere manifest, whereas today many delegations took formal action against a specific 16 to 1 declaration, which is supposed to be Mr. Bryan's sine quanen. The movement took form early in the day among some of the influential men of the party, not through and spirit of opposition to Mr. Bryan, but because they believe the overwhelming sense of the delegates was favorable to a simple reaffirmation of the Chicago platfrom without a specific declaration That is a conservative, instead of a radical, financial platform. | with cheers.

The force of the movement began to make itself apparent as the day advanced. Ohio led off, and after a short fight, overwhelmingly instructed its representative on the platform com-mittee, Judge Chapman, to work for a simple reaffirmation of the Chicago ENTHUSIASM simple reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, without a specific 16 to 1 declaration. This decision was made in the face of a protest by Tom Johnson that It was opposed to Bryan's well-known wishes. The Florida caucus followed suit, soon after, by instructing its platform member, Mr. Gibbons, to oppose a specific plank of 16 to 1 and to work for a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. At the West Virginia caucus the same sentiment was manifested on the ground that they would give a fighting chance to West Virginia. The Georgia and Rhode Island delegates expressed a like tendency. The Wisconsin delegation in caucus discussed similar action, but hesitated and finally postponed their

determination. The Michigan delegation also came out for a simple reaffirmation. And aside from these formal proceedings igninst the 16 to 1 specific declaration, it is understood that Pennsylvania, Inliana, Illinois, part of New York and other influential delegations share in the sentiment for the "conservative" as against a "radical" platform.

## THREE PARTIES

#### GET TOGETHER

Conference Held at Kansas City. Representatives of Democrat, Populist and Silver Parties Meet to Pool Their Issues.

Kansas City, July 3 .- A conference of the three political parties was held at the Kansas City club today. From the Democratic party there were Jones, of Arkansas; Tillman, of South Carolina; Croker, of New York; Johnson, of Kansas; from the Populists there were Ed-miston, of Nebraska; Weaver, of Iowa; Pettigrew, of South Dakota; Allen, of Nebraska, and Heitfeld, of Idano, and of the Silver Republicans there were Teller, of Colorado; DuBois, of Idaho;

Newlands, of Nevada. The conference settled as definitely as could possible, for a few representative men to settle anything in advance that the platform should contain a positive and specific declaration | force of his army. for free coinage at 16 to 1, but there was no equally positive development in the settlement of the vice-presidential situation. The meeting lasted from 11 o'clock until 4.50, and was marked with great earnestness. The entire exchange of views was upon the two questions of the financial plank of the platform and the selection of a man for second place on the ticket, the latter question receiving the greatest share of attention because it offered it

the most obstacles. The silver Republicans and Populists and the Democratic nominee against didacy of Mr. Towne for the vice-presi-Some of the Democrats placed themble talkers.

On the question of platform Mr. ista is no longer tenable. Johnson, (Dem., Kan.,) made the only | The opinion is expressed that a fully notable declaration. He said that he equipped modern army, belonging to was willing to accept a positive de- one nation, is necessary to deal with claration for the historic ratio if it the situation, instead of an expedition All agreed after the conference in say- date shall be given to Japan to coming that the specific declaration will plete the work she left undone in 1894, talk over the vice presidency, in again be squeezed out when the costly which all participated more or less, task has been ended. Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, held out While America's non-participation in strenuously for a Democrat, "A man the bombardment of the Taku forts who had the Democratic brand upon is criticized generally here, several of him." He said that Mr. Bryan him- the London newspapers are beginning self represented sufficiently the Popu- to find out that Rear Admiral Kempff listic or No. thwestern idea, and he possessed better foresight than the althought no concession should be made lied chancelleries of Europe when he He added that he meant no reflection on the ground that it would throw upon Mr. Bryan, but only intended to the Chinese government into the arms say that the ticket did not require to of the Boxers and make all the other be strengthened in that direction.

Senator Pettigrew and others of the to this speech. Former Senator Du- gations and the Europeans in the in-Bois asserted sarcastically that the terior from retaliation, Democrats were raking the earth to find a man with whom to beat Bryan, "If that speech were made in Dakota," said Mr. Pettigrew, referring to Mr. Clayton's remarks, "it would mean a loss of 5,000 votes to the ticket."

He proceeded to say that if the Populists had not unanimously united with the Democrats in 1896 the latter would have been overwhelmed, and he added that if their aid was not secured in 1900 there would be a still greater disaster.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, also made a spirited speech in Towne's behalf, saying that he would add strength to the ticket where votes were needed, and that it was time to have done with the nonsense that a man be kill!") branded before he could be accepted. Senator Jones contented himself with stating the objections he had heard urged to going outside the party for a sition to Bryan.

# PRESSURE ON BRYAN.

#### An Effort to Induce Him to Modify His Views on 16 to 1.

Kansas City, July 3 .- In an effort to modify Mr. Bryan's expressed views in favor of an explicit declaration on the silver question, the following telegram was sent him today: W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.

clear to us that a simple re-affirmation of Chicago platform, with additional planks or trusts and imperialism should be adopted. The convention is in the hands of your friends; their advice is important. Such a platform des nothing and ensures victory.

Albert J. Barr, Pittsburg Post. Charles W. Knapp, St. Louis Republic, Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution. Cincinnati Enquirer.

# Ovation to Mr. Hill.

Kansas City, July 3 .- Mr. Hill went to the diana headquarters and made a speech to the elegation. His remarks were general in terms, but advocated conservative action as a mean of Democratic success. He was loudly cheered by the delegates and as he passed through the crowd when returning to his rooms these wer many shouts of "Hill," "Hill," interrupte-

# **EMPEROR** OF CHINA A CAPTIVE

# The Boxers and Prince Tuan Now Rule in Pekin.

#### STATE OF ANARCHY EXISTS

Only Two Legations Standing-Envoys Are Starving and Under Rifle Fire-Empress Dowager Imprisoned-Reports of Envoys' Desperate Condition Received by Secretary Hay-Prince Tuan Said to Be Beheading Captured Legation Guards-Fears That Impossibility of Despatching Immediate Relief Has Sealed Ministers' Doom-Admiral Kempff's Foresight.

Washington, July 3 .- Secretary Hay has received cable messages from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghal, dated today, and from United States Consul McWade at Canton. The dispatch from Goodnow is as follows:

On the 27th there were two legations stand . The emperor and the empress are prison-in the palace. The city gates are closed, nee Tuan and his force of Boxen are in conof everything. Complete condition of an-

The cable message from McWade is as follows :

Viceroy Li Hung Chang today assured me that he will immediately issue a strong proc-lamation communities the preservation of poace and order in his province and will take the necsary measures for the protection of foreigners far as possible. He has largely increased the

Shanghai, July 3 .- According to the Intest Pekin news from Chinese sources the foreign legations are at such extremities from lack of provisions that the women who escaped the bullets of the besieging forces are perishing of starvation.

Prince Tuan is said to be publicly beheading all the legation guards captured by the Chinese.

## Wisdom of Kempff.

London, July 3 .- The fact that a relief column has been unable to leave were quite agreed in pressing the can- Tien Tsin in response to the pathetic appeal of the beleaguered legations at Pekin is regarded generally in London selves in the attitude of men whom it in the Chinese capital has been rewas necessary to win over. All proved moved. The worst is feared, and it is good listeners and some of them volu- beginning to be felt that the plausible fiction that no state of war ex-

were insisted on, but he thought it of a half dozen assorted nationalities. would be good politics to leave it out. Hence arises the demand that a manmade. There was a very spirited with proper security that she shall not

nations technically at war with China, when the international forces were non-Democrat conferees replied tartly manifestly insufficient to guard the le-

# Tragedy at Pekin.

London, July 4, 2.30 a. m .- Couriers who are arriving at the seats of government of the southern viceroys from their agents in Pekin, give vivid but fragmentary pictures of what is being enacted in the capital. These couriers, seemingly, left Pekin a day or two later than the messenger of Sir Robert Hart, the inspector general of castoms, who started in the night of June 24. They report that the heads of some of the captured legation guards were

being borne through the streets at tre top of spears, followed by zealots chanting "Tapi yang kuci tse! tap! tapi!" ("Kill the foreign devils! kill!

The city's millions have been roused to patriotic fervor, breaking out into the wildest excesses, while over half the city could be heard fighting aroun ! the legations.

Sir Robert Hart's runner, who was interviewed by the correspondent of the Express at Shanghal, supplements the tragic sentences of the dispatch ha bore by a narrative of some things he He says the foreigners were BAW. making a last stand in the extensive buildings and enclosures of the British legation. They had many dead and wounded. Among them were some wamen and children. All were short of food, even the commonest necessaries, The women were starving as they gave part of their small allowance to the children. The foreigners, povertheless, were holding out under a terrible fire, upheld by the hourly expectation of relief.

The messenger expressed the belief that it would be impossible for the foreigners to resist much longer as the Chinese were preparing to batter down the walls of the court yard and their ammunition was running low.

Orders were given by Prince Tuan, the messenger says, that since some had been killed not one other for-eigner should be left alive. The Chinese soldiers were exhorted to sacrifice their lives without hesitation if by so doing they could help exterminate the 'wang kuci tze." Extreme precautions had been taken to prevent the foreign ers from communicating with any one

outside the city, and a number of runners who had been sent out were killed by the Chinese.

#### FOR BRYAN AND STEVENSON. Decision of the Pennsylvania Democrats at Kansas City.

Kansas City, July 3 .- The Pennsylvania delegation in its caucus tonight engaged in a heated debate on a resoution to instruct its representative on the committee on resolutions to vote for a specific declaration of 16 to 1, as the ratio of coinage in the financial plank and on a proposed substitute that the principles of the Chicago plat-form be re-affirmed in general terms. The debate was brought to an end by a motion of ex-Governor Pattison that the delegation instruct its resolution committeeman to observe the instructions of the Harrisburg conference which was an endorsement in general terms of the Chicago platform and that the delegation vote in convention for W. J. Bryan for president. This was carried out with a hurrah,

The delegation will vote for Adlai Stevenson for vice president.

# MORE VICTIMS OF THE HOBOKEN HOLOCAUST

One Hundred and Two Bodies Have Been Recovered from the Waters of the North River.

New York, July 3.-One hundred and two bodies have been recovered from the waters of the North river up to 10 o'clock tonight, this being the list of growing hour by hour and tomorrow morning, when the tide is at its lowest, it is believed that a great many

more bodies will be recovered. The dead tonight are distributed among the morgues in Hoboken, Jer-sey City and New York, and on the steamship Saale there are three bodies which have not yet been removed. In O'Donnell's undertaking establishment there are fifty-five bodies; in Hoffman's, twenty-six: In Jersey City, two, and in New York morgue, six; the other ten of the sixteen, which had been taken to the morgue up to to-

night, have been removed for burial, Aside from the bodies which have

eers on the ship. All day long today the work of searching the ruins was kept up. The officials of the North German Lloyd line were doing everything they could to straighten out matters and bring things into some sort of tangible shape. taking care of the survivors and to securing an accurate list of the miss- learned the use of European officers. The Chinese have ling. They looked after the missing. They looked after the transportation to Germany of the survivors who are in condition to go. They also gave

them clothing and fed them. Valencia boat club house and wooden offins lay on the float in the water, ready to receive the dead as the bodies were towed in. Far out in the stream ere numerous small row boats dragging their grappling hooks behind them | fighting for one common cause-for civilization as they searched for bodies among the submerged debris.

# POSITION OF FRANCE.

#### M. Sembat Takes a Gloomy View of the Chinese Situation-M. Delcasse States That There Should Be No Shrinkage of Duty.

deputies today M. Sembat, socialist, asked for explanations regarding the credits for operations in China. He took a gloomy view of the outlook sayin the vice presidential nomination. protested against an attack on Taku, out of the quarrels between the powing he thought troubles might arise ers regarding their respective spheres of influence. The attitude of France. he claimed, ought not to be the covetous attitude of certain powers whose aim was the dismemberment of China. When the Frenchmen were rescued and peace re-established. Fr nce, in his opinion, ought to unite wit those powers who wished to respect Chinese nationality. His party thought it better to relinquish a railroad which displeased the Chinese than to risk putting the far east to fire and blood,

M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, replied that France had no desire to make war on China, but could not shrink from the duty of protecting her citizens and obtaining for them the same guarantees as offered to those visiting France, Continuing M.

"We nourish no secret design. Common danger demands a common aim and common efforts. This necessity is realized by all the powers. I assure the chamber that France will neglect nothing to strengthen the sentiment of human solidarity which will prevent the powers from thinking of anything which might divide them."

# RACES AT READVILLE.

Readville, Mass., July 3,-The closest and the majority of heats in the four events which up the second day's races of the New nel Trotting Horse Breeders' association at

Readville park today.

In the 2.17 pace with six starters, Paul Revere was the favorite. He got the first heat, second in the next and a bad break in the third gave the distance hag. Gyp Walnut already winner of the second heat, made it three straight in as steady a pacing race as is seldom seen. De Veras got second in the race after three hard finishes. Best time, 2.11%. Boralma won the 2.11 trot in two heats, with

Lock and Dan L abreast of him. Ed Lock gut second money. Thus, 2.12, 2.134.

The best race of the day and full of the most surprises was the 2.12 pace. Early Bird and Chiaton B were favorites. Silvermaker took the first heat and Clinton B the next two and the race. Time, 2.114, 2.124, 2.1514. The 2.20 pace was won in straight heats by Dark Wilkes, in a field of nine horses, second money going to Ituna. Best time, 2.151/2.

Li Hung Chang Asks Our Aid. London, July 3.—in a special dispatch from Hong Kong it is said that Li Hung Chang has requested a United States gunboat to take him o Tien-Tein.

Another Warship for China. London, July 3.-The British first-class cruiser Argonaut, with a crew of 1687 men, left Sheer ness for China.

# THE KAISER IS FOR WAR

# Germany Will Avenge the Death of Her Minister at Pekin.

#### THE EMPEROR'S ADDRESS

He Will Not Rest Until His Flag Flies Over the Palace in Pekin. Will Act, However, with Allies Warns His Soldiers to Keep on Good Terms with Those of Other Nations-Plight of Envoys in Pekin-Volunteer Brigade to Be Organized in German Army for Service in China.

Berlin, July 3 .- Addressing the desailed from Wilhelmsbayen for China yesterday, the emperor made a remark- his hand. Indians, cowboys, regular able speech, during which he notified the world of Germany's intention to fatalities positively known. The list is avenge the murder of Baron von Ket- day. teler, the late minister of Germany at Pekin, and the missionaries, and to place of honor in the civic and milidictate terms to the Chinese from the tary parade and he was greeted with

The firebrand of war has been hurled in the ldst of the most profound peace. Unhappily, this was to me not unexpected. A crime of unspeakable insolence, horrifying in its bar barity, has been committed against the person of my trusty representative and has taken him om us. The ministers of the other powers over between life and death, and with them omrades sent for their protection. It may be hat while I speak they have already fought heir last fight.

erman empire treated with contempt. positively or partly been identified, a demands exemplary punishment and vengeance. number of people were seen to have Events have moved with frightful rapidity and perished by friends or by fellow-offl- have become profoundly grave and still graver. Since I called you to arms what I hoped to effect with the help of the marine infantry has now become a difficult ask, which can only fulfilled with the help of the serried ranks of all civilized states.

This very day the commander of the cruiser squadron has asked me to consider the despatch

infantry and my navy, when they have en-countered them have proved true to the old German battle cry. They have defended them-Thousands of people lined up along
River street in Hoboken today, watching the recovery of the dead. Undering the recovery of the dead of been planted on the walls of rekin to dictate searce to the Chinese. You will have to main ain good comradeship with all the other troops whom you will come in contact with over you Russians, British and French-all alike are

We must bear in mind, too, something higher, namely, our religion and the defense and tection of our brothers out there, some of whom take their lives for the Saviour. Think also of the honor of our arms. Think

of those who have fought before you go forth with the old Brandenburg motto: "Vertrau auf Gott, Dich tapfer wehr, Darin besteht dein ganze chr. Denn wer zuf Gott Herzhaftig wagt,

Wird nimmer aus der welt gejagt." The flags which here float above you go under fire for the first time. See that you bring Paris, July 3.-In the chamber of them back to me clean and stainless and without a spot. My thanks, my prayers and my solicitude go with you.

> The emperor's departure for Norway has been postponed. The following is a free adaptation of

> the old German saying repeated by Emperor William: Trust all to God; be brave! All honor lies in this. For he who wholesculed fights with God

## Will ne'er be hunted from the world. THE OREGON AFLOAT.

#### Will Probably Make for Port Arthur. Japanese Docks Have Been Tendered.

Shanghal, July 3.-The United States battleship Oregon was successfully floated yesterday and it is hoped she will reach Port Arthur safely.

Washington, July 3 .- Secretary Long today received the following cable message form Lieutenant A. L. Key, naval attache at the United States legation at Tokio, Japan, in regard to the dock ing of the Oregon:

Tokio, July 3, 1900. Secretary of the Navy, Washington. Port Arthur tomorrow. If Oregon cannot dock at Nagasaki, Japanese navy department tenders use of either Kure or Yokoksuka docks. Offers any assistance desired. Has ordered Ot-kitisushima from Chefoo to the Oregon. Have cabled Wilde offer of docks. (Signed)

# BRYAN WILL ATTEND.

#### Nominations May Be Made at Kansas City Today.

Kansas City, July 3 .- Unless plans perfected tonight are upset, Mr. Bryan will attend the Democratic national convention after his nomination if he is put in the field early enough to render it practicable for him to do so. A formal invitation has been extended to him and he has said that he would accept.

This fact was brought out in the afternoon meeting of the national Democratic committee, as was also the intention of the national committee to have the nomination for the presidency tomorrow if possible,

President Will Be Guest of G. A. R. Chicago, July 3.—President McKinley has for mally accepted the invitation tendered him by the Grand Army of the Republic to attend the annual encampment of the organization to be held in Chicago next month. Executive Director Harper received the president's letter of acceptance today.

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING

#### Weather Indications Today: FAIR; WARMER,

General-Democrats Enthuse at Kansas City. Chinese Emperor Is a Captive, Germany's Ruler Addresses Departing Troops, Costly Fire in the Coal Exchange Block.

General-The Tribune's Extraordinary Offer. Financial and Commercial.

Local-Costly Coal Exchange Fire (Con cluded).

Editorial.

News and Comment. Local-Consumers' Ice Company Buildings Rinsland Awarded \$1,000.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban,

Round About the County. Local-Live News of the Industrial World.

## ROYAL RECEPTION TO ROOSEVELT

Exercises at the Wyoming Monument,

#### The Governor Is Honored by Rough Riders at the Oklahoma Reunion. Extraordinary Demonstrations.

Oklahoma City, O. T., July 3 .- Governor Roosevelt was given a royal greeting by his old comrades today. Berlin, July 2,-Addressing the de- Everybody in town, and it is estimated tachment of German marines which fully 25,000 persons were within the city's gates, seemed anxious to grasp army men and Rough Riders were his constant attendants throughout the

Governor Roosevelt was given the palace at Pekin. His majesty spoke as extraordinary demonstrations of enthusiasm from the throngs which lined the strets.

Welcoming addresses were made by the governor and mayor, to which the scene of a costly conflagration. Governor Roosevelt responded. After devoting himself to a graceful tribute to the Rough Riders and veterans of the Spanish war and also the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Confederate Veterans present, he launched into the subject of the The German flag has been insulted and the nation's duty in her newly acquired

This territory. "I appeal to the great people of the West," said he. "I appeal to men who fought in the civil war and to their sons who came forward when the nation again called, whatever their party, to see to it that the nation does not shrink from its works; that the flag. which so far has been borne to honor shall be upheld for evermore as the flag of the greatest, mightiest nation of mankind; the nation that shrinks stocks from smoke, heat and flames, from no duty where duty calls, and the offices in the porthern and of Wherever the flag is as long as there is an armed foe against it, there the flag shall stay."

During the afternoon Colonel Roose velt witnessed a roping and riding tournament, a mule race and \*xhibition of roping and tying thirty wild steers and many other sports incident

#### o life on the western plains. EDUCATORS MEET.

# The Forty-fifth Annual Gathering of

State Teachers' Association. Williamsport, July 3 .- The Pennsylvania State Teachers' association convened for its forty-fifth annual meeting in this city today. There are over 700 teachers present. This morning Hon. John Hamilton, of the department of agriculture, read a paper on "Relations of the School to the Farm." while the principal papers of the afternoon session were read by Atreps Warner, superintendent of schools, York, and Dr. W. A. Lamberton, A. M. Litt, D. D., of the University of Pennsylvania. This evening Colonel John A. M. Passmore, of Philadelphia, president of the association, delivered his annual address, and State Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer also gave an

interesting talk. The convention will remain in ses-

# sion for three days.

#### MOURNS VON KETTELER. The Baron Was Formerly Stationed

in City of Mexico. City of Mexico, July 4.-The death of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister to China, has excited the greatest sorrow and indignation here. The baron went from here to Pekin, and while here both he and his American wife won a high place in the regard of

Mexican society. Patrick, the yellow fever patient at the American hospital, was yesterday sent to the convalescent ward, and the success of the serum cure for yellow fever, even when the patient had black vomit, seems to be demonstrated in his case. The new wure will be at once tried on the Gulf coast

# STORM AT READING.

#### City's Electric Lighting System Completely Demoralized.

Reading, July 3 .- A terrific electrical storm passed over this city and vicinity tonight. Several churches and a number of dwelling houses and business places were struck by lightning. The northeastern section of Reading was flooded and a number of people escaped from their houses by using the porches of their houses as boats. The electric lighting system in Reading was completely demoralized.

#### ABOLISHING SIBERIAN EXILE. Czar Modifies Law in Regard to

Banishment. St. Petersburg, July 3.-The Official Messenger today publishes an imperial ukase providing in a large measure for building, where the structure is only the abolition of banishment to Siberia. one story high. This fact alone saved In May, 1899, the czar commissioned the minister of justice to draw up a law abolishing banishment. The minister's draft, as finally sanctioned by the council of the empire, has been signed by the czar and the law is now

Strikers' Mass Meeting Called Off. St. Louis, Jone 3.—The executive committee of the local union of street car men this aftersoon endersed the action of the grievance commoon endersed the action of the gravance com-mittee in coming to the agreemnt with the Transit company, that resulted in the sake be-ing declared off. The mass meeting of strikers called for this afternoon was called off,

gazetted.

# **DISASTROUS** BLAZE IN COAL EXCHANGE

# Building Badly Damaged by a Fierce Fire Last Night.

# TOTAL LOSS WILL BE AT LEAST \$80,000

Fire Started in the Cellar of the Northern Store of the Coal Exchange Which Was Occupied by C. J. Weichel and Louis Bernard, Jr. These Two with Mercereau & Connell Sustained the Heaviest Losses. The Firemen Made a Brave Up-Hill Fight-It Was Necessary to Call Almost Every Company in the City to Assist in the Work of Saving the Big Building in Which the Fire Started from Complete Destruction as Well as the Adjoining

Again the Coal Exchange, on Wyoming avenue, John Jermyn's large store and office building, was last night

Property.

At 3 o'clock this morning the fire had gone half way through the building and was not yet fully under con-Mercereau & Connell's jewelry store

and the jointly occupied store of C. J. Welchel, crockery, and Louis Bernard, jr., novelties, in the northern end of the building, were completely gutted; the adjoining stores of G. V. Millar & Co., china and glassware, which is in the Raub building to the north, and P. J. McCrea's carpet store, next to the Coal Exchange main entrance on the south, suffered severe damage to their and the offices in the northern end of the Coal Exchange, together with a few in the Raub building, sustained more or less damage from fire, heat,

smoke or water. The total loss, roughly estimated, is \$80,000. Mercereau & Connell are the heaviest losers, the damage to their stock being easily \$20,000. Weichel and Bernard each suffered to the extent of about \$15,000, which amount represents their entire stock. The loss to the building is about \$20,000. All carried

insurance. The following table gives the esti-

#### mated losses: Estimated Losses. TENANTS OF OFFICES...... 10,000

For a time it appeared as if the flames would spread throughout the whole Coal Exchange and the buildings on Spruce street, and a call was sent out for the nearest of the suburban companies. A score of streams, including a deluging torrent from the water battery, directed with good judgment by the valiant firemen, succeeded in keeping the flames to the one buildng. It was after midnight, though,

before the flames were under control. A lodge of colored Odd Fellows in session on the third floor of the Raub building, 134 Wyoming avenue, first discovered the fire. They scented the smoke and making an investigation discovered the adjoining building in flames. One of their number caused an alarm to be turned in from Box 22, corner of Wyoming avenue and Spruce street, and he had scarcely reached the box before a hostler from one of the barns in the rear rushed down Spruce street to sound the

alarm. The flames supposedly, originated a little to the rear of the middle of the cellar, under the store jointly occupled by Weichel and Bernard. What

#### started them is a mystery. Spread Rapidly.

It was only a few minutes after the alarm was sounded that the flames broke through the floor and the wooden partition dividing the Weichel and Bernard and the Mercereau & Connell cellars. A short time later the flames were bursting through the floor of

the Mercereau & Connell store. Fortunately, the fire center was to the rear of the main part of the the Exchange from probable total destruction. The start which the flames had gained and the difficulty in getting

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# WEATHER FORECAST.

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Washington, July 3.-Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For Eastern Pennsylvania, parily cloudy and cooler