SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

# UNITED STATES WILL PROTECT TREATY RIGHTS

# No Thought of Taking a Backward Step in China.

#### DECLARATIONS OF WAR

They Have Not Been Made by Russia, Germany or Japan-In Case Formal Invitation Should Be Given It Is Doubtful if the United States Would Retire from China. No Official Dispatches Have Been Received from Pekin Since Thursday-News from Japanese Sources. An Effort to Keep Wires Open.

Washington, Aug. 26,-Russia, Germany and Japan have not declared war upon China, either separately or in concert. This statement is made upon authority of the highest char-

What those nations may do within the next forty-eight hours, or within the next fortnight, is a question which no one in Washington is prepared to answer. A brief dispatch from Chefoo conveying a rumor current there that Russia, Germany and Japan had joined in a declaration of war upon China aroused some interested comment among Washington officials and diplomatic representatives of foreign governments resident here.

In neither official nor diplomatic cir-circles, however, was the rumor taken seriously. No information of such action has reached the department of state or the legations of the governments primarily interested. That fact alone is accepted in official circles as a sufficient refutation of the rumor.

Officials of the state, war and navy departments were at their desks early today, but, up to the hour of closing heard from Minister Conger, General Chaffee or Admiral Remey, since the dispatch from Congrit Provide Provider Congrit Provid dispatch from Consul Fowler, received late last Thursday night, the depart-ment of state has received no advices from any source in China except a brief cablegram from Minister Conger inquiring how he should route his messages. The text of the dispatch, which it was explained was very brief and purely administrative in character, was not made public.

#### No Message from Chaffee.

The war department has received no message from General Chaffee known to have come directly from him for "Chaffee" have been received, but, as it is assumed that they were sent by some subordinate officer in General source has the department learned of the departure of forty Americans from Pekin to Tien Tsin, as reported in a special dispatch to a London newspaper under date of Aug. 19. Advices from General Chaffee are

expected hourly, as the military telegraph line between Tien Tsin and Pekin, which has been interrupted, presumably is being repaired. Imperative instructions were sent yesterday to the commander of the United States forces at Tien Tsin to have the line restored at once under the protection of a cavalry escort. A suspicion exists here that the de-

lay in messages, both from and to Washington, is rather between Chefoo and Shanghai than between Tien Tsin and Pekin. From Chefoo to Shanghai the telegraph line is in control of the Chinese authorities and it is suspected they are not so prompt in the transmission of messages a they might be. Later in the day a dispatch was re-

ceived at the Japanese legation from the foreign office, conveying the latest and most authentic information of the situation in and around Pekin. In a measure the advices were of a disquieting nature, as they indicated that the Chinese had rallied their force and were preparing for an attack upon the allies in Pekin. If it should prove that the allied forces were besieged in it would account for the lack of advices from General Chaffee,

#### The Japanese Dispatch. As made public by Minister Taka-

hira, the dispatch from the Japanese foreign office at Tokio is as follows: "An official telegram dated Pekin, August 18, was received at Tokio from General Yamaguchi, commander of the Japanese forces, to the effect that: The capital is now entirely cleared of the enemy. A cavalry regiment which had been sent to Wan Shau Shan, (where the empress downger's palace is located), reports that the imperial family, who had left Pekin August 14, Shau Shan, for the west and were under the escort of General Ma and his troops, consisting of only about 500 horsemen and twenty carriages. The Japanese force occupy the treasury department, in which over two millions taels in silver and a large quantity of rice were found.

"Another telegraphic dispatch dated Taku, August 23, states that as the Chinese troops and Boxers who had gathered at Nan Yuen, were about to attack the foreign forces at Pekin, Japanese and Russian cavalry were expecting to encounter them on the 20th. The dispatch further states that Chinese infantry, some 9,000 strong, with fifteen guns are advancing northward from Shan Tung to make a rear attack on the allies."

A copy of the dispatch was transmitted to Acting Secretary Adee at the department of state and by him furnished the president. While the news of a possible rear attack upon the comparatively small force of the ailies was not received with surprise,

[Continued on Page 8.]

#### ELECTRICAL STORMS.

#### Much Damage in New York and Vi cinity-Havoc Elsewhere.

New York, Aug. 26.—Severe electrical torms passed over New York and vicinity this afternoon, a number of houses being struck by lightning. At Union Hill, N. J., the annual fest of the Plattdeutscher Verein was being delivered when the storm came up. Most of the crowd sought shelter Subjects Introduced at in the pavilions. One of these, in which were about a dozen persons, was struck by lightining, and two young men, Joseph Schoenig, of Union Hill, and another who was not known, were killed. Every person in the pa-villon was affected by the shock.

Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 26.—The worst rain and electrical storm in the history of this city occurred this evening. lasting almost an hour. Numerous buildings were struck by lightning The Windsor, the City and the Lyndhurst hotels, J. E. Herrold's cafe and Bowman's clothing house were ignited, but the flames were extinguished before much damage resulted. Aaron Reed, guard at Maysville park, between here and Mt. Carmel, was killed by lightning during the storm

#### AMERICAN WARSHIP ARRIVES AT MOROCCO

Will Support Claim Arising from the Murder of Marios Essagin, Naturalized American Citizen.

Tangler, Morocco, Aug. 26.-A United States warship has arrived here to support the claim arising out of the murder last June of Marios Essagin, a naturalized American citizen, who was the manager of the Fez branch of the French firm of Braunsweig & Co.

Essagin, while riding on horseback through a narrow street in Tangler, jolted against the mule of a Morocco ean religious fanatic and a dispute ensued, the crowd siding with the priest. In self defense Essagin drew his revolver and fired, wounding a native. This was the signal for a general attack upon the American who received dozens of knife wounds and whose body was burned, according to some accounts, before life was ex-

# THE ENCAMPMENT

Fully 13,000 People Packed Into the Chicago Coliseum-A Drizzling Rain.

Chicago, Aug. 26.-Despite a drizzling the grand patriotic and sacred song service at the Coliseum tonight was attended by a throng which taxed the capacity of the immense building to the utmost. It is estimated that about a week. Cablegrams signed fully 13,000 people were packed into the hall and thousands were unable they contained only lists of casualties. to gain admission. Bishop Fallows, of Chicago, presided. On the platform with him was Mayor Harrison, Com-Chaffee's name. From no official mander in Chief Shaw, of the Grand Army of the Republic, General Daniel E. Sickles and a host of department commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as the local officials in charge of Chicago's end of the enampment.

After a musical selection had been rendered by the band the vast audience joined in the Lord's prayer, and then Rishop Fallows extended a warm and eloquent welcome to the visiting veterans. Commander in Chief Shaw then spoke at some length upon "True Patriotism." He dwelt upon the services which had been rendered to this nation in particular and to the world at large by the members of the Grand Army and pointed out the need of training the coming generations in the duties which patriotism demands of the nation's citizens.

Rev. E. G. Hirsch delivered a patriotic address, and Rev. T. D. Wallace pronounced the benediction. Between the addresses musical numbers were given by the band of 100 pieces, and several selections were given by solo-

ists, quartettes and the chorus. During the afternoon a service for children was given at the Coliseum, which was attended by fully 10,000 people. Addresses were made by Commander in Chief Shaw, Bishop lows and Rev. B. W. Arnet, of Wilberforce, Ohio.

Veterans and visitors to the encompment came in by the thousands Railroad officials testimated that fully 75,000 people arrived during the day, of which number 18,000 were members of the Grand Army of the It is estimated there are Republic. fully 29,000 veterans already in the

sour, of St. Louis, will be elected com-mander in chief of the Grand Army for the coming year at the business session Wednesday.
General John C. Black, of Illinois,

It is probable that Major Leo Rais-

who has been prominently mentioned started, after a short rest at Wan for the office, has declined to be a

#### DEFIANT VICEROY.

#### He Threatens Fight if Powers Try to Extort Territory.

London, Aug. 26 .- A dispatch received here from Shanghai, dated Aug. 25,

"Chie Tung, viceroy of Han-Kow, declares that he will resist any attempt to extort territory or to interfere with the armies of the various viceroys.

It was stated here that it was Prince Tum, and not Prince Tuan, who was captured by the Japanese.

#### McEachern Wins.

New York, Aug. 26.—Archie McEachern, the Baradian wheelman, defeated J. P. Jacobson in a New York, Aug. 20.—Accelled J. P. Jacobson in a Caradian wheelman, defeated J. P. Jacobson in a match pursuit race at the Valishing beard track today. Jacobson drew up to the Canadian at the start but soon lost his advantage. At the end of two miles McEachern was ten yards to the good and before two more miles were covered he had passed Jacobson in a desperate regist. The exact distance was 3 miles, 1,120 parties worked night and day since the accident and only succeeded in their efforts when dynamite was used.

# THE CUBANS CONSIDER

# CONVENTION

Official Banquet to

General Wood

## THE ARCHBISHOP'S SPEECH

He Advises Consolidation of Political Parties Until a Constitution for Cuba Has Been Framed-The United States Government Is Sincere in Promises Made-General Wood's Remarks-The Cuban People Should Have Liberty for All.

Santiago De Cuba, Aug. 26.-Governor General Wood was officially banquetted last night by the Republican and Democratic parties, The civil governmen., the archbishop of Cuba the principal judicial and civil dignitarles and a hundred representative merchants were present.

The archbishop in the course of his remarks said the time had arrived for peace and that he believed a consolldation of political parties would be of greater benefit to Cuba in the future than a house divided against itself. Senor Tamayo, secretary of state, in

a forcible speech, said: This is one of the most important epochs in he political history of Cuba. A constitutional convention, where the fundamental law of the land is to be framed, is about to be held. This s a moment when political contention should be aside. The issue is national. Cuba is about obtain what three generations bled for; and, f the constitutional convention is not what i hould be the noble dead will rise to denu hat blood shall not have been shed in vain. General Wood is the true of Cula, and I can certify to it. The United States government is sincere in the promises it has made. I appeal to you all to send to the convention the best and most capable man among

Governor General Wood, on rising, was greeted with shouts of applause. He spoke in part as follows:

I am here as your friend, and in no other ca-pacity. Everybody in the United States was as-tenished at the satisfactory way in which the municipal elections passed off. President Mc-Kinley personally assorted that he thought the time for the next step had come. Whatever the ultimate destiny of Cuba may be its immediate future is independence. This is no political move on the part of the United States, but a sincere desire to do what is right. Therefore, I beg you as a personal favor to me and to the United States government to sink your political differ rention who are renowned for honor and capacity so that the convention may mean more than the Cubans even now anticipate. I care not what your party politics are; but whatever they are, for the present party considerations must be sus pended for the sake of the great end in view, the end that will make history and affect the welfare of all Cuban people.

#### Not a Second Hayti.

Your delegates must be competent to draft : onstitution; and it is a duty you over yourselves and your fellow patriets to see that your nominee on the Populist ticket. rovide for a stable government will be accepted or the United States. I wish to avoid making hink that possible.

to help us make our word good. Your enemies predict failure. The people of the United States and their representatives wish to see you defeat those predictions. If we were not your friends would not seek the best men you have but could seek the disturber and the malcontent to represent you in the convention. We seek and demand the best you have. Again I say, send people to the convention who will hereafter make our political system workable and permanent,

General Wood's speech is considered by Cubans here to be the most important declaration made since the American occupation began.

# QUEER FAMILY MIX-UP

Assault Case in Indianapolis Court Developes an Odd State of Affairs in the Cron Family.

Indianapolis, Aug. 26.-An assault use in Justice Smock's court, in which Caroline Cron, Carrie Cron and Mary Cron were fined, developed a complicated situation. Caroline and Carrie Cron are mother and daughter, and Carrie is also her mother's stepdaughter-in-law. When Mr. and Mrs. Cron were married several years ago, each been previously married, and each had children by the first marriage. Soon after their marriage, Carrie, a daughter of Mrs. Cron by her first husband, married one of Mr.

Cron's sons by his first wife. The senior family quarreled many times, separated frequently, returned to each other, and finally they were Then they remarried and sepaated again.

For many months they have lived in the same house, but have had nothing to do with each other. Mrs. Cron, sr., cooked and provided for her children, while Mrs. Cron, jr., cooked for her stepfather and father-in-law com-

Mrs. Cron, sr., was charged with assaulting her stpdaughter, Mary, when Mary's brother John went to his sister's assistance. Mrs. Cron called to her daughter and stepdaughter-inlaw Carrie, who took charge of her brother-in-law John, while Mrs. Cron, looked after her stepdaughter

#### Bodies Recovered by Dynamite.

# BRITISH OFFICERS OF THE FIRST BENGAL LANCERS.



Co-onel Gartside-Tipping, Commanding. Major Haynes, ad in Command. Captain Roberts Captain Finch, Major Mould, I. M. S. Lieutenant Sexton

#### SUICIDE OF AN EX-NUN. Margaret Minehan Leaps from a French Line Steamer.

New York, Aug. 26 .- The French line steamer L'Aquitaine, which arrived this morning from Havre, had a death among its cabin passengers. Margaret Minehan, a former nun, committed suicide by jumping overboard at 5 a m. on Aug. 23. The alarm was quickly given, a boat lowered and the woman was picked up, but too late to restore her to consciousness. A Roman Catholic priest among the passengers, performed a burial service over the remains, assisted by a number of other priests and nuns who were on board the steamer, and the body was committed to the sea.

A passenger on board said that the deceased was a nun in a Roman Catholic institution in France and was dismissed for some reason which he did not know. During the voyage Miss Minehan had confided to some of her fellow passengers that she had been a nun, but her love for a young man caused her to leave the convent and she felt she had disgraced her family. She said she was on the way to her brother, a priest located in Pennsyl-

Populists Will Unite on Adlai Stevenson as Their Candidate for Vice President.

Chicago, Aug. 26.-Unless the unexpected happens, Adlai E. Stevenson tomorrow will be substituted for Chas. A. Towne as the vice presidential presentation is without party prejudice. Bear poll of the committee of that party mind that no constitution which does not was taken tonight and the Hillington was taken tonight and the Illinoisian was seemingly assured of a majority. bha into a second Hayti, although I do not The Populists who were advocating unity with the Democrats predict that You want liberty for all and for no particular the selection of Mr. Stevenson to be party. The United States Insist that you shall Bryan's running mate on both tickets have it. This is possible and easily possible, will be unanimous, although Chairway have said it to the world. It lies with you man Broslus and several others have declared themselves as unalterably opposed to such action. Chairman But. er arrived in Chicago today and found in waiting a number of his fel-

low committeemen. He was in conference with his as sociates at the Sherman house during the greater part of the evening, and the friends of Stevenson it is understood, brought every argument to bear on the senator in favor of speedy and decisive meeting. While Senator Butler would not discuss the meeting, Eugene Smith, secretary of the conference committee and the of ficial in charge of the Chicago headquarters, was not so retleent.

"Priction is out of the question," he "Everything will run so smoothly that you would not believe an important political question was being passed upon. I have no authority to make a forecast of the committee's ac tion, but from what I have heard, I am pretty certain that Populists will be working with all their energies for Bryan and Stevenson."

#### INSURANCE REPORT.

Harrisburg, Aug. 26.-The annual report of Durbam, commissioner of insurance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1809, the dvance sheets of which have just been issued, hows an increase of \$2,735,410 in the business of the life insurance companies of Pennsylvania over the preceding year of 1898. The total losses paid by all life companies in the state during 1809 was \$12,477,939.61, of which home companies paid \$1,852,452 and companies of other states \$10,625,507.61. The insurance in force at the and of year upon the lives of residents of Pennsylvania, including industrial policies of small amounts was 8867,073,742, of which \$138,234,318 ere iu Pennsylvania companies. The total expenditures of Pennsylvania companies in 1899, peted. were \$12,335,580.91, of which \$5,644,715.05, was paid to policy holders. The entire income of as-sessment life companies of tild state for the year 1800 was \$130,504.81. The assessment life com-panies of other states licensed to do business in this state show in 1800 a total income of \$24,945. 977.88. The total income amessment acciden companies reporting to the department show is

# 1800 a total income of \$2,550,202.58.

Mills Will Soon Be in Operation. Youngstown, O. Aug. 26.-A prominent memof the Amalgamation of Iron, Steel and Tin orkers states that the vote now being taken the various lodges on the proposition to vest scretionary powers in the conference commit tre to negotiate a scale is thus far nearly ious for it, and he expects to see the mills in peration again by September 1.

#### Killed by Lightning.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Aug. 26.—Ralph Richards, and 21 years, was killed by lightning at Herwick during a storm last night. The storm was an unusually severe one throughout Columbia county and much damage to crops and farm buildings is reported. Several cows were silled by lightning in Greenwood township.

6 minutes 13 4-5 seconds, the Minerva was third and the Germania bringing up the rear.

#### PREACHING AGAINST PROPOSED STRIKE

#### HAZLETON CLERGYMEN GIVE ADVICE TO PARISHIONERS.

While Not Taking Sides on the Issues, They Earnestly Request the Men to Refuse to Go Out Even if a Strike Is Ordered-United Mine Workers Ask for a Joint Conference to Arrange a Wage Scale. Statement of the Organizers.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 26.-The United Mine Workers of the anthracite coal region have invited the operators to meet them here in joint conference omorrow for the purpose of agreeing on a wage scale and the settlement of a number of grievances presented through the committee appointed for purpose at the convention held in this city two weeks ago. From present indications not an operator will be present, so no joint conference will be possible. What will be done by the convention is a matter of Only a few of the dred or more delegates who will represent the various mine workers' locals of the three anthracite districts are on the ground, and it rests entirely with them what action will be taken. There have been frequent reports that a strike would be ordered if the operators refused to grant the concessions demanded, but the mine workers, as stated in their bill of grievances, are not in favor of striking until all means for an amicable adjustment of existing differences have been exhausted. Hence the convention may agree on another plan for securing

#### oncessions from the operators. Talk of Organizers.

While some of the organizers who have been in the region for the last two weeks strengthening the locals atready established and organizing new ones have been quoted as saying that strike would be ordered if the operators refused to deal with the men, the leaders are reticent concerning this matter, claiming that it all rests with the convention and not with the officers, who only carry out the wishes of the miners as expressed in their gatherings.

President Mitchell, who arrived here tonight, when asked whether a strike would be declared if the operators refused to meet the men, said: "That, of course, is for the conven-

tion to determine. Judging from the temper of the last conference, the delegates will declare in favor of a strike f the operators do not meet them and efuse to remedy some or all of the grievances complained of."

Father Phillips, of St. Gabriel's hurch, whose members consist principally of miners employed at the coliories hereabouts, appealed to the men of his congregation today not to go on strike if one should be ordered. sald he was taking no sides, but was simply speaking from the heart and for the good of the men. Rev. Father Peruseus, of the Italian church, gave his congregation advice similar to that given by Father Phillips.

#### VESPERS CLUB WINS.

#### Victory for Philadelphia Oarsmen at Paris International Regatta.

Paris, Aug. 26.-The Vespers' Boat club of Philadelphia today won the senior eight championship, the only event in the international regatta held under the auspices of the Paris exposition, in which America com-

Several thousand spectators gathered along the banks of the Seine, at Asnieres, where the regulta was held. A large number of their fellow counthe result as a foregone conclusion. This conviction was shared by

crew were the second choice, crews competed, the others being the the Germania, of Hamburg. first few hundred yards secured a lead that dispelled all doubt of their victory. Amid cheers they finished an easy first by several lengths. Time, 6 minutes and 7 4-5 seconds. The Ghent eight had second place. Time,

# THE NEWS THIS MORNING

#### Weather Indications Today, LOCAL RAINS AND THUNDERSTORMS

General-Uncle Sam Will Protect Treaty Right, in China. Ex-Consul Denby Urges McKinley's Re-Else

Hazleton Clergymen Urge Miners Not to Famine Threatens Tien Tsia.

General -Northeastern Pennsylvania News. Financial and Commercial. The Tribune's Educational Contest, Local-Comments on the Mining Question, Mention of Some Men of the Hous.

Editorial. News and Comment. Local-Rotnock's Scalds Cause His Death

Convention of the Christian Allian Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County.

# CHINESE PREPARE TO RESUME BATTLE

Local-Live News of the Industrial World,

Well Entrenched Force Located by the Bengal Lancers-Thanksgiving Service at Pekin.

(Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press ) Pekin, Aug. 19, via Taku, Aug. 24 .-Armed Chinese are reported to the southward and westward. A well entrenched force has been located by the Bengal Lancers in a village four miles to the southwest. It is believed that the best Chinese leaders are in

command. Detachments of the allied force were out today reconnoitering and

looting. The imperial city and the forbidden city was under close guard by the international authorities. This morning a thanksgiving service was attended by the members of the British and American legations, the missionarles and the marines.

# MORE RACE RIOTS IN NEW YORK

Several Negroes Assaulted, but Not Seriously Injured-Shooting of a Messenger Boy the Cause.

New York, Aug. 26 .- A number of inciplent race riots broke out here tolay, the direct cause being the shooting on Saturday night of John Brennan, a messenger boy, aged 20 years, by John Davis, a negro. Brennan was one of a crowd of whites who taunted Davis and bullets from the black's revolver lodged in his stoniach and chest. He is in a hospital and likely to die. The shooting was done of Sixty-second street, and, becoming noised about, the rough white element began to search out negroes.

Several negroes were assaulted, but not seriously injured. Some of the white element were captured by the police and a few negroes were also arrested for disorderly conduct. day long the police in the neighborhood of Sixtleth street and Amsterdam avenue were kept busy dispersing small mobs bent on mischief.

### THE DEATH EMBRACE.

#### Altha Ritenour Drowned While Try ing to Save a Friend. Uniontown, Pa., Aug. 26 .- Altha T.

Ritenour, of this place, lost his life oday through the death embrace of a friend he was trying to save from trymen cheered the American crew to drowning. Samuel Trimble, of East victory. Every man of the crew was End, Pittsburg, attempted to swim trained to the hour, and all regarded across the Monongahela river, several miles above Point Marion at 5 o'clock, and when some distance from the othbookmakers, who flatly refused all er side gave out and called for help, bets on the Americans. The Ghent Young Ritenour went to his rescu Young Ritenour went to his rescue and when he reached the drowning man the latter clutched him about the Minerva eight from Amsterdam, and body in a desperate manner, in such The Ves. a way that Ritenour's arms were held pers went ahead at the start and in the against his body, and both went down.

#### Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Aug. 28.—Arrived: Furnessia, Glas-cow; Caledonian, Liverpool. Lizard—Passed; La Bretagne, New York for Havre. Queenscow: Caledonian, Liverpool, La Bretagne, New York for Havre. Queens town-Sailed: Campania, from Liverpool, New York. Southampton-Sailed: Deutschland, from Hamburg, Cherlourg and New York. Prawle Hamburg, Cherlourg and New York. was third and the Germania bringing Point-Passed: Westernland, Antwerp for New

# **DENBY URGES** RE-ELECTION OF OF MCKINLEY

# Earnest Letter from the Ex-Minister to China.

#### A LIFE-LONG DEMOCRAT

Treats Upon Mr. Bryan's Attitude Towards the Philippines-Bryan Urged the Ratification of the Treaty Which He Now Condemns. A Strange Parody of Jekyll and Hyde-The Results of the Ratification-Government for the Philip-

Chicago, Aug. 26 .- The Hon. Charles Denby, of Indiana, ex-United States Minister to China and member of the first commission to the Philippines, a life-long Democrat, has written a letter urging the re-election of Prestdent McKinley. It is entitled, "Bryan's attitude towards the Philippines," and is made public by the Republican national committee. The letter is,

in part, as follows: In his speech of April 17, 1990, in the senate Mr. Hoar said that he could not forget that Mr. Bryan, "unless he is much misrepresented, used all his power and indusnee with those of his friends who are really to listen to his coun-sels, to secure the ratification of the treaty, "e meaning the Paris treaty.

There were seventeen Democratic senators who voted for the ratification. A two-thirds majority was necessary. The treaty was ratified by

Mr. Bryan has squarely assumed the responsibility of the ratification. We had taken Manila on August 13, 1898. In December, 1898. Spain had made a treaty ceding the islands to us. We had occupied them until February 5, 1898. On that date Aguinaldo made war on us. Our moldiers had to fight for their lives. The treaty was ratified on February 7, 1899. Mr. Bryan advised his friends in the senato to vote to ratify the treaty after the battle of February 5 had been fought. He knew that war had begun. He might readily have forescen what complications might possibly occur out of the existing conditions. Then was the time to have talked about the "consent of the governed," and not now, when every speech he makes adds ten names to the roll of our dead, and one hundred to the Filipino dead.

Mr. Bryan having the undoubted power to pre-vent the ratification of the treaty, actually by his own confession, advised its ratification. Neither in law nor in moral sussion should be se permitted now to secure poils al advantage

from denouncing a course which he himself ad Mr. Bryan gives as his reasons for advising American people to give independence to the Fili-pinos than to trust the accomplishment of that surpose to diplomacy with an unfriendly nation." This puts Mr. Bryan in the attitude of desiring independence for the Philippines very ardently. Why should be become so suddenly imbued with pansion as exemplified by all Democratic states men from Jefferson to Voorbees? If he could stand the annexation of Hawaii, why balk at the

#### acquisition of the Philippines? Bryan's Explanation.

Mr. Bryan's own explanation is as

follows: "I believe that we are now in a better position to wage a successful contest against imperialism than we have been had the treaty been re-jected."

Here then we have the real reason for this strange parody of Jekyll and Hyde. He wanted to create the bogy of "imperialism" in order that he might fight and overcome the monster. If Mr. Bryan had opposed the ratification of the treaty the Filipinos would have gone their way either into the arms of Spain or of Germany, or into discordant, warring and petty states. all events, we would have been done with them. This would not have suited at all because Mr. Bryan wanted to wage a "successful contest against imperialism." And so imperialism was born, and its actual father was William J. Bryan, He is now endeavoring to destroy his own child, Let it be remembered that this extraordinary dread of imperialistic rule, comes from a gentlemen who has accepted the nomination of the fusion Populista or People's party. The plat-form demands that the country should own and perate the milroads in the interest of the peo-

ple. Is that not imperialism? Mr. Denby then reviews the work of the first Philippine commission, which was appointed in January, 1899, and

continues: "Another mission was sent to establish a government for the Philippines. It is now at Manila and the government it has framed will be put in operation the first of September, 1900. Is it not fair and right to ask that it be tested in practice before it

#### ANTHRACITE TRADE.

is condemned?"

#### State of Business Indicated by the Ledger's Coal Article. Philadelphia, Aug. 26.-The Ledger

in its coal article tomorrow will say: The anthracite coal trade shows no noteworthy change. The coal managers are discussing the probability of a strike and in some quarters have indicated a disposition to do a little more mining in consequence. The coal dealers, however, take but languid interest in the subject, and are not giving much more thought to the talked of advance in price for September of 25 cents per ton. The demand for coal, therefore, continues about as usual in summer weather and the trade consequently is dull, although, as usual, very hopeful. Neither the prospective strike nor the possible advance in prices seems to have stimulated the ordering of coal as yet to any perceptible degree.

Murder from Cows in the Cornfield. Columbus, Aug. 16.-Charles Horner, an inpector on the Norfolk and Western railway, was tabbed to death by James Geinler, a farmer, at the station at Valley Crossing, sight miles south of this city. Golder was arrested. The men had trouble over cows from Herner's farm getting into a cornfield on Geisler's plac-

#### . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Aug. 26-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania, Local rains and thunderstorms Monday;