ONLY WAITING FOR THE CLOUDS

Chinese Situation Yet Unchanged in Any Essential Particular.

CONGER CABLES ALL WELL

Message Is Also Received from General Chaffee but It Is Not Important-Members of the Chinese Foreign Office Are Reported to Be in Pekin and Overtures for a Settlement May Be Expected at Any Moment - The Gunboat Castine Sent to Amoy to Look After American Interests-More German Soldiers Reach Pekin.

Washington, Aug. 27.-After several days' intermission in Chinese advices, the government today received two dispatches which presumably bring its advices up to the most recent date There are indications that the principal delays in the lines of communication are encountered between Tien-Tsin and Pekin, a fact explainable by the newspaper advices that small bands of Boxers are operating on the line of communication of the Pekin campaign

The Important dispatch of the day was one from Minister Conger relative to the military situation in Pekin. Unfortunately it lacked a date, the minister presumably not having yet re ceived the department's instruction to include the date in the body of his dispatches. The state department at first undertook to have the cable companies correct this serious omission, but finally concluding from internal evidence that Mr. Conger's message was certainly later than any official emanation from the Chinese capital, the message was allowed publicity for what it was worth. It was as follows:

"Taku, Aug 27.—Secretary of State, Washington. No important movements side last dispatch. Military is try by to restore order. No representat e of the Chinese government en untered yet. Several ministers the Tsung-Li-Yamen reported the city and are expected to appead soon. Generals decided not to enter Imperial Pal-ace, believing it practically vacant. The 2,000 Germans arrived today. (Signed) "Conger."

Mr. Conger's reference to the arrival of two thousand fresh German troops caused some surprise, no one, apparently, having closely watched movements of the German contingent. which is now arriving with fairly regular frequency in China, and which consequentely may be expected soon to equal in numbers the military contingents of any of the European nations there represented.

A significant statement in Minister Conger's dispatch is that respecting the expected appearance in Pekin of some of the members of the tsung-liyamen. A natural construction to be given to this statement is that these ministers wish to undertake to represent the Chinese government in formally opening negotiations with the powers. It having been found impossible up to this moment, according to Mr. Conger's statement, to meet any representative of the Chinese government in Pekin who was competent to open negotiations, it may be inferred that if these ministers actually appear with proper credentials one of the problems connected with the present difficult situation in China will be

Hopeful Features.

With some responsible person or persons to deal with, it may be possible for the United States to come to some agreement as to a settlement of the Chinese trouble. Ever since the fall of Pekin the principal difficulty confronting the government here has been to arrange for the next movement in its programme. It could not withdraw its troops, even if so disposed, without arranging for the indemnification of the heavy cost it has been put to in the Pekin campaign. Also, it must make arrangements with some responsible authority for the future protection of American interests in China, as our business interests cannot be withdrawn along with the army of occupation. Therefore, as conveying a faint hope that in the persons of these members of tsung-H-yamen there may be found some authorized representatives of the Chinese government competent to make arrangements on these points. the message of Mr. Conger was very welcome to the authorities here.

Explanations.

Another statement in Mr. Conger's dispatch relative to the decision of the generals not to enter the imperial palace appears to explain the movement of the American troops, which the press dispatches were unable to clear sp, in relaxing the attack upon the palace gates, after capturing all but one of them.

Another event of the day of some interest was the order dispatching the Castine from Shanghal to Amoy, distant about four hundred miles. The little gunboat should make the run in about two days, under favorable conditions. Her force is small, but sufficient to serve the moral purpose if there be need for such. It appears that she is ordered to Amoy quite as much on account of representations from well-informed business circles as from any official advice. The consulat Amoy agreeing with the representations of the business interests, it was declared to be proper to send a gunboat to Amoy, not because of any par-

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THE HARVEST OF CRIME AS PARTIALLY GLEANED

TO ROLL BY West Virginia Contributes Three Shooting Affrays, One Poisoning and an Attempted Assault-Two Contributions from New York City-Other Instances.

> wenty-four hours three men have been waylaid and shot. On headwaters of Island creek, Ira Ellis was last night shot and dangerously wounded by some unknown person ambushed. About the same hour, Louis Elmore was fired upon and his horse was shot from under him. At 11 o'clock today Rev. Millard Stafford was waylaid on the headwaters of the Guyan by two persons who attempted to kill him. He was shot in the left side and arm, but will recover. No arrests have been made, though the officers are leaving no stone unturned to discover the as-

Case of Arsenical Poisoning.

Fayetteville, W. Va., Aug. 27.-On April 9, Jackson E. Lilley, a prominent citizen of Rallegh county, died under suspicious circumstances. His relatives had a post-mortem examination made and the contents of his stomach analyzed. Baltimore chemists stated that he had died from arsenical poisoning, and the coroner's jury so reported yesterday. No arrests have

An Attempted Criminal Assault. Clover's Gap, W. Va., Aug. 27.-Clarnce McNearey last evening invited Misses Vinnie and Tillie Yost and Ella Wells to accompany him to a church social at Metz, in a two-seated vehicle I'wo miles from Metz he so terrified

the young women that the Yost sisters jumped out of the trap from the back seat. McNearcy hurried his team on for a short distance, when he attempted to assault Miss Wells, She leaped from the carriage, and Mcfollowing, threw her down, choked her and threatened her with a revolver. She screamed, and half a city within two weeks,

Dinges, W. Va., Aug. 27 .- Within | dozen young men who happened to be passing along the railroad nearby ran to the rescue. They found the girl nervous and excited, but unharmed, her mouth filled with earth and leaves, which McNearey had forced between her lips to silence her. McNearey es-

> Suicide and Attempted Murder. New York, Aug. 27.-A tragle attempt at murder, followed by sulcide, occurred at 9.30 o'clock today at the Vendome Hotel, at Broadway and Fortieth street. H. J. Ford, of Boston, shot and probably fatally injured J. Spudson, of Baltimore, and then placed the weapon to his own head and

sent a bullet crashing into his brain. The men came to this city last Friday to attend the prize fight between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey at Coney Island. They drank together at the hotel, and were apparently on friendly The men repaired to the room occupied by Spudson, and there the shooting took place. At the sound of the shots the door was broken open and the men were found stretched out upon the floor unconscious and dying. Ford still held the smoking revolver in his hand.

Boy Tore Diamond Earring from a Woman's Ear.

New York, Aug. 27.-While Mrs. Moses Lewis, with a pair of diamond earrings valued at \$400 in her ears, was walking through Grand street today, Otto Dietrich, a boy, tore one of the earrings from her right ear and fled, pursued by a crowd. He was caught and held in the Essex market ourt in \$2,000 ball for examination on a charge of highway robbery. This is the second case of this kind in this

After Six Months' Treatment a Con-

sumptive Dies and Arrests Are

Now Threatened by Coroner.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.-The coroner's

six months of treatment by a Chris-

winter. His mother, who is a Chris-

tian Scientist, called Mrs. Brownell,

and until last week Burgess was af-

forded only that relief which might

Last week it was decided to call in

such a hold that nothing could be done

BOERS FIGHT BRAVELY.

Doesn't Dislodge Them.

fought all day Sunday along a fron

of thirty miles. The Boers held their

own bravely. Lord Roberts reports

from Belfast under date of yesterday

We engaged the enemy the greater part of the

lay over a perimeter of thirty miles. The enemy

was vidently considerably strengthened and on

posed us stubbornly. They brought Long Toms, other guns and Pom-Poms into action and the

firing until dark was hot and persistent. The

tactics. The ground was less adapted to cavalry

The fighting was near Machadodorp,

The Boer general, Olivier, has been

captured. The news comes in an offic-

ial dispatch reporting that General

Bruce Hamilton has beaten the Boers

at Winburg in the central part of the

Orange river colony. The capture of

Olivier was incident to the engage-

ment between Bruce Hamilton and the

Boers. The Boers attacked the British

at Winburg on three sides. They were

THOUGHT WORLD'S END NEAR.

West Virginians Frightened by Mys

terious Subterranean Explosion.

Cumberland, Md., Aug. 27.—Railroaders bring

eported to have been so badly frightened that

ounted for, a number went in the direction of

the report to make an investigation. As they

frew near the locality the earth felt so hot that

vident, however, that a subterranean explosion

SHOT BEAR IN CITY LIMITS.

Animal Was Attracted by Berries in

a Duluth Park.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 27.-C. S. Wilson, a law-yer of this city, shot a two hundred pound black

bear inside the city limits. The bear had beet attracted by the wild berries in Lester Park.

HANNA TO SETTLE IT.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 27.-Senator Hanna has

erided to take a hand in the Tennessee Repub-

JEALOUS WIFE KILLS RIVAL.

Somoraet, Ky., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Screpta Sellers was decoyed from her home Thursday by Mrs. Nancy Hunley and her married daughter, Phoche

been intimate.

they thought the world was coming to an end.
As the strange occurrence could not be ac-

beaten back with considerable loss.

than any which we have previously worked over

about one hundred miles east of Pre

stry was difficult and well suited to their

London, Aug. 27 .- The British army

He died on Saturday night.

hours notified the coroner today.

the Christian Scientist.

(Sunday) as follows:

FAILED TO CURE

MADE A NEW CITY CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BY AMERICANS

Manila Under Yankee Rule Contrasted with the Manila That Spain Tried to Govern.

Boston, Aug. 27.-Dr. Joseph J. Curry, a member of the board of army medical officers, to investigate the diseases of the Philippine islands, is paying a brief visit to his home here, while on leave of absence from Manila. Speaking of Philippine conditions, he

The United States troops have accomplished n months what the Spaniards were unable to do years. There is no organized resistance ops at present. The hygienic conditions are greatly improved

se board of health has made a new city of anila. The people seemed to know nothing f sanitary laws, and didn't know what sanita educated, intelligent Filipinos appreciate

he liberality of the United States and are very riendly. Native physicians are employed under he board of health as inspectors and assistants nd, as a rule, do excellent work. There are no well-equipped laboratories in Manila for the inguosis of disease and investigation as to t es, with a view to their prevention and

There are approximately 50,000 soldiers in th dilippines at present, and the problem of their tre and diet is great. The navy has worked and in glove with the army, and the marines one noble work.

The Filipinos are slowly but surely beginning appreciate us. The intelligent people recoermit the tilling of the land; have murdere cany natives and robbed others, and by their llowers and sympathizers. They are doing ex-The reconstruction of the Philippines will take nd they will prove valuable possessions.

ORE HANDLERS ON STRIKE.

They Objected to Handling Wet Ore Without Extra Pay.

Cleveland, Aug. 27 .- All of the iron ore lers employed on the Erie railway docks in this city, about 200 in number, went on strike today. The strike was ordered as a result of the refusal of the owners of the steamer Simon J. for unloading a wet cargo of ore.

At a meeting of the ore handlers today it was lecided that if a settlement was not promptly wached at the Erie, a strike would be ordered the C. weland and Pittaburg railroad docks, nould this be done about 1,400 men in all would become affected by the movement.

MILLIONARE ORDERED OUT. A Kentucky Cattle King Mistaken

for a Shirt Waist Man. Lexington, Ky., Aug. 27.-Rhodes Herndon

Scott county cattle king, was taken for a hirt walst man here and ordered from a reaurant where he and several friends had stopped lunch. Herndon is worth nearly a million

TOWNE OFF; ADLAI ON.

Chicago, Aug. 27 .- At a meeting of the Pec ple's party national committee today the declination of Charles A. Towne as the vice-presidential nomince of the party was accepted, and after prolonged wrangling the name of Adlai Stevenson was put in his place.

THE OYSTER OUTLOOK.

New York, Aug. 27.—Reports from nearby oy-ter growing districts for the season that will be formally opened next Saturday show that the prospects for a good season do not appear to be bright. Starfish and mussels have exused great 'amage to the bi-valves.

OUR COAL NOT FEARED. lican fight between the Brownlow and the H. Clay Evans factions and settle it in favor of the Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 27,-Three perso father, mother and child, who have been certi-fied to be suffering from bubonic plague, have former. The Evana people threaten to make

een placed under the care of medical author THE PLAGUE IN SCOTLAND.

London, Aug. 27 .- On the Coal Exchange to ay American coal was offered for sale, but did not affect prices. Apparently no serious petition is apprehended.

VETERANS OF THE SALT WATER

Naval Day Celebrations at the Grand Army Encampment.

TWO GENERATIONS IN LINE

Men Who Fought with Farragut, Dupont and Porter March Alongside the Men Who Fought with Dewey and Sampson - Naval Parade on the Lake Excites Much Interest-Evening Given Over to Interesting Reunions-The Programme for Today.

Chicago, Aug. 27 .- Today at the 3rand Army encampment was set side for the men of the navy. The heroes who sailed with Farragut, Dupont and Porter along the Atlantic coast, in the gulf and on the Mississippl, marched through streets thronged with a cheering multitude. With them murched seamen of a younger generation who defeated Montijo's fleet in Manila Bay and Cervera's squadron off Santiago harbor, and the surviving members of the Association of ex-Prisoners of War.

The parade, a prelude to the greater march of the Grand Army tomorrow, started at 11 o'clock. It passed in review before Commander in Chief Shaw, of the Grand Army of the Republic; Acting Governor Warder, representing Governor Tanner; Mayor Harrison, Commander Jones of the Sons of Veterans, and Commander Atwell of the Ex-Prisoners of War Chief Marshal J. F. R. Foss, of Minneapolis, headed the column. Preceding the naval parade, the big naval arch at Michigan avenue and Hubbard court, near the John A. Logan monument, and marking the south end of the Court of Honor, was dedicated.

Naval Parade on Lake. The late afternoon feature of the

lays' celebration, the naval parade on Lake Michigan, proved somewhat of office is investigating the death of Giles J. Burgess, aged twenty-four a disappointment, the lack of suffiyears, who died of consumption after cient breeze preventing the large fleet of the Chicago Yacht club from partian Scientist named Mrs. Brownell. ticipating in the parade. The govern-The young man was taken sick last ment vessels, towing a string of barges filled with detachments from decorated with flags and streamers. and the excursion boats loaded with dght-seers, made an imposing aphave been brought by the prayers of pearance, however, as they steamed out of the harbor and headed toward Lincoln park. The fleet arrived off a physician, but the disease had taken Lincoln park about 4.30 p. m., and then in sight of tens of thousands of specphysician who attended him in his last ators gathered along the sea wall of the park, the revenue cutters with their blue-jacketed crews working the rapid fire guns of the two vessesis, went through some beautiful manouvering in the sham fight for suprem-All Day Battle with Superior Force

Tonight, in various halls and in ho tels, there were reunions of regiments almost without number. One of the leading affairs of the night was the banquet of the Iron Brigade, which was held at the club house of the athletic club. The list of speakers included: Speaker D. B. Henderson, senator Burrows, of Michigan: Govrnor Scoffeld, of Wisconsin; General Albert D. Shaw, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic: lovernor Mount, of Indiana; James G. Flanders, of Milwaukee: Charles G. Dawes, comptroller of the currency and General Edward S. Bragg, of Wisconsin.

A meeting of the national association of ex-prisoners of war was held in the Coliseum tonight, which drew large crowd. The address of welome was delivered by Mayor Harrison. Speeches were also made by Governor William A .Stone, of Pennsylvania: United States Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and General John C. Black, of Chicago,

A reunion of the veterans by states will be held tomorrow, this being a feature of the encampment which never has been attempted before. There will be twenty-six of these state reunions.

The programme tomorrow includes the great parade of the Grand Army which is expected to be the largest parade ever held by the organization since it came into existence.

Bryan Will Not Attend.

the news of a mysterious heaving of earth, followed by a terrible explosion, back in the mountains, two miles from Horten, a town on the West Virginia Central railroad. The shock was so distinctly felt that many of the villagers are William J. Bryan has followed the example of President McKinley and lectined to be a visitor at the national encampment. He, this afternoon, sent a message to Executive Director William H. Harper, the head of the local committee in charge of almost burned their feet. No outward indithe local end of the encampment, say-President McKinley from the encamp- shortly before midnight. ment he considered it advisable to remain away. His telegram is as fol-OWS:

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 27. H. Harper, executive director of The G. A. R. Reunion, Chicago. Since President McKinley is detained by pubbusiness I believe that I shall also decline nd thus relieve the reunion of any appearance partisanship (Signed) W. J. Bryan.

PUBLISHING INSTRUCTIONS.

Manila, Aug. 27 .- The United States Philip sine commission in order to explain the new conditions, their power and their attitude toward he Filipinos resulting from their assumption of legislation, are publishing a portion of President McKinley's instructions to themselves.

TREASURE FROM ALASKA.

Scattle, Wash., Aug. 27 .- The steamship Ohi has arrived from Nome with 332 passengers and treasure estimated at \$2,000,000. About one-third of the gold comes from Nome. The Klon-King, who waylaid her in the woods and beat her to death, Mrs. Sellers and Mr. Hunley had dike contributed the balance

AN ANTI-EXPANSIONIST

YET HE'S FOR M'KINLEY

ARE REVIEWED Ex-Senator Edmunds Not Altogether at Ease Over Philippine Matter, but Thinks Good of the Country Demands the President's Re-election.

> Fabyan House, N. H., Aug. 27 .- Ex- | Bryan has around him. I do not think Senator George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, who is spending a few days here, says in an interview that while he is opposed to expansion as a national policy, he favors the re-election of President McKinley, upholds the president's course in sending the United States army to China without the authorization of congress, on the ground that emergency demanded prompt action, and pronounces the plank in the Democratic platform dealing with imperialism inadequate and not likely to be lived up to,

In discussing the trust issue in the campaign, Mr. Edmunds said it was not a party question, but, on the contrary, that under existing conditions ombinations of men could not be roken; that business men would stand together and would get as much consideration from one party as from another, one reason being that large capitalists contribute liberally to the campaign funds of both parties. Mr. Edmunds was unwilling to ex-

press his idea of a desirable Chinese policy, on the information now being received from the Orient, but in regard to the Philippines, he declared himself unalterably opposed to the United States cutting loose from the islands, in which event he believed some other power would take possession of them within a few years. "It is pretty well settled," he said. "that we will have either McKinley or Bryan, and I would be unwilling to

anybody can criticize the president for placing an army in the field without the warrant of congress, but, on the contrary, he should be commended. While strictly speaking the act was unconstitutional, he had to face an emergency, and there was no question in sending an army to China that congress would ratify his action. The American minister and other American citizens were in peril, and prompt action was necessary: there was perhaps only one thing to do. It was one of those occasions when we must make departures, when there are moral obligations to fulfill. I believe, also, that if China is in the chaotic state re ported the president is justified in keeping troops there until order is re stored and a stable government formed. Personally, although against expansion. I believe the good of the country demands the re-election of President McKinley. I suppose expanslonism is his greatest vice, and I do not really know that he is an expansionist."

"Do you think in the event of Bryan's election he could carry out his ideas in regard to silver?" Mr. Edmunds was asked.

"That is something on which no hances should be taken," was the re-"There are millions of dollars worth of outstanding government bonds payable in silver, and with one of Bryan's followers as secretary of treasury we do not know what might trust the country to the men that happen."

QUICK VENGEANCE TAKEN BY A MOB

Disreputable Hospital Burned and Proprietress Shot-Where Wages of Sin Surely Was Death.

Gilman, Ill., Aug. 27.-Two men are lead, one woman and two men are dying, the hospital, in which a young girl is said to have been the victim maltreatment, has been burned to the ground, and the proprietors and three inmates may have been burned to death in the flames.

Jessie Salter died Friday morning in the place in the outskirts of Gilman, kept by Dr. Mrs. Charlotte M. Wright. An examination of the exhumed body by physicians revealed the fact that ready and on edge to meet him next she had died from malpractice, and a Friday night, as his manager sugwarrant was at once sworn out for the arrest of Mrs. Wright. Constable John Milstead went to the lonely spot in the outskirts of town, followed by a mob ready to wreak vengeance on the Wright woman. After repeated demands for admission, the door was broken open. Another room was then As the door was beater from its hinges, two shots were fired from within, and Mike Ryan fell mortally wounded. He died in half ar hour.

The mob then withdrew and prepared to burn the Wright premises. At 2 o'clock this morning men carried bundles of straw and hay to the south window, while the pickets kept a steady fire on the windows to drive the inmates away. It was intended to put out the fire when is was hot nough to drive out the inmates, but the crowd lost control of the flames, movement in the bushes directed the fire of the pickets to this point just before 3 o'clock. Their shots were answered from the underbrush and a fusillade was exchanged. As a result of this fire, George Willoughby, local agent of the Standard Oil company and Peter Mauer fell wounded to the ground.

When daylight came the mob rushed to the brush and found the body of John Meyers, an employe of Mrs. Wright. He was shot in a dozen places. The position of the body and the nature of the wounds indicated that he was firing on the members of the posse while lying on his stomach when hit. A few feet way lay Mrs Wright with an ugly wound in her shoulder. She was unconscious. The Wright woman had been an ctress. No arrests have been made

STOLE RED HOT GOLD.

Amalgam Filched from a Cyanide Plant Office.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 27,-Thieves stole \$5,000 orth of gold from the assay office of the Jay ould cranide plant. The amalgam was red hot when taken from the office, having just come off the furnace,

DROWNED AT PITTSTON

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 27 .- Authory Michor ed 42, single, was drowned in the Susquehan na river at Pittston tonight. He was fishing a a boat when he met another boat in which core two friends of his. Michonis wanted to treat his friends, and while in the the local end of the encampment, say-handing them the bottle his boat upset and he ing that because of the absence of went to the bottom. His body was recovered

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS.

New York, Aug. 27.—Arrived: Southwark intwerp; Grosser Kurfurst, Bromen and South impton; Georgie, Liverpool. Cleared: Belvia, Hamburg via Cherbourg: Cevie, Liver-d. Havre-Arrived: La Bretagne, from New Fork. Glasgow—Arrived: Anchoria, from New Fork. Liverpool—Arrived: Etruria, from New Liverpool—Arrived: Etruria, from New Lizard—Passed: Statendam, New York Yerk. for Rotterdam.

GREEN GOODS MAN HELD.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.-Charles Spinner, alleged green goods man, who claims New York as his home, was held in \$1,500 bail for a furer hearing today by United States Co Craig, charged with using the mails to de

FATAL MILL EXPLOSION

Portland, Ind., Aug. 27.—By the explosion of the boiler in Thomas Drew's saw-mill, near Geneva, Vernon Finkbone was so injured that he died this evening. He was engineer and the

FITZ RETIRES FROM PRIZE RING

Failing to Arrange for a Championship Match with Jeffries He Issues a Statement.

New York, Aug. 27.-Robert Fitzimmons tonight announced his retirement from the pugilistic ring. made an ineffectual attempt today to get on a match for the heavyweight championship with James J. Jeffries to take place before the Horton law expires at midnight next Friday, and tonight issues the following statement: "I am through with fighting. I will retire from the ring, and will not claim the championship from Jeffries. I am

gested ten days ago, but as he claims he is in no condition to fight on that night, I am through with him and with the ring. Henceforth there will be one man less in the heavyweight division, for I will go out with the Horton law.'

THE COST OF MOB RULE.

Akron Riot Likely to End Up in Big Expense.

Akron, O., Aug. 27.—Akron citizens are be-ginning to figure on what the cost of the riot will be to city and county. The presence of he 600 men of the Ohio National Guard entailing an expense of approximately \$2.500 daily. Special policemen are adding to that sum. There will also likely be numerous dam-age suits, and these, with actual losses, are estimated as likely to bring the total close to a half million of dellars as the price to pay for etting a mob rule the city for seven or eight

County Prosecutor Wanamaker is still accum ating evidence against the rioters. As a result f the continued peaceful conditions existing in his city the state troops that have been or sty here were withdrawn early today.

NEGRO FEARED THE MOB.

Saved a Woman from a White Brute and Then Fled. York, Aug. 27.—George Sims, a negro

reacher, rescued Mrs. Charles Waisner from a white man who had assaulted her, and then the negro fied, fearing that the white mob might not ognize in him a black hero. Mrs. Waisner was attacked in her home cravesend Beach by James O'Brien during her

IS NOW CHIEF JUSTICE.

Judge McCollum, of Montrose, Re ceives Commission from Governor. Harrisburg, Aug. 27.—Governor Stone today commissioned Judge J. Brewster McCollum, of Montrose, chief justice of the supreme court, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge

The governor will not fill the vacancy created these changes until after his return from Chicago on Sept. 5.

POPULATION FIGURES.

Washington, Aug. 27.-The population of Bal imore, Md., according to the official commus, it os.957, an increase of 74,518 over the popula ion in 1890, or 17.15 per cent. The population in 1890 was 434,439. In 1880 it was 332,313. The population of Denver, Colo., is 133,855, gainst 106,713 in 1890, an increase in popula-ion of 27,140, or 23,44 per cent. The population n 1880 was 41,620.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today, PARTLY CLOUDY.

General-No Essential Change in the Chine

United Mine Workers Favor Drastic Measures eterans in Encampment at Chicago Why ex-Senator Edmunds Favors McKinley General-Northeastern Pennsylvania News.

Financial and Commercial Local-Coroner's Jury Exonerates Mrs. Ru

Meeting of the School Board, Prospects Bright for a Viaduct.

Officers.
Attempted Sulcide,

Editorial.

News and Comment.

Local-Local Democracy Appoints Campaign

Local-West Scranton and Suburban-7 Round About the County. 8 Local-Live News of the Industrial World.

MINE WORKERS IN SESSION AT HAZLETON

Press Committee Reports Sentiment in Favor of Drastic Measures.

OPERATORS NOT PRESENT

It Has Not Been Decided Whether to Send a Committee to the Operators to Ask for Concessions or Resort to Other Means-Convention Expected to Finish Its Work Today-No Immediate Trouble Expected in Wilkes-Barre,

Hazleton, Aug. 27.-Not an operator was present at this morning's session of the convention of the United Mine Workers, so no joint conference was held. The failure of the operators to meet the miners was not a surprise to the officers or the delegates.

The morning session was brief. The predentials of delegates were received and two speeches were made, after which the convention adjourned until this afternoon. The first speech was that of Delegate D. C. Gallagher, of Plymouth, who said that he knew that no operators would confer with the miners, but predicted that the day might come when they would be only too glad to enter into a joint conference. He believed that if President Mitchell and the executive board ordered a strike, every miner in the anthracite coal field, whether a member

of the Mine Workers' union or not would go out. The other speech was by President Mitchell. He said: "While the operators are not here and while the clouds look dark, I still have hope of an amicable settlement of existing conditions. I do not regard unnecessary strikes as the true type of unionism. I believe in an organization which does not fight until it is ready to fight. If the other fellow is bigger than you, or if you have doubts whether you can whip him, you don't tackle him. I will size up the situation carefully and impartially and will advise you whether it would be prudent to make a struggle or not. I assure you that no matter which way I advise you, it will come from the bottom of my heart and for the best interest of the anthracite coal

Afternoon Session.

The entire afternoon session was devoted to consideration of the report of the scale committee. After discussion the report was referred back to the committee with instructions to make several changes. The committee will report again tomorrow morning, when final action will be taken. As the segsion was secret, nothing as to the nature of the proceedings could be learned except what was given out by the press committee, composed of President Mitchell, Benjamin James, of Jeanesville, and John Fahey, of Shamokin. The committee gave out the fol-

lowing statement: The failure of the operators to meet us causes keen disappointment among the delegates, whose sentiment appears to be that drastic measures should be resorted to. It seems to be the general sentiment that if a strike is engaged in it will involve the entire anthracite region. In all probability the convention will ask for a change in conditions as recited in our bill of grievances. It has not been decided whether wa shall send a committee to the operators and ask for concessions or whether other means will be resorted

The convention will finish its work tomorrow afternoon or evening. Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 27 .- Several operators who were interviewed said they did not look for a strike, The miners are very reticent. They say they will be governed by the action of their leaders. The general impression seems to be, however, that there will be no immediate trouble.

IS HE CHARLEY ROSS?

Poughkeepsie Hobo Declares That He Is and Can Prove It.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Jailed for va-grancy in this city is a tramp who asserts that he is Charley Ross, kidnapped from his parents at Philadelphia nearly twenty-eight years ago. The man tells a story which accords in every detail with the accepted story of the kidnapping of young Ross and produces documents intended o substantiate his assertion. Ross says he has been tramping around the country for ten years without money or work.

He does not explain why he did not long ago clear up the famous mystery. POPE ISSUES A CIRCULAR,

Rome, Aug. 27 .- A circular note from the Vatican has been sent to all Cathelic govern-ments in regard to the change in the Italian throne. It declares the pope renounces none of the papal rights over the Rome provinces, composing the patrimony of St. Feter. Until Italy recognizes the rights of the hely see, the pope will not recognize the new king as king of Italy, but only as king of Sardinia.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

Strondsburg, Aug. 27.-The Democratic priafternoon, showing that ex-State Senator Joseph H. Shull defeated ex-Representative Cool-H. Shull defeated ex-Representative Cool-baugh for the congressional endorsement of the ounty by 70 majority. Representative Rodgers. Burnett is nominated for the assumbly over M. Luther Michaela.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Percent for Tuesday and Wednesday: Eastern Penn-sylvania—Partly cloudy Tuesday and